

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

***Held With
John's Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky
September 1, 2, and 3, 2000***

Next Session Convenes with the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church located at Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, starting Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2001.

Directions to Calvary Church:

From Pikeville, KY: Take Route 119 North for approx. 9 miles to Meta. Turn right on Route 194 for approx. 7 miles to Kimper. Turn left on Varney's Branch Road.

From Williamson, WV: Take Route 119 South for approx. 18 miles to Meta. Turn left on Route 194 for approx. 7 miles to Kimper. Turn left on Varney's Branch Road. (Map enclosed)

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association
held with the John's Creek Church.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 1, 2000

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer
by Elder Raymond Stanley.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Kenny Chapman. Text: "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the World." A very sound sermon declaring the truth as it is in Christ!

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the John's Creek Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the name of the messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder David May serve as Moderator Protem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elder Michael Elswick serve as Clerk Protem for the election of officers.

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

ELDER	<u>ROBERT WORRIX</u>	MODERATOR
ELDER	<u>MICHAEL SMITH</u>	ASSISTANT MODERATOR
ELDER	<u>RANDAL THORNSBURY</u>	CLERK
DEACON	<u>LESLIE HATFIELD</u>	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 Associations reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Moved and seconded to receive messenger's reports. Correspondence from Sister Associations was received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Franklin Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Henry P. Viers, Fayne Viers, Joshua P. Viers, and Bob Arrington.

BURNING SPRINGS: Jimmy Mann, Roby Gullett, Donovan Finch, Jerry Brown, Loren Hensley, Donnie Lykins, Leroy Gullett, and Darrell Nickell.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Larry Blevins and Blaine Owens.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Vance Jones and Otis Sisk.

MT. ZION: None.

NEW LIBERTY: None.

WASHINGTON: Joe Edwards, George Ben Combs,
and Victor Church.

UNION: Trillis Adams, Corbin Hampton, Dallas Adams, Jr.,
Roy Adams, Jonah Stidham, Teddie Stevans, Gary Adams,
Tommy Adams, and Dallas Scott Adams.

FISHER'S RIVER: None.

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

SAND LICK: Arnold Childers, Roxine Childers, Elmer Compton,
Buford Deel, Sidney Deel, Roy D. Stanley, Carroll Edwards,
Clayton Belcher, Lou Ellen Fleming, Wayne Fleming,
Diann Owens, and Pat Viers.

BURNING SPRINGS: Louie Howard, Doris Gullett,
Ella Mae Nickell, Peggy Howard, and Phyllis Mann.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Hulda Jones.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: None.

UNION: Mary Stevans, Jean Adams, and Abbey Hampton.

FISHER'S RIVER: None.

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: Lola M. Church, Alma Arrington, Paul Matney,
Nell Matney, and Otis Fields.

FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION: Mildred SESCO.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Akel Howard.

GOSHEN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Jessee Reed.

ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION: Samuel E. Parrish.

MT. ENON ASSOC. OF FL.: George and Virginia Thompson.

NEW BETHANY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH:
Alfred Compton.

BEACH GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH:
Robert Mayhorn.

COLD SPRING CHURCH: Orvel Pennington and wife.

SANDY CREEK OF NORTH CAROLINA: Lewis Pierce and
Sharlene Pierce.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Victor Quick.

SAND MOUNTAIN OF ALABAMA: Beryl Williams.

TUCSON, ARIZONA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH:

Clifford and Ina Gaye Thacker.

The Moderator asked the Assistant Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

The messengers from John's Creek Church were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday Morning at the Stand: George Ben Combs, and Arnold Childers.
- B. Friday Afternoon at the Stand: Hesker Gillium, Victor Quick, Robert Worrix, and Joe Edwards.
- C. Friday Night at Grapevine Church: David Jacobs, Lundy Coleman, John Jacobs, and Noah Slone.
- D. Friday Night at Old Pond Church: Randal Thornsberry, Vance Jones, Burl Williams, and Arnold Childers.
- E. Friday Night at Peter Creek Church: Hesker Gillum, Victor Quick, J.C. Hager, and Mike Smith.
- F. Saturday Morning at the Stand: Arnold Childress, Corbin Hampton, Victor Church, and Price Viers.
- G. Saturday Afternoon at the Stand: Jerry Brown, Burl Williams, Bob Mayhorn, and Robert Worrix.
- H. Saturday Night at the Big Creek Church: Paris Blackburn, Vance Jones, Burl Williams, and Victor Church.
- I. Saturday Night at Samaria Church: Jerry Brown, Jeff Dotson, J.C. Hager, Bob Mayhorn, and Mike Smith.
- J. Saturday Night at Calvary Church: David A. Thacker, Alfred Compton, Victor Quick, and Jimmie L. Smith.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Ireland Adkins, Walter Rutherford, Tom Chapman, Joe Slone, Stirl Smith, Paul Smith, Mitch Blackburn, Bradley Coleman, Cecil Hatfield, Leon Atkins, Larry Coleman, David Thacker, Roger Deel, Martin Childers, Bobby Kennedy, John Holyfield, Greg Moore, and James Hackney.

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

SAND LICK: Harrison Smith, Onis Smith, David Thacker, Mike Smith, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Noah Slone,

Richard Tucker, Wade Smith, Tom Chapman,
James Hackney, Sid Fleming, Elmer Brown,
and Paul Varney.

UNION: John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Joseph Slone, David Thacker,
Onis Smith, Timothy Slone, Richard Tucker,
James Hackney, and Elmer Goff.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Richard Tucker, Elmer Brown,
Noah Slone, Tom Chapman, Mike Elswick,
and Wade Smith.

BURNING SPRINGS: Mike Smith, Joseph Slone, Noah Slone,
Timothy Slone, Richard Tucker, and Leslie Hatfield.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Wade Smith, Tom Chapman,
Noah Slone, Shawn Dotson, Timothy Slone, Jeff Dotson,
Paul Varney, and Elmer Goff.

MT. ZION: Leslie Hatfield and Elmer Goff.

NEW LIBERTY: Noah Slone, John Jacobs, Onis Smith,
David Thacker, and Elmer Goff.

FISHER'S RIVER: John Jacobs, Noah Slone, and Elmer Goff.

WASHINGTON: Joseph Slone, Noah Slone, Paul Smith,
Timothy Slone, Tom Chapman, Bradley Worrix,
John Jacobs, and Elmer Goff.

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

SATURDAY MORNING, September 2, 2000

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

Prayer by Elder Jerry Brown.

Roll called and absents marked.

Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at the tents at John's Creek 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 Big Creek Church host the annual meeting
for 2001.

#3 Recommend that Calvary Church host the Association
for 2001.

#4 Called for the Circular Letter which was written by Elder Michael Elswick. The letter was read and approved to be printed in the minutes and that Elder Jeff Dotson prepare the Circular Letter for 2001.

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

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

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Big Creek Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2001.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and Prayer by Elder J.C. Hager

1. Elder Garnell Gilbert
2. Elder Bob Mayhorn
3. Elder Michael Smith
4. Elder Robert Worrix

Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Union meetings and their appointees are as follows:

LOUISA: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2001. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, Ellis Lynn, Rufford Howell, John Jacobs, and Elmer Brown.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2001. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, David May, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Robert Worrix, Shawn Dotson, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Michael Smith, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Steve Kinder, Elbert Church, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2001. Elders to attend: Paris Blackburn, J. C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Greg Moore, Monroe Justice, Noah Slone, Kenny Chapman, Bobby Blackburn, Mike Smith, David Coleman, Jr., Glen Vipperman, Jimmy Lee Smith, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Raymond Stanley, Walter Sullivan, Rufford Howell, Ellis Lynn, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2001. Elders to attend: Ellis Lynn, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone,

David Coleman, Jr., Robert Worrix, David A. Thacker, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, and Mike Smith.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2001. Elders to attend: Ernest Blair, Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore, Shawn Dotson, Harrison Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Stevie Kinder, Mike Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Everett Brizendine, and Jeff Dotson.

SULPHUR SPRING: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2001. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, J. C. Hager, Noah Slone, Ernest Blair, David Jacobs, Robbie Worrix, Steve Kinder, Raymond Stanley, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers welcome.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 2001. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Raymond Stanley, Michael Elswick, David May, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kenny Chapman, Paris Blackburn, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, Elbert Church, Onis Smith, Bobby Blackburn, Virgil Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, and all others that may want to attend are welcome.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2001. Elders to attend: Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, John Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Jimmy L. Smith, J. C. Hager, Allen Coleman, Steve Kinder, Greg Moore, Junior Adams, David Jacobs, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, and all Primitive Baptist Ministers are invited.

NOTE: Grapevine Church will hold a memorial meeting July 1st, 2001.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2001. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Eddie Harris, J. C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy L. Smith, Elmer Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Steve Kinder, David May, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited.

LITTLE UNION: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 2001. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Elmer Thacker, Todd Thacker, Randal Thornsberry, Paul Dean Justice, John Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Jimmy L. Smith, Paris Blackburn, Elbert Church, Elmer Brown, Lundy Coleman, Rufford Howell, and Robbie Worrix.

JOHN'S CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2001. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Jimmie Moore, Greg Moore, Walter Sullivan, Stevie Kinder, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Jimmy L. Smith, Onis Smith, David Coleman, Jr., J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Mike Elswick, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, Kenny Chapman, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2001. Elders to attend: Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Kenny Chapman, David May, Bobby Blackburn, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Jeff Dotson, Steve Kinder, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

DRY FORK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2001. Elders to attend: Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Harrison Smith, Paul Smith, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmy L. Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Arrington, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Price Viers, Don Stacy, Elmer Brown, 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 Mountain. Memorial Services for the Boyd-Jackson Family will be held the last Sunday in August at the shed on Boyd Ridge. Dry Fork meeting in August on Sunday will move to Nuckles and Hess Cemetery on Fletcher's Ridge for a Memorial Service.)

FRIENDSHIP: Meets on the fourth Saturday evening in August, 2001. Elders to attend: Greg Moore, Jim Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church, Kenny Chapman, John Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn, Steve Kinder, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2001. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Jim Moore, Elmer Brown, Onis Smith, David Jacobs, David May, Robbie Worrix, J. C. Hager, Ernest Blair, Raymond Stanley, Greg Moore, Paul Dean Justice, Hesker Gillium, Randal Thornsberry, Jimmy L. Smith, Michael Elswick, Elmer Thacker, and all Mate's Creek Elders, Brothers, and Sisters.

(NOTE: Our Annual Meeting convenes the first Friday in October.)

DEERFIELD: Meets the fourth Saturday in June, 2001. Elders to attend: Burl Williams, Mike Elswick, Rufford Howell, Price Viers, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, David A. Thacker, Noah Slone, Onis Smith, David May, Shawn Dotson, Robbie Worrix, Raymond Stanley, Victor Quick, Jeff Dotson, Paris Blackburn, James T. Dotson and Robert Worrix.

NOTE: Memorial Services will be held the first weekend in April.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 2001. Elders to attend: David A. Thacker, Steve Kinder, David May, Kenny Chapman, J. C. Hager, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Hesker Gillium, Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Estil Hackney, Elbert Church, Lonnie Worrix, Raymond Stanley, and we also invite all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers in our fellowship.

NOTE: Our Memorial meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in October.

NEW HOPE: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2001. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David Thacker, Mike Smith, David May, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsby, John Jacobs, Bobby Blackburn, David Jacobs, Onis Smith, Paul Varney, Mike Elswick, Raymond Stanley, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, David Coleman, and all ordained Mates Creek Ministers, Brothers, and Sisters are invited.

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

Agreed that we have 2,200 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Woodruff L. Dulen, Jeff Chapman, Virgis Cook, Dovel Scott, Rush Chapman, Ireland Kendrick, Willie Smith, James L. Partin, Samuel L. Burke, York Runyon, Sterl Scott, Tony Scott, Matthew McIntosh, Landon Stanley, Charlie W. Deel, Walter Robert Branham, and Wade Landley Collins.

SISTERS: Marie Syck Collins, Melphe Roberts Smith, Mae Church, Fannie Hatfield Norman, Gracie Coleman Newton, Olzie Dixie Rose, Peggy Ann Herald Thompson, Betty Joe Zimmerman, Learlie Rose-Johnson, Donrita Thacker, Drema Seese, Garnett Marie S. Justice, Ida Blackburn Wilburn, Bertie

Smith, Cora Honaker Justice, Lydia Blackburn Blevins,
Genevieve Thacker, Amy Blackburn Madden, and Kathleen Elzie
Haney Slone.

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	\$6,669.94
Amount received from churches	1,902.50
Amount for obituaries	529.00
Donations	599.00
<u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u>	<u>\$9,700.44</u>

CASH PAID OUT:

Paid For 1999 Minutes	\$1,150.00
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	50.00
Foundation Printing	27.14
Samaria Restroom Facilities	194.00
Cash for Visiting Elders	500.00
<u>TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</u>	<u>\$2,071.14</u>
<u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND</u>	<u>\$7,629.30</u>

Agreed that our next Association to be held with the Calvary Church of Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 o'clock, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2001. Elder Raymond Stanley was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Steve Kinder to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed by prayer by Elder Josh Viers, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by <u>ROBERT WORRIX</u>	Moderator
<u>MICHAEL SMITH</u>	Assistant Moderator
<u>RANDAL THORNSBURY</u>	Clerk
<u>LESLIE HATFIELD</u>	Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY MORNING, September 3, 2000

INTRODUCTION: Elder J.C. Hager selected Hymn No. 15 in the Goble. A joyful prayer was tendered to God.

1. Elder Garnell Gilbert - Text: "What Shall I Render Unto the Lord For All His Benefits To Me!"
2. Elder Bob Mayhorn was richly blessed to sound the trumpet in Zion.
3. Elder Michael Smith - Text: "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me!"
4. Elder Robert Worrix - Closed out amid shouting and praise to God.

Circular Letter

To the brothers and sisters of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association on the One Hundred Forty-Eighth Annual Session, when they convene with John's Creek Church.

Greetings in the name of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Through much prayer, meditation and heart full of love for our precious Savior and you, his inheritance, I'll attempt to write this circular letter. Though I feel to be the least among the Brethren.

The Holy Spirit has inspired my heart to write concerning the glorious gospel. The Beloved Apostle Paul wrote in the letter to all that be in Rome, Beloved of God, called to be Saints, that as much as in him was, he was ready to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth.

This glorious gospel is the same today as it was when the forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist, stated he was the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Saying I baptize with water, but there is one who cometh after me who shall baptize you with the fire and the Holy Ghost. Jesus said to go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see, the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Beloved Heirs, this gospel is the good news, telling us that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and we certainly believe he did. This glorious gospel or God's spell tells us of our salvation. How that Jesus led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. What a wonderful gift, the bonds of sin, death, hell, and the grave, which had alienated us from God, were broken in Jesus. We were given eternal life, not for the good we had done, for we had all sinned and came short of the Glory of God, but rather God loved us with an everlasting love, that he would send his only begotten Son to die for us and cleanse us from all our sins. Praise His Name Forever!

Precious saints, how can God's children hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach? Except they be sent, as it is written how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things. OH! That God has committed into our hands the Elders of this great Association, the liberty to proclaim his word. Feed his sheep and to be a witness of things which shall shortly come to pass.

Dearly beloved brethren, let us not take lightly this gospel, as the scripture saith, But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God. I bring to your remembrance, through much afflictions how that the precious disciples suffered for the gospel, cast in prison, driven out of cities, stoned, beaten, shipwrecked, ridiculed, exiled and even suffered death for the opportunity to preach the gospel. Their desire was not to please men, but rather to please God. They were willing to lay their lives down for this gospel.

My dear saints, may we never be moved from this glorious news that Jesus paid it all and all to him we owe. May we hold dear this powerful gospel and not be removed from him that called us into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. My prayer is that we speak words which become sound doctrine, being steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, esteeming one another above ourselves, turning the other cheek, bowing at our Brethren's feet as an expression of our love one for the other.

Oh! May we as the Apostle John was blessed to see the angel fly in the midst of heaven, having everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth. This gospel has weathered the storms of time and shall never be defeated, for God has given the victory in the Lord Jesus Christ.

With much love, your humble servant and prisoner of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Elder Michael Elswick

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: David Coleman, Jr., Joseph Slone, Matt G. Slone,
and Bradley Worrix

LOUISA'S ALTERNATE: Ireland Adkins

OLD POND: Mike Scott, Ed Scott, Earl Scott, and
Walter Rutherford

OLD POND'S ALTERNATE: Cecil Hatfield

BIG CREEK: Tom Chapman, Wade Smith, Lawrence Elswick,
and R.T. Thacker

BIG CREEK'S ALTERNATE: Elbert Church

RACCOON: Monroe Justice, Joe Slone, Allen Coleman,
and Timothy Coleman

RACCOON'S ALTERNATE: Paul Dean Justice

PETER CREEK: Daris Kender, Stirl Smith, Randy Kinder,
and Floyd Coleman

PETER CREEK'S ALTERNATE: Steve Kinder

SULPHUR SPRING: Ronald Moore, Arthur May, Paul Smith,
and Brian Moore

SULPHUR SPRING'S ALTERNATE: Junior Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Frank Ball, Mitchell Blackburn, Virgil Smith,
and J. B. Ball

LITTLE HOPE'S ALTERNATE: Bobby Blackburn

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, Donald Justice, Bradley Coleman,
and Argle Kendrick

GRAPEVINE'S ALTERNATE: Timothy Slone

SAMARIA: Everett Smith, Lonnie Simpkins, Berlin Dotson,
and Cecil Hatfield

SAMARIA'S ALTERNATE: Dennis Dotson

LITTLE UNION: Ernest Blair, Bradley Coleman, Donald Justice,
and Leon Adkins

LITTLE UNION'S ALTERNATE: Ricky Blair

JOHN'S CREEK: Carl Coleman, Darnel Dotson, Roger Dotson,
and Larry Coleman

JOHN'S CREEK'S ALTERNATE: Ed Hunt

CALVARY: Roger Varney, Ricky Ratliff, Barry Thacker, and
David Allen Thacker

CALVARY'S ALTERNATE: Roy Owens

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Darrin Compton

DRY FORK'S ALTERNATE: Carl Vandyke

FRIENDSHIP: Martin Childers, Troy Wheeler, Arnold Hicks,
and David May

FRIENDSHIP'S ALTERNATE: Michael Elswick

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Bobby Kennedy

COLUMBUS'S ALTERNATE: Howard Waggner

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DEERFIELD'S ALTERNATE: Estle Hackney

PLEASANT HILL: Greg Moore, James Tennis Dotson, and
Earmel Dotson

PLEASANT HILL'S ALTERNATE:

NEW HOPE: William Dotson, James Hackney, Walter Sullivan,
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NEW HOPE'S ALTERNATE: Junior Thacker

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Peter Creek
Little Hope
Grapevine
Samaria
John's Creek

Robert Worrix
Michael Elswick
Elmer Thacker
Paul Dean Justice
Elmer Brown
Jimmie Lee Smith
Bobby Blackburn
Noah Slone
Michael Smith
Paul Varney
David May

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

Little Union
Calvary

Robert Worrix
Michael Elswick
David A. Thacker

May 1st Saturday
June 1st Saturday

Dry Fork
Friendship

Elmer Brown
Elmer Thacker
David May

May 2nd Saturday
August 4th Saturday

Deerfield
Columbus
Pleasant Hill

J. C. Hager
Lundy Coleman
James T. Dotson
Greg Moore

June 4th Saturday
April 4th Saturday
April 3rd Saturday

New Hope

Elbert Church
Walter Sullivan

May 4th Saturday

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OBITUARIES

WOODRUFF L. DULEN



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It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of a dear friend and a Brother in Christ. Woodruff L. Dulen was born January 21, 1925, in Morgan, Ky. He resided with his wife, Geneva, at 7600 Troy Sidney Rd., Piqua, Oh. The Lord called him home at the age of 75 on March 10, 2000, after being hospitalized for 4 months in the Veterans Hospital in Dayton, Oh.

He was the son of the late John and Rosie Dulen. Also killed in the Vietnam War, three brothers, David, Winston, and Kenny Dulen, and two sisters, Rosetta Dulen and Huldah Dulen Hendershot.

Leaving to mourn his death is his dear beloved wife, Geneva Jones Dulen; and one brother, Woodrow Jr. Dulen; one sister, Janie Myrtle Dulen; two brothers-in-law, Edd and Charles Jones. He also adopted into his life Bud and Kathleen Wright as a son and daughter.

Woodruff and Geneva were united in marriage on July 13, 1948. He served his country in World War II and received a Purple Heart

and four Bronze Stars. He retired from Dinner Bell Packing Co. in Troy, Oh.

He was a Minister for 46 years of his life and the Moderator of Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Urbana, Oh., for approximately 15 years. He was very faithful in his ministry and to the church before his sickness. He will be greatly missed by all of his brothers and sisters in Christ, and all his family and friends.

It gives us great comfort to believe that he is heaven now, and he will never suffer no more, and by the Grace of God that we may all join him someday on that Heavenly Shore.

—Written by: *Elder Tennis Dotson*



ELDER JEFF CHAPMAN

From Oct. 16, 1926
to Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999

Brother Jeff was a member of Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church, and an Elder over 36 years.

One daughter, Rachel Chapman, preceded him in death.

He was the son of the late Berlin Chapman and Berth Slone Chapman.

A loving husband and father, we miss you very much. You never know what a year will hold. You, Dad, were called away, and we can't see you, but the memories hold true. Things that you have said I can see now I will never forget. Because you, Dad, have taught us well.

When you left you had a smile. You knew God was called you home. We were so sad, but you were glad because the angels came to take you home.

Brother Jeff is survived by his wife, Octavia Chapman, of Kimper, Ky.; daughters, Emma Hunt of Nicholasville, Ky., Sue Hensley of Huntington, Ind., Betty Canada of Pikeville, Ky., Nancy Harris of Pikeville, Ky., Erma Chapman of Kimper; one son, L.B. Chapman of Huntington, Ind.; one granddaughter, Beverly Hensley Burnworth of Huntington, Ind.; 3 grandsons, James Canada of Pikeville, Ky., A.J. Harris of Pikeville, Ky., Ryne Hunt of Nicholasville, Ky.; and one great-grandchild, KayLynn Burnworth of Huntington, Ind.

Perhaps you were with us at our time of sadness or you sent a flower, or maybe you just thought about us. No matter what part, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We want to say thank you very much to Brother Paul Dean Justice and Brother Monroe Justice for going all the way. Thanks to Charles Morris for his kindness, and Larry Thacker, and Annie E. Young.

Where our father now is at rest.

Thanks to all the Elders who came from near and far.

—Written by: Wife and Daughter,
Octavia Chapman and Erma Chapman



VIRGIS COOK

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In loving memory we'll try to write the obituary of our loving Husband and Father.

Virgis Cook was born at Huddy, Ky., on Nov. 25, 1926. He was the son of the late Dave and Flora Dotson Cook. He departed his life April 13, 1996, making his stay on earth 69 years, 4 months, and 18 days.

He leaves his wife, Mary Cook, 5 sons, 3 daughters, 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers.

Virgis joined the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Ky., in 1967. He loved to go to church and enjoyed good preaching and singing.

He was sick for the last 9 years he lived. The last year he spent most of it in the hospital. He was so sick and suffered so much, he would tell us he wished the angels would come and get him and take him to be with the Lord. The last week he lived, he was in the Huntington VA Hospital, I stayed with him. He told me that he was going to leave me for awhile, not to worry about him, that he was going home to be with Jesus.

Our home is so lonesome since you have gone, so, Darling, be waiting and watching for me. By the Grace of God I'll see you again someday.

—Written by: Wife, Mary Cook, and Children

DOVIL SCOTT

Dovil Scott, 85, of McCarr, KY, died Friday, January 28, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Born June 27, 1914, at Mud Lick, Hardy, KY, he was the son of the late Thomas and Georgia Stafford Scott. He was preceded in death by brothers Anderson, Sterling,



DOVIL SCOTT

and Joe B. Scott, and Orville Morris; and by sisters Mary Jane Scott, Willie Mae Oney, Lilly S. Hatfield, and Gracie Stacy. Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Katherine Hatfield Scott; son, Larry Anthony Scott and wife, Margie; daughters, Grett Jo Helms and husband, Ken, and Sheryle Lee Sullivan and husband, Bill. He is also survived by a sister, Olleana Robinson, and husband, Eddie; and best friend and sister-in-law, Jeanette Smith; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a host of friends who dearly miss him.

Dovil was a retired miner, and a member of the UMWA. He united with Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized on November 16, 1986, along with his wife, Katherine; he rejoiced in the songs and sweet fellowship of the church, and was faithful to attend as long as he was able.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, 2000, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel, with Elders Michael Smith, Paul Varney and Paris Blackburn officiating. Dovil was laid to rest at the family cemetery at Mud Lick.

RUSH CHAPMAN

Rush Chapman, 79, of Kimper, KY, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born May 14, 1920, at Raccoon, KY, he was the son of the late Tilden Chapman and Della Maynard Chapman. He was also preceded in death by brothers Howard and Danny Chapman.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church, Kimper, KY; he was also a WWII U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include: wife, Annie Varney Chapman, Kimper, KY; brother, Virgle Chapman, Huddy, KY; sisters, Emogene Gerald and Maxine Stratton of Ypsilanti, MI; stepbrother, Lonnie Rowe, Pinsonfork, KY; and stepsister, Mary Tucker, Bardstown, KY.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 9, 1999, at Calvary Primitive Baptist Church, with Michael Elswick, Paul Varney, and David Allen Thacker officiating.

Burial followed in Honaker Cemetery, Kimper, KY. Pallbearers were family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Justice Funeral Home.



IRELAND KENDRICK

*God saw you getting tired,
A cure was not to be,
He put His arms around you and whispered,
"Come to Me!"*

*A Golden Heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
God broke our Hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the Best!*

IRELAND KENDRICK

It is with lonely hearts and loving memories we will try to write the obituary of a beloved husband, Daddy, and Grandpa, Ireland Kendrick. He was born May 30, 1945, in Pike County, he departed this life on August 3, 2000, making his stay on earth 55 years, 2 months and 2 days.

He was the son of Victoria Thacker Kendrick Slone and the late Dave Kendrick.

Daddy was a disabled coal miner and a loving Christian man. He was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. He was baptized on October 31, 1982. Daddy enjoyed going to church to praise God. He loved to fellowship with his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Daddy would always tell us, "Children, go to church every time you can, because there may come a time in your life you want to go, and you may not be able to." There were times Daddy could not hardly breath or walk that he would go to church to hear the word of God. We thank God for giving him the strength to do so.

Daddy was a loving and kindhearted man. Even when he would be so sick, he would smile, laugh and just say silly things to make you laugh. Daddy always tried to help everybody, even though he had only two children, he took lots of others under his wing and cared for them also.

He left many loved ones behind that will dearly miss him: his wife of 35 years, Christene Layne Kendrick, married June 30, 1965; two daughters, Dorothy Prater and Delores Ann Varney; one "grandbaby", Jessica Dawn Prater; and two sons-in-law, David Varney and Steve Prater. Other survivors are: his mother, Victoria Slone; five brothers, Elder Perry Kendrick, Hibbard, Lawrence, Lank and Jonah Kendrick; four sisters, Tilda Thacker, Linda B. Ratliff, Verda Slone, and Gracie Justice. He was preceded in death by his father, Dave Kendrick; two brothers, Matt David Kendrick and Basil Kendrick; four sisters, Ollie K. Thacker, Martha Miller, Jettie and Maxie Kendrick. Daddy will be sadly missed by us and a host of relatives and friends.

Sleep on, Daddy, we will miss you so very much, but we know you are just asleep and that you are "Gone Away With A Friend". You're not having a hard time breathing or in pain anymore. We hope to meet you in Heaven someday soon.

—*With Loving and Happy Memories*
Christene, Dorothy, Ann, Jessica, Steve and David



WILLIE SMITH

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With a sad, aching heart I try to write the obituary of my dear beloved husband, Willie Smith.

Willie was born November 29, 1938, at Ransome, KY, and departed this life March 19, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was the son of the late Elconie and Birdy Smith. He was married to Mary Lou Dotson, daughter of the late Bud Dotson and Margie Coleman. To this union was born two sons, Ricky Jr. Smith and Larry Neal Smith; one daughter, Jeannie Smith Dotson; and six grandchildren.

This world is so lonesome since Jesus called Wild Bill Home. I hope to meet him again in that Bright Home above where we will never be apart no more.

I know Willie can never come back to me, but by the grace of God, I can go to him. I believe Bill is resting from all his sickness, suffering and pain, so sleep on, my Darling, take that Peaceful Sleep, until that Beautiful day, when Jesus' voice will bring you up from that Peaceful Sleep and take you Home to Glory. Oh, how lonesome I am without Wild Bill. I miss him so much, as time goes by, I miss him more, his sweet face I see no more.

Wild Bill, when you left me to be with the Father, part of me went with you. We were as one. I'll never be satisfied in this old world without you. I question not why God took you away from us. This world will never be the same without you in it with me.

Bill, I have a hope you will bloom again when Jesus comes to take his Saints home.

I hope my loss is his eternal gain.

I'll hope by the grace of God we will meet someday again. Just across Jordan.

—*Sadly written by one who loved him*
His brokenhearted wife, Mary Lou Smith



JAMES L. PARTIN

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James L. Partin, 73, of Paragould, Arkansas, died Wednesday, November 3, 1999, at Arkansas Methodist Hospital.

He was born January 1, 1926, in Pruden, Tennessee. He was retired from General Motors, Grand Blanc, Michigan. He was a member and Deacon at the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Eva Partin; two sisters, Juanita Claggett and A.V. Kelly; and a brother, Earl Partin.

Survivors include his wife, Tilda Lucille Partin of Paragould; one daughter, Lois Copeland of Paragould; and one son, James O. Partin of Lafaette, Tennessee. He had five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. The funeral was at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 8, 1999, at Reeces Funeral Home at Harrogett, Tennessee, with Elder J.C. Hager and Elder Robbins officiating. Burial was at the Edwards Cemetery at Speedwell, Tennessee.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren: Ray, Steve and Jeff Copeland of Paragould, Arkansas, Anita and David McCord of Nashville, Tennessee, and James R. Partin of Florida.



SAMUEL LEE BURKE

Obituary of **SAMUEL LEE BURKE**

Samuel Lee Burke was born on July 3, 1925, to John D. and Ida M. Johnson near Portsmouth, Ohio, and passed from this life on July 31, 2000, at his home in Leslie, Michigan, making his stay here 75 years and 28 days. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, two brothers, one sister, his beloved wife, Nova, one grandson and one great-grandson.

Samuel entered the military service on October 9, 1943, and served his

country as an infantry soldier with the 45th division in Southern France. While there he was engaged in two campaigns, where he was wounded near Bourg, France. Samuel was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the EAME Theatre Ribbon with two battle stars, the Bronze Service Arrowhead, a Good Conduct Metal and the Purple Heart.

It was while serving in the military service that Samuel met Reese Arnett Jr. who became his lifelong friend and through this friend he began to correspond with Nova Jackson, and then met while on convalescence leave, and they were married on January 8, 1946. To this union, which lasted 48 years, 10 months and 22 days, twelve children were born, and all are surviving: Emma Salyer of Falcon, KY – Elmer and wife, Wannetta, of Leslie, MI – Ella and husband, Mike Malenfant, of Gladstone, MI – Stella and husband, Clarence LeMar, of Jackson, MI – Robert and wife, Sherry, of Leslie, MI – Geneva and husband, Kenneth Kennard, of White Rock, NM – James and wife, Chevelle, of Leslie, MI – Jo Ann and husband, Rick Brown, of Leslie, MI – Marvin and wife, Raylene, of Leslie, MI – Billie and wife, Betty, of Jackson, MI – Connie and husband, Donnie Ramalia, of Jackson, MI – and Johnnie and wife, Teresa, of Leslie, MI. Samuel is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lillie Wallen of KY and Arora Bell Huff of Lakeland, KY.

Samuel went into the White Oak Grove Primitive Church in September 1962 and later took a home with the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church at Linden, MI, on March 25, 1988, and served as a Deacon from September 1989 until his passing.

Samuel fought the battles of war for his country and the battles of life for his Lord and Saviour. God's word says for us to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life. The earthly tabernacle of Samuel's body has lost the battle, but the inner man has now won the victory of eternal life, for to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We who loved him shall miss him greatly, but we rejoice that he has now entered into the Blessed rest of his Lord Jesus.

—Written by Samuel's eldest son,
Reverend Elmer Burke



YORK RUNYON

He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, and he dearly loved the Primitive People.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Jane Runyon, and two children, Jenny and Randy (one son, Ricky, preceded him in death); also three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren of whom he loved dearly.

He will be greatly missed by his family and a host of faithful friends.

—Written with many good memories
His wife, Betty

YORK RUNYON

With much sadness I'll try to write the obituary of my husband, York Runyon, who was a faithful companion and the greatest Daddy in the world to his children.

He was born May 1, 1922, and departed this life on November 12, 1999.

He was the son of Ballard and Lydia Ramey Runyon, and was the youngest of eight children.



STERL SCOTT

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It is with loving memories that I write my Dad's obituary. Sterl Scott was born January 22, 1930, in Pike County, KY. He was the son of the late Bradley Scott and Nancy Coleman Scott.

Dad went home to be with the Lord on July 4, 2000. He was 70 years old.

He was married to Queenie, and they were blessed with seven children – Richard Scott, Shelby, NC, Roger Scott, Ransom, KY, Margaret (Kathy) Marcum, Megis Co., Ohio, Sharon Lