# **Minutes**

of the

# One Hundred Thirty-Eighth Annual Session OF THE

# Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association

**ORGANIZED IN 1849** 

Held with

# Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church BELFRY, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

August 31, September 1, and 2nd 1990

Next Session convenes with Calvary Primitive Baptist Church, located at Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1991.

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MODERATOR - Elder Teddy R. Ball, H.C. 76, Box 500, McCarr, Ky. 41544 ASST. MODERATOR - Elder Robert B. Worrix, Burning Fork Road,

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# **Proceedings**

# Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association Held with the Old Pond Church

FRIDAY MORNING — August 31, 1990

The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder David A. Thacker.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Randal Thornsbury. Text: no special text.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the Old Pond Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes.

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

Newly constituted churches called for. None.

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: Elder Roger Rose, Elder Roger Fuller, Elder Bob Arrington, Bro. Fayne Viers, Elder Ostil Smith, Elder Garnell Gilbert and Franklin Viers.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Jerry Brown, Owen Blanton, Deacon Loren Hensley, Paul B. Gullett, LeRoy Gullett, Roby Gullett.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elder Billy Cook.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: ELder Vance Jones.

MT. ZION: Elders: A. L. Neely, David Bailey, Robert Mabe.

UNION: Elders James Adams, Tommy Adams, Bobby Adams.

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

SAND LICK: Elder Leonard Barton, Jimmy W. Counts, Joshua Viers and Paulin Arrington.

BURNING SPRINGS: Roy Kelly, Pearl Mutt Mullins, Sisters Maxine Gullett, Edna Blanton.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Sisters: Hulda Jones, Larve Hall, Lona

Sasher, Myrtle Baker, Bro. Floyd Baker.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM:

UNION: Sisters: Jean Adams, Ruby Adams, Mary Adams.

MT. ZION: Elders: David Bailey, A. L. Neely, Robert Mabe.

WILSON CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA: Sister Betty Boctic.

MT. ENON: Bob Kilpatrick, Margaret Kilpatrick, Hollis Albritton, Sr., Louise Albritton, Hollis Albritton, Jr., Laverne Bryan, Alice Crawford, C. Cromer Crawford.

BETHEL CHURCH OF FLORIDA: Elder Albert Altman, Loverne

Altman, Rettie Parish.

BETHEL CHURCH OF NASHVILLE, TN.: Elder Lonnie Mozingo,

Jr., Steve Hunt.

STONEY CREEK CHURCH: Elder Elbert Hunter, Louise Hunter. EPHESUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder B. T. Bishop. MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Arnold Thompson, Vernon Napier, Joann Napier.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

A messenger from each church together with all the messengers from the Old Pond Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday afternoon at Old Pond Church: Elders: Roger Rose, Roger

Fuller, Arnold Thompson, Jerry Brown.

B. Friday night at Grapevine: Elders: Ernest Blair, Elbert Church, David A. Thacker, J. C. Hager, Noah Slone.

C. Friday night at Samaria: Elders: Lundy Coleman, Albert Altman,

Lonnie Mozingo, Cromer Crawford.

D. Saturday morning at Old Pond: Elders: Robert Worrix, Vance Jones, Lonnie Mozingo, Jr., Elbert Hunter, Hollis Albritton.

E. Saturday afternoon at Old Pond: Elders: Robert Mabe, David

Bailey, A. L. Neely.

F. Saturday night at Big Creek: Elders: Bobby Arrington, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney.

G. Saturday night at Sulphur Springs: Elders: Teddy Ball, Billy

Cook, Garnell Gilbert, Lonnie Mozingo.

H. Saturday night at Calvary: Elders: Don Hatfield, Rufford Howell, Arnold Thompson, Noah Slone, Harrison Smith, Vance Jones.

- I. Saturday afternoon at Mack Simpkins: Elders: Lundy Coleman, Vance Jones, Paris Blackburn.
- J. Saturday night at Louisa: Elders: Hollis Albritton, C. C. Crawford, Albert Altman, B. T. Bishop, Woodruff Doolan.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Arlan Adkins, Berlin Thacker, Elbert Church, Monroe Justice, Wade Ratliff, Arthur May, William Dotson, Noah Slone, Eddie Harris, Ernest Blair, Ed Hunt, Lestle Varney, Martin Childers, Lundy Coleman, Charles Blackburn, Estil Van Dyke.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Rufford Howell, Frank Ball, David A. Thacker.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations as correspondence are as follows:

SAND LICK: Elder Elmer Brown, Noah Slone.

UNION: Elder Noah Slone, Joseph Slone.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elder Teddy Ball, Elder Monroe Justice.

BURNING SPRINGS: Joseph Slone, Elder Noah Slone, Elder Rufford Howell.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elders Teddy Ball, Elmer Thacker, Elbert Church, Noah Slone.

MT. ZION: Elders: Teddy Ball, Don Hatfield.

NEW LIBERTY: Elders: Don Hatfield, Randal Thornsbury.

Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

# SATURDAY MORNING — September 1, 1990

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Monroe Justice.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at Lunch Room of Old Pond Church and was called to order by the Moderator.

- #1 We recommend that Samaria Church have the Annual Meeting for 1991.
- #2 Read the Circular Letter, accepted, moved and seconded that it be printed in the Minutes.

#3 We recommend that Calvary Church host the Association for 1991.

#4 Moved and seconded that the Association carry on its work for

Saturday in the usual manner.

#5 We recommend that the Association be rotated in order among the Sister Churches, beginning in 1992 with Louisa Church.

Moved and accepted that the committee's work be accepted and that

they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Samaria Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1991.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Michael Elswick.

- 1. Elder Albert Alttman.
- 2. Elder B. T. Bishop.
- 3. Elder C. C. Crawford.
- 4. Elder Franklin Viers.
- 5. Elder Teddy Ball and Don Hatfield. Dismissed by prayer.

Finance Committee reported \$1,565.00 and was discharged.

Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported, and

those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

LOUISA — meets Friday before the second Saturday in August 1991. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Kit Ratliff, Woodruff Dulin, Owen Blanton, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Paul D. Justice, David

A. Thacker, David May.

OLD POND — meets Friday before the second Saturday in June 1991. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Basil Hatfield, Michael Smith, Elmer Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, Onis Smith, Quincey Stanley, Randal Thornsbury, Monroe Justice, Elbert Church, Robert Worrix, David May, Paris Blackburn, Bobby Blackburn, Michael Elswick.

BIG CREEK — meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1991. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Lundy Coleman, Basil Hatfield, David Edwards, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Terry Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ostil Smith, David Jacobs, Paul Varney, Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Johnny Jacobs, Woodruff Dulin, Ernest

Blair, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers.

RACCOON — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July 1991. Elders to attend: David Coleman, Jr., Clifford Thacker, Randal Thornsbury, Walter Coleman, Robert Worrix, David Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Ernest Blair, and all other Elders invited.

PETER CREEK — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1991. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Michael Smith, Rufford Howell, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Kit Ratliff, Don Hatfield, Randal Thornsbury, Robert Worrix, Walter Sullivan, Elmer Brown, Larry Thornsbury, Michael Elswick, J. C. Hager, Jimmy Smith, Troy Casey, Eddie Harris.

SULPHUR SPRING - meets Friday before the first Saturday in August 1991. Elders to attend: Billy Cook, J. C. Hager, David May, Robert Worrix, Teddy Ball, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsbury, Kit Ratliff, Noah Slone, Larry Thornsbury, Lawrence Jackson, Earnest Blair, David Thacker, Harrison Smith, Don Stacy and invite Vance Jones.

LITTLE HOPE — meets Friday before the first Saturday in July 1991. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmy L. Smith, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsbury, Mike Elswick, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Teddy Ball, Monroe Justice. Invite all others that would like to attend.

