

**Minutes  
of the  
One Hundred Forty-Fifth  
Annual Session  
of the  
ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR  
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Organized in 1849  
Held with  
Little Hope  
Primitive Baptist Church  
Pinsonfork, Pike County, Kentucky  
September 5, 6, and 7, 1997**

Next Session convenes with the Grapevine Church, located at Grapevine, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1998.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Pikeville, KY: Take 460 East for approx. 21 miles to Rt. 1499 North. Continue on 1499 N. for 2 miles to Rt. 366. Continue on Rt. 366 for 2 miles. Church is on your right. From Williamson: Take Rt. 119 South for approx. 19 miles to Rt. 194 East. Continue on Rt. 194 for approx. 17 1/2 miles to Rt. 1499 South. Continue on Rt. 1499 to Rt. 366. Follow Rt. 366 for 2 miles. Church is on your right. (Further directions are on back cover.)

**Remember:** The actual site of the Association is at Little Union Church.

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## PROCEEDINGS

of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association held with the **LITTLE HOPE CHURCH**, Friday morning, September 5, 1997.

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

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Elmer Thacker. Text: Isaiah 40: (*"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God."*) Brother Elmer was blessed to preach a true and sound sermon to God's children.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the **LITTLE HOPE CHURCH** was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder J. C. Hager serve as Moderator Protem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Bro. Mike Scott 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

Moved and seconded to release Protem Moderator and Clerk

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 Association reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from Sister Associations were received and seated as follows:

**Sand Lick:** Garnell Gilbert, Jerold Yates, and Fayne Viers

**Burning Springs:** William Littleton, Jimmy Mann, and Owen Blanton

**St. Clair District:** Kenneth Presnell, Jonathan L. Cook, Curt Heath, and Blaine Owens

**Little Yadkin River:** Vance Jones

**Mt. Zion:** David Bailey

**New Liberty:** Gary D. Whaling and Hubert Sears

**Washington:** Larry Blevins and Victor Church

**Union:** Tommy Adams, Garry Adams, Teddy Stevans, Dallas Adams, and Trillis Adams

**Fisher's River:** Joey Jenkin

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



**Sand Lick:** Clayton Belcher, Don Looney, Lawrence Jackson, Betty Deel, Eugene Deel, Sidney Tivis Deel

**Burning Springs:** Loren Hensley, Roby Gullett, Donnie Lykins, Eulas Adkins, Hager Arnett, Phyllis Mann, Paul Gullett, Golda Gullett, Peggy Howard, and Louie Howard

**Little Yadkin River:** Hulda Jones

**St. Clairs District:** Shirley Pafford, Mae Fisher, Benita Cook, Jamie McGlocklin and Eula McGlocklin

**Union:** Bonnie Hampton, Jean Adams, Crystal Hampton and Mary Lynn Stevans

**Mt. Zion:** Ruby Bailey

**Washington:** Lola M. Church

**Bethel Church:** Penny M. Pitt, Kristy Seeley, Presley Seeley, and Lana Duty

**Mt. Enon Association of FL:** George and Virginia Thompson

**Miami Primitive Baptist Church:** Hesker Gillum, Bill Farley, and Billie Farley

**Senter Association:** Kenny McNeil

**Christian Life Center:** Thelma Dotson Ratliff

**Fairview Church:** Paul R. Shelton

**New Bethany Primitive Baptist:** Timothy Kirkland

**Oakwood Primitive Baptist:** John W. Kirk

**Campcreek Church of Georgia:** Wayne and Lou Fleming

**Roaring River:** Samuel E. Parrish, and Paul Felts

**Stoney Creek Church:** Louise and Elbert Hunter

**Fisher's River:** Thelma Jenkins

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Moved and seconded that Elder Don Hatfield and the messengers from the **Little Hope Church** were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday morning at **Little Hope Church:** Vance Jones and Elbert Hunter
- B. Friday afternoon at the **Stand:** Owen Blanton, J. C. Hager, and Jim Moore
- C. Friday night at **Grapevine:** Walter Sullivan, Estil Hackney, Kenny Chapman, Hester Gillum, and Noah Slone
- D. Friday night at **Peter Creek:** Elbert Hunter, Jim Moore, J. C. Hager, Mike Smith, and Paul Varney
- E. Friday night at **Old Pond:** David Bailey, Vance Jones, Elmer Thacker, and Don Hatfield



F. Friday night at **Raccoon**: Mike Elswick, Rufford Howell, David Allen Thacker, and Lundy Coleman

G. Saturday morning at the **Stand**: William Littleton, Garnell Gilbert, David Bailey, Herbert Sears, and Larry Blevins

H. Saturday afternoon at the **Stand**: Kenny McNeil, Curt Heath, Jerry Brown, and Robert Worrix

I. Saturday night at **Big Creek**: William Littleton, Victor Church, Jerold Yates, and Garnell Gilbert

J. Saturday night at **Samaria**: Paul Varney, Jerry Brown, J. C. Hager, Mike Smith, and Paris Blackburn

K. Saturday night at **Calvary**: Paul Shelton, Kenny McNeil, Samuel Parrish and Jim Moore

**Committee on Arrangements** was appointed as follows:  
Bradley Worrix, Jr., Mike Scott, Tom Chapman, Wade Ratliff, Tommy Lester, Frank Ball, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Edd Hunt, David A. Thacker, Everett Smith, Hal Arms, Martin Childress, Lundy Coleman, Danny May, Jimmie Moore, Elbert Church.

**Committee on Finance** was appointed as follows:  
Mike Elswick, Lonnie Simpkins, and John Jacobs

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

**Sand Lick**: Paul Varney, Harrison Smith and Noah Slone  
**Union**: John Jacobs, Noah Slone, David Allen Thacker, and Joseph Slone

**St. Clair District**: Noah Slone, Harrison Smith, John Jacobs, and Elmer Goff

**Burning Springs**: Harrison Smith, , Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Joseph Slone, and Elmer Brown

**Little Yadkin River**: Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, John Jacobs, Jim Moore, Elmer Brown, Don Hatfield, and Elmer Goff

**Mt. Zion**: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Jim Moore, and Elmer Goff

**New Liberty**: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, and Elmer Goff

**Fisher's River**: Randal Thornsberry, Leslie Hatfield, and Robert Worrix

**Washington**: Noah Slone, Joseph Slone, Don Hatfield, and Bradley Worrix, Jr.



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

#### SATURDAY MORNING:

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

Prayer by Elder William Littleton.

Roll called and absents marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at the tents at Little Hope Church and was called to order by the Moderator.

1. Recommend that we omit the reading of the letters before the committee
2. Recommend that Old Pond Church host the annual meeting for 1998
3. Recommend that Grapevine Church host the Association for 1998 with Little Union as their co-host. Association to actually take place at the Little Union Church for the sake of convenience
4. Called for the Circular Letter which was written by Elder Paul Varney. The Letter was read by Brother Paul. It was approved and moved that it be printed in the minutes and that Elder J. C. Hager prepare the Circular Letter for 1998.
5. Moved and seconded that our Moderator, Robert Worrix, ask Raccoon Church why they failed to send messengers.
6. 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 Old Pond Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1998.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

1. Song and Prayer by Elder Kenny McNeil
2. Elder Victor Church
3. Elder Samuel Parrish
4. Elder Michael Smith
5. Elder Robert Worrix



Finance Committee reported \$2,150.00 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:

**Louise:** Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Michael Elswick Rufford Howell, Greg Moore, Owen Blanton, Elmer Brown, and Ellis Lynn.

**Old Pond:** Don Hatfield, Paris Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Kenny Chapman, Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, David Allen Thacker, Greg Moore, Frank Ball, Elbert Church, Everette Brizendine, Jimmy Moore, and we would like to invite Price Vires and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers.

**Big Creek:** Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Greg Moore, Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Kenny Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, Mike Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, Paul Dean Justice, and David Coleman, Jr.

**Raccoon:** Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, David Coleman, Jr., Robert Worrix, David Allen Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Mike Smith, Elmer Brown, Jerry Brown, Eugene Blevins and all others invited to attend.

**Peter Creek:** Ernest Blair, Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore, Harrison Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Everette Brizendine, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David Coleman, Jr., and Franklin Viers.

**Sulphur Spring:** Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Don Stacy, Randal Thornsberry, Ernest Blair, Vance Jones, Everette Brizendine, David Allen Thacker, and Robbie Worrix.

**Little Hope:** Walter Sullivan, Jimmie L. Smith, Noah Slone, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kenny Chapman, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Elbert Church. We invite all others to attend that has a mind to be with us. We love all our brothers.

**Grapevine:** Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Monroe Justice, Clifford Thacker, Jimmie L. Smith, J. C. Hager, Allen Coleman, Don Hatfield, Fonso Justice, Greg Moore, Junior Adams, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, and Estle Hackney.



**Samaria:** Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris, J. C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, David Allen Thacker, Michael Elswick, Don Hatfield, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Bobby Blackburn, Randal Thornsberry, Harrison Smith, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

**Little Union:** Paul Varney, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsberry, Mile Elswick, Paul Dean Justice, John Jacobs, Rufford Howell, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, Harrison Smith, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, Don Hatfield, Elbert Church, J. C. Hager, Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, David Jacobs, and Mike Smith.

**Johns Creek:** Noah Slone, Jimmie Moore, Greg Moore, Jeff Chapman, Fonso Justice, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Jimmie L. Smith, Elbert Church, Ernest Blair, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, David May, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, Evert Brizendine, David Coleman, Jr., Lundy Coleman, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome. (NOTE: The memorial meeting will be held at Carl Coleman's home on the second Saturday night in July.)

**Calvary:** Don Hatfield, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Dean Justice, David Coleman, John Jacobs, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Quincey Stanley, Randal Thornsberry, 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 Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

**Dry Fork:** Ked Stacy, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Arrington, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Price Viers, Don Stacy, Elmer Brown, Licentiate Robbie Worrix, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome. (NOTE: Memorial services are held at our meeting time in July (Sunday) for Martha Street Family on Baldwin Mt. Memorial Services for the Boyd-Jackson Family will be held the last Sunday in August at the shed on Boyd Ridge.)

**Friendship:** Jimmy Lee Smith, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsberry, Don Hatfield, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church, Kenny Chapman, John Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn, and all orderly Primitives Baptist Ministers are welcome.

**Columbus:** Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Woodruff Dulin, Elmer Thacker, Greg Moore, Jimmy Moore, Paul Dean Justice, Elmer Brown, Onis Smith, Hesker Gillium, Ellis Lynn, Vance Jones, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, David Jacobs, and



Licentiate Robbie Worrix. We also invite all Mates Creek Elders, Brothers, and Sisters to attend.

**Deerfield:** 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, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Bob Arrington, Arnold Childress, Rufford Howell, and Licentiates Elmer Goff and Robbie Worrix.

