

**Minutes**  
*of the*  
**One Hundred Forty- Fourth**  
**Annual Session**  
*of the*  
**Original Mates Creek Regular**  
**Primitive Baptist Association**  
**Organized in 1849**

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*Held with*  
**Peter Creek**  
**Primitive Baptist Church**  
**Peter Creek, Pike County, Kentucky**

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**August 30, 31, and September 1**  
**1996**

Next Session Convenes with the Little Hope Church, located at Pinsonfork, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1997

DIRECTIONS: From Pikeville, Ky., take Route 119 N. toward Stone Ky. After traveling approx. 23 miles, turn right on Route 199 for approx. 5 miles to Ball Fork Road, turn left and follow signs to Association. From Williamson, W. Va., take Route 119 S. toward Stone Ky. After traveling approx. 5 miles, turn left on Route 199 for approx. 5 miles to Ball Fork Road and follow signs to Association.

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# **Proceedings**

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

**FRIDAY MORNING -- August 30, 1996**

The association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Elder Elmer Thacker.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Fonso Justice. Text: Romans, Chapter 3: Verse 24

"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Brother Fonso was blessed to preach a very sound and uplifting sermon.

Called for letters from all churches. The letter from Peter Creek Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder Paul Varney serve as Moderator Protem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elder Ernest Blair serve as Clerk Protem for the election of officers.

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

ELDER ROBERT WORRIX.....	Moderator
ELDER MICHAEL SMITH.....	Assistant Moderator
ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY.....	Clerk
DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD.....	Assistant Clerk

Newly constituted churches called for: None

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution printed in 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: Garnell Gilbert, Fayne Viers, Ostil Smith, Gerald Yates, Frank Viers, Price Viers, Josh Viers, Ernest Newberry.

BURNING SPRINGS: Frank Montgomery, Jerry Brown, Jimmy Mann, Leroy Gullett, Roby Gullett, Loui Howard

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Billy Cook, Jonathan Cook, Eddie Lyle, Vernon Lyle

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Vance Jones, Bill Johnson



NEW LIBERTY: None

MT. ZION: David Bailey

WASHINGTON: Larry Blevins, Victor Church, Danny Smith, George Combs, Darrell Davis, Ked Stacy, Joe Edwards.

UNION: Dallas Adams, Jr., Teddie Stevens, Garry Adams, Tommy Adams.

FISHER'S RIVER: Willie Branch

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

SAND LICK: Hoey Lester, Joel Turner, Bruce Edwards, Don Stacy, Roy Vandyke, Carlos Gilbert, Eddie Lyall, Willie Lyall, Carroll Edwards, Eugene Deel, Algrine Stacy, Betty Deel, Christine Stacy, Pat Viers, Toni Viers, Ambar Viers

BURNING SPRINGS: Lorn Hensley, Phyliss Mann, Peggy Howard, MaryWebb

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Hulda Jones, Nonnie Jones, Wanda Jones, Mary Johnson

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Arnold Childress, Roxine Childress, Robin Owens, Keith Owens

UNION: Jenn Adams

FISHER'S RIVER: Jo Ann Branch

MT. ZION: Kenneth Bailey and his wife, and David Bailey

WASHINGTON: Perry Compton, Peggy Griffith, Madaline Ward, Delford Ward

BARREN COUNTY CHURCH: Ronald Hatfield

SENER ASSOC.: Floyd South

CUMBERLAND ASSOC.: Terry Thacker, Barry Thacker

FAIRVIEW PRIM. BAPT. CHURCH: Paul Shelton

BETHEL CHURCH OF NASHVILLE: Lonnie Mazingo, Dana Duty, Judy Duty, Lana Duty

MT. ENON ASSOC. OF FL.: Howell Jordan, Robert Mayhorn, Hollis Albritton, Jr., Donald Hudson, Mary Hudson, George Thompson, Virginia Thompson, James Green, Millie Jordon, Ann Mayhorn, Myrtle Welch, Roger Welch

MIAMI PRIM. BAPT. CHURCH: Hesker Gillum

BETHEL CLOVER CHURCH: Gideon Wilson, Crystal Crank, Lois Boggs

LEXINGTON CHURCH: Michael Gowens

STONEY CREEK CHURCH: Elbert Hunter

ROARING RIVER ASSOC.: Samuel Parrish, Paul Felts

NEW LIBERTY CHURCH: Timothy Kirkland

NORTH FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP ASSOC.: Sarah Collis, Angeline Brannen, Sammy Harris, Jimmy Brannen, Joe Brannen, W. D. Standland, Sr., H. D. Bledsoe.



**CHURCH ON THE MOVE: Howard Worrix, Kay Worrix**

Moved and seconded that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

All the messengers from the Peter Creek Church were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday Morning at Peter Creek Church: Lonnie Mozingo, Jr. and Michael Gowens.

B. Friday Afternoon at the Stand: Garnell Gilbert and Billy Cook

C. Friday Night at Old Pond: Mike Elswick, Michael Gowens, Lonnie Mozingo, Jr., Hollis Albritton, Jr. and Vance Jones.

D. Friday Night at Grapevine: Danny Smith, Garnell Gilbert, Sammy Harris, Larry Blevins and Lundy Coleman.

E. Friday Night at Johns Creek: Paris Blackburn, Billy Cook, J. C. Hager, Jim Moore and Bob Mayhorn.

F. Saturday Morning at the stand: Hollis Albritton, Jr., Elbert Hunter, Eddie Lyle, Floyd South, and Vance Jones.

G. Saturday Afternoon at the Stand: Joe Brannen and Floyd South

H. Saturday Night at Little Union: W. D. Standaland, Arnold Childress, Billy Cook, Bob Mayhorn, Robert Worrix, and Frank Viers

I. Saturday Night at Peter Creek: Ostil Smith, Jim Moore, and Michael Smith

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Ireland Adkins, Don Hatfield, John Jacobs, Fonso Justice, Stirl Smith, Paul Smith, Walter May, Donald Justice, Lonnie Simpkins, Earnest Blair, Carl Coleman, Andrew Hunt, Hal Arms, Martin Childers, Lundy Coleman, Harold Blackburn, Jimmy Moore, Kenny Chapman

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Bradley Worrix, Jr., Danny May, Ricky Blair

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

SAND LICK: Michael Smith, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Fonso Justice, Noah Sloan

UNION: John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Joseph Slone, Bradley Worrix, Jr., Noah Slone, Elmer Goff

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Fonso Justice, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, J. C. Hager, Rufford Howell, Elmer Goff

BURNING SPRINGS: Harrison Smith, Joseph Slone, Jimmy Moore, Paul Varney, Michael Smith, Bradley Worrix, Jr., Fonso Justice, Rufford Howell, Elmer Goff

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Harrison Smith, Jimmy Moore, Elbert Church, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsby, Don Hatfield, John Jacobs

MT. ZION: Don Hatfield, Elbert Church, Noah Slone

NEW LIBERTY: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Elmer Goff

FISHERS RIVER: John Jacobs, Don Hatfield, Jimmy Moore, Elbert Church, David A. Thacker, Elmer Goff



WASHINGTON: Fonso Justice, Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, Michael Smith, Joseph Slone

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

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SATURDAY MORNING --- August 31, 1996

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

Prayer by Elder Michael Smith.

Roll called and absents marked.

Committee on arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at Peter Creek Church House and was called to order by the moderator.

#1 Recommend that we omit the reading of the letters of the churches in our union with the exception of Johns Creek and Peter Creek Churches. The query was concerned with the granting of letters to move membership from one church to another for reasons other than convenience. We recommend that the churches grant letters for convenience sake at the churches discretion.

#2 We recommend that Calvary Church host the annual meeting for 1997.

#3 We recommend that Little Hope Church host the Association for 1997

#4 Called for the Circular Letter which was written by Doug Lester. The letter was read, approved and moved to be printed in the minutes and that Elder Paul Varney write the Circular Letter for 1997.

#5 We recommend that the Association carry on its work on Saturday as usual.