GRAPEVINE — meets Friday before the third Saturday in July 1991. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Paul Smith, Elmer Brown, Jeff Chapman, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, David Coleman, Jr., Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Harrison Smith, Monroe Justice, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, Rufford Howell, J. C. Hager, Allen Coleman. All others invited.

SAMARIA — meets Friday before the third Saturday in June 1991. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, Kit Ratliff, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy L. Smith, Don Hatfield, Randal Thornsbury, Bobby Blackburn, Earnest Blair, Elmer Thacker, Teddy R. Ball, Michael Smith, Walter Sullivan, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris.

LITTLE UNION — meets Friday before the first Saturday in May 1991. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Clifford Thacker, Mike Smith, Jimmy L. Smith, Harrison Smith, Paul Dean Justice, J. C. Hager, Robert Worrix, Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsbury, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, David Thacker, Rufford Howell, Monroe Justice, Lawrence Jackson, Walter Coleman.

JOHN'S CREEK — meets Friday before the second Saturday in July 1991. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Paul Varney, Mike Smith, Harrison Smith, Earnest Blair, David Jacobs, Johnny Jacobs, Jimmy L. Smith, J. C. Hager, Franklin Viers, Elbert Church, Henry Price Viers, Jeff Chapman, Paul Dean Justice. We also invite all brethren who are in the same faith and order who are in love and peace.

CALVARY — meets Friday before the first Saturday in June 1991. Elders to attend: Kit Ratliff, Glenn Vipperman, Robert Worrix, Noah Slone, Jeff Chapman, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Teddy Ball, Elmer Thacker, Elbert Church, Earnest Blair, Harrison Smith, Don Hatfield, Jimmy L. Smith, Randal Thornsbury, Quincy Stanley, Monroe Justice. All others invited.

DRY FORK — meets Friday before the second Saturday in May 1991. Elders to attend: Teddy Ball, Harrison Smith, Ostil Smith, Don Stacy, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Franklin Viers, Jerald Yates, Randal Thornsbury, Garnell Gilbert, Jimmy L. Smith, Earnest Blair, Elmer Brown, Ronnie Counts, J. C. Hager, Lawrence Jackson.

FRIENDSHIP — meets the fourth Saturday in August 1991. Elders to attend: Elmer Brown, Basil Hatfield, Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Noah Slone, Jimmy L. Smith, R. T. Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Don Hatfield, Terry Thacker, Walter Sullivan, David Coleman, Woodruff Dulin, J. C. Hager and all orderly orthodox Primitive Baptist Ministers.

COLUMBUS — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April 1991. Elders to attend: Teddy R. Ball, Robert Worrix, David Thacker, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, Jr., Elmer Thacker, Johnny Jacobs, J. C. Hager, Randal Thornsbury, Clifford Thacker, Arnold Thompson, Walter Coleman, David Jacobs, Noah Slone, Mike Elswick, Michael Smith, Greg Moore, Woodruff Dulin, Ernest Blair, Billy Cook, Larry Thornsbury, Onis Smith, Junior Barton, Eddie Lyle.

DEERFIELD — meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June 1991. Elders to attend: Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsbury, Larry Thornsbury, David Thacker, Lundy Coleman, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Earnest Blair, Greg Moore, Woodruff Dulin, Junior Barton, David May, R. T. Thacker, Opa Thacker, Billy Cook, Vance Jones, Jerry Brown, Arnold Thompson, Paul Varney.

PLEASANT HILL — meets Friday before the third Saturday in April 1991. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, David Jacobs, Vance Jones, Johnny Jacobs, Estil Owens, Rufford Howell, Bill Brewer, Millard Shelton, Leonard Barton, Jerry Brown, Arnold Thompson, Hester Gillium, David Thacker, Robert Worrix.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Elder David Jacobs prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2000 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

SISTERS - Cloa Curry Staten, Darcus Thacker, Flossie J. Justice, Stella Jane Wolford, Emma Katherine Blanton James, Okie Webb Ward, Ethel Hazel Thacker, Inis Thomas B. May, Lillian Scott Hatfield. BRETHREN - Willard Dotson, Elder John H. Blackburn, Marvin Clyde West, Juluis E. Smith, Ruey Kindrick, Tommy Thacker, Elder Wheeler Thacker, Donald O. Jacobs, Jacob Runyon, James Stacy, Clinton McCoy, Kermit Barton, Joseph Harrison Blackburn, Michael Barry Ray, Robie C. Turnmire, Leroy Smith, Lenzie Baker, Harold Anderson, Jarvey Ward, Alvin and Octavia Coleman, Henry and Hester Goff.

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 \$4,417.	89
Amount received from the Churches	
9-1-1990	00
Amount received for Pictures 290.0	00
Total Cash on Hand	\$6,272.89
Cash paid out:	
Paid for 1989 Minutes \$1,722.3	30
Give the Moderator 50.0	
Give the Assistant Moderator 50.0	00
Give the Clerk 50.0	00
Give Assistant Clerk 50.0	00
Total cash paid out	\$1,922.30
Balance left on hand	. \$4,350.59

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Calvary Church of Kimper, Pike County, Ky., to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September 1991. Elder David A. Thacker was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder J. C. Hager to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Richard Tucker, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by Teddy R. Ball, Moderator
Robert B. Worrix, Assistant Moderator
Stearl Hatfield, Clerk
Randal Thornsbury, Assistant Clerk

# SUNDAY MORNING — September 2nd, 1990

INTRODUCTORY — Singing and prayer by Elder Michael Elswick.

1. Elder Albert Alttman: no special text.

2. Elder B. T. Bishop — Text: Preach the Word, be instant in season.

3. Elder C. C. Crawford — no special text.

- 4. Elder Franklin Viers The Resurrection. A very wonderful uplifting sermon.
- 5. Elder Teddy R. Ball no special text.
- 6. Elder Don Hatfield dismissed by prayer.

# CIRCULAR LETTER

# MANY CALLED BUT A FEW CHOSEN

By the help of God, through His Son Jesus Christ, I, being appointed by the Mate's Creek Association, will try to write this circular letter. This makes me feel like the dust of the earth which I am. I am just a little servant of God's Chosen to be one of his before the world was in His mind and wisdom. He is the one who brought me down and made me accept whatever He puts on me. I know I cannot run, hide, or get away from His will, for His will is going to come to pass.

My mind goes to Matthew, chapter 20 verse 16: "So the last shall be first and the first last, for many be called, but few chosen." And my mind goes to Matthew, chapter 22, verse 14: "For many are called but few chosen."

I hope those who read this letter will understand the wills, shalls, musts, elect, ordain, predestination, and foreknowledge of God. Matthew 24:22 calls us the elect. In Mark 13:20, the Lord tells us "except those days be shortened no flesh should be saved; but for the elect's sake whom He had chosen, he had shortened days." In Matthew 1:20,21, an angel appeared unto Joseph in a dream, and said, "fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save His people from their sins." This angel was sent from God, and I believe what the angel said. Jesus did the very thing that his Father, our God, sent him to do — to save his people from their sins. Christ died for many, shed his blood for many, suffered for many, and died for the sins of the whole world that his Father gave him; not worlds but one world of God's Elect.

Read Acts chapter 13, verse 48 about the Gentiles: And as many were ordained to eternal life believed," Acts 9:15, about Paul being a chosen vessel. Acts 15:18, "Known unto God are all His works from

the beginning of the world." Romans 8:28, "To them who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:29, "For whom he did foreknow he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son."

Romans 11:5 "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." :6 "And if by grace it is no more of works." I could not write all of that which the Bible says about God's elected and His chosen people, but I can write some chapters and verses from the books of the Bible that you can refer to: Ephesians 1:4,5,6; 2:8,9,10; Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 2:4; 1 Peter 1:23,45; 2:24. I could go on, but I know if God has chosen you He is able to work in the will and also the do.

Many called, but few chosen, *God's elect* (God has people everywhere on this earth.) He said that he would gather them from the four winds. There is no doubt that God will do this for he said it, and it will come to pass. But here on earth in this life a remnant according to the election that will give him perfect praise when at his time will lift them up in the spirit to be conformed unto the image of his Son; a chosen people foreknown of God, to do His will not ours. God knows every time that I will be disobedient, and He knows how to make me willing to become obedient.

So brothers and sisters, if you will receive this letter you receive what I was made to believe by one that knows all things and knows my children and yours and knows our thoughts afar off. So may God bless us, for God made me a part of you; Not by my will or yours but by His will. I love all of God's children where ever they may be for my life is with Christ. My home here on earth is with the Regular Primitive Baptist. I was not only born to love, but by the grace of God I was made to love a people I could not understand until God's time. Thank you, God.

**AMEN** 

Your brother in Christ who feels like one of the chosen few, Elder Elbert C. Church

# MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Johnny Leedy, Johnny Slone, Elmer Goff. Alternate: Robbie Worrix.

OLD POND: Mike Scott, Ray Harlow, Berlin Thacker, Clifford Hunt. BIG CREEK: David Thacker, Elbert Church, R. T. Thacker, Orvil Deskins. Alternate: Delmar Williamson.

RACCOON: Allen Coleman, Monroe Justice, Dave Newsome, Clifton Preece. Alternate: Larry Coleman.

PETER CREEK: Jimmy L. Smith, Leo Coleman, Wade Ratliff, Dave Kinder. Alternate: Harrison Smith.

SULPHUR SPRING: Arthur May, Paul Smith, Ronald Moore, Luther

Blackburn. Alternate: Jimmy L. Smith.

LITTLE HOPE: Walter May, Luther Ball, William Dotson, J. B. Ball.

Alternate: Frank J. Ball.

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, Donald Justice, Bradley Coleman, W. K. Bevins.

SAMARIA: Leslie Hatfield, Dinnis Dotson, Opa Hatfield, Larry Scott.

Alternate: Eddie Harris.

LITTLE UNION: Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Ricky Blair, Douglas Lester.

JOHNS CREEK: Harrison Smith, John Stiltner, Edd Hunt, Elcanie Smith.

CALVARY: Jeff Chapman, Lester Varney, Andrew Hunt, Glen W.

Vipperman. Alternate: Glenn Vipperman.

DRY FORK: Howel Arms, Estil Vandyke, Carl Vandyke, Lundy Childress. Alternate: Elmer Brown.

FRIENDSHIP: Tom Robinson, Luther Vanhoose, Martin Childers,

Fontain Lewis. Alternate: Troy Wheeler.

COLUMBUS: Larry Stanley, Paris Blackburn, Rufford Howell, Lundy Coleman. Alternate: Bobby Kennedy.

DEERFIELD: Estle Hackney, Harold Blackburn, Sam Burke,

Charles Blackburn.

PLEASANT HILL: Woodruff Dulin, Junior Barton, Gale McGuire, Greg Moore.

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Louisa —	Robert B. Worrix	July 2nd Saturday
Old Pond —	Teddy Ball &	
	Don Hatfield	June 2nd Saturday
Big Creek —	Elmer Thacker	June 3rd Saturday
Raccoon —	Paul Dean Justice	July 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring —	Elmer Brown &	
	Jimmie Lee Smith	August 1st Saturday
Peter Creek —	Teddy R. Ball	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope —	Robert Blackburn	July 1st Saturday
Grape Vine —	Kit Ratliff	July 3rd Saturday
Samaria —	Teddy R. Ball &	
	Michael Smith	June 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek —	Teddy R. Ball &	
	Paul Varney	July 2nd Saturday
Little Union —	Teddy R. Ball	May 1st Saturday
Calvary —	Kit Ratliff	June 1st Saturday
Dry Fork —	Teddy R. Ball &	
	Elmer Brown	May 2nd Saturday
Friendship —	Elmer Thacker &	
	David May	August 4th Saturday
Deerfield —	J. C. Hager &	
	John Jacobs	June 4th Saturday
Columbus —	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill —	Woodruff Dulin	April 3rd Saturday

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# **OBITUARIES**

#### **ELDER JOHN BLACKBURN**

We, the family, will try to write the obituary of our loving dad. Elder John Blackburn, born May 10, 1900, passed away January 8, 1990, at Red Jacket, West Virginia.

Dad was the son of late Elder Andy Blackburn and Syrenia May Blackburn of Hurley, Virginia. Dad was married to Myrah Wolford and to this union was born eight children. Three preceded him in death, leaving Luther and Grover Blackburn of Hurley, Virginia, and Charles, Harold, and Chester Blackburn of Michigan. After the death of our mother, Dad married Sarah Thacker and after her death Dad leaves his wife Vicie Simpkins Blackburn. They spent their time traveling to church, which was their life.



Dad leaves 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren, three step-children - Mrs. Patty Dotson, Mrs. Margaret Chaffin, and Ira Simpkins, of Red Jacket, West Virginia.

Dad was a retired coal miner. He was the Assistant Moderator of the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association for many years, which he loved and worked so hard for the peace in the Church. Dad was a great help and support to all the young Elders in the Church and always gave

them good advice. Lord blessed Dad to baptize all six of his sons.

Much more could be said. All that knew Dad loved and respected him very much. May God bless all of us and let us remember all the wonderful memories we have with him in our Church Services.

Written by Family

#### **ELDER WHEELER THACKER**

It is with much sadness but many loving sweet memories I will try to write the obituary of my dearly beloved husband.

Elder Wheeler Thacker was born August 29, 1925, and passed from this life on November 24, 1989, making his stay on earth 64 years, two months and 26 days.

He was the son of the late Thomas Jefferson (T. J.) and Martha May-Thacker. He was the co-owner of Wheeler and Gary's Refrigeration and Appliance at Millard, Kentucky. He was a Primitive Baptist Minister for twenty years. His home was at the Louisa Church on Rocky Road. Wheeler loved the church very deeply. His brothers



and sisters in church lay very close to his heart.

Wheeler was united in marriage to Utha Coleman on August 27, 1946. They were blessed with nine wonderful children, five sons and four daughters. We have 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Our sons are Thomas Wheeler Jr., Harold Dean, Timothy, Gary Keith, and Jefferson Thacker. Our daughters are Drema Lois Seese, Brenda Joyce Milstead, Donritta Thacker, and Loretta Leaman. He is also survived by one brother, Clifford Thacker; three sisters, Goldie Patrick, Irene Castle, and Avonell Ray.

Wheeler was preceded in death by his grandson, Tom Doug Thacker; four brothers, Ulius, Junice, Clinton, and Everett Thacker; two sisters, Josie West and Ocie McInttyre.

He will be sadly missed by the church, his friends and relatives. Our children have lost a loving daddy and will miss him very much. I lost a

dear husband and the best friend I ever had. So now I must say sleep on, my dear, and by the grace of God I will meet you.

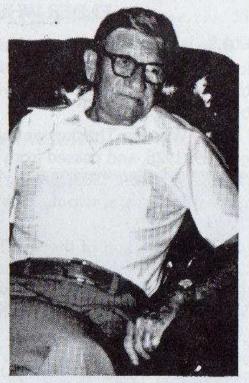
Written by his wife, Utha Thacker

# LEE HAMMONS JACOBS, SR.

I write this, the obituary of my father, Lee H. Jacobs, Sr., not with sorrow but with gladness. Gladness because I know he is not suffering any more here in this world and have the hope that he is singing praises with his loved ones around God's throne.

Dad was born in Middleton, Tennessee on December 5, 1916, the son of Rom Henry Lee and Donie Lou (Hammons) Jacobs. He was called home by God on March 31, 1990, making his stay here on earth 73 years, three months and 26 days. He is laid to rest next to his father-in-law, Grover Cleveland White, in Orlando, Florida.

Dad was a loving, caring and understanding husband to his wife, Elizabeth



Odelle (White) Jacobs, for 48 years. He was a dedicated Christian and believed that if you raised your children in the Lord, the Lord would watch over them and take care of them. He was a wonderful, loving father to eight children: Rebecca L. Hilliard of Okeechobee, Fl.; Carol J. Levine of Cassleberry, Fl.; Lee H. Jacobs, Jr. of Louisville, Ky.; Richard C. Jacobs of Orlando, Fl.; Donald O. Jacobs of Jacksonville Beach, Fl.; Gary T. Jacobs of Atlantic Beach, Fl.; Joyce E. Worrix of Pikeville, Ky., and W. Alan Jacobs of Jacksonville, Fl. He was a proud grandfather of nine grandsons, eight granddaughters, one step-grandson, one step-granddaughter, two granddaughter-in-laws, one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Dad served in the U.S. Marine Corp during World War II and the Korean War. He retired after 30 years of service as a Tech Sergeant. He also retired from City Coach Lines as a purchasing agent. He served as a deacon for Dover Shores Baptist, Barton Shores Baptist and Oretga Baptist in Florida.

Dad leaves a host of friends and family here on this earth. Dad, we all love and miss you but pray that we will meet you again on that homecoming day.

Written by his daughter, Mrs. Robert B. (Joyce) Worrix, Jr. on behalf of his wife and children

#### JULIUS E. SMITH

It is with much sadness I'll try to write the obituary of my dearest husband. He deceased November 20, 1989, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, making his stay here on earth 63 years and ten months.

He was born February 6, 1926 at Coleman, Ky. He was the son of the late Richard and Daisy E. Smith. He was married to Pauline Stump Smith. He was survived by two sons and two daughters, Glen Smith, Mike Smith of Phelps, Ky., and Brenda Coleman, Pikeville, Ky.; Bonnie Sawyers of Phelps, Ky., and nine grandchildren; four brothers, Ernest Smith, Alvis Smith, Bobby Smith, Ray Smith, all of Phelps, Ky.; three sisters, Gladys Hicks of Phelps,



Ky.; Ruby Hatfield, Phelps, Ky., and Carol Berry, Columbus, Ohio. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

He belonged to the Primitive Baptist Church. He loved his church very much.

He was a good husband and father. We all loved him very much. Now he is gone to be with Jesus, just waiting for that great homecoming day when we all can be together some day. Our home is not the same since he is gone.

Sadly missed by his wife and children, brothers, sisters and grand-children who loved him so much.

Written by his wife, Pauline Stump Smith

#### MARVIN CLYDE WEST

Marvin Clyde West, 88, of Canada, Ky., died December 9, 1988, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Ky.

Born February 14, 1900 he was the son of the late Amos and Polly Smith West.

He was of the Primitive Baptist Faith and a retired farmer.

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

He is survived by one brother, G. D. West of Canada, Ky.; one sister, Maudie Blackburn of Canada, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

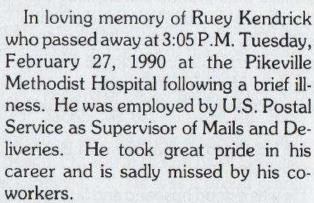
Funeral services took place in the Rogers Funeral Home chapel on Sund y, December 11, 1988, at 11 a.m.

with the Elders Elmer Thacker, Michael Elswick, and Elmer Thornsbury officiating.

Burial followed in the West Family Cemetery at Canada, Ky.







He was born in Pike County October 4, 1937 to the late Hibbard Kendrick and Missouri Slone Kendrick Thacker of Pikeville and laid to rest Friday, March 2, 1990 at Annie E. Young Cemetery, making his stay here on earth 52 years, four months and 23 days.



He is sadly missed by his mother, his wife Jacqueline, his daughter and son-in-law, Brigetta and Elvis Collins; his daughter and son-in-law, Tammie and Tony Adkins; his son and daughter-in-law, Tracy and Corbie Kendrick; his son, Steven, and his two granddaughters, Amanda Collins and Allison Adkins. He is also missed very much by his brothers, Ray, John, and Noah, and his sister, Ada Ray, along with a host of friends and relatives. He will never be forgotten by all of these which he was so special to.

> Written by his daughter Brigetta Collins

# TOMMY THACKER II (Tom Doug)

In loving memories of my precious grandson, Tom Doug Thacker, age 18, who died November 5, 1988, at Danville, Kentucky, the result of injuries sustained in an accident.

He was born in Pike County September 20, 1970, the son of Tommy D. Sr. and Donritta Thacker, of Danville, Kentucky.

He was a student at Lexington Community College.

Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Blake Wayne Thacker of the home, and his maternal grandparents, Wheeler and Utha Thacker of Shelbiana, Kentucky.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 9, 1988, in

the Justice Funeral Home Chapel with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Annie E. Young Cemetery at East Shelbiana, Kentucky.

Tom Doug is sadly missed by his family and friends. Sleep on, my

baby, and by the grace of God we will meet you.

Written by his grandmother Utha Thacker

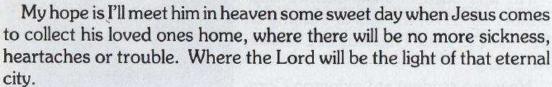
#### JACOB RUNYON

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my husband. Jacob Runyon was born April 23, 1893, and passed away February 25, 1990, making his stay on earth 96 years, ten months and two days.

Jacob was the son of Jacob and Sally Jane Lowe Runyon, who preceded him in death; also his first wife, Sarah Runvon. He has four living children, one son and three daughters; also three step-daughters.

Jacob belonged to Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, also a Deacon for several years. He attended church as long as he was able. Jacob was so humble. He bore his sickness with

patience. I feel assured our loss is his eternal gain.



Written by his wife, one who loved him, Ida T. Runyon



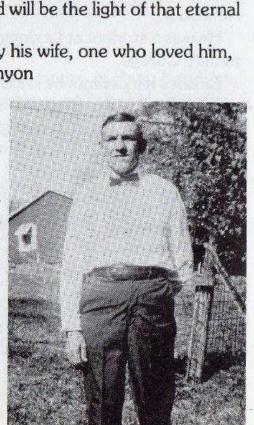
Willard Dotson was the son of Mc-Kinley and Kelsie Coleman Dotson.

He was married to Estoline Queen, a daughter of Elder Steve Queen and Rohada Daughtery Queen.

He was a member and an elder of the Primitive Baptist Association.

He moved to Texas several years ago and died there.

> Written by Clarence Dotson



#### JAMES STACY

It is with heavy heart that I write this obituary of my beloved brother who has been a true worker for our Lord, a true friend to each and everyone who knew him. A compassionate and loving husband to his wife, a loving father to his three sons.

James Stacy passed from this life January 25th, 1990, after a loang battle with cancer, gone on to his heavenly home, there to live with God for all eternity.

James is survived by his wife, Bessie Marie Bush Stacy. They were married September 7, 1946, at Hazard, Ky. To this union were born three sons, Clayton Clyde Stacy and Vaughn Joseph Stacy, both of Middletown, and James



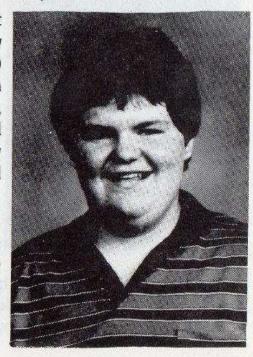
Alford Stacy of Norwood, Ohio; also he leaves behind seven grand-children and two sisters, Peggy Tharp of West Liberty, Ky., and Myrtle Suloski of Palos Heights, Ill.

Written by his sister, Myrtle Stacy Suloski

# CLINTON (LITTLE BUTCH) McCOY III

It is with much sadness and grief that I try to write the obituary of my dearly departed son, Clinton (Little Butch) McCoy and to most they called him "Joe". He was born in Williamson, W. Va. November 28, 1970 and passed away March 22, 1988, making his stay on earth 17 years, three months, and 22 days.

He was the son of Clinton McCoy Jr. of Williamson, W. Va. and Lola (Dotson) McCoy of Ransom, Ky. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dotson of Ransom, Ky. His mother and grandparents



are members of the Samaria Church. He is also survived by six uncles, three aunts and a host of cousins and friends all of whom loved him dearly.

We all feel that he is asleep in Jesus and He called him away because he was the fairest flower in His flower garden.

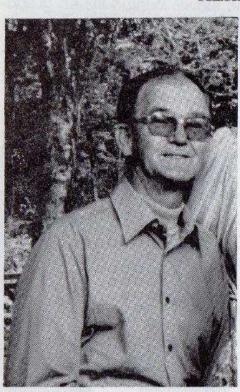
#### God's Flower Garden

It's hard to lose the ones we love, to see them pass away,
The sweetest and kindest gone, while others are left to stay,
But if we had a garden, with roses fair and bright,
We'd often pick the loveliest, and think it to be right.
And so it is with Jesus, in His Heavenly garden here,
He often picks the fairest flower, the ones we love so dear.
The flowers that are picked by Him will never fade away,
We know they'll live forever, and we'll see them some sweet day.

He is sadly missed by all of those who knew him.

Written by his mother, Lola (Dotson) McCoy

#### KERMIT BARTON



Our hearts are full of sadness, our eyes are full of tears, as I try to write the obituary of our precious father, fatherin-law, and grandpa. Brother Kermit Barton, age 73, of Dayton, OH was born June 13, 1916. He passed away February 25, 1990. He is survived by his wife, Maxie Faye (Woods) Barton, also of Dayton, OH. They were married 54 years. He is also survived by four sons. Elder Junior Barton, Sammie Barton, both of Dayton, OH; Cecil Barton of Camden, OH, and Arlie Barton of Homer, LA. One son, Robert Barton, deceased. He also is survived by one brother, Elder Leonard Barton of Bristol, VA, two brothers deceased. Also survived by two sisters, Bonnie White of

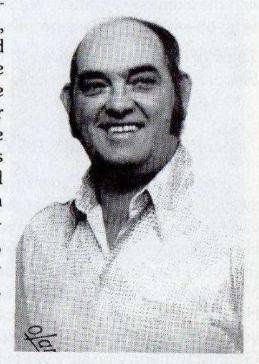
Illinois and Elsie Runyon of Chinchco, VA., one sister deceased. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Pleasant Hill Church of Urbana, OH for 16 years. He also served as a faithful deacon for 15 years. He was a retired employee of Dayton State Hospital. He also left behind a great host of brothers and sisters and friends. We will miss him very much. Grandpa loved the church, and very much loved the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God. He suffered a great deal of pain, but thanks be unto our most high God, he went in peace. He often spoke of his precious hope. He also shouted in rejoicement many times in the singing and preaching. He told me and several other people he knew the Lord was able to deliver him from his pain, and February 25, 1990 the Lord delivered him. We wish not to call him back to this world. But our prayers are, that some day our hope will be reality and we will go to glory with him on that great and noble day, when our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will return to take us home to glory. So sleep on, precious brother. May God bless and comfort the family in our prayers.

Written by request of the family Your brother in hope, Elder Greg Moore

# JOSEPH HARISON BLACKBURN, JR.

In memory of Joseph Harison Blackburn, Jr. of Swartz Creek, Michigan, formerly of Hurley, Va., who departed this life April 1, 1990 at the age of 51. He was born April 20, 1938, the son of late Joseph Harison and Mattie Vanover Blackburn. He was united in marriage to the late Mazie St. Clair. Born to this union were two sons, Jeffery Len and Joseph Duane Blackburn. Later on in life he married Pearl Leon Glutsch Martin. His survivors are wife Pearl, 3 sons, Larry, Anthony Joseph, Andrew Harrison Blackburn; five stepsons, Robert, Gary, Ted, Lonnie, Franklin Martin; two step-daughters, Irene and Sarah Martin; 26 grandchildren; one sister,



Beatric Atkinson; one brother, Homer Blackburn. He was preceded in death by one brother, Roger Blackburn.

Junior, as he was called by his family and friends, was a truck driver, but for the last few years of his life was afflicted with heart problems,

being in and out of the hospital and going through open heart surgery. I have known Brother Junior for several years. He was a good friend and we feel like he was our brother in Christ. As our mind reflects back on years passed and gone we remember how Junior helped in organizing of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church. We believe he loved the church and the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God. He loved to hear the old songs of Zion sung and we have witnessed the tears of joy which fell from his eyes when he heard the glorious gospel of Christ preached. He was a good friend to many people always willing to help wherever he could. I feel this was evident, as we recall the day of his funeral. The church was filled to overflowing. His funeral was held at the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church with Elder David Jacobs, John Jacobs and J. C. Hager officiating. His body was laid to rest in the Crestwood Memorial Gardens at Grand Blanc, Michigan. Junior was very much loved by his wife and children. I know they miss him very much. Our life here is short even as a vapor, but we thank God that death is not the end. For Christ our blessed Saviour has suffered and died and redeemed his people by his own precious blood. Then he rose from the grave to die no more. We believe when Christ shall come again to call for his own that he will call for Brother Junior and he will awake with the likeness of Christ. We shall be like him for we shall see him as he is; oh what a precious promise.

Think of just crossing a river Stepping out safe on that shore

Troubles and suffering all over Dwelling with Christ for evermore.

Written by Elder J. C. Hager

## MICHAEL BARRY RAY

Michael Barry Ray of Pikeville, passed away Sunday, May 13, 1990, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at the age of 28. He was the son of Harold and Mavella (Runyon) Ray and was the husband of Mary Anne Varney Ray, all of Pikeville. He was a grandson of the late Joe Runyon, who passed away in 1986, and Georgie Runyon who survives him. His paternal grandparents are Clifford Ray, who passed away in 1989, and Mary Lena Ray, who died in 1986.

After graduating from John's Creek



High School in 1980, Mike went on to Eastern Kentucky University where he graduated in 1985. During this time, he belonged to various clubs and organizations. He was a member of the Colonel's Club, the Republican's National Committee, and was a Kentucky Colonel. He also served on the E.K.U. Board of Directors. Mike currently worked as a salesman for Bushline Furniture and Ladd Industry and was a member of the Mayflower Baptist Church.

Besides his parents and his wife, Mike is survived by his son, Michael Reagan Ray of the home, and his brother, Stephen D. Ray of Pikeville, and son-in-law of Glenis Varney Hatfield and the late Sid Varney.

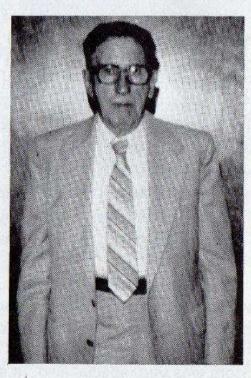
Mike is also survived by a number of other relatives and friends who will miss his presence dearly.

#### LEE ROY SMITH

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my late husband, Lee Roy Smith. Lee Roy passed away Sunday, October 15, 1989 at his home at McCarr, Ky. He was born December 17, 1903 at Ransom, Ky. He was the son of Hayes and Lydia Hatfield Smith.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Verlie Smith, two brothers and a sister.

He joined the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church at Belfry, Ky. on March 10, 1968 and was baptized by Elders Frank Wheeler and Dan Adkins. He also served as a deacon of the church for many years.



He was a retired coal miner for Eastern Coal Corporation of Stone, Ky.

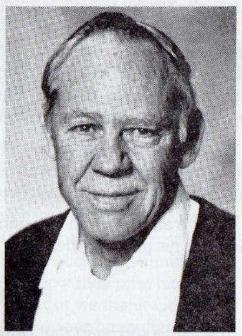
Surviving are wife, Jeanette Smith of McCarr, Ky.; daughter, Mrs. Ransom (Faye) Smith of Huddy, Ky.; step-daughter, Lockwood (Racine) Hamilton, Middletown, Ohio; sisters, Myrtle Blackburn and Fannie Williamson of Huddy, Ky., and Sally Varney, Cleveland, Ohio.

Written by your wife who misses you very much.

Jeanette Smith

#### JARVEY WARD

With sad aching hearts and tear-filled eyes, we will try and write this obituary of our precious dad and loving husband, Jarvey Ward. He was born the son of the late Willard and Stella (Abshire) Ward on May 13, 1931. He died January 01, 1990, making his stay on earth fiftyeight years, eight months and one day. He was laid to rest at the Family Cemetery at Ransom, Ky. on January 4, 1990. Daddy was a deacon of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the U.M.W.A. Location Union 5737.



He is survived by his wife, of thirtynine years, Bertie Jane (Scott) Ward; two sons, Terry Joe Ward of
Knoxville, TN, and Bert Edward Ward of Ransom, Ky.; two daughters,
Elizabeth Ann Dotson and Stella Denise Stanley, both of Ransom, Ky.;
three grandchildren, Brandy Nicole Ward, Bert Edward Ward, and
Tyler Jeffery Dotson. He is also survived by two brothers: Bernard
Ward of Owensboro, Ky., and James Ward of Kimper, Ky., and three
sisters, Lacy Adams of Kokomo, Ind.; Gean Jackson, Columbus, Ohio,
and Barbara Ann Harris of Kimper, Ky.

He was preceded in death by two children: Jarvey Ward, Jr. and Carolyn Sue Ward; three brothers, Lawrence Ward, Cletis Ward and Alonza Ward.

Dad worked hard to give us kids what we needed and everything we wanted. He was a very caring and loving man, not just to his family, but to everyone he was in contact with. He loved each and everyone of his kids dearly and they always came first in his heart. Dad's love for Mom was very special also. It's a special love that only husband and wife can share. Dad was sick for a long time and he always said he didn't have long to live, the past year, because he stayed in so much pain. But the pain has been taken away now. Sweet Jesus had mercy upon him. We know he is asleep in Jesus and will awaken one glad morning. The only hope and prayer we can have is to be with Daddy someday in Heaven. Rest on, Daddy. We love you, and by the grace of God we will all be with you one day.

Written by wife and children

#### **HOWARD ANDERSON**

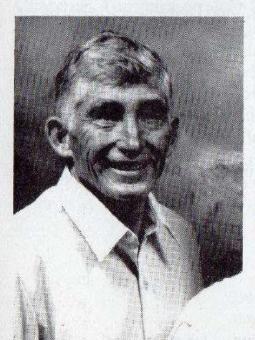
It is with a loving memory and a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my husband Howard Anderson. He was born on November 20, 1914, to the late Jack and Betty (Collins) Anderson. He departed this life on May 23, 1990, making his stay on earth seventy-five years, six months and three days. He always went to Church and joined the Primitive Baptist church. He had his membership at Calvary Church on Varney's Branch.

After he got sick, the elders came to our home and had services for him, and for which I thank them.

He is survived by his wife, Francis

(Justice) Anderson, five sons, one son preceded him in death in 1945, five daughters, two brothers and four sisters plus a host of other family and friends to grieve for him. We hope by God's great mercy on that great day when Jesus comes back, we all will be together. We will meet in glory land and be happy for ever more. Till we meet again.

Your loving wife, Francis Anderson



#### LENZIE BAKER

In Loving Memory of Our Father Lenzie Baker

It is with such pain in our hearts only God knows, we attempt to write the obituary of our sweet father.

Father was born in Buchanan County, Va. on September 30, 1936. Jesus called him home March 14, 1990.

Father was preceded in death by his father, Roy Baker; his mother, Polly Baker; three brothers, Sanford, Elzie and Wayne, and one sister, Edith. Father left behind five sisters, Pearly,

Georgie, Elsie, Pat, and Ermil. He left three brothers, Marvin, Herbert, and Ted Baker.

Father is survived by his loving wife, Shirley, of the home, and four daughters, Evonne, Peggy, Loretta, and Patty. He also left behind seven wonderful grandchildren who miss him so very much and often time talk about their Pop Paw: Tracy Michelle, 12 years old, Christopher Leon, 11 years old, Timothy Aaron, Tina Louise and Christy Lynn, all 10 years old; Audra Rene 8 and Dorothy Jean 7 years old.

One of the hardest things in this world we've ever had to do was the day we had to look upon Daddy's sweet face for the last time on this earth, but we know Daddy is in a better place now. Daddy stood by us when we needed him; he was always so strong. Even when he was so sick and he could see the worry on our faces, he'd say, "Don't worry, Daddy will be all right."

He would often times tell us "Girls, watch over your mother and your families." No matter how sick he was he was always worried about everyone else.

Daddy never stopped working. He would always push himself to do things we knew he wasn't able to do. I know there were days when he was so sick, but he never let us know. He never wanted to worry his family.

I am satisfied in my heart that God was with Daddy in his last hours. Daddy's last words were "Help me Jesus," and I felt a peace in my heart because I know God took Daddy by his sweet hand and led him home.

The pain of missing you, dear daddy, never gets any easier. At times it's almost unbearable, but we trust in God that some day we'll be with you, Daddy, where there will be no sickness nor sorrow, only peace and joy. We love you, Daddy, and miss you more and more each day.

Love, Shirley and Girls, Evonne, Peggy, Loretta and Patty

Our father lives with Jesus
In heaven there on high.
He'll live with him forever,
No nevermore to die.
The day in which we lost you,
We know 'twas heaven's gain.
We know you're not sick now, Daddy,

Unlike us, you feel no pain.
We'll rejoice with you someday, Daddy,
In heaven there on high.
We may see "see you later,"
But we'll never say "goodbye."

(poem written by Peggy)

#### ROBIE C. TURNMIRE

In loving memory I will write the obituary of my dad, Robie C. Turnmire, who was born on March 2, 1914, and departed this life on earth on January 20, 1990, making his stay here on earth 75 years, 10 months and 59 days. He was the son of the late Riley and Emma Norris Turnmire. Dad had four brothers and four sisters, all deceased except three sisters. Living sisters are: Hattie Styke, Warren, N.C.; Gay Arnold, Baltimore, Maryland; Elizabeth Hayden, Baltimore, Maryland.

He was united in marriage to Maxie Chapman Turnmire on July 28, 1935. To this union were born 12 children, nine boys and three girls. He also raised



one nephew, L. C. Chapman. His oldest son, Roosevelt, preceded him in death. Sons are Walter Turnmire, Prestonsburg, Ky.; James Turnmire of Phyllis, Ky.; Lee, Ray, Kenneth, David, Stanley Jene, Adali, all of Kimper, Ky.; Mae Justice, Phyllis, Ky.; Sue Hackney, Edith Hackney, Michigan. He also has 29 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church at Varney Branch.

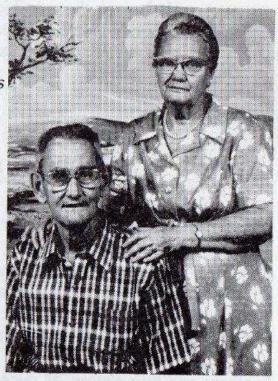
Written by his daughter Mae Justice

## **HESTER AND HENRY GOFF**

"As for man his days are as grass; As a flower of the field, so he for the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, but the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting."

Psalm 103

Hester Ramey Goff was born September 2, 1912, and passed away September 29, 1989. She was the daughter of the late Dock L. and Carrie Hedgecock Ramey. She is survived by four brothers and one sister, Wheeler Ramey, Harold Ramey, Joseph Ramey, Emery Ramey, and Ruth Adams. One brother, Philip Ramey, preceded her in death.



Hester and Henry were married December 24, 1929. To this union were born five children: two daughters, Lucille Carter and Doris Hamilton, and two sons, Sonny Goff and Travis Goff. One daughter, Caroll Goff, preceded them in death. They were blessed with 10 grand-children and 10 great-grandchildren. One grandson, Jonathan David Goff, preceded them in death.

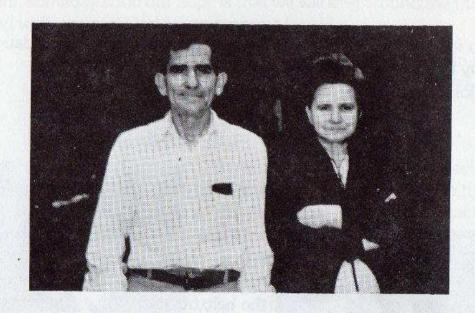
Hester was a member of The Primitive Baptist Church since 1947. She was a faithful servant, and she was a great believer in Christ, living her life that way.

Henry was a member of The Grassy Freewill Baptist Church since 1988. He was a very humble person, loved his family very much, and never once complained when the going was difficult.

Hester and Henry were loved so much by their family, and words cannot express how much they are missed. We hope and pray that some day we will meet them in Heaven where we will never part.

I am honored to be a member of the Goff family.

Written by Daughter-in-Law, Elizabeth Stepp Goff



# ALVIN AND OCTAVIA J. COLEMAN

With very loving memories we will try to write this obituary of Mom and Dad.

Daddy was born April 4, 1919, the son of Riley and Lucy Pearl Coleman, who preceded him in death. He was World War Two veteran and a retired carpenter. He passed away November 7, 1989. He was preceded in death by one sister, Sarah Jetty Coleman and six brothers: Jonathan, Luther, Allen, Allison and Irvin Coleman. Dad is survived by one brother, Alva Coleman, and three sisters: Sylvia Thacker, Frona Coleman and Flossie Coleman.

There were many things that we will remember, but our greatest memory is of his kindness and his love for children. We miss him very much.

Mommy was born January 19, 1924, the daughter of John Anderson and Polly (Blackburn) Justice, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Martha Justice. Mom is survived by four brothers: Fred A., Abner Nathaniel, Hayes and Anderson Justice, Jr.

Mom passed away September 15, 1983. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mommy had a special love and loyalty for her family that has been greatly missed.

Mommy and Daddy were married December 12, 1940 at Fishtrap, Ky. by the Rev. Joe Slone. They were preceded in death by three children: Adam, Riley Anderson and Flossie. They left to mourn them three children: Martha Chapman, Alvin Coleman Jr. and Frona Justice.

Also four grandsons, two granddaughters, one great-granddaughter, many friends and relatives.

Mom and Dad, we love you and miss you.

Written by their children: Frona, Martha and Junior

#### LILLIAN SCOTT HATFIELD



This is written with beautiful and loving memories of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and by the help of God.

Mom was born June 14, 1916 and called from this world March 10, 1990, making her stay on earth 73 years, nine months and four days. She was the daughter of the late Thomas S. Scott and Georgia Ann Stafford Scott. She was united in marriage to the late Guy White Hatfield on December 4, 1935. To this union was born four children, two sons: Thomas J. Hatfield of Galena, Ohio, and Stephen K. Hatfield of Edgewood, Kentucky; two daughters, Phyllis J. Blackburn of Galena, Ohio, and

Janet H. Bowe of Westerville, Ohio. She is also survived by ten grand-children and five great-grandchildren as well as two brothers, Dovil Scott of McCarr, Kentucky and Sterling Paul Scott of Columbus, Ohio, and two sisters, Gracie Stacy of Hardy, Kentucky, and Oliena Roberson of Kopperston, West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Mom was a retired postmaster at McCarr, Kentucky, and was loved and respected by all whom she served. She joined the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church on November 18, 1945 where she remained a loyal member until her death.

Mom, we will miss you but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. Your trials and heartaches and troubles are over. Her prayers were that all her children and her grandchildren stay a close family and continue to comfort each other, through prayer and love.

Mom, someday soon our hope is that we will sing around the throne of God with you and Dad forever more.

Written with love by your son-in-law, Elder Paris Blackburn and Family

#### ETHEL HAZEL THACKER



With a heavy heart and precious memories, I will try to write the obituary of a loving mother, Ethel Hazel Thacker.

Born February 26, 1925, in Pike County, Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late Lafie and Polly (Chapman) West. She died on Saturday, June 16, 1990, at the residence of her daughter, Janice Gail Church at Canada, Kentucky, following a lingering illness making her stay here on earth 65 years, 3 months and 21 days. Her husband, Ernest Thacker, also preceded her in death on February 26, 1982. To this union 14 children were born and the Lord blessed them to raise them all. There are 11 boys, Ervin Martin, Ernest

Jr., Lafie, Jackie, Johnny, Kenneth, all of Sidney, Kentucky; Danny Larry of Hickory, North Carolina; James Edward of Ransom, Kentucky; Billy Joe and David Clinton of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; and William Franklin of Richmond, Kentucky. She had three daughters who are also left to mourn her passing — Janice Gail Church and Connie Smith of Sidney, Kentucky, and Lorie Ann Williams of Carlisle, Kentucky. Also surviving are three brothers, Raymsond West, Hardy, Kentucky; Ireland West, Goody, Kentucky; Cleveland West of Williamson, West Virginia; and one sister, Odessa Johnson, Wayne, Michigan; 29 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

Ma Hazel dearly loved her children and always gave the best she had to her family. The best thing she gave us has stayed with us beyond the grave. That is the eternal hope that we can all meet her again in a world free from pains and sorrows. At the hands of Elders Quincy Stanley and Elmer Thacker she was baptized and placed her membership with the Old Big Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Church. Ma Hazel dearly

loved the Church and all the Brothers and Sisters. She was a faithful member filling her seat until she got so weak she couldn't go.

Children, I know your hearts are troubled for I loved her too but do as Mamaw done, take all your cares to Jesus for he does care. Some sweet and eternal day, I have a hope of seeing her again in a meeting that will never break up. Just press on, children, to the mark of the high calling.

Written by her daughter-in-law and I feel a Sister in Christ Jesus, Fayetta Thacker

## **OKIE WEBB WARD**



Okie Webb Ward of Phyllis, passed away Wednesday, August 8, 1990, at her residence at the age of 68. She was born in Pike County March 24, 1922, to Landon Webb of Phyllis and the late Goldie Bevins Webb. She was the wife of Donald Ward. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church. She was a member of the Grapevine Volunteer Fire Department and the Disabled American Veterans Ladies' Auxiliary. She was also the past president of the Grapevine Women's Club.

Besides her father and husband, Okie is survived by the following: two sons - Greg Coleman of Phyllis and David

Coleman of Lakeland, Florida; two daughters: Donetta Shell and Dian Adkins, both of Phyllis; two brothers: Arley Webb of Zion, Ill., and Dale Webb of Raccoon; and one sister: Doris Thacker of Phyllis.

Okie is also survived by six grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews, and scores of friends who loved her and will miss her presence dearly.

Doris Thacker

#### EMMA KATHERINE BLANTON JAMES



Emma Katherine Blanton was born January 29, 1917 and departed this life May 23, 1990 at the Highlands Regional Medical Center being 73 years, three months, and 25 days old. She was the daughter of the late Tom Childers, and Nannie Mollett Childers. In early life she married Mason Blanton who preceded her in death. To this union was born two sons and five daughters who survive.

Mary Fern Yount, Independence, Ky.; Betty Carr - Landrum, S.C.; Katherine Butcher, Shelby, Ohio; Dianna Meek - Thelma, Ky., and Helen Stafford - Van Lear, Ky.

David Allen Blanton and Robert Lynn Blanton of Thelma, Ky.

Also surviving is her husband - Wallace B. James, Jr.; one brother, Martin Childers of Thelma, Ky., and six sisters - Exer Blessing, Marion, Ohio; Essie Johnson, Pikeville, Ky.; Pricie Baldwin of Thelma, Ky.; Ruth Wright, Paintsville, Ky.; Faye Rowland and Agnes Butcher of Thelma, Ky.

25 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Emma retired from Paintsville City Schools in 1980. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother.

She became a member of the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church May 28, 1978.

We feel her suffering is over in this life and she is at peace with the Lord. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted at the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Noah Slone, Elder Jerry Brown, Elder Elmer Thacker and Elder Paul Keaton, Saturday at 11 A.M. at Thelma, Ky.

# STELLA JANE WOLFORD



It is with great sadness that we write this obituary of our mother, Stella Jane Wolford, born November 19, 1912, who departed this life on May 16, 1990. She was the daughter of Andy and Syrenia Blackburn. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Elsie Wolford, and one grandchild, Cecil Ervin Wolford, Jr. She was united in marriage to Eugene Wolford since October 31, 1934. She is survived by three sons, Chester and Cecil Wolford of Hurley, Va., and Clifford Wolford of Grundy, Va., and one daughter, Jewelene Coleman of Hurley, Va., and five grandchildren, Clifford Jr., Richard, Patricia, Eddie, and Jennifer, and one great-grandchild, Courtney,

and one sister, Ida Wilburn of Hurley, Va.

She was a member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church since 1943. Even though she was bedfast for many years before her death and not able to attend church, she looked forward to when they would come and sing and hold prayer for her at her home and when she was in the hospital.

She was always loving, giving and devoted to her husband, children and grandchildren and many friends. She was blessed to have all her family with her when God called her away. We will always be able to remember her loving smile and tender touch. She will always be missed by those who knew and loved her. We hope to meet her some sweet day on that heavenly shore.

Written by her family, Lue Wolford

#### FLOSSIE J. JUSTICE

With sadness and much heartache Dad and I will try to write the obituary of his wife and my step-mother, Flossie J. Justice.

Flossie was born on April 29, 1912 and passed away on October 25, 1989, which made her stay here on earth 77 years, five months, and 26 days. She was the daugahter of the late David and Barbara Justice. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Arlan Thacker: a Primitive Baptist minister; and four sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by her second husband, Abner L. Justice; two step-daugh-

Hazel J. Pugh and Lorraine J. Coleman; two step-sons, Hassel and Victor L. Justice; fourteen step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn her passing are one foster daughter, Vada Jane Charles and one foster son, Buster Justice.

Flossie was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. She couldn't wait to get to church when she was well. She loved to sing the hymns. It seems her voice could always be heard above the others. Her love of being around people brought them joy, and would also make her eyes light up with joy.

She will be missed by her family and many friends. With God's will and His blessing we'll meet again someday in that Glorious Land.

Written by her husband, Abner L. Justice, and step-daughter, Lorraine J. Coleman

#### **CHLOE CURRY STATEN**



In loving memory of our mother, Chloe Staten.

Born August 8, 1898 at Chattaroy, W. Va., died July 18, 1990 in the skilled nursing unit of Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Ky., following an extended illness. She was a daughter of the late Columbus and Elizabeth (Jewell) Curry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elder J. J. Staten; two brothers and two sisters. She is survived by one son, Vernal Staten; three daughters, Amber Tickle, Ruby Brockhoff and Agnes Hatfield; one sister, eight grandchildren, 16 greatgrandchildren and six great-greatgrandchildren.

She was a faithful member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church over 60 years.

Sadly missed by her family and friends.

Written by her daughters

## DARCUS THACKER

It's with loving memories and a saddened and heavy heart we'll try to write the obituary of my loving wife and mother, Darcus Thacker. She passed away November 27, 1989 in the Methodist Hospital. She was born October 27, 1918 to the late David and Sarah Coleman, making her stay on this earth 71 years and one month.

She was united in holy matrimony to Epp Thacker April the 11th, 1934. They were blessed with six children, four boys and two girls. Clinard Thacker preceded her in death. Glen Thacker of Shelbiana, Ky.; James Thacker of Loveland, Ohio; Larry Thacker of Se-



vierville, Tn.; Thelma Thacker of Regina, Ky., and Velma Blackburn of Shelbiana, Ky.

She left to mourn her loss her husband, five children and 13 grand-children. Darcus joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church in 1964. She loved the church and attended every time she could and was able to. She was a gift of sunshine that God gave us for a little while.

Funeral services were conducted November 29, 1989 at the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on Rocky Road. Officiating were Paul Dean Justice, Robert Worrix, David Coleman Jr., and Lundy Coleman.

She was buried at the Coleman Cemetery head of Lower Pompy, Millard, Ky.

Rest now, you are sadly missed by all who love you. You may be gone from our sight but you will never be gone from our hearts. We will always feel your love and see your beautiful smile. So rest in peace now. We will see you in Heaven.

Written by her husband, Epp Thacker and her children

# INIS THOMAS B. MAY

Inis Thomas B. May, 70, of Pinsonfork, Kentucky, died Friday, September 8, 1989, at her niece's residence at Prestonburg, Kentucky, following a short illness.

Born February 13, 1919, in Pike County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson Ball and Nancy Hatfield Blackburn. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas (Tom) May and three brothers, Chester Ball, Jake Hatfield and W. J. Blackburn.

Inis was a homemaker and of the Primitive Baptist Faith.

She is survived by one sister, Lula Margaret Hatfield of Prestonburg, Kentucky and several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

# 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 Asssociation 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 sov-

ereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonemen 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 disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

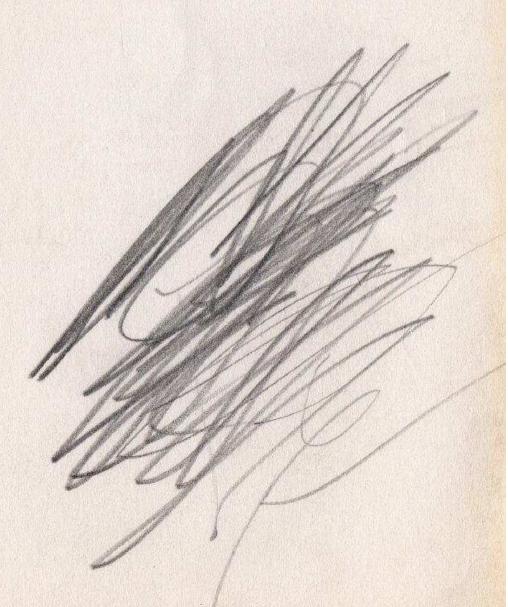
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except

the Moderator until he is done speaking.

- 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect 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.
- No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
- 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 appelation 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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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