**Pleasant Hill:** Robert Worrix, David A. Thacker, Jim Duty, David May, Kenny Chapman, J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Hester Gillium, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Tim Brewer, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Estil Hackney, Elbert Church, Lonnie Worrix, Licentiates Elmer Goff and Robbie Worrix. We also invite all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers.

**New Hope:** John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Elmer Thacker, David A. Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Don Hatfield, Paris Blackburn, Mike Elswick, Jimmy Moore, Virgil Smith, David Jacobs, David May, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsby, Greg Moore, Paul Varney, and Everette Brizindine.

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

Agreed that we have 2,000 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the obituaries of the following: Brothers: Elder Basil Hatfield, Elder Estel Owens, Abner L. Justice, Burgess Billiter, Joseph E. Varney, Charles E. Coleman, Jack B. Casey, Charlie H. Whitt, Buster Justice, Elder Zollie King, Verlan Hatfield, Kedna Charles, Cecil Smith, Danny Varney, Richard Paul Conn, Lestle Varney, Robert L. Coleman, John H. Stiltner, Reford Collins, Bobby A. Coleman, Elster Blackburn, Jack Coleman, Leo Epling, Franklin (June Bug) Hunt, Virgil Smith, Don W. Allison with his wife Fate Coleman Allison.

Sisters: LeEttie Norman, Lennie Justice, Marie Coleman, Goldie May, Orpha E. Thacker, Missouri Thacker, Cordia West, Martha Street, Birthie May, Leah Conley, Ennis Dotson, Jeanette Downs, Bessie Underwood, Dora Smith, Gracie McKee, Magdalene Biliter, Effie Layne, Emma Coleman, Vicy Elizabeth Charles, Esta L. Smith, Florence Ball, Alice L. Hunt, Hazel Bessie Clark, Brianne and Cheyenne Casey, infant twins.

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:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$3,726.07
Amount Received from churches	2,150.00
Amount for obituaries	455.00
Donations	<u>67.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u>	\$6,398.07

CASH PAID OUT:

Gave for 1996 Minutes	\$1,474.22
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	<u>50.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</u>	\$1,674.22

BALANCE LEFT ON HAND \$4,723.85

**NOTE:** All monies taken up at church services was given to visiting Elders, as well as visitors, by the Preaching Committee. These amounts are not shown in the Financial Report.

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Grapevine Church of Grapevine, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 o'clock, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1998. Elder David A. Thacker was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder David Jacobs to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed by prayer by Elder Victor Church, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Robert Worrix	Moderator
Michael Smith	Assistant Moderator
Randal Thornsbury	Clerk
Leslie Hatfield	Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING - September 7, 1997

**INTRODUCTION:** Elder Kenny McNeil of Senter Association. Brother Kenny was blessed in prayer for humility in God's people, and for peace in Zion.

1. **Elder Victor Church** of Washington Association "*In the beginning God...*" Brother Victor was wonderfully blessed to deliver a sound, uplifting sermon.

2. **Elder Samuel Parrish** of Roaring River Association ( 2 Tim. 4:2) "*Preach the word ...*" Brother Parrish was blessed to give sound instruction.



3. **Elder Michael Smith** of Mates Creek Association. Brother Mike was truly blessed to preach a very uplifting sermon.

4. **Elder Robert Worrix**, Moderator, Mates Creek Association. (Rom. 10:15) "...as it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace* ... Brother Robert was blessed to close out the Association with much unity and love.

5. **Elder Lawrence Jackson** of Sand Lick Association dismissed with a warm and heart-felt prayer of thanksgiving.



## CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Brethren, Messengers, and Ministers which compose the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association on the One Hundred Forty-Fifth Annual Session when they convene with the Little Hope Church of the 5th, 6th, 7th, of September, 1997.

As chosen I will make the effort and GOD to give the increase to write the circular letter.

**Rom. 5: 12-13** *Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned.*

*For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*

**Rom 5:19** *For as by one mans disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

**Rom. 5:20** *Remember, the law entered that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.*

**Psalms 51:5** *We was shapened in iniquity; and in sin did our mothers conceive us.*

We separated ourself from GOD by our sin; which we received from Adam by the transgression of mankind.

There isn't but one way back to GOD our Father. This is the only way "Jesus Christ". The only way to recovery from this condition that mankind was in, it is by the sovereign, free and unmerited Grace of GOD.

The atonement made by Christ stands completed for every Heir of Promise. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life and the Resurrection. The blood of Christ has cleansed us from all sins. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

**Ephesians 1:7** *Our salvation is in Jesus Christ. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*

**Ephesians 1:11** *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.*

**Ephesians 4:1-3** *Let us not cease to give thanks and praying to GOD for one another, that we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. With longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.*

**Hebrews 12:5-6** *Lest us despise not thou the chastening of the Lord nor faint when thou are rebuked of Him; For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth and scourgeth "every son whom He receiveth."*

There shall be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust; And we stand in hope of eternal life which GOD promised before the world began. No greater love then no man has than a man lay his life down for his friend, (The family of God). This love is shed



abroad in our hearts.

Before a brother or sister can take the Lord's Supper or wash feet they must be baptized into the fellowship of the Saints of GOD. This is those that have been regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating Power of GOD'S GRACE. GRACE is a Gift Received At Christ's Expense.

If there is anyone who desires a home in the church they should act upon the faith that GOD has given them to enjoy the everlasting Eternal Salvation of GOD through His Son "Jesus Christ."

May the Lord bless all of us.

Elder Paul W. Varney  
In Hope of Eternal Life



## MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

**Louisa:** Ireland Adkins, Joseph Slone, Bradley Worrix, Jr., Keen (Bud) Slone. **Louisa's Alternate:** Jeff Belcher

**Old Pond:** Mike Scott, Clifford Hunt, Stearl Scott, Don Hatfield  
**Old Pond's Alternate:** Leslie Hatfield

**Big Creek:** John Jacobs, Luther Smith, Tom Chapman, Lawrence Elswick. **Big Creek's Alternate:** Sid Fleming

**Raccoon:** Clifton Preece, Fonso Justice, Timothy Joe Coleman  
**Raccoon's Alternate:** Paul Dean Justice

**Peter Creek:** Daris Kender, Wade Ratliff, Stirl Smith, Randy Smith  
**Peter Creek's Alternate:** Everette Brizendine

**Sulphur Spring:** Ronald Moore, Tommie Lester, Arthur May, Junior Blackburn. **Sulphur Spring's Alternate:** Paul Smith

**Little Hope:** Frank Ball, Landon Stanley, Mitchie Blackburn, Virgil Smith. **Little Hope's Alternate:** J. B. Ball

**Grapevine:** Noah Slone, Donald Justice, Howard Anderson, Bradley Coleman. **Grapevine's Alternate:** Argle Kendrick

**Samaria:** Millard Whitt, Everett Smith, Lonnie Simpkins, Opa Hatfield. **Samaria's Alternate:** Dennis Dotson

**Little Union:** Ricky Blair, Paul Varney, Oscar Blair, Ernest Blair.  
**Little Union Alternate:**

**Johns Creek:** Edd Hunt, Carl Coleman, Larry Coleman, Roger Dotson. **Johns Creek's Alternate:** Harrison Smith

**Calvary:** David Allen Thacker, Wayne Varney, Glen Vipperman, Larry David Chapman. **Calvary's Alternate:** Andrew Hunt

**Dry Fork:** Carl Vandyke, Howell Arms, Jennings Boyd.  
**Dry Fork's Alternate:** Harold Cline

**Friendship:** Martin Childers, Troy Wheeler, Michael Elswick, David May. **Friendship's Alternate:** Elmer Thacker

**Columbus:** Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Lonnie Worrix, Lamuel Coleman. **Columbus's Alternate:** Rufford Howell

**Deerfield:** Donnie Jackson, John Holyfield, Harold Blackburn, Danny May. **Deerfield's Alternate:** Charles Blackburn

**Pleasant Hill:** Jim Moore, Greg Moore, James Tennis Dotson  
**Pleasant Hill's Alternate:**

**New Hope:** Elbert Church, Kennie Chapman, Walter Sullivan, William Dotson. **New Hope's Alternate:** Paul Dotson



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**CHURCH****MODERATOR****COMMUNION**

Louisa	Robert Worrix	August 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Don Hatfield	June 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	August 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	July 4th Saturday
Sulpher Spring	Elmer Brown	August 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmie Lee Smith	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope	Bobby Blackburn	July 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Noah Slone	May 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Michael Smith	June 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	April 2nd Saturday
Little Union	Paul Varney	May 1st Saturday
Calvary	Michael Elswick	June 1st Saturday
	David A. Thacker	
Dry Fork	Elmer Brown	May 2nd Saturday
Friendship	Elmer Thacker	August 4th Saturday
	David May	
Deerfield	J. C. Hager	June 4th Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Woodruff Dulen	April 3rd Saturday
New Hope	Elbert Church	May 4th Saturday
	Walter Sullivan	



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Virgil Smith, 449 Ball Fk. Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555	(606) 353-4761
Quincey Stanley, 1697 Stratton Fork Rd. Canada, KY 41519	(606) 353-7947
Randal Thornsburys, 1169 Coeburn Hollow Huddy, KY 41535	(606) 353-9234
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	Vernon Napier 8519 Old Stage Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068	<u>12</u>
	TOTAL MINUTES	2,000





## Elder Basil Hatfield

In loving memory of our precious father, Basil Hatfield, born on December 6, 1903, and departed this life November 28, 1996 at the age of 92. Dad was assistant moderator of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church of Belfry, KY. He was baptized by Elder J. H. Keaton in 1944, ordained a Deacon in 1945, and ordained an Elder on March 21, 1951.

Dad was married to Elizabeth Smith on September 2, 1921; she preceded him in death on December 1, 1992, at the age of 88.

Together they raised ten children - five boys: Ralph, Fred, G. C., Cecil, and Eugene; five girls: Opal Bailey, Pauline Layne, Ruth Robinson, Glendine Bell, and Betty Jo Coleman, who passed away on August 3, 1996. They had 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Dad was a retired UMWA miner and also owned and operated a grocery store in Belfry for 37 years and later owned and operated his own coal mines.

Dad preached many funerals for loved ones and friends; he lived his life for the Primitive Baptist Church. He always told us to be honest, treat your fellow man as you would want to be treated, be careful what you say about your fellow man, and trust in the Lord. Dad always said that you preach your own funeral. He was always active, working in his garden, hunting, fishing, or taking garden products to the widows and elderly people who were confined in their homes. He continued to do these things up until three months before his death.

Almost every day we shed a tear for the good memories we have of Dad. It seems everything we see or touch reminds us of him.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 1, 1996 at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, with Don Hatfield, Bobby Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, and Mike Elswick officiating. Place of interment was the Basil Hatfield Family Cemetery at Belfry, KY. "Our loss is Heaven's gain". We miss you, Dad. Written by son and daughter-in-law Cecil and Shelvia Hatfield.





## Elder Estel Owens

With a sad and broken heart I attempt to write the obituary of my precious Daddy, Estel Owens, whom God called home on April 9, 1997, making his stay here 71 years, 11 months, and 18 days. Born April 21, 1925 in Buchanan County, Virginia, he was the son of James A. "Big Foot Jim" Owens and Elizabeth (Sutherland) Owens.

Daddy was a coal miner for many years in Virginia before moving to Michigan where he was a welder for Ford Motor Company where he took medical retirement in 1979. He served with the U. S. Navy in World War II aboard the U. S. S. Bostwick.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two infant daughters: Ellene Gail and Lillie Elizabeth Owens; one son: Richard Keith Owens; four sisters: Ella, Arminda, Jewell, and Winnie Owens; four brothers: Luther, Stanford, Earl, and his twin Ersel; two grandchildren: Lillie Plackard and Johathan Berzley.

Survivors include his wife Flossie (Edwards) Owens; three daughters: Diann Justice, Kay Plackard and Brenda Davis; two sons: Joe and Tim Owens; one sister: Molly Owens; one brother: Troy Owens; nine grandchildren, one "adopted" granddaughter; three great-grandchildren; four aunts, and many nieces and nephews. A host of brothers and sisters in the the Lord and many friends also mourn his passing.

A firm believer in salvation by the grace of God, Daddy united with Sandlick Primitive Baptist Church in January, 1962; soon thereafter, he felt burdened to preach and went to stand for the first time in June, 1962. He was ordained an Elder of the Church in May of 1963. Dad attended church regularly and remained a loyal and faithful servant proclaiming God's great love and tender mercy as long as he had breath to do so.

Dad was blessed with a wonderful understanding of the Scriptures and with dreams and visions which he was able to interpret in the spirit. A great defender of the faith, the Church was his life and greatest joy.

Daddy suffered many afflictions and endured much pain and suffering but never failed to call on God for the grace, faith, and patience to bear his afflictions; he was a great inspiration to his family and all who knew him; even while enduring great suffering and pain, he was blessed to rejoice with tears of joy and to share many sweet thoughts with us.

We thank God for giving us such a loving, patient Daddy who was there to encourage and help us in times of trouble and disappointment in our own lives. His love, the Love of God in him, was evident in all he did and said. Though our family circle be broken here, we are



comforted to believe that he is resting in the arms of Jesus where we hope to join him some day.

Written by his heartbroken daughter, Diann Owens Justice.



### **Abner L. Justice**

In memory of our loving father, Abner L. Justice, we will try to write his obituary. He left this world on December 11, 1996 to be with his Heavenly Father. He was born on September 10, 1902, which made his stay on this earth a total of 94 years, 3 months, and 1 day. He was the son of the late Green Epp and Bernie Kendrick Justice.

He joined the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on August 10, 1941. He was a deacon of the Church for 51 years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Esther Justice, September 9, 1977. They were married 57 years and 10 months. To this union were born 6 children: Hazard Justice and Whitten Justice, who preceded him in death; leaving to mourn his loss four children: two sons: Hassel Justice, Pikeville, Kentucky, and Victor L. Justice, Dayton, Ohio; two daughters: Hazel J. Pugh, Benton, Kentucky, and Lorraine J. Coleman, Louisville, Kentucky.

Also preceding him in death was his second wife, Flossie J. Justice, who died on October 25, 1989.

He also leaves to mourn his loss one sister, Bertha J. Crawford, Dayton, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson and a host of relatives and friends.

We all miss Dad, but with our prayers and faith in God, we'll meet him again in that beautiful Heavenly Home.

Written by his loving daughter and son, Lorraine J. Coleman and Hassel Justice.



### **Burgess Billiter**

With a sad heart, I'll try to write the obituary of my dear husband of 56 years. Burgess Billiter was the son of W. H. and America Coleman Billiter. He was born November 17, 1917 and passed away in his sleep November 18, 1996, one day after his 79th birthday. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Hatfield and Opal White, and a son-in-law, Butch Baldrige.

We were united in marriage November 16, 1940, and to our union three daughters were born: Barbara Ann Baldrige, Brenda Jean Varney, and Deborah Kay Stanley.



He was a member of the Meathouse Primitive Baptist Church, a retired coal miner, a U. S. World War II Veteran, a member of the Stone Masonic Lodge 890 F & AM, and the United Mine Workers of America. He didn't unite with the church until October 22, 1995, but everyone thought he had been a member for years. He loved to sing and enjoyed the fellowship of his brothers and sisters in the church.

He was a hard-working man and a good provider for his family. He loved to help anyone he thought was in need. I believe he is in Heaven resting from his pain and suffering, and I hope by God's grace to join him some day. Besides his wife and daughters, he leaves four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two step-grandchildren, four sisters, and a special lady, Pricy Varney, whom he called his sister, and many relatives and friends to mourn his passing; for he was loved by all that knew him. Written by his wife who loves and misses him every day, Ailene Billiter.



### **Joseph E. Varney**

The obituary of Joseph E. Varney, of Dix Fork, Sidney, Kentucky. Born July 14, 1907, he was the son of the late George and Sara Ann Pauley Varney. He passed away January 15, 1997, and would have been 90 years old in July.

He was united in marriage to Pricy May Varney on October 5, 1940; they were never blessed with any children. He was a retired bulldozer operator for Columbia Fuel.

Joseph was of the Primitive Baptist faith, and attended church as long as he was able to go. Some of the elders and members of the church would visit them and have prayer and singing, and he and his wife enjoyed it so much. He was a loving husband, a good neighbor, and would help anyone he could.

Besides his wife, he leaves one sister, Mary Justice, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends to mourn his death. He was buried in the family cemetery at Dix Fork. Written by a niece by marriage, Aliene Billiter.



### **Charles E. Coleman**

Charles Edward Coleman, 50, of Ransom, Kentucky, died April 30, 1995, at his mother's home. Born February 15, 1945 at Ransom, he was preceded in death by his father, Frank Coleman, and by his grandparents, John and Mazzie Coleman and Albert and Elzie "Mammie" Hatfield. He is survived by his mother, Lassie Coleman; sons: Charles "Chuckie" and Kevin; daughters: Marlena Browning and Crystal Coleman; and five grandchildren.



Charles was a retired coal miner for Eastern Coal Company, a member of the Moose Lodge, V. F. W. and American Legion. A U. S. Army veteran, he served in the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart.

We know that in God he trusted, that was gracious, wise and just, that He will raise us all from the sleeping dust to take us home where all will be well, because by "His Son's love" blessed Charles to tell that His wonderous grace will never fail. Amen. We miss him, and I know his Mother is lonely, but some sweet day we'll see all our loved ones in Heaven to never part any more. "The greatedst family reunion". Written in memory of him for his mother who requested it of us. His aunt, Abbie Justice and her children.



### **Jack B. Casey**

Jack B. Casey, 67, of Dayton, Ohio, was called home to be with the Lord Thursday, January 9, 1997, at Good Samaritan Hospital. He was preceded in death by his wife Francis and by his parents, Ralph and Katie Casey.

Surviving are his daughters: Leslie Pelfree and husband Merle, Jackie Hindman and husband Rick; son Tim; stepdaughters Jonetta Hester and Maribeth Sue Fletcher; grandchildren Timothy Casey, Alisia Pelfree, Jonny Hindman, Casey Hindman; mother of his children, Mary E. Riley; three sisters: Billie Farley and husband Bill, Joann Napier and husband Vernon, Janice Eldridge and husband Jim, and many friends and relatives.

Jack loved the Lord and he loved the Primitive Baptist doctrine; he would talk on the phone with his sisters for hours about the good things of God. Rest on dear brother until we meet again.

You walk upon streets of gold  
and wear a golden crown;  
You sing with angels, oh so sweet  
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.





## Charlie H. Whitt

With sad and heavy hearts we write this obituary of our beloved Charlie: husband, father, and Papaw. Charlie Whitt, 82, of Merrimac, West Virginia, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, August 24, 1997, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital at South Williamson, Kentucky. Born April 4, 1915 at Berwind, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Jonah and Elizabeth Whitt. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Jane Moore, son Charles Whitt, and brothers: Bert, Wallace, Bill, and Leck Whitt.

Survivors: wife, Nadine Whitt; sons: Julius, Jim, Ed, Danny, Rick, Mack, and Sam Whitt; daughters: Brenda Whitt, Betty Jo McCoy, Patty Varney, Roberta Blackburn, and Maggie SESCO; 27 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, all of whom he dearly loved.

Charlie was a retired state road employee and a disabled miner. He attended Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church with one of his closest and dearest friends, Elder Don Hatfield.

Our hearts were filled with sorrow that Sunday when his wife, children, and grandchildren gathered by his side waiting for the Lord to take him home. Though our hearts were broken, we were at peace, knowing he would be with Jesus to suffer no more. Our Papaw was a kind, loving, gentle, God-fearing man that everyone knew and liked; he never met a stranger, and I know he was no stranger to the Lord. Papaw, we will be lost without you, but we know your heart has a new home in Heaven. Until we meet again, we love you and pray you watch over us all just like you did when you were here. Loved and missed by us all. The Whitt family. Written by Rosie Whitt.



## Buster Justice

It is with much sorrow and fond memories we write the obituary of our loved one, Buster Justice: husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend. Born November 2, 1921, he was the son of the late Roland and Sirilda (Justice) Justice. He passed away January 8, 1997.

He is survived by his wife of forty-nine years, Garnet Stiltner Justice; three children: Rose Justice, Bonnie Justice, and Danny Justice; six grandchildren, four great grandchildren; and three sisters: Marie Buck, Phoebe Adkins, and Lucille Adkins. He was the son-in-law of the late Myrtle Stiltner.

Buster served four years in the Army and worked for thirty years in the coal industry to support his family. Upon retiring, he lived in



Jamestown, Tennessee for nineteen years enjoying the outdoors, gardening, and fishing. After becoming seriously ill, he returned to be close to his family, making his home at Feds Creek, Kentucky. Although he was very ill the last year, he enjoyed being with his family and welcomed all who came to see him. Although he is sadly missed, we find comfort in knowing that he made peace with the Lord. We have many memories that we hold close in our hearts. Although we know that he cannot return to us, we can go to him. "In our Father's house are many mansions...". Sadly missed by family and friends.

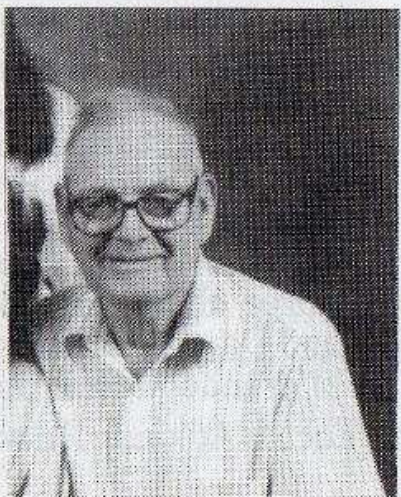


### **Elder Zollie King**

Elder Zollie King, age 89, departed this life January 29, 1997. Born in Johnson County, Kentucky on May 8, 1907, he was a member of the church over 50 years and a minister for 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie Ferguson King. They were married 61 years and seven months at his death. To their union were born five children, two of whom, Irene (Jim) Moore and Gerry (Pam) King survive; in addition, he is survived by five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. Three sons: Harold, Eugene, and Paul, and two great-grandchildren preceded him in death.

A faithful and devoted husband, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, and great-great grandpa, he was faithful in his labors to provide for his family. He was loved by his family and fellow servants in the church and a special friend to little children. We look forward to being with him in the future, in a far better life. We find comfort in the Scripture, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord"..Memories of him will linger with us through the years to come. He was a member of Poes Run United Baptist Church. (Written by the family).



### **Verlan Hatfield**

Verlan Hatfield, 85, of Blackberry, died Friday, December 13, 1996, in Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, KY.

Born September 14, 1911, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Wayne and Lavina Phillips Hatfield.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his parents, were five infant children and a brother, Thurman Hatfield.

He was a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Ransom, Kentucky, a retired coal miner, and member of the United Mine Workers Union.



Survivors include his wife, Helen Collins Hatfield; Stepchildren: Margaret Scott, Teddy, Paul, James Michael, and Carl Jeffrey McCoy, and Jacqueline Lowe; sisters: Lassie McCoy, and Myrtle Conn.

The funeral was held Monday, December 16, 1996, Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, with burial following at Hatfield Cemetery, Ransom.



### **Kedna Charles**

We bow in humble submission to the will of God in calling our beloved, Kedna Charles, home to be with Him.

Kedna Charles, 70, of Phyllis, died Friday, January 10, 1997 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida.

He was born January 23, 1926, the son of Annie (Charles) Charles of Norton, Virginia and the late Mack Charles.

He was a World War II veteran, a member of the United Mine Workers of America, and a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church since May 17, 1958.

He was preceded in death by one son, Dwayne Charles.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Vada Jane Charles; one son, Estill Charles of Kimper, Kentucky; two daughters: Sue Hunt of Feds Creek and Linda Bowman of Kimper, Kentucky; six brothers: Nelson Charles, Jerry Charles, and Richard Charles, all of Clinchco, Virginia; Fred Charles of Orient, Ohio; Edgar Charles of Bristol, Virginia; Bill Charles of Raccoon, Kentucky; four sisters: Artie Ratliff of Clinchco; Trinnie O'Quinn of Florida; Alta Elswick of Michigan; Phyllis Charles of Raccoon, Kentucky; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 1997 in the Justice Chapel with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating.

Kedna was laid to rest in the Annie E. Young Cemetery to sleep until the trumpet shall sound and all the redeemed meet the Lord in the air. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by Elkhorn City DAV Chapter 140. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". Written at the request of the family by Elder Robert B. Worrix.

### **Cecil Smith**



Cecil Smith, 76, of Elkhorn City, Kentucky, died on Monday, December 23, 1996. He was born at Phelps, Kentucky on April 26, 1920, a son of the late Ballard and Cordella Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers: Columbus, Virgil, Sidney, and Curtis Smith.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. Smith; three daughters: Frances Carol Smith, Bonnie Jean Smith, and Linda R. Smith; three sisters:



Annie Martin, Lassie Hatfield, and Bertha Mae Smith; and one brother, Thomas Freeland Smith.

Cecil was a retired coal miner and steel worker, having formerly worked for the Kimper and Feds Creek Coal Companies, and Korhumel Steel Company in Chicago.

Funeral services were held at Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Phelps, Kentucky on Friday, December 27, 1996, with burial following in the Ballard Smith Family Cemetery at Smith Fork Road, Phelps, Kentucky, on Saturday, December 28, 1996. Arrangements by Bailey Funeral Home, Elkhorn City, Kentucky.



### **Danny Varney**

With a sad and lonely heart, I try to write the obituary of our son, Danny Gerald Varney. Born November 16, 1953, the son of Wayne and Arizona Varney, he passed away December 10, 1996 in ICU at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Danny was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Left to mourn his passing, in addition to Mom and Dad, are three sons: Darrell Wayne, Danny Dewayne, and Jason Varney; four sisters: Christine Varney, Barbara Varney Keene, Shelia Varney Owens, and Deborah Varney Tackett; four brothers: Roger, Gregory, Denver, and Jeffery Varney; one grandson, Darrell Wayne Varney, Jr.; and one step-granddaughter, Brenda.

God blessed us to have Danny for 43 years. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. We love and miss you. Written by the Varney family.



### **Richard Paul Conn**

With precious memories, I am writing the obituary of my dear beloved brother, Richard Paul Conn.

Richard was born June 17, 1928 and departed this life June 11, 1997, making his stay on earth sixty-eight (68) years eleven (11) months and twenty-four (24) days. He was the son of the late Joe Conn and Mary Ellen Dotson Conn.

He is survived by five sisters: Delsie Wean, Hazel Eades, Elsie Smith, all of Hurley, Virginia, Pearl Powell of McDowell, West Virginia, and Jean Ganz of Pickerington, Ohio; one brother Joe Jr. Conn of Hurley, Virginia. He was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

Richard united with the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church March 1, 1997 and was baptized on March 2, 1997. It was so cloudy



that day he was baptized, but God opened up the clouds and let the sun shine for a few minutes. The water was so swift and muddy, but Richard didn't mind it at all.

He served over twenty years in the United States Air Force and received several Medals of Honor.

Richard was in church only a short period of time, but he really enjoyed the services and the fellowship with his brothers and sisters in the Lord.

The words of the following poem express the feelings about our loved one.

We picture our love one standing  
close by our Savior's side  
And happiness fills our heart.  
It's a joy we cannot hide.  
And though his face, we long to see,  
The hand we yearn to touch.  
To know our love one is with the Lord,  
It means so very much.

Written by his sister, Elsie Smith.



### **Lestle Varney**

With many loving memories and sad and broken hearts, we write the obituary of our dear Dad, Lestle Varney, who passed away October 21, 1996 at the age of 79, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Dad was born December 10, 1916 in Pike County. Our precious and loving mother, Myrtle Pugh Varney preceded him in death on October 20, 1987.

Dad was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church since November 4, 1978, where

he was a Deacon.

Left to mourn his loss are four sons: Ricky Dale, Kenneth, James Lestle "Buster", and Michael Varney; and five daughters: Marlene Miller, Henrietta Cole, Sandy Jerrell, Evelyn Meadows, and Janice Holbrook; 19 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, and a host of friends and relatives. We feel in our hearts we gave up the sweetest dad anyone could have and that our loss is Heaven's gain. Rest on, Dad, we hope to meet you again some day. Written by the children.





### **Robert L. Coleman**

Robert L. (Bob) Coleman, 68, of Kimper, Kentucky, died Tuesday, July 22, 1997 at his home with his loving family by his side. While his accomplishments as a U. S. Marine and later as an entrepreneur were commendable, his love for his family far exceeded his actual achievements. For now all that is left are the memories of his love that we all experienced, his deeds and his laughter during the hard times, and most of all Daddy's beautiful smile.

The last time we saw Daddy before he was laid to rest, he had that smile, and even though his eyes were closed, we are sure he now has them open with the sparkle we were accustomed to. All we can say for now is goodbye, and we will miss you, Daddy, until we meet again. Your loving family, Ruby, Susie, and Bobbi.



### **John H. Stiltner**

With a very sad heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear sweet and loving dad, John H. Stiltner. Born June 28, 1914 at Simmers, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Basel and Virgie Thornsburry Stiltner. He died on February 27, 1997, making his stay here 82 years.

He was a member of the Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church where, he was a deacon.

Dad was married to Vicie Smith Stiltner on February 14, 1936. She preceded him in death on March 18, 1995. To their union were born four sons and three daughters. One daughter preceded them in death in 1966.

Dad stayed with my husband and me after Mom died; we tried to make him as comfortable and welcome as possible, but he was so lonely because he wanted to be home. In the last few weeks, we sat with him day and night so that he would not be alone when the angels came to take him home. I was so blessed to hold him in my arms until God took his last breath. We loved him so very much, and miss him terribly, but I have peace in my heart knowing that Mom and Dad have a much better place to go where there will be no pain or trouble ever again. The old home place will never be the same, but Mom and Dad are asleep in Jesus waiting for the homecoming day. He is sadly missed by all his children, family, and friends. Written by his daughter, Pauline Robinson.





## Reford Collins

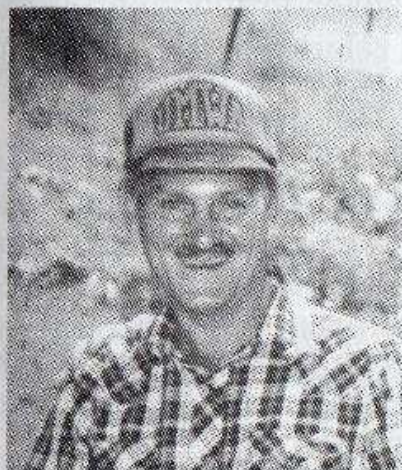
With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of a dear friend and neighbor, Reford Collins, who passed away at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital on October 5, 1996. Born in Pike County on June 12, 1926, he was the son of the late Mont Collins and Mattie Charles Collins.

He is survived by his wife, Elgie Collins; one son and daughter-in-law, "John" Lester and Brenda Collins; one daughter and son-in-law, Esther and Jerry Cumber; three grandchildren; Heath Collins, Kim Stanley, and Jont T. Cumber; two sisters: Evelyn McCoy and Glema Brown; one half-brother Harold Collins; and four half-sisters: Beatrice Newsome, Helen Moore, Eula Lowe, and Mildred Nichols.

He will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Thank God he is at rest now with no more pain and sorrow.

"When we lie down and go to sleep  
We wake with sorrow, more tears to weep  
But he's asleep and free from care,  
Waiting to meet Jesus up in the air."

Some day we hope to meet in Heaven never to part again. Written by Fannie Justice by request of the family.



## Bobby A. Coleman 1943 - 1997

With the help of God, we will try to write this obituary of our beloved Daddy and Husband, Bobby A. Coleman. He was born on May 4, 1943, at Raccoon, and departed from this life on June 12, 1997, at his residence, making his stay here 54 years, 1 month, and 8 days. He was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church.

United in marriage to Louise Justice Coleman on August 4, 1970, they were blessed with two children: Bobby Jr. and Tina Louise, and a son-in-law, Steven Coleman.

Daddy was a disabled coal miner who had a sense of humor that made us laugh. One of his favorite hobbies was to sing gospel songs that expressed his belief in God. We can still hear him singing Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound and Jesus Left His Home in Glory.

Many people will remember Daddy by his smile; he smiled even when ill or down-hearted. Although Daddy is gone, he lives in the



hearts and minds of his family and friends who know and loved him. We thank God for the wonderful memories he has left us.

God in His mercy took Daddy home to rest. We will miss him more than words can ever express, but we must go on until the Lord calls. We hope to meet Daddy in that sweet and happy Land where there will be no more pain or sorrow. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain! Written with Love by his family: Louise, Andy, and Sissy.



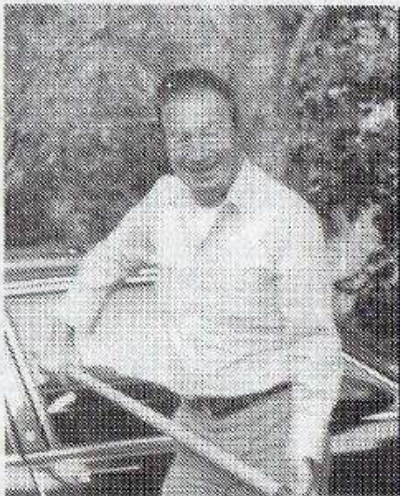
### **Elster Blackburn**

With much sadness and many tears I write the obituary of my Grandfather, Elster Blackburn, of River Hurricane, Fishtrap, Kentucky. He died at home at 75 years of age. Born November 13, 1921, he was the son of Daniel Gemes Blackburn and Texie Kendrick Blackburn. He served in the U. S. Army in World War II and was a retired railroad laborer.

He was married to Sarah Thacker Blackburn on December 12, 1942; she preceded him in death after 46 years of marriage. They joined Louisa Primitive Baptist Church at Rock Road, Millard, Kentucky, on October 10, 1974.

Also preceding him in death were his father, mother, three brothers: Obert, Olan, and Elmer Blackburn, and one sister: Opal James.

Left to mourn his loss are one sister, Erma Jones; three sons and daughters-in-law: Elster Ray and Jewell Blackburn; Roger Dean and Sandra Blackburn; Ralph Chester and Dicie Blackburn; one daughter and son-in-law: Shirley Jane and Robert Sweaney; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives. Written by his granddaughter Madeania Justice and family.



### **Jack Coleman**

With much sadness and loneliness I write this obituary of my precious and beloved husband, Jack Coleman. Born November 19, 1934, at Upper Pompey, Fishtrap, Kentucky, he was the only child of George Jefferson and Bertha Thacker Coleman. He departed this life January 9, 1997. We were married September 1, 1956. To our loving union were born five wonderful children; two sons: Michael Coleman and Jeffrey Jack Coleman of Raccoon; and three daughters: Judy Coleman of Taylor

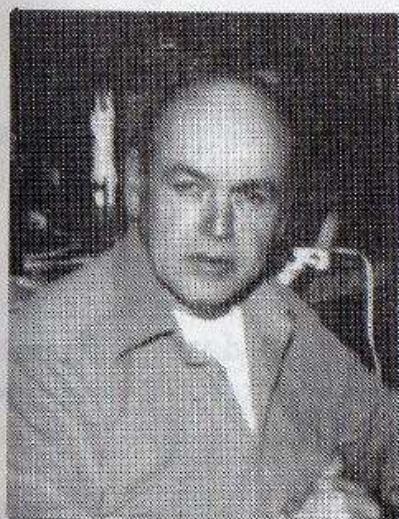
Road, Susie Blackburn of Raccoon, and Shelia Thompson of Zebulon. He worked hard to raise our children, and I thank God he was blessed to live to see them all grown. Also surviving, in addition to his mother,



are five wonderful grandchildren: Cassie, Kelly, Nicky, Mandy, and Candi. His father preceded him in death on January 4, 1991.

Words can't express the loneliness and heartache I feel without him; he was a wonderful, loving husband and father, a kind and humble man. We told each other many times neither of us could make it alone; now, I experience the reality of being without him. I believe that on that morning when the death angel came for him, God said "Come on my child, it is time to rest". No more pains of any kind, just sweet wonderful peace until that glorious day when he will meet Jesus in the air when he is taken home to Heaven, by the grace of God, to live forever in that beautiful mansion. He loved the Lord and the Primitive Baptist Church. He was baptized on November 10, 1968 and was ordained a deacon in March, 1970.

I still feel his presence here. I loved him so much. I lost not only my husband and companion; I lost my best friend in this world. Written by his broken-hearted wife, Sarah Coleman.



### **Leo Epling**

In memory of my beloved father, Leo Epling, whom God called home on January 4, 1997. Born September 7, 1919, at East Lynn, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Albert Mack and Rhoda Mills Epling. Daddy was a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Corp., and an Army veteran of World War II. He was of the Baptist faith.

Preceding him in death were his twin brother Secso and brothers Pearley and Scott Epling.

Daddy leaves behind his wife, Robena Ball Epling; six children: Shirley, Brenda, Terri, Cody, Gary, and Donald; grandchildren: James and Rodney McIntosh, Jim Shaw, Michelle, Gary, Cassandra, Tim, and Kim Epling; and great-grandchildren. He has one surviving brother, Rev. Verlin Epling of Red Jacket, West Virginia, and a sister, Carrie Epling Thomas of East Lynn.

I will always remember the love, kindness, laughter, and tears that we shared together. Words cannot express how much we loved him. We have suffered the loss of a special father, husband, brother, and friend. Our greatest hope is to be with Daddy again in Heaven where there will be no more parting. I love you so much, Daddy. Your daughter, Brenda McIntosh.

### **Franklin (June Bug) Hunt**

Franklin Hunt, 63, of Huddy, Kentucky, died on July 23, 1997, at his home. He was the son of the late Frank, Jr. and Alice Blackburn Hunt. Franklin was a retired worker from the Ford Motor Company of



Detroit, Michigan and also a retired veteran from the U. S. Army. In addition to his parents, Franklin was preceded in death by one brother, James E. Hunt.

Left to mourn Franklin's passing are his two brothers: Harry W. Hunt of Huddy, Kentucky and Thomas E. Hunt of Marine City, Michigan. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews along with a host of neighbors and friends.

Funeral services were conducted for Brother Franklin on July 25, 1997 at the Rogers Funeral Home by Elder Don Hatfield, and he was laid to rest at the Mt. View Memory Gardens at Huddy, KY. Serving as pallbearers were: Frank O'Brien, Thomas J. Hunt, Bruce Hunt, Matt Hunt, and James Hunt.

June Bug was deeply loved by his many friends and will be greatly missed. He will long be remembered for the way he took care of his dear mother until she was called home. Thank God!

Sleep on precious brother until Jesus comes again. Written by Don Hatfield.



### **Virgil Smith**

Virgil Smith, 85, of Union City, Ohio, died September 1, 1997, at Stouder Memorial Hospital, Troy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esta Lucille (Hatfield) Smith; parents Hiram and Sylvania Smith; one daughter, Marie A. Smith; one son, Virgil Smith, Jr.; one grandchild, one great-grandchild, three brothers, and two sisters.

He is survived by six children: Everett Smith of Pinsonfork, Kentucky, Ervin H.

"Smitty" Smith of Troy, Joyce M. Helvey of McAndrews, Kentucky, James I. Smith, Stewart M. Smith, and Fred C. Smith, all of Indiana; 21 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Tilda Akers of Ransom, Kentucky.

Born at Ransom, Kentucky, he was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, a coal miner, and was retired from Piqua Engineering, Piqua, Ohio.

Services were held at Jackson Funeral Home, Pleasant Hill; burial followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Pleasant Hill. The family requested memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association.





## **Don W. Allison Faye Coleman Allison**

With loving memories we try to write the obituaries of Don W. and Faye Coleman Allison. Don W. Allison was born in Philadelphia, PA, on March 7, 1936. He lived in Toms River, New Jersey, moved to Saratoga Springs, New York, and in 1995 moved to Palm Bay Florida.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Vietnam Veterans Association. He was a Purple Heart recipient. He is survived by his brother, Joseph Allison of Indialantic, Florida.

Faye Coleman Allison was born on Lower Pompey, August 17, 1942, the daughter of the late Dave and Pearl Coleman, and passed from this life on February 10, 1992. She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Ladies' Auxiliary, Post 24, Toms River, New Jersey. She moved to Toms River in 1969. She is survived by four brothers: David Coleman, Allan Coleman, Roy Coleman, and Riley Coleman; four sisters: Marie Coleman, Eathel Slone, Blanche Sanders, and June Anderson; three children: Tammy Denton, Terri Allison, and Tina Allison; and five grandchildren.

They were laid to rest in the Coleman Cemetery on Ramey Fork Mountain, Raccoon, Kentucky.

Sleep on dear sister and brother; by the grace of God we will meet you in the morning. Written by Faye's sisters, Marie Coleman and Eathel Slone.





## **LeEttie Norman**

It is with sadness and joy that we write this memorial for our mother, LeEttie Norman. We miss her loving gentleness, her unwavering devotion to her family and church and her wonderful laughter. But we know that Mom is now home with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. That is what she has looked forward to for so many years. There is no pain or sorrow for her now. She loved her family and no sacrifice was too big or small for her to make if it would help her family. She tried everyday to live a life that showed the love and grace of Jesus.

LeEttie Norman, 91, of McCarr, Kentucky, answered the call to come home with Jesus on Sunday, January 12, 1997. She was a patient at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville, Kentucky, where she was recovering from a stroke. She was born July 12, 1905 at Blackberry Creek in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the eldest daughter of the late William Jefferson and Polly Margaret Runyon Hatfield. She was united in marriage in 1921 to Adam Norman who preceded her in death. To this marriage three sons and one daughter were born: Calvin C. Norman (deceased), Arlene Huffman (deceased), Adam Arnold Norman of Point Pleasant, West Virginia and William Gary Norman of New Albany, Indiana. Mom was the proud grandmother of six granddaughters, eight great-granddaughters, two great-grandsons, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Nothing pleased Mom more than to have all of her family at her house and lovingly prepare a feast for them. You could not leave her home without feeling loved. Her nieces and nephews fondly remember "Aunt LeEttie's" as where you could find a piece of pie and a hug.

Besides her family, Mom loved her church. She was a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for almost fifty-four years. She was baptized August 22, 1943 by the late Elders Teddy Ball and A. P. Justice. Mom was a faithful servant and is missed by her brothers and sisters in Christ.

We praise God for the tremendous example of unselfish love Mom has give to us and all those who knew her. Mom, someday we will be together again. Thank you for how you loved us and for how you taught us to love one another. Written in loving memory by your sons Arnold and Gary Norman.





### **Lennie Justice**

With much sadness and great difficulty I write the obituary of our precious mother, Mary Lennie May Justice, who went to sleep in the loving arms of Jesus on Friday, January 24, 1997. Born March 17, 1918 the daughter of the late Epp and Roxie Smith May, her stay here was 78 years, 10 months, and 7 days. During that time, the Lord blessed her to be a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 48 years and with a wonderful and caring husband of 57 years, Elder Monroe Justice.

Preceding her in death were her parents, one son Ronald Eugene Justice (1967), one grandson David Eugene Thacker (1993), three sisters and three brothers.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include two daughters, Florence Thacker and Helena Elswick; two sons, Monroe Justice, Jr. and Landon Curtis Justice; five brothers: Victor, Velma Jay, George, Leonard, and Roger May; two sisters: Ruby Coleman and Loretta Hall.

Mom was greatly loved by all who met her, and she will be sadly missed, not only by her family, but by everyone who knew her. She shared a loving smile filled with kindness to all, always asking them to come and see her, and telling everyone how much she loved them. Though her pain was great, she still gave us one last gentle and loving smile, and her favorite words we will always remember "I Love You, Honey".

All she asked was for Daddy to take her home to go to sleep; but Dad couldn't take her to the home she needed. So God stepped in with all the things that her heart had for so long pleaded. She loved the Lord and He loved her, oh so much, that He took her home so she could sleep with His angels' touch. Rest dear Mother, until that special day when we will all be together. This in God we trust and pray. Written for the family by Mom's baby, Junnie.



### **Kansas Marie Hatfield Coleman**

With broken heart I write this obituary of my sweet mother. Kansas Marie Hatfield Coleman, 64, of Ransom, Kentucky, died Monday, July 28, 1997 at home. Born in Pike County, she was the daughter of Albert and Elzie Hatfield. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith. Survivors include her husband Andy "Peanut" Coleman; one son, Roger Dale Coleman; three daughters:



Lassie Hatfield, Rita Jewell and Charlotte Whitt, all of Ransom; four sisters: Mag Dotson, Lassie Coleman, Beatrice Hager, and Abbie Justice, all of Ransom; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was greatly loved by everyone who knew her. Deeply missed by her family, we feel that one day we will all see her again in Heaven where we believe she will meet us with open arms and a smiling face where she will never have any more pain. We deeply feel that our loss is Heaven's gain with another beautiful angel.

Funeral services were held July 31, 1997, at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, KY. Written by her daughter Lassie Hatfield.



### **Goldie Murphy May**

With sad hearts and sweet memories we write the obituary of our dear precious mother and grandmother, Goldie Murphy May, who passed away February 16, 1997 in Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She was born April 10, 1909 in Pike County at Levisa Fork to the late James Alex and Cora Cavins Murphy, the oldest of ten children.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas J. May, and three brothers: William Fon, Van and Charles Hughes Murphy; three sisters: Texie Blackburn, Jane Hackney, and Garnett Murphy; three grandchildren: Kimberly Beth Lucas, Timothy Allen May, and Matthew May.

Survivors include six children: Ruby Johnson, Joann Maynard, Estil May, Irene Lucas, Harold May, and Donna Webb; three sisters: Irene May, Glemel Whitner, and Pauline Williamson; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends who loved her dearly.

A loving and faithful wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker, she attended the Primitive Baptist Church from childhood, and though not a member, she witnessed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and loved the brothers and sisters of the church.

At the age of nineteen, she met Dad, and they were married on October 5, 1929. For most of their sixty-one years of married life, they lived next door to Dad's parents, Elijah and Caroline Brown May, at Dix Fork, Sidney, Kentucky. They treated Mom like a daughter and she loved them as her own family. After Dad passed away on March 21, 1991, Mom's health declined, and worsened the last year of her life.

Funeral services were held February 20, 1997 at the Hatfield Funeral Chapel, Toler, Kentucky. Officiating were Elders Michael Elswick, Don Hatfield, and Elmer Thacker. Burial was at the May Family Cemetery at Dix Fork. Some wonderful day we will all be reunited in the presence of Jesus our Lord and Savior, never to part any more. Written by her loving family.





## **Orpha E. Thacker**

With loving memories and grateful hearts for God's Grace, we write the obituary of our beloved mother, Orpha E. Runyon Thacker, who passed away on December 13, 1996, at the age of 82, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The daughter of the late Nathaniel and Maggie Runyon, she was born March 12, 1914 at Fishtrap, Kentucky. She lived in Eastern Kentucky all of her life. After suffering a massive stroke in 1994, she spent the last two and one-half years in Fort Wayne, Indiana with her daughters.

She was married to Walter Thacker, who preceded her in death in May, 1981. One daughter, Mary Williamson, also preceded her in death in July, 1978. She is survived by five daughters: Norma Hunt, Pauline Craft, Nancy Craft, Faye Davis, and Sue Wright; two sons: Bob Thacker and William Thacker; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Mother loved our Lord and was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She left us a legacy of love and faith. A virtuous and loving wife and mother, she was a wonderful example of the woman spoken of in the Bible in Proverbs, Chapter 31. She loved her husband and her family, looked well to the ways of her household, working hard to raise eight children. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also praised her. Mother was our angel here on earth and, although we mourn our loss, we believe that we will meet again in that Holy City. Written by the family.



## **Missouri Slone Kendrick Thacker**

Missouri Slone Kendrick Thacker was born to Hibbard and Cora Blackburn Slone on February 13, 1913, at Fishtrap, Kentucky. She departed this life on June 21, 1997 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Kentucky. Preceding her in death were her parents, her husbands Hibbard Kendrick and Martin Thacker, nine brothers, one sister, one grandchild, and one son, Ruey Kendrick.

Her survivors include three sons: John, Ray, and Noah Kendrick; one daughter Ada Ray; nineteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Joseph and Noah Slone.

Missouri joined Louisa Primitive Baptist Church at Rocky Road, Millard, Kentucky on September 9, 1950; she was a faithful member for nearly forty-seven years. She had a deep love for her church and loved



to sing His praises. I will always remember going to my Mamaw's house as a child, and hearing her sing religious hymns, particularly the words to "Beulah Land".

She may be gone, but will never be forgotten; she will always be with us in fond memories. Mamaw will be sadly missed by her family and friends; however, our loss is her eternal gain! Written with love by granddaughter Brigetta Kendrick Collins.



### **Cordia Trout West**

Cordia Trout West of Canada, Kentucky, died November 18, 1996 at Pataskala Care Center at Pataskala, Ohio. She was born August 5, 1905, making her stay here 91 years, 3 months, and 13 days.

She was married to Kenna Lee West and together they had seven children. Two sons, Jessie Harold and Elbert, preceded her in death.

Survivors include: Mildred A. Varney, Glenn H. West, Charles R. West, Bobby J. West, and Norma Sue Smith. She had 13 grandchildren,

25 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church; baptized in June, 1972.

Funeral services were held in the Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, on November 21, 1996. Burial followed at the West Cemetery at Canada, Kentucky.

She is sadly missed by her family and all who knew her. Written by her daughters, Mildred Varney and Sue Smith.



### **Martha Jane Vandyke Street**

Martha Jane Vandyke Street was born in Buchanan County, Virginia on May 16, 1911, and passed away on April 18, 1997 in Columbia Clinch Valley Medical Center in Richlands, VA. The daughter of the late Arthur and Polly Sisk Vandyke, she was preceded in death also by her husband Harrison Street, three sisters: Ruth Viers, Mary Cox, and Pauline Copenhaver; one brother, Leck Vandyke, and one grandchild.

She is survived by one daughter, Ida Mae Childress; four sons: Roy, Ralph, Paul, and Claude Street; four brothers: Carl, Estil, Clarence, and Junior Vandyke; two sisters: Bell Anderson and Cindy Axton; 21 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grand children.

She was baptized into the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church on May 7, 1961 by Elders Teddy Ball and Ostil Smith; she always filled her seat



as long as she was able. Sister Martha was one of the main cornerstones of our little church. She was a joy and inspiration to all of us, never complaining. With tears flowing down her cheeks, she praised God for His love and mercy and for the sweet hope of life after this death.

She has taken her place beside her husband, to sleep until the coming of the Lord, to go home to live with Him forever. Our hearts are heavy, but we know yours is the most peaceful sleep you ever slept. We love you and will remember you always with hope in our hearts that one day we will meet again. Written by request of the family by her sister in Christ, Ruth Maynard.



### **Birthie May**

The call came for another angelic voice to sing in the courts of Glory, and that call was answered by our sister in the flesh, sister in Christ, and friend to all who knew her, Birthie May. Born April 22, 1910, she was the daughter of the late James Bazel and Daisy Dotson May. She was called from our midst on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, making her stay here 86 years, 7 months, and 25 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers: Theodore May, Jessie James May, Joseph May, and Howard May; three sisters: Margie Ellen May, Sarah Elizabeth May, and Lidie May Spencer.

She is survived by two brothers: Elder Arthur May and Herbert May; three sisters: Virgia Young, Lucy Justus, and Minnie Hurley; several nephews and nieces and many friends and loved ones who mourn her passing.

Sister Birthie united with the Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church December 25, 1942 and was baptized by Elders Teddy Ball and W. H. Prater. She was a faithful member until her bad health and sickness kept her from going. She loved to go to church and hear the Doctrine of Sovereign Grace and that the atonement made by Jesus Christ was full and complete for every heir of promise. Her favorite song was "Just One Rose Will Do". Birthie is at rest now, so sleep on until the Lord comes again to take you home with Him to live forever.

Funeral services were held at Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church on Friday, December 20, 1996, with Elders Paul Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Brown, Lawrence Jackson, and Garnell Gilbert officiating. She was laid to rest in the May Family Cemetery near her home where she will sleep until the coming of the Lord.

Written by one with a broken heart, hopefully a brother in Christ, Elder Arthur May.





## Leah Conley

With much sadness I am writing the obituary of our loving mother, Leah Conley, age 88 years. Born June 30, 1908 in Kentucky, she passed away March 24, 1997 in Buchanan General Hospital following a long illness.

She was the daughter of Epison and Victory Smith Collins. She was united with the Sulphur Spring Primitive Baptist Church October 6, 1987. She was a homemaker and store merchant for thirty-five years. Mom was preceded in death by her parents and her parents and her first husband, Hebbert Baker, one daughter Anna Lee Baker, three stepfathers and three brothers: Paris Dotson, Clearance Hurley, and Leonard Stacy.

She is survived by two daughters by her second marriage to Lonnie Conley: Beatrice Cooper and Emma Jean Blackburn; three granddaughters: Patricia Blackburn Justus, Joyce Cooper Hurt, and Hazel Cooper Sprout; two grandsons: Jimmy Justus and Terry Blackburn; twelve great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Mom, we miss you, but our loss is Heaven's gain.



## Ennis Vipperman Dotson

With an aching heart and deep sadness, I write the obituary of my mother Ennis Dotson. Born July 10, 1909 in Pike County, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Annie Smith Vipperman. She departed this life on May 1, 1997 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville, Kentucky, at the age of 87 years, 9 months, and 21 days. She was married July 12, 1939 to Amos Dotson, who passed away November 9, 1966. To their union were born one son and four daughters.

Preceding her in death were her husband, son, Darrell Dotson, and one sister, Innis May.

Surviving are daughters Jean Varney, Della Looney, Darlene Martin, and Diana Pennington; brother Glen Vipperman; sister Eanice Huges; half-brother Meldon Vipperman; five half-sisters: Virginia Smith, Elizabeth Vipperman, Sylvia Justice, Birtie May, and Bonnie Smith; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Mommy was a long-time member of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church of Vansant, Virginia; she loved to go to church and hear the old time preaching and singing. She attended church as long as she was able.



We feel that Mommy is at rest now with Daddy and Darrell. We hope that our loss is Heaven's gain, and I pray that we will all be reunited some sweet day. Written through a sea of tears by a very bereaved daughter.

### **Jeanette K. Dotson Downs**



With much sadness and many sweet memories, we write the obituary of our beloved sister, Jeanette K. Dotson Downs. She was born April 23, 1939 at Phelps, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Joe and Myrtle Dotson. She departed from this life December 6, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two sisters, nieces, and nephews. Survivors are: husband, John Downs; brothers: John J. and Dallas; sisters: Josephine, Corrine, Julia, Maggie, Linda, and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

The Lord called her into the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church in April, 1985. She loved the brothers and sisters of the church; the church has lost a faithful member.

We'll meet you at the portal,  
where angels come and go;  
Be faithful, Oh be faithful,  
it won't be long, you know,  
Be ready for his summons,  
should it come soon or late;  
And we'll hail you welcome,  
There by the golden gate.

Sadly missed by the family.

### **Bessie Dotson Underwood**



Bessie Underwood, 88, of Rome, Georgia, died Monday, December 16, 1996 at her residence.

Born December 13, 1908 at Coleman, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Roland and Julia Taylor Dotson.

Prior to moving to Georgia, she owned and operated a restaurant in Gilbert, West Virginia. For several years she served as a house mother in a school for the deaf in Columbus, Ohio. She lived in Rome, Georgia from 1978 until her death.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Miles Hackney, infant daughter Mollie Hackney, and husband Delbert Underwood, whom she married December 31, 1961, and who died May 13, 1995.

Survivors are: one son, Jess H. Hackney; one sister, Mae D. Irick; one brother, J. H. Dotson; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and



several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church at Belfry, Kentucky.

Funeral services were held at Fred Talley's Parkview Chapel Funeral Home with Elders Lawrence Mooney and Joe Hildreth officiating. Interment followed at Oaknoll Memorial Gardens.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. We know Bessie will be greatly missed by her many church friends and her family. Written by her sister, Mae D. Irick.



### **Dora Scott Ball Smith**

Dora Scott Ball Smith passed away on October 31, 1994 in Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 89 years. Born May 10, 1905 at Ransom, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Alex and America Scott. She married Fred Ferrell Ball on March 29, 1922 at Ransom, Kentucky. To their union were born four children: Henry Ford, Mae Fern, Ruby Faye, and Geraldine. They also raised one grandson, Ferrell Ray McKinney. In 1959, she married Johnny Marcum and in 1964 was married to Dave Smith.

Preceding her in death were her parents Alex and America Scott, stepmother Lilly Whitt Scott, two husbands: Fred Ball and Dave Smith, two daughters: Ruby Faye Ball and Mae Fern Akers; one son Henry Ford Ball; six sisters: Flora Wolford, Matilda Marcum, Elzie Ferrell Morris, Harriet Hager, Sadie Gooslin, and infant sister Alice Scott; eight brothers: Leonard, Bert, Ransom, Moreal, Burgess, Bradley, Johnny, and Roland Scott; two grandsons: Ferrell Ray McKinney and Freddie Franklin Akers.

Survivors are: daughter Geraldine Woodruff; three sisters: Opal White, Fern Gooslin, and Lassie Hager; two brothers: George W. Scott and Alex Scott, 14 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends, nieces, and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Mom spent the last few years of her life with me. Because I loved her dearly, it was very hard to give her up; but I know her spirit has gone to Glory, and her body is resting in hope of the glorious resurrection of the dead.

Funeral services were held at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, Kentucky, with Elders Virgil Smith, Don Hatfield, J. C. Hager, and Mike Smith officiating. Burial followed in Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky.

Written by her daughter, Geraldine Woodruff.





### **Gracie Mae Stacy McKee**

Gracie Mae Stacy McKee, 77, of Hardy, Kentucky died March 28, 1997 at Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, Kentucky. Born July 13, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Amos and Juda Varney Stacy. She was preceded in death by one son, Joe Leslie McKee, and two brothers: Grayson and Corney Stacy. Survivors: husband Ernest McKee of Hardy, daughter Eva Glossip of Florence, Kentucky, and brother Earl Stacy of Ashland, Kentucky.

She was a homemaker and a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. Funeral was held at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, on Monday, March 31, 1997; Elder Don Hatfield officiating with burial following at the family cemetery at Mudlick, Hardy, Kentucky.

She was a good wife, dearly loved and missed by her husband.



### **Magdelene Thornsby Biliter**

With much sadness we try to write the obituary of our beloved mother, Magdelene Thornsby Biliter, born January 19, 1932. She was taken from us September 1, 1997, making her stay here on earth 65 years, 7 months, and 12 days. She was the daughter of Roscoe Thornsby and Della Adkins Thornsby. She was married to Arvil Ace Coleman. To their union were born three sons: Billy Gene, Glenn, and Jack Edward Coleman. She later married Kermit Biliter, Jr.

Preceding her in death were one son: Billy Gene; three brothers: Robert G., James, and Bobby G. Thornsby. Surviving are her husband, Kermit Biliter, Jr. and two sons: Glenn and Jack Edward Coleman; her parents Roscoe and Della Thornsby; six sisters: Evelyn Blackburn, Betty Jean Hunt, Christine Worch, Claudine Coleman, Pauline Hampton, and Geraldine Justice; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a host of relatives and friends.

Mother will be dearly missed by everyone. We feel that when the death angel came, mother fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Sleep on, mother, for a little while, and by the grace of God we hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain, nor death can enter. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Written by her family and brother-in-law Larry Coleman.





### **Effie Carter Layne**

I am writing this obituary in memory of my mother, Effie Carter Layne. She was born January 30, 1898 at Raccoon, Kentucky and passed away January 16, 1997 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Jefferson Davis Carter and Sylvania Goff Carter. She was the last surviving member of a pioneer Pike County family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ballard Layne; a son, Walter Layne; six brothers and three sisters. Survivors include two daughters, Nola Deskins and Sylvia Magoun; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was well known for her sewing and quilt making; people came from far and near to have her do sewing. She was a lover of people, and nothing made her happier than to have people come to visit. She had a dynamic personality and was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was an ardent reader and was well versed on just about any subject.

Due to the harshness and demands placed on her in childhood, she learned the need of hard work early in life. Her mother passed away when she was nine years old, leaving ten children of whom my mother was the oldest girl. She was given the responsibility of caring for her younger brothers and sisters; one being a small baby.

She joined the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church June 26, 1946 and was baptized by Elder Teddy Ball. She remained a firm believer in the faith until her passing. She was laid to rest at Mt. View Memory Gardens at Huddy, Kentucky, beside her husband with Elder Don Hatfield officiating.

Words cannot express the void in my life caused by her passing; I am just thankful for the memories. Written by Sylvia Layne-Magoun, daughter.



### **Emma Carter Coleman**

It is with a very sad and broken heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear sweet mother. Emma C. Coleman was born June 30, 1911 in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late James and Mary Bell Hess. Though I never knew them, they must have been very good parents to have a daughter like my mother. Mom, God may have taken you from me and earth but not from my heart or mind; you were and are a big part of my life; you are my strength, you are what keeps me going. Wherever I look in your house, I see you; your children have



many sweet memories of the little things you did and said; only those who knew you could understand the way we feel. You were the rose in our family.

Mom and Dad were married April 13, 1926 in Pike County, Kentucky. To their union were born eight children, one of whom preceded them in death. They were blessed with 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

I know Mom had faith in God, and I believe her prayers were answered; whenever I was sick or had a problem, she would say a prayer for me and I would feel better. In all our little talks, she had the right answer for me and taught me the right ways of life. I can still hear her voice and see her sweet smile. I look up toward Heaven and know she is in a better place. Mom always had good things to say about people, and they spoke well of her. Mom, I love you. Written by her youngest daughter, Brenda C. Harris.



### **Vicy Elizabeth Charles**

It is with great sorrow that we have to write this obituary for a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister.

Vicy Elizabeth Charles was born in Raccoon, Kentucky on March 24, 1909 to Floyd Epperson and Maudie Ellen Smith Collins. She departed this life on April 27, 1997.

She was married to the late Paris Charles on November 5, 1928, who preceded her in death after 50 years of marriage on July 16, 1979. They were blessed with two sons: Arnold and

Ronald.

Vicy was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church. The fondest memory of her Christian life was the day in 1972 that she and Paris were baptized together. They loved the church and all their friends; they traveled the region attending church whenever possible. She never recovered from the loss of her dear companion; she always spoke of him and longed for the day she would be reunited with him in the streets of Heaven. She will be remembered for her smile, kindness, and green thumb. She always put others first, never thinking of herself, even in her suffering. Never complaining, she would just look at you and smile; although she lost her ability to speak, she told you she loved you with her eyes.

Left to mourn her death are her two sons, Arnold and Ronald, daughters-in-law Anna Margaret and JoAnne, one grandson, three granddaughters, two great-grandsons, five great-granddaughters, and a host of relatives and friends.

The family has suffered a great loss, but God has gained an angel. We rest assured that Heaven is her new home. Sadly missed by her family.





### **Esta L. Smith**

Esta L. Smith, 80, of Troy, Ohio, died January 13, 1997, in Stouder Memorial Hospital, Troy.

Born March 28, 1916, at Raonsom, KY, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Amy Smith Hatfield.

Survivors include her husband, Virgil Smith of Troy; sons Everette Smith of Pinsonfork, Kentucky, Ervin H. "Smitty" Smith of Troy, James I. Smith, Stewart M. Smith, and Fred C. Smith, all of Indiana, one daughter, Joyce M.

Helvey of McAndrews, Kentucky; 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, one daughter, two brothers, two sisters, one grandchild, and one great-grandchild.

She was a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Kentucky.

Services were held at Jackson Funeral Home, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, with burial following at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The family requested memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

### **Florence Ball**

Florence Ball, age 70, of Beauty, Kentucky, died Thursday, September 12, 1996, in Highlands Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg, KY.

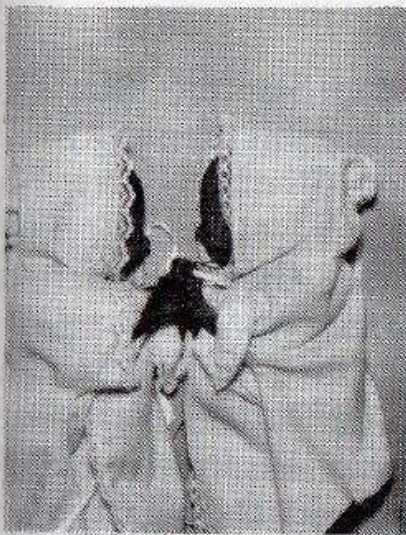
Born January 18, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Rebecca Stepp Smith. She was a housewife and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at the time of her death.

Preceded in death by her son William Copley, Florence is survived by her husband, John B. Ball of Beauty, one brother, Thurman Smith of Pheps, KY, a sister, Ollie Mae Pennington Peatross of Beauty, and a half sister, Julia Smith Bowens of Kermit, WV.

She left four grandchildren: Patty, Davie, John, and Eddie Copley; six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews who loved her dearly and whom she loved.

She was laid to rest September 14, 1996 in the Perry Cemetery under the direction of Richmond-Callahan of Inez. She is gone now but will never be forgotten. Written by her husband, John B. Ball and her niece, Janet Stanley.





**Varney Twins  
Brianne Lacey  
Cheyenne Casey**

With broken heart, I write the obituary of our dear babies who were taken from us after just a few minutes of life here. They were born December 27, 1996, and the Lord took them back the same day. We only got to hold them for a little while, but we loved them so very much.

Brianne and Cheyenne were the babies of Anthony Jerome and Jennifer Coleman Varney.

Their paternal grandparents are David Varney and Lola Mae Layne, and step-grandmother Kathy Varney. Paternal great-grandparents are Garland and Vesta Varney. Their maternal grandparents are Carl and Margaret Ann Vipperman Coleman; maternal great-grandparents are Elder Glen and Pluma Vipperman. They will also be deeply missed by Sedrena May and Caroline Coleman.

It is hard sometimes to understand why God didn't want us to keep our babies, but we believe God knows all things and someday God will reunite us with our babies in a place where we will always be happy. For Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven (Mat. 19:14). Written by their loving parents, Anthony and Jennifer Varney.

**Alice L. Hunt**

Alice L. Hunt of Huddy, Kentucky, died March 3, 1997, at the A.R. Hospital in South Williamson, Kentucky. Born in Pikeville, Kentucky, Alice was the daughter of the late Jerry and Sarah Blackburn and the wife of Husmon Frank Hunt, Jr., who also preceded her in death.

Sister Alice was a homemaker and of the Primitive Baptist Faith. She talked sweetly of how she used to walk with her mother to Little Hope Church, Big Creek Church, and Old Pond Church, an effort that few would be willing to make. It was her desire to go home to be with the Lord.

Alice was survived by three sons: Harry W. Hunt and Franklin (June Bug) Hunt both of Huddy, KY; and Thomas E. Hunt of Marine City, Michigan. One son, James E. Hunt and one granddaughter preceded her in death. Alice is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends.

On March 6, 1997, Sister Alice's funeral was conducted at the Rogers Funeral Home by Elders Kenny Chapman, Walter Sullivan, and Don Hatfield. She was laid to rest at the Mt. View Memory Gardens at Huddy, Kentucky where all that knew her can truly say that she was a loving mother that trusted in the Lord. Written by Elder Don Hatfield.



## Hazel Bessie Clark

Hazel Bessie Clark, 89, of Pinsonfork, KY, died on Saturday, May 31, 1997, at the Skilled Nursing Facility in South Williamson, Kentucky.

Born on May 11, 1908, Hazel was the daughter of the late Emsy and Pricy May (Ball) Runyon. In addition to her parents, Hazel was preceded in death by one brother, Bill Runyon; and two sisters, Bonnie Slone and Estia Hackney.

Sister Hazel was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Sister May Daniels telephoned Elder Don Hatfield to say that Hazel was in the intensive care unit at the Appalachian Regional Hospital and Hazel requested that Brother Don come to see her. During Brother Don's visit, Hazel took Brother Don's hand and asked for a home in the Old Baptist Church. Hazel expressed that she had wanted to join church for a long time but had put it off realizing that it would not cause her not to go to Heaven.

Hazel is survived by one son, Carl Clark of Sidney, KY; one niece, Shirley Coley of Nufford, Ohio; one nephew, Brady Sloan of Pinsonfork, KY; three grandsons, Scott Clark of Vineland, NJ, Gary Clark of Round Lake, Illinois, and Roger Clark of Burner, Illinois; two great-grandchildren, Lauren and Shannon Clark. Also, a host of friends will sadly miss Sister Hazel. Elders Bobby Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, and Don Hatfield conducted the funeral services at the Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, KY.

We believe our loss is surely Heaven's gain.

Say so long till we meet again.

Elder Don Hatfield



## 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 communion 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.

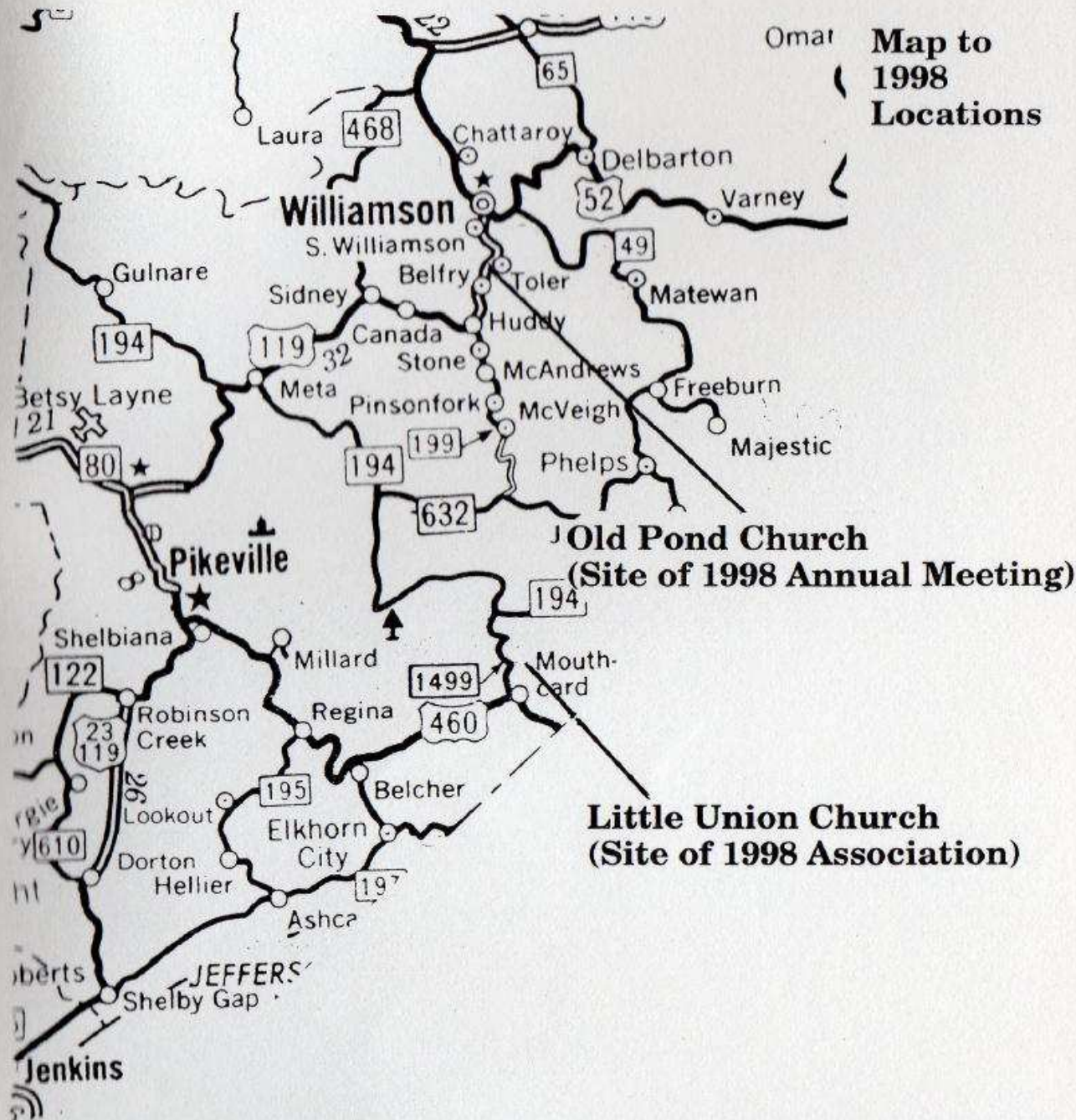
11th Adjourn.



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

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.....	8	1				4	8	106	2	\$ 160.00
Old Pond.....	Shelby Jean Hill.....	4					1	4	64	2	225.00
Big Creek.....	Luther Smith.....	5					1	4	78	3	200.00
Raccoon.....	Marie Coleman.....	1						4	78	4	200.00
Peter Creek.....	Randy Smith.....				2	1		1	92	4	125.00
Sulphur Springs.....	Ronald Moore.....	1						3	50	1	90.00
Little Hope.....	Frank Ball.....								35	1	100.00
Grapevine.....	Olen J. May.....	2							21	3	50.00
Samaria.....	Leslie Hatfield.....	2	2				1	3	144	3	225.00
Little Union.....	Ernest Blair.....		2			2			7	1	25.00
Johns Creek.....	Carl Coleman.....							2	32	2	100.00
Calvary.....	Andrew Hunt.....	4						2	37	1	105.00
Dry Fork.....	Ruth Maynard.....	1						5	57	2	100.50
Friendship.....	Martin Childers.....		1						23	4	35.00
Columbus.....	Sandra Harris.....	2	1	2				1	82	4	100.00
Deerfield.....	Barbara Holyfield.....					1	2	2	50	4	125.00
Pleasant Hill.....	Earmel Dotson.....	3			1				35	1	120.00
New Hope.....	Stella F. Thacker.....	2			1				19	4	65.00
	Totals	35	7	2	4	4	9	35	1,010		\$2,150.00





### **Directions to Annual Meeting at Old Pond Church:**

From Pikeville: Take Route 119 N. to Belfry (approx. 23 miles), continue approx 1/4 mile to Church House Hollow on your right. From Williamson, WV: Take Route 119S. to Toler (approx. 3 miles), continue on 119 approx. 1/2 mile to Church House Hollow on your left.

### **Directions to Association Meeting at Little Union Church:**

From Pikeville: Take 460 East for approx. 21 miles to Rt. 1499 N. Continue on 1499 N. for 2 miles to Rt. 366. Continue on Rt. 366 for 2 miles to the church on your right.

From Williamson, WV: Take Route 119S for approx. 19 miles to Route 194 East. Continue on Route 194 for approx. 17 1/2 miles to Route 1499 South. Continue on 1499S, to /rt. 366. Follow Rt. 366 for 2 miles to the church on your right.