Moved and seconded that the committees work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Calvary Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1997.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

1. Song and Preaching by Elder Mike Smith - Prayer by Elder Don Hatfield

2. Elder Frank Viers

3. Elder Bob Mayhorn

4. Elder Robert Worrix

5. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Delford Ward



Finance Committee reported \$2,157.00 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, 1997. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul D. Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy L. Smith, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Michael Elswick, Rufford Howell, Owen Blanton and Ellis Lynn.

**OLD POND:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1997. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Kenny Chapman, Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Don Hatfield, Basil Hatfield, Greg Moore, Frank Ball, Elbert Church and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

**BIG CREEK:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 1997. Elders to attend: Frank Ball, Basil Hatfield, David Coleman, Jr., Paris Blackburn, Jimmie Moore, Ernest Blair, Jimmie L. Smith, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, David Jacobs, Walter Sullivan, Kenny Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith.

**RACoon:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1997. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, David Coleman, Robert Worrix, David A. Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Mike Smith, Elmer Brown, Jerry Brown. All others invited to attend.

**PETER CREEK:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1997. Elders to attend: Ernest Blair, Paris Blackburn, Michael Elswick, Jim Moore, Harrison Smith, Franklin Viers, Randal Thornsby, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Greg Moore, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Everette Brizendine.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Meets the first Saturday in August 1997. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Don Stacy, Randal Thornsby, Ernest Blair, Vance Jones, Everette Brizendine, David A. Thacker, Robbie Worrix.

**LITTLE HOPE:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1997. Elders to attend: Bobby Blackburn, Virgil Smith, Walter Sullivan, Jimmie L. Smith, Basil Hatfield, Noah Slone, David May, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kenny Chapman, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsby, Larry Thornsby, Elbert Church. We invite all others to attend.

**GRAPEVINE:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 1997. Elders to attend: Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney,



Ernest Blair, Monroe Justice, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, J. C. Hager, Allen Coleman, Don Hatfield, Fonso Justice, Greg Moore, Junior Adams, David Jacobs, John Jacobs.

**SAMARIA:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June 1997. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris, J. C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, David A. Thacker, Michael Elswick, Don Hatfield, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, Basil Hatfield, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Bobby Blackburn, Randal Thornsby, Harrison Smith and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders.

**LITTLE UNION:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1997. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy L. Smith, Randal Thornsby, Mike Elswick, Paul D. Justice, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, John Jacobs, Rufford Howell, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Don Hatfield, Everette Brizendine, David Jacobs, J. C. Hager, Elbert Church.

**JOHNS CREEK:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 1997. Elders to attend: Fonso Justice, Jeff Chapman, Noah Slone, Jimmy Moore, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Jimmy L. Smith, Larry Thornsby, Monroe Justice, Elbert Church, Ernest Blair, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David Thacker, John Jacobs, David May, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsby, Everette Brizendine and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers. **NOTE:** Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church will have an annual memorial meeting on the 2nd Saturday in July at 7:00 P.M.

**CALVARY:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1997. Elders to attend: Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul D. Justice, David Coleman, John Jacobs, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Quincy Stanley, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Michael Elswick, Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Kenny Chapman, David May, Bobby Blackburn, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman and all orderly ministers are welcome.

**DRY FORK:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1997. Elders to attend: Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Robert Worrix, Lawrence Jackson, Price Viers, Franklin Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Ostil Smith, Bobby Arrington, Ked Stacy, Randal Thornsby, Don Stacy, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Jimmy L. Smith, Jerold Yates, Mike Smith, J. C. Hager, Jimmy Moore, Harrison Smith. **NOTE:** Memorial services are held at our meeting time in July (Sunday) for Martha Street Family on Baldwin Mt.

**FRIENDSHIP:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1997. Elders to attend: Greg Moore, Ernest Blair, Randal Thornsby,



Don Hatfield, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Basil Hatfield, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Mike Smith, Jimmy L. Smith, R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church, Owen Blanton, Kenny Chapman, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn and all orderly Primitive Baptist.

**COLUMBUS:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1997. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, David Thacker, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Woodruff Dulin, Elmer Thacker, Greg Moore, Jimmy Moore and Brother Robert Worrix, Jr. We invite all Mates Creek Elders and Brothers and Sisters to attend.

**DEERFIELD:** Meets the fourth Saturday in June, 1997. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Homer Blackburn, Ernest Blair, Greg Moore, John Jacobs, David Thacker, Woodruff Dulin, Mike Elswick, Robert Worrix, Vance Jones, Billy Cook, Teddy Floyd, Ostil Smith, Jim Duty, Estel Owens, Paris Blackburn, Bob Arrington, Arnold Childers, Rufford Howell, and Licentiates Robbie Worrix and Elmer Goff.

**PLEASANT HILL:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1997. Elders to Attend: David May, Kenny Chapman, J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, David Thacker, Jim Duty, Hester Gillum, Estil Owens, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Tim Brewer, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Elmer Goff, Estil Hackney and other orderly Primitive Baptist.

**NEW HOPE:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1997. Elders to attend: John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Basil Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Mike Elswick, David May, Greg Moore, Onis Smith, David Allen Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Don Hatfield, Mike Smith, Randal Thornsby, Paul Varney, Jimmy Moore, Price Viers, and all Correspondent Elders are welcome.

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

Agreed that we have 1,900 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Brothers: Joe P. Stanley, David Francis Boyd, Grady Compton, Landon Webb, Troy Bevins, John Thornsby, Mack Simpkins, Joe Adkins, William Justice, Mark Layne, Tennis Hatfield, Sr., Lundy Childers, Lawrence "Chicken" Smith and Kit Ratliff.

Sisters: Mae Meadows, Lona Childers, Lassie Williams, Dixie Williamson Hockman, Norma Jean Coleman Dotson, Pearlie Coleman, Lizzie Scott Keese, Clemie Chapman, Lorraine Beach, Lwille Kathryn Hatfield and Jane Blackburn.

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



The Finances were dispensed as follows:

Balances left on hand from last year	----- \$4,202.80
Amount received from churches 8-31-96	----- -2,157.00
Amount for obituaries	----- 284.00
Donations	----- 107.00
Total Cash On Hand	----- \$6,750.80

Cash Paid Out:

Paid For 1995 Minutes	----- \$2,824.73
Gave Moderator	----- 50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	----- 50.00
Gave Clerk	----- 50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	----- 50.00
Total Cash Paid Out	----- \$3,024.73
Balance Left On Hand	----- \$3,726.07

NOTE: \$304.00, received at church services, was given to the visiting Elders by the Preaching Committee. This amount (\$304.00) is not shown in the Financial Report.

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Little Hope Church of Pinsonfork, Pike County, Kentucky to begin at 10 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1997. Elder Elmer Thacker was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder David Allen Thacker to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder Willie Branch, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Elder Robert Worrix Moderator  
Elder Michael Smith Assistant Moderator  
Elder Randal Thornsby  
Deacon Leslie Hatfield Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING -- September 1, 1996

INTRODUCTION: Song and Preaching by Elder Mike Smith and Prayer by Elder Don Hatfield

1. Elder Frank Viers - Text: Search ye the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, but they are they that testify of me.
2. Elder Jerry Brown - Brother Jerry was blessed to uplift the congregation with much rejoicing.
3. Elder Bob Mayhorn - Brother Bob sang song Number 321 and gave away.
4. Elder Robert Worrix - Text: No text. Closed out with songs of praise with great love and fellowship for all.
5. Dismissed Association with prayer by Elder Delford Ward.



## CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Brethern of Mates Creek Associations. It is with much fear of thinking of the circular letter for the past year, that I try to write something truly from the heart, solely depending on the LORD'S help. As I write this, it comes to my mind of how young in the Primitive Baptist Church I am compared to my elder brothers.

Brethern, I was led to the church knowing of only Jesus. As time went on, I was blessed to grow in the truth and knowledge of the THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. From a young man, my problem seemed to be finding a church that truly believed and preached what I understood, GOD takes care of our problems; because he said in (Jeremiah 6-16) there was a certain sound and old path in which we should seek and walk there in. I felt the LORD led me to the Primitive Baptist Church. Which I feel that they are walking in the old path giving GOD the Glory and Honor at all times knowing that he is King of Kings and Lord of Lords and he will have no other before him.

We should always look back down through time and see what JESUS has done. Remember the woman at the well and the man that had been blind all his life? JESUS took care of them, and HE will take care of our problems.

Did you ever think on what the LORD did when he made this old world? It is such a thought that man can't even comprehend!

The LORD created the first man Adam. The world would have you to believe that Adam named all living things, but the LORD gave Adam the names and Adam called them by name. The Scriptures say the Lord created all things and was satisfied and rested from HIS labor saying this was good and very good.

The LORD created man in a manner in which He knew he would stumble and would depend on him not just to help but to bring him through all the troubles of this world. The LORD will help us just like he did Isarel who was facing the Red Sea in front and the Egyptians in the rear. All they had to do was to stand still and see the power of the LORD.

Let the beauty of CHRIST be seen in us - - - I believe this is called Love. GOD so loved the world that he gave us HIS SON. We should love our brothers and sisters and be at their feet esteeming them far greater than ourselves at all times. But we are of Adam flesh, we get caught up in nature's ways of thinking and get boastful in ourselves.

Now Brethern, (Phip 1-23) I have a desire to leave this life and be with CHRIST, - GOD said He had prepared a place where no trouble - - no sorrow will enter. That makes me long for that day when he calls my name, and speaking of names, I get a little forward in this because I pray he will call my name (just like he did when he called old Lararus from the dead) and when he calls, I will answer for my self and not another.

GOD knows all things from beginning to the end. He knew what we



would do, how we would travel through this life and what is laid up for us in the end.

I could go on and on, but the story of JESUS CHRIST, HIS goodness, and mercies, and most of all HIS Love, will never be completely told. We get a little bit here and little there. It is always better felt than told!

In closing this letter, I have just touched here and there, but I believe the LORD JESUS CHRIST took care of all things. I, being a brother in Hope of Eternal Life, pray my name is engraved in the palm of his hand.

Hopefully a brother in Christ,

Douglas M. Lester

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LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Joseph Slone, Jack Coleman, Bradley Worrix, Jr. Alternate: Jeffrey Belcher

OLD POND: Don Hatfield, Mike Scott, Clifford Hunt, Stearl Scott. Alternate: Berlin Thacker

BIG CREEK: Michael Elswick, John Jacobs, Onis Smith, Tom Chapman. Alternate: Luther Smith

RACCOON: Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, Timothy Coleman. Alternate: Ed Chapman

PETER CREEK: Darius Kinder, Wade Ratliff, Stirl Smith, Randy Smith. Alternate: Jimmy Lee Smith

SULPHUR SPRING: Tommy Lester, Arthur May, Junior Blackburn, Ronald Moore. Alternate: Paul Smith

LITTLE HOPE: Landon Stanley, Mitchie Blackburn, Walter May, Bobby Blackburn. Alternate: Frank Ball

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, Donald Justice, Bradley Coleman, Howard Anderson, Jr. Alternate: Argle Kendrick

SAMARIA: Lonnie Simpkins, Everette Smith, Millard Whitt, Opa Hatfield. Alternate: Dennis Dotson

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

JOHNS CREEK: Edd Hunt, Carl Coleman, Harrison Smith, Larry Coleman. Alternate: Roger Dotson

CALVARY: David Allen Thacker, Andrew Hunt, Lestle Varney, Ben Chapman. Alternate: Glenn Vipperman

DRY FORK: Howell Arms, Jennings Boyd, Harold Cline. Alternate: Carl Vandyke

FRIENDSHIP: Troy Wheeler, Martin Childers, David May, Elmer Thacker. Alternate: Michael Elswick



COLUMBUS: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Bobby Kennedy, Ervin Adkins. Alternate: Ray Dotson

DEERFIELD: Harold Blackburn, Danny May, John Holyfield, Donnie Jackson. Alternate: Grafton Stanley

PLEASANT HILL: Gale Mcguire, Tennison Dotson, Gregory Moore, Jimmy Moore Alternate: Woodruff Dulin

NEW HOPE: William Dotson, Elbert Church, Kenneth Chapman, Gary Bostic. Alternate: Walter Sullivan

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Mountain--	Roy L. Truitt 102 Gentry St. Galax, Va. 24333.....	25
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## OBITUARIES

### JOE P. STANLEY

With a broken heart and trembling hand and a prayer in my thoughts, I'll attempt to write the obituary of a faithful husband, a wise and loving father and grandfather, a precious brother, faithful deacon and friend that is very close to my heart.

Joe P. Stanley was born May 22, 1913 to the union of the late Turner and Louisa Hunt Stanley and died January 3, 1996, making his stay on earth 82 years, 7 months and 3 days. Also preceeding him in death were two sisters, Eunice Stanley Runyon and Norma Jean Stanley Scalf and three brothers Wayne, Victor and Forrest Stanley.

Brother Joe was united in holy matrimony to Ruby Mae Smith Stanley in 1939 and to this union, God gave them a daughter whom they love very much, Judith Stanley Hatfield; a son-in-law, Mr. G. C. Hatfield whom they think of as a son; and two beautiful grandchildren, Miss Kathy Hatfield and Mr. Mark Hatfield all of Raceland Ky.

Other survivors are sisters Mrs. Eva Taylor and Mrs. Marie Taylor, both of Sidney, Ky; Mrs. Birdie Smith and Mrs. Lear Smith both of Canada, Ky; Mrs. Lynchia Smith of Toler, Ky; Mrs. Inis Taylor of Palatka, FL and Mrs. Myrtle Carden of Hopewell, Va.; also a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Brother Joe was a retiree of Eastern Coal Corporation and a member of Local Union 5737 of the UMWA for 29 years. He united with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Sept. 1972 and was ordained a Deacon a short time later where he served until his death. He loved the church and was always ready to serve the church with his several talents, a carpenter, plumber, and carekeeper. Brother Joe was held in





high esteem by the members of the church and very much respected, words cannot express the dept of our loss, he will certainly be missed, I speak for the entire church, we believe our loss is brother Joe's eternal gain.

With much thought given to this writing, it is certainly a statement of truth, that we preach our own funeral. God's word teaches us that every good tree bringth forth good fruit and that we are known by the fruit that we bear. Brother Joe surely had the fruit of God's spirit which is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance, against such there is no law. The many years that I was blessed to know this precious brother, I was always greeted with a smile, kind hand shake, a hug, a word of encouragement, and the words I love you son, as he did to all the young elders of the church.

God's holy word state in Job 14:14, If a man die shall he live again. Job asked this question and I'm confident this has been asked many times by people from all walks of life. Job declared in this same text, he would wait all the days of his appointed time, till his change come. Ecclesiastes said, "There is a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted." Our beloved Savior said unto sister Martha, "Thy brother shall rise again, for I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live and who so ever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." 1 John 3:14 states, we know that we have passed from death unto life in that we love the brethren, Brother Joe possessed this love.

Unto this family brother G. C. and sister Judith take care of sister Ruby, this is what brother Joe desired; to Kathy and Mark, honor thy father, mother and grandmother. I encourage you for your sorrow to be turned into joy, for this precious one is not dead, he's only sleeping. He cannot come to us, but through the anointing of God's holy spirit and sovereign grace, we shall go to him.

Sleep and take your rest precious brother, until we meet again.

Written by one with a broken heart,  
Elder Michael Elswick



### DAVID FRANCIS BOYD

It is with a broken heart and many tears that I try to write the obituary for my beloved uncle, friend and brother in Christ, David Francis Boyd. Uncle David was the son of the late Francis Marion Fanning Boyd, Jr., who preceded him in death February 16, 1972, and Ethel Jackson Boyd who preceded him in death July 19, 1978. Uncle David was also preceded in death by one infant brother, Teddy Wayne Boyd, July 16, 1955. Uncle David was born into this world of heartache and woe May 31, 1951 and fell asleep in Jesus' loving arms July 22, 1996, making his syay on earth 45 years, 1 month and 22 days.

David leaves behind 6 sisters: Mrs. Walter (Martha) May of Freeburn, KY, Ms. Myrtle Boyd of Waldo, FL, Mrs. Glen (Marie) Charles, Miss Madeline Boyd, Mrs. Donald (Kathleen) Lockhart and Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Hibbitts all of Vansant, VA, 2 brothers: Ernest Boyd of Vansant, VA and Jennings Boyd of Tazewell, VA. He also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews and countless friends who each and everyone loved him dearly.



Uncle David was a beautiful flower in a world of thorns, but now he sleeps in Jesus's arms. He was a kind man who would give you the shirt off his back without a second thought. He was always understanding and would listen without judging or showing harsh feelings. Uncle David always cared about everyone more than he cared for himself and always showed us just how much. He always worried about the safety of his family and friends, especially those he worked with. Whether closely related or not they were and always will be considered his nephews. He always made sure that he said "I love you" and be careful before he parted company. The last time I saw him, he hugged me and told me those very words and anyone that knew Uncle David knew that those words came straight from his heart.

Uncle David was baptised into the Primitive Baptist faith May 14, 1978, and was a member of the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church. He always loved going to church and hearing the Elders preach of salvation and our Savior Jesus Christ. There was always a light gleaming in his eyes and on his face after church and it was easy for anyone to see that he had been blessed to receive the message that came to the Elders from our Savior on high. We will all miss him, but he will live on in our hearts, our minds and on the mountain that he loved so well.

*You walk upon the streets of gold  
and wear a golden crown.  
You sing with angels, oh so sweetly,  
around the throne of God.  
There is no more pain for you to bear,  
no more earthly strife.  
You have crossed that still and silent sea  
and left this weary life.  
You talk with Maw and Grandpa Boyd  
and laugh with Teddy Wayne.  
Oh what a joyful existence  
there in the promised land.  
I pray that someday I can meet you there  
when I've crossed that silent sea.  
I know that you'll be waiting there  
smiling and waving at me.*

Written by a broken hearted niece, and a loving family,  
Stephanie Boyd

## **GRADY COMPTON**

It is once again in the stillness of the evening the good Lord so quietly called from our midst another beloved brother in Christ.

Grady Compton, the son of the late Author and Delia Compton, was born November 21, 1915 and departed this life August 11, 1996, making his stay here on earth 80 years, 8 months and 21 days.

He was united in marriage to Easter Owens Compton, they were blessed to be together for 49 1/2 years.



He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Easter Compton; 3 sons Gary L. Owens, Bristol; Glen Compton, Atlanta, Ga.; Daren Compton, Vansant;



2 daughters: Shirley Wilson, Michigan; Lisa Musick, Vansant; 2 brothers: Eviens Compton, Haysi; Gamie Compton, Grundy; 4 sisters: Maxie Compton, Alexandria; Orbie Karling, Michigan; Nora Fletcher, Alexaandria; Sylvia Richardson, Texas; 6 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends who loved him dearly.

One daughter Karen Compton, 1 sister Eurie and 4 brothers Utah, Corbet, Merdie and Lenard Compton all proceeded him in death.

He was a soldier in World War II, a retired coal miner and also retired from Cadilliac Motors.

Brother Grady united with the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized a short while before he passed away. He was a strong believer in the doctrine of salavation by the grace of God, and rejoiced many times when the good Elders were blessed with a message from on high to feed his hungry soul.

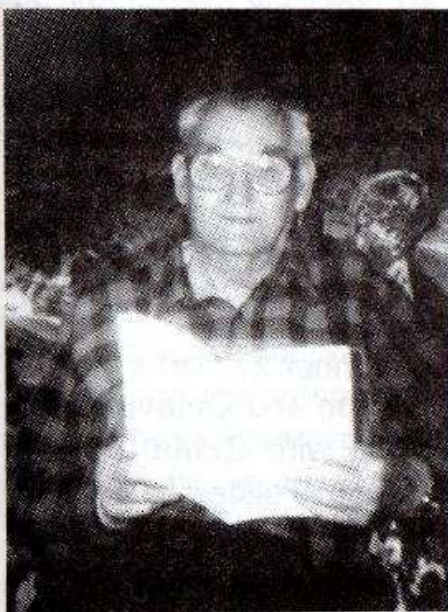
He was afflicted with ill health for a number of years and always bore his suffering so patiently, although much pain he had to bear. God, who saw best, called him away from the pain he endured to a peace of rest to await the resurrection morning, when all the saints shall go home, where there will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain or death.

Brother Grady was a kind neighbor, a devoted father, grandfather, brother, and friend. We feel that he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and his spirit soared to the great beyond. There to await the glorious coming of the Lord, and on that day, by the grace of God, may we all go home together.

May the Lord bless and comfort his lonely companion and children, and all those who mourn his passing. We know that all of you will miss him, but look to God for comfort in your great loss. He will never leave nor forsake you. He can and does help when all other help fails.

May the grace of God abide with this loving family in our prayers.

Written by the request of the family. By: Bobbie Viers



## **LANDON WEBB**

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of a dear Dad, Landon Webb, who passed away at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital on October 17, 1995 at the age of 95.

He was born in Pike County, January 7, 1900 to the late Jim and Sarah (Smiley) Webb. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Local Union 8288 for 54 years. He was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church for 42 Years and a Deacon in the church for 41 years. He was preceeded in death by his wife, Golda (Bevins) Webb, and one daughter, Okie Ward.



He is survived by two sons, Arlie Webb of Zion, Illinois, Delano Webb of Pikeville, Ky., and one daughter Doris Thacker of Raccoon, Ky. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 10 great, great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by His Daughter

### **TROY SCOTT BEVINS**

With loving memories we write the obituary of our Dad Troy Scott Bevins, who passed from this life July 19, 1994, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home following a long illness.

He was born in Pike County Kentucky April 12th, 1912.

The son of the late David and Sophia Thacker Bevins, he was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Kendrick Bevins; two sons, Don Bevins of Lick Creek, David Bevins of Phyllis; two daughters, Dorlois Good of Phyllis, Shirley Grizzle of Pikeville; Eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He is sadly missed by the family and all who knew him. Our loss is heaven's gain.



Written by his wife and children with loving memories.

### **JOHN THORNSBURY SR.**

The Master called and Dad answered, a glorious sound you would agree! He took Dad's pain and softly whispered, "Come, my child, Come rest with Me!"

With a deep and pain filled heart, we will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved father, John Thornsberry, Sr. The mighty angel of death came into our midst on April 16, 1996, and took our beloved dad at 7:10 a.m., at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Dad was born September 27, 1914, in Pike County. He was the son of the late William Madison and Octavia Smith Thornsberry. He was preceded in death by his wife Zettie Thacker Thornsberry, on February 22, 1993, six brothers and two sisters and a son-in-law, William N. Phillips.

Left to mourn his loss are sons and daughter-in-laws: Hebert and Marie Thornsberry, Canada, Kentucky; Hillard and Sue Thornsberry, Millard, Ohio;





John and Norma Thornsby, Jr., Lexington, Ky.; Michael and Dreama Thornsby, Williamson, W Va. Five daughters and sons-in-laws also mourn his loss: Doris and James Thacker, Williamsburg, Ohio; Lois and Grover Justice, Jr., Sidney, Ky; Patricia sue and Phillip Hall, Brooks, Ky.; Shirley and Kenneth Rutherford, Huddy, Ky.; Judith and Richard Hall, Hatfield, Ky. Dad was survived by 3 sisters and 1 brother, Lola West, Canada, Ky; Ethel Scott, Richmond, Ky.; Betty Cook, Superior, Az. and Calvin Thornsby, Greenup, Ky., 21 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren.

Much of Dad's life was spent as an underground miner for Eastern Coal Corporation. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local Union 5737. He was a member of the Stone Lodge No. 890 F. & A.M.

Dad became a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church in March of 1993, baptized by brothers Don Hatfield and Mike Smith. He loved the church and looked forward to services as long as he was able and he enjoyed visits from the ministers when he was unable to attend. One of the songs Dad always requested to be sung on these visits was "Amazing Grace".

Dad was laid to rest in the family cemetery at Canada, Ky. Dad has left us with precious, loving, memories and wisdom to guide us on life's pathways. God has added another beautiful flower to His garden, and our love and faith will help keep us strong until we meet Dad and Mother again.

Written in loving memory by the family

### **MACK SIMPKINS**

My father Mack Simpkins of Beech Creek W.Va., died December 1, 1995, at the age of 74. Born July 21, 1921, he was the son of the late Ira Simpkins and Mary Hall Simpkins, And survived by his wife Lucille Simpkins.

He is also survived by eight children; Roger, Emmet, Johnny, Danny, Lonnie, Wesley, Lottie and Terry. Also survived by fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers and four sisters and one grandchild. Survived by brothers, Benny and John, sisters Martha and Audrey.

Veteran W.W.2, U. S. Navy, retired coal miner, and a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church.

Dad was a faithful member and believed in the doctrine of Sovereign grace and the atonement made by Jesus Christ was full and complete for every heir of promise, he was quick to advocate and defend the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

My dad left us a rich legacy of love, faith and compassion. He was known for his knowledge and understanding of the Bible, and was respected by all that knew him. He treasured every moment spent with dear family and



friends. Mere words cannot express our loss of such a dear loved one but surely God has been especially gracious to us in giving us such a father, friend and brother.

A special thank you to all the dear Elders, Deacons, brothers, and sisters, of the Church who visited my dad in his time of affliction at his home or the hospital he cherished those moments dearly.

Carried by his grandsons and son-in-laws, my dad was laid to rest in the Simpkins Family Cemetery on the right Fork of Beech Creek, W.Va.. We believe as he did that his spirit has returned to God who gave it, that at the Great Resurrection Day of the Lord, that spirit will be re-united with that body, will be raised a glorified body, to be carried home to Heaven to spend Eternity praising God Amen.

Written in love, joy, sorrow and hope by his son and brother in the Lord.

Lonnie G. Simpkins

## JOE ADKINS

It is with a sad broken heart and with the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Joe Adkins. Joe was born September 2, 1922 to Victoria Coleman and Lilburn Adkins in Pike County, Kentucky. After a long battle with cancer, God sent his angels to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at 5:05 A.M. on July 4, 1996.

Joe was united in marriage to Artie Newsome on May 29, 1948. We had 48 wonderful years together before God called



him home. He leaves to mourn his wife, two sons, Ronnie Joe of Tram, Ky. and Jonah of Rockhouse, Ky., six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, and a host of friends and loved ones. Joe was the first to leave this earth of ten children. They are Annie Hackney of Williamson, West Virginia, Elisha Adkins of Tremble, Va., Riley Adkins and Lilburn Adkins of Prater, Va., Enoch Adkins of Raccoon, Ky., Pauline Charles of Zebulon, Ky., Ida Deal of Greenbriar, Va., Elijah Adkins of Bristol, Va., and Henry Adkins of Meadowview, Va.

Joe joined the Primitive Baptist Church of Raccoon on May 27, 1995 after attending many years. Joe loved going to church when he was able. He never sang by himself until three weeks before his death. Then, either with the preachers or by himself, he loved singing about the Lord. He loved the songs "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Ship of Zion". Singing or hearing these songs seemed to lessen the pain.

God must have needed flowers for a bouquet on July the fourth, and He takes only the best for his bouquets. Our loss is surely heavens gain. Sleep on, we hope to see you some beautiful day.

Written by his broken hearted wife, Artie Adkins, and Brenda, a daughter-in law who loved Pa-Paw



## **MARK LAYNE**

In loving memory of my precious son, Mark Layne. Mark's stay on this earth was 18 years and 2 months but Mark was blessed to touch the lives of so many people who will never forget him. God gave us this little angel for a short while before he took him home on March 6, 1996. Mark was the son of Blane Layne and Christine Varney Justice. He had a sister, Bridgett Layne Hylton; and two half brothers, Shane and Brandon Layne. Mark's grandparents are Eula Mae and Emery Layne and Arizona and Wayne Varney. Just about everyone who knew Mark, loved him. Mark loved to go to church. I took him to church at Stone Coal Freewill Baptist but Mark was baptized in the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church on November 4, 1995.



Written by his mother,  
Christine Varney Justice

## **TENNIS HATFIELD SR.**

Tennis L. Hatfield Sr., 66, of Wellston, formerly of Smith Towers at Matewan, W. Va., died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1995, in Holzer Medical Center, Wellston.

Born Feb. 12, 1929, at McCarr, Ky., he was a son of the late Ransom and Alice Hatfield Hatfield. He was also preceded in death by: brothers, Stearl and Ralph Hatfield; and sisters, Hazel and Pearl Blackburn.

Survivors: ex-wife, Helen Hatfield, Wellston; daughter, Dorothy M. Farleigh, Wellston; son, Tennis I. Hatfield Jr.; brother, Ralph Hatfield, Lenore, W. Va.; sisters, Faye Carrisel, Waterford, Mich. and Fannie Norman, McCarr; and four grandchildren.

Funeral: 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 1995, Chambers Funeral Home, Matewan, with the Elders Mike Smith and Don Hatfield officiating.

Burial: Anderson Hatfield Cemetery, McCarr.

## **LAWRENCE M. (CHICKEN) SMITH**

It is with much love and respect that I write this obituary in memory of my Daddy, Lawrence "Chicken" Smith, who went home on Dec. 31, 1995. Daddy was blessed to live 80 years and 29 days. On his birthday, Dec. 2, he told me, "Baby, your old Dad won't be here much longer. The Lord is going to take me home soon. He's given me my 3 score and 10, plus 10



years. When I go, I want you to say, 'Thank you, Lord'."

On the 26th of December, Daddy went into the hospital and on the 31st the Lord called him home. I was by Daddy's bed until his last breath. I told him that I knew that he was at the pearly gates and we would be all right, step on those streets of gold that he had so often spoke about. Within 15-20 minutes, Daddy stepped on those heavenly streets and I said, "Thank you, Lord". Thank you for many things, Lord - mainly for the riches he gave his family - not money nor worldly things, but the knowledge of a Father's love. Not just his, but the Father of all. Daddy had no riches here, but in heaven, he has it all! When I walked out of Daddy's room and told Mom that he was gone, Mom said "Thank you, Lord" and then she told me that Daddy had asked her to say that. The "thank you" was for the blessing that God had bestowed upon us by giving us such a wonderful Daddy for all those years and for the kindness and love which Daddy had in his heart not just for his family, but for all the people he knew. We thank God for the praises that Daddy offered in God's honor to anyone who talked with him.



Daddy was born on Dec. 2, 1915 at Grundy, Va. and was the son of the late Solomon King Smith and Louise Coleman Smith. He was preceeded in death by 2 sons, 1 daughter and 2 sisters. Daddy had been a member of the Blackberry Primitive Baptist Church since 1962. A veteran of World War II, Daddy served in the Air Force. He was a retired carpenter and block mason. Daddy is survived by his wife, Opal T. (McCoy) Smith, also a member of Blackberry Church. Mother and Daddy were married on June 6, 1947 and were blessed with 6 daughters, Linda Mullins of N. Matewan, W. Va., Phyllis Sexton of Lakeland, Fla., Louise Diamond, Donetta Wright, Paruita Copley, and Ella Coleman, all of Delbarton, W. Va. 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Daddy is also survived by 1 brother, Millard Smith, of Mermack, W. Va.

Written by his daughter with love,  
Louise Diamond

## **ELDER KIT RATLIFF**

Elder Kit Carson Ratliff died at the age of 87 on March 30, 1996 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Born on January 12, 1909 in Pike County, Kentucky he was the son of the late Floyd and Flora Layne Ratliff. A retired coal miner, he resided at Hurricane Road, Kimper, Kentucky.

Brother Kit united with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Kentucky, on October 3, 1943, at a memorial meeting at Hager Cemetery.





Shortly thereafter, the church gave him liberty to exercise his gifts in prayer and preaching and he was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry as an elder in January 1946. In October, 1959, he moved his membership to Calvary Primitive Baptist Church on Varney Branch of Johns Creek. Brother Kit made full proof of his ability in the Gospel ministry, and to the end remained faithful to the Church and to God's doctrine of Sovereign Grace. Preced-

ing brother Kit in death were his wife: Velma Mae Dotson Ratliff; three daughters: Bobbie Lee Ward, Billie Jean Mounts and Anna Gay Hodge; four grandchildren: Roger Ratliff, Anita Hodge, Patty Slone and Stella Ward. He is survived by two sons: George Ratliff and Will D. Ratliff; three daughters: Margaret Williams, Ida Coleman and Jackie Coleman; two brothers: Arson Ratliff and Bernon Ratliff; three sisters: Goldie Blackburn, Delphia McKinney and Magaline West; 17 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral: April 2, 1996 at Cedar Bottom Regular Baptist Church, Primitive Baptist ministers officiating. Burial: Layne Cemetery at Kimper, Kentucky.

## MAE (COX) MEADOWS

Mae (Cox) Meadows was born in Buchanan County, Va. on May 14 1908, the daughter of the late John T. and Caroline Looney Cox. She united with the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church on April 13, 1986, by letter and baptism (her choice) where she always filled her seat until her illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pearlie Meadows, her parents, two sisters and three brothers. She is survived by one sister, Vernie Meadows, of Oakwood, Va. and one brother, Perry Cox, of Tampa, Fl., several nieces and nephews and other family to mourn her loss.

She passed away in Buchanan General Hospital April 16, 1996., following a long illness, of which she spent the last few years of her life in Heritage Hall Nursing Home on Slate Creek, where always when you went in and spoke to her, her words were over and over (Love Lord).

She was laid to rest on Baldwin Mt. in the Vandyke Cemetery where she will sleep until the coming of our Lord. Mae was a gentle and easy going person. She is sadly missed by all her family, and all who knew and loved her. And by the grace of our God we will see her again someday.

Written by a friend and sister in Christ

Ruth Maynard

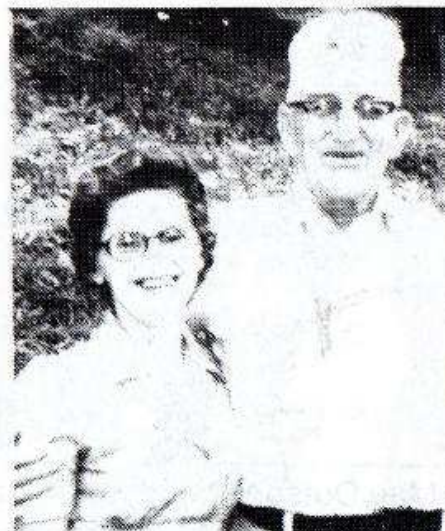




## **WILLIAM LUNDY CHILDRESS LONA OWENS CHILDRESS**

With a grieving heart, I have been asked to write an obituary for my loving precious Mother and Father, William Lundy and Lona Owens Childress.

Dad left this world on March 16, 1996, following a long illness and Mother, grieving over the loss of Dad, followed only 2 months and 8 days later, on June 8, 1996, leaving behind 2 children, Ural Childress of Rosedale, VA and Thelma Branham of Vansant, VA and 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



As their daughter, I have never heard anyone speak badly of my wonderful loving parents. Both practiced what they believed and followed God's word, as closely as possible.

They both united with the Dry Fork Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church in April, 1969. Dad served as a Deacon for about 15 years and Mother served him as a good Mother in Israel.

Lord, I know you will enjoy these two loving, Christian people as we enjoyed them here on earth. I've watched them both while listening to your Holy Word. There seemed to be an inner glow on both faces.

Dad and Mom, we hope to join you someday. You've set wonderful examples for everyone to follow. Ural and I have a deep void left. We love you so much. God bless and keep you both.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful people, that helped during their illness: the nurses, Ellis Childress, Roby and Anna Rae Owens, Ruby and Roy Street, Odra Childress, Taw and Carrie Owens, Elder Elmer Brown and wife, Melster Brown and Orb and Maudie. If I have overlooked anyone, please forgive me.

Written by loving daughter and family

## **LASSIE WILLIAMS**

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my mother, Lassie Williams. She was loved by everyone who knew her. She loved to talk and sing about the Lord. Mom loved the church and attended regularly when she was able.

Mom was injured in a car wreck on her way to Samaria Church on September 19, 1995. Friends came and told us she had had an accident and we left immediately to be with her. Mom never recovered from her injuries and died April 16, 1996.

Mom was born May 5, 1920 at Stone, Kentucky, the daughter of





Henry and Florence Hensley Varney. She was a homemaker and a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. Mom was preceded in death by her husband, Taylor Williams and nine brothers and sisters.

Survivors include four daughters, Shelby Jean Hill of Forest Hills, Ky., Joyce Brown of Bowie, Maryland, Deanna Justice of Huddy, Ky. and Brenda Williams of Cuning, Georgia; three brothers, Onis Varney of Cherry, Illinois, J. B. Varney of Osseo, Michigan, Woody Varney of LaGrange, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Barry and Mark Hill, Eddie Justice, Darren Brown, Angela Weintraub, Beverly Stanley, and Sonya Dillon; six great grandchildren Raeanna and LaShea Dillon, Sarah and Taylor Weintraub, Justin and Jordan Brown and many friends who loved her. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain and Mom's spirit is waiting for us in the sky where we'll never have to part again.

Written by her daughter  
Shelby Jean Hill

## WILLIAM JUSTICE

William Hayes Justice, 80, of Park Ridge Illinois, formerly of Marrowbone, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 1996 at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

He was born in Pike County, April 25, 1915, a son of the late John Anderson and Polly Blackburn Justice.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Deloris Justice, who died Feb. 11, 1994, one son-in-law Rube Coleman who died Jan. 19, 1996.

He is survived by four sons Eddie Bowling, James Bowling, John Justice, Lonnie Justice and one daughter Mary Coleman, six grandchildren, three brothers and four daughter-in-laws.

Funeral service was 1 p.m. Friday February 2, 1996 in Justice Funeral Home with Troy Tackett officiating and burial following in the Annie E. Young Cemetery at Shalbiana. Arrangements were under direction of Justice Funeral Services at Pikeville.



Written by his daughter  
Mary Coleman





## **DIXIE WILLIAMSON HOCKMAN**

It is with a great sadness and an aching heart that I write the obituary of my beloved sister, Dixie Williamson Hockman. Dixie was born March 13, 1921 and was the first born child of the late John and Dora Williamson of Canada, Kentucky. She departed this life July 29, 1996, making her stay on earth 75 years, 4 months, and 14 days.

My dear sister left Kentucky in 1943 and moved to Baltimore, Maryland. She was employed at the Glen L. Martin Company, where she assisted with the construction of the B-29 bomber airplane during World War II. During this time, Dixie was united in marriage to John Hockman in July 1945. To this union, God blessed them with three children: one son, John D. Hockman of Abingdon, Maryland; two daughters, Janet S. Neithercott of Stevensville, Maryland, and Ruth A. Maier of Baltimore, Maryland; and six beloved grandchildren, all of which are surviving. Dixie was of the Primitive Baptist faith.

Beside her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Stella Varney, and one brother, Herman Williamson.

Dixie also leaves five brothers: Ernest R. Williamson, Valley Station, Kentucky; Ralph Williamson, Fallston, Maryland; Luther Williamson, Airville, Pennsylvania; Paul D. Williamson, Red Lion, Pennsylvania; and Blake Williamson, Canada, Kentucky; and one sister, Gracie J. Williamson, Canada, Kentucky, as well as many nephews and nieces to mourn her loss.

Sis has left many to mourn her passing, but we have our fond memories of her in our hearts. I pray that our loss is my sister's gain and, on the morning of resurrection, it is my blessed hope that Jesus Christ will reunite all of us once more. Amen.

Written by her brother who loved her dear.  
Rest in peace Sis, my heart aches for you.  
Ralph Williamson

## **JANE B. BLACKBURN**

Jane B. Blackburn, 91, of Canada, Kentucky, died Tuesday, March 5, 1996, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Kentucky.

Born May 6, 1904, at Canada, Kentucky, a daughter of the late James and Alice Varney Blackburn. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Andy Blackburn; one daughter, Pauline Blackburn DeHart; five brothers, Kelley, Basial, Layton, Elmer, and Everett Blackburn and one sister, Mattie Clifton.



She was a homemaker and a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Flossie Runyon of Hopewell, Virginia; one brother, Claude Blackburn of Canada, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Barbara Morton, Danny DeHart and Linda Hatfield; three great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren; and a host of friends.



## **NORMA JEAN COLEMAN DOTSON**

Norma Jean Coleman Dotson age 46 was placed in God's loving hands on December 29, 1995 after a long bout with cancer. Member of Primitive Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Preceded in death by parents James Clifford Coleman and Lillie Dotson. Norma was born April 4, 1949 in Pike Co., KY. Joined in marriage to Kenneth Dotson on Oct. 17, 1964.

Sharing her memory is her husband Kenneth Dotson, son Jonathan Dotson, daughter Elizabeth Waggoner, and two grandchildren Mitchal and Correne Waggoner. Also many other family and friends.

In the past you taught us with love, comfort, and prayer.

We know you are much better now, because your in God's care.

Whenever we remember the times we had with you, our hearts are filled with joy, love, peace, and laughter too.

You picked us up when we were down and always shared your smile when times were hard.

You helped to give us strength and encouragement to go that extra mile.

Now that your God's angel, and this we know is true, we will see you again, but until then we will always love and remember you.

Written and missed by her loving family

## **PEARLIE COLEMAN**

It is with much sadness and a lonely heart that I write the obituary of my sweet, loving mother Pearlle Coleman. She was born in Pike County, Ky, September 25, 1913, and the Lord called her home February 10, 1996. She was the daughter of the late Jackson and Minnie Coleman. She was married to Harvey Coleman and to this union they were blessed with nine children.

She united with the Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church, July 1946 and was a faithful member who filled her seat till Alzheimers put her in bed for



the last one and one half years.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three children, Margie, Mary Ellin, and Johnnie, one grandchild, Henry Allen Rhodes, and one brother, Miles Coleman.

Mom is so sadly missed by her children, James Coleman of Hammond, Indiana, Earl Coleman of Belleview, Florida, Roland Coleman of Louisville, Ky, Betty Carter of Macon, Ga., Robert Coleman and Bonnie Rhodes of Kimper, Ky. Ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren and one brother, Roy Coleman of Kimper.



I know in my heart Mom is resting in Jesus, but we still miss that beautiful smile from Mommie that would light up the room, even when she was lying in bed not even knowing who we were. Through the months I cared for her, like taking care of an infant child, the Lord was there with me, giving me patience, strength and understanding. He also blessed us with a Home Health Aide, Sabrina Taylor, who was so loving with Mom and a friend to me. And the sweetest, most blessed Registered Nurse, Sister Nanette Thacker, who was there, caring for Mom daily for the last six weeks of her life. May the Lord richly bless them.

The house is not the same anymore, our sweet, white-haired Mom is gone now and missed so much by her family, friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Her smile lights up Heaven now and our hope is to meet her there some sweet day.

Written through the tears with love, by her daughter  
Bonnie Rhodes

## **LIZZIE SCOTT KEESEE**



Lizzie Scott Keese, 95, of Hardy, Kentucky died January 10, 1996 at ARH Hospital. She was the daughter of Cynthia and Ray Keese. She was born January 21, 1900 in Pike County. She was married to Floyd Scott. They were store merchants for fifty years. She is survived by one son, Clifton Scott and one daughter, Edith Scott Burke of Florida. One sister, Nancy Francisco, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was a member of Old Pond Church.





## CLEMIE CHAPMAN

Clemie Chapman, 100 of Williamson, W.Va., died Thursday, Nov. 2, 1995, in Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson.'

Born June 15, 1895, At Canada in Pike County, she was a daughter of the late 'George and Pricey Blackburn Chapman. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William Lee Chapman, three sons, two daughters, three brothers, and three sisters.

She was a homemaker and a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors: daughters, Kathleen Ramey, Huddy, Maxine Worrix, Williamson, Barbara Ann Chapman, Ocan, N. J.; adopted son, Sherman David Chapman, Fort Pierce, Fla.; Sisters: Chloe Kelly, Sybil May and Evelyn Mullins; Brother: Owens Chapman; Six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren and a host of friends. Funeral services 1 p.m. Sunday, November 5, 1995, Rogers Funeral Home Chapel. Clergyman: Don Hatfield and Mike Smith. Interment Chapman Cemetery, Canada, Kentucky.

## LORRAINE BEACH

When this is read I will be in the past tense, but living with God in eternity in the present sense.

I was borned the daughter of the late Thomas Elijah Smith and the late Flora Elizabeth Howell Smith and a child of Christ who lived 61 years on this earth as an humble servant of God Almighty. I have now gone to see for myself through a glass clearly and not through a glass darkly---I will see Jesus Christ for myself and not another.

Jesus came into my life long before the stars were hung. I believe I was with Him then as I am now. In this natural life, I was called at the age of 12 years old to answer to the call of God. He instilled in me the Great Comforter who has been diligent in chastizing mme when I needed it, and gave me a conscience; teaching me right from wrong.

I was baptized in the Big Sandy River and spent my childhood thoughts on religion as a Primitive Baptist who believes in Salvation by the Grace of God. I was again baptized in 1988 thus conforming to the local church rule that all members were required to be baptized into the body of Christ's Church. I placed my membership at Millard, (Louisa) Ky. I have quietly enjoyed all my brother's and sisters in the church, and want you to rejoice with me now because of the wonderful experience of death that I have gone through; dying in this world and life to get to enter the Kingdom of God was perhaps the most precious thing that has ever happened to me.

I have long been anxious to reunite with my father and mother; my



sisters: Anna Kathleen Smith, Verna Weddington and Letha Stephens. Also my brothers: Paul Arnold and Hi. I have the great hope that they have assembled, even now, together, awaiting for my arrival.

Let this be a time of rejoicing, because death is the evidence of God's Great plan in action.

Survivors: One beloved son, Paul Jerome Beach, and three precious grandchildren: Tabatha, Teri and Paul Michael Beach. One dear sister who was like a second mother to me the first fifty years of my life. Four brothers: Troy who has done so very much for me; Joseph, Steve and Jeff.

My dearest ones, we shall meet again.

Lorraine Beach



## **LURLIE KATHRYN WILLIAMSON HATFIELD**

Lurlie Kathryn Williamson Hatfield, seventy-four years old of McAndrews, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, October 2, 1995. She was born on September 2, 1921, at Ransom, Kentucky, the daughter of James and Claudia Coleman Williamson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Hatfield, and two brothers, Jim "Tud" Williamson and Stearl Williamson.

Lurlie was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Stone Lodge #533, and various other educational organizations. Survivors include a brother, Charles Williamson, two sisters, Lear May and Rosa Wolfe. Nieces: Beth-Ann Hanson, Rosemary Varney, Debbie Lewis, and Gwen Mahon. Nephews: Neil, Bruce, Rick, and Chad May, Jim Tom Williamson, and several great nieces and nephews, cousins, and other family members.

Lurlie was a life-long educator with over forty years as teacher, principal, and substitute teacher. She was also sister, aunt, mentor, best friend, and inspiration to all who knew her. Kind thoughts, words, and deeds were her companions when she touched the lives of others. She earned the respect of her students by being fair, honest, sincere, and setting a good example for them to follow. She was loved and will be greatly missed by her family and a host of friends.

Lurlie's family feels that God needed another Angel to guide us from Heaven, so he took Lurlie.

Written by her niece: Beth-Ann Hanson

Submitted by her brother and sisters: Lear May

Charles Williamson

Rosa Wolfe



## 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 and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies



thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace-loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. We believe in one true 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 fullness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.



4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature, and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

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

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing 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. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

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.

## **ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON**

### **(Work of Presbytery)**

1st Organized by choosing Moderator and Clerk.

2nd Select one to question candidate.

3rd Select one to make prayer.

4th Select one to give charge.

5th Call for candidate from spokesman for church.

6th Examine candidate. Any one of Prebytery has right to ask questions if he desires.

7th If candidate is found satisfactory, then proceed with prayer and laying on of hands.

8th Charge is now delivered.

9th Candidate is now returned to the spokesman for the church as an ordained Elder or Deacon.

10th Minutes of proceeding read.

11th Adjourn.

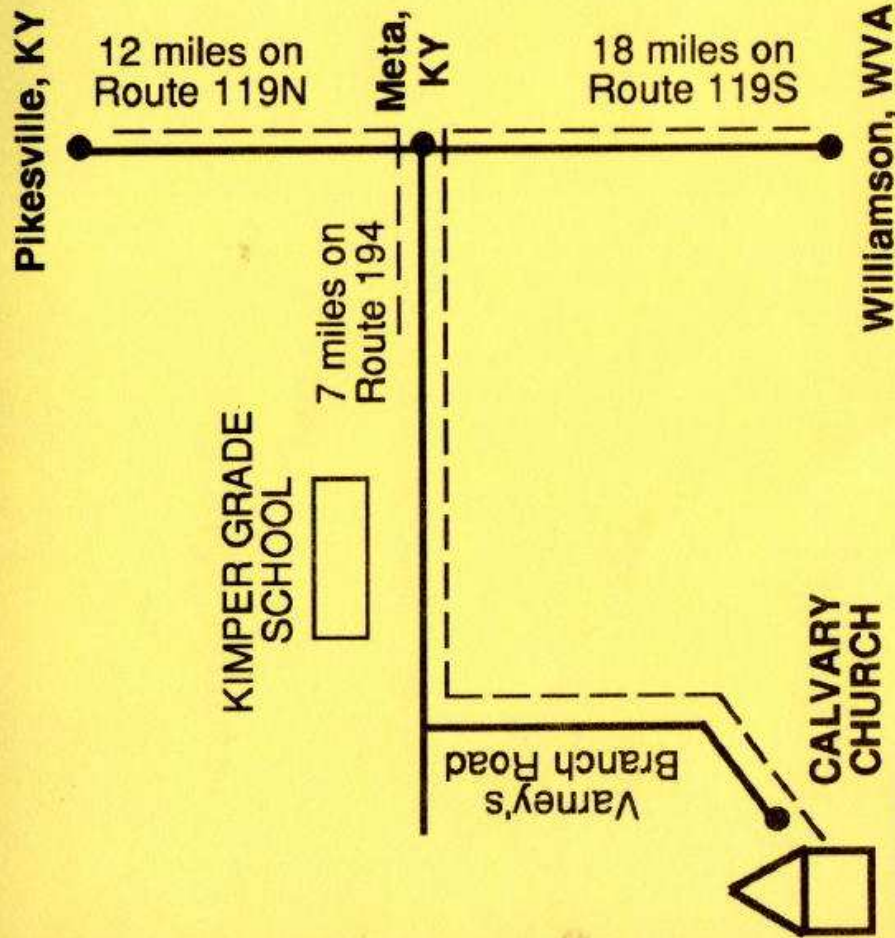


# STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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, Jr.....	3	1			1	3	2	109	2	\$ 150.00
Old Pond.....	Shelby Jean Hill.....	2						2	65	2	187.50
Big Creek.....	Luther Smith.....	6	3				1	3	78	3	225.00
Raccoon.....	Marie Coleman.....	3						1	82	4	160.00
Peter Creek.....	Randy Smith.....	2			1	2	1	2	92	4	125.00
Sulphur Springs.....	Ronald Moore.....								52	1	75.00
Little Hope.....	Frank Ball.....						1	1	35	1	112.00
Grapevine.....	Olen J. May.....						1	1	21	3	75.00
Samaria.....	Leslie Hatfield.....	7	1				1	6	143	3	225.00
Little Union.....	Margie Lester.....								13	1	125.00
Johns Creek.....	Bonnie S. Rhodes.....	2	3		3	2		2	35	2	90.00
Calvary.....	Andrew Hunt.....	6			1	2		2	34	1	100.00
Dry Fork.....	Ruth Maynard.....	1						5	58	2	97.50
Friendship.....	Martin Childers.....								22	4	30.00
Columbus.....	Sandra Harris.....	1						1	78	4	100.00
Deerfield.....	Barbara Holyfield.....								55	4	125.00
Pleasant Hill.....	Gale McGuire.....				3				31	1	75.00
New Hope.....	Stella F. Thacker.....	3			3		3		16	4	80.00
	Totals	36	8	0	11	7	11	28	1,019		\$2,157.00



## Map to Calvary Church 1997 ANNUAL MEETING

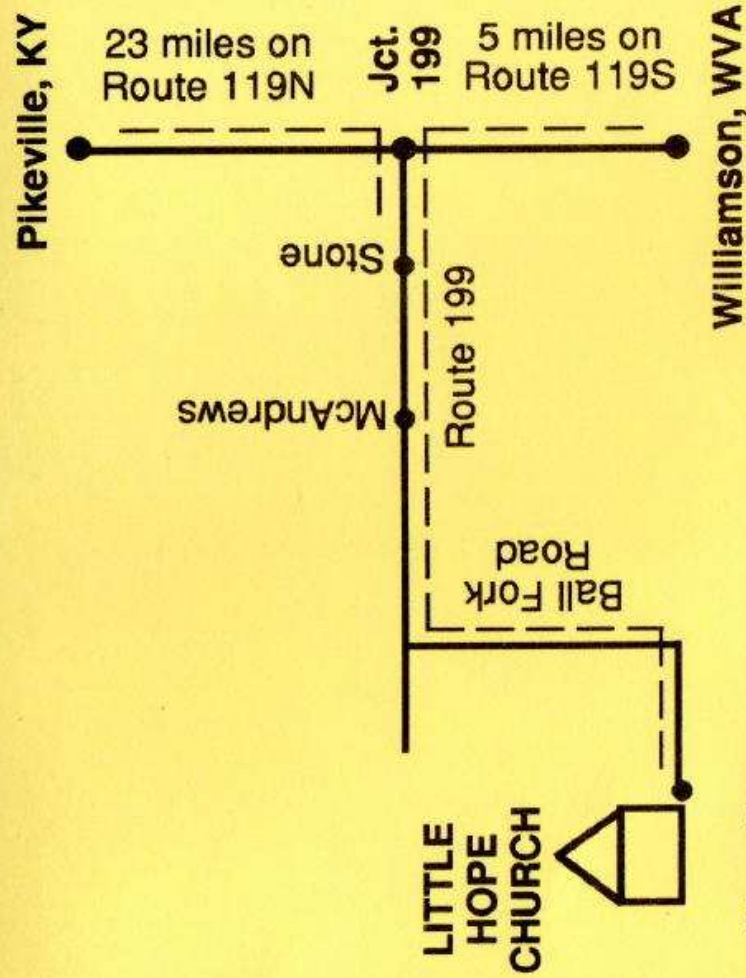


### Directions:

**From Pikeville:** Take Route 119 N for approx. 12 miles to Meta. Turn Right on Route 194 for 7 miles turn left on Varney's Branch Road.

**From Williamson, WVA:** Take Route 119S for approx. 18 miles to Meta. Turn left on Route 194 for 7 miles, turn left on Varney's Branch Road.

## Map to Little Hope Church 1997 ASSOCIATION MEETING



### Directions:

**From Pikeville:** Take Route 119N toward Stone, KY. After approx. 23 miles, turn right on Route 199 to Ball Fork Road (approx. 5 miles) turn left on Ball Fork Road and follow signs to association.

**From Williamson, WVA:** Take Route 119S toward Stone, KY. After approx. 5 miles, turn left on Route 199 to Ball Fork Road (approx. 5 miles) turn left on Ball Fork Road and follow signs to association.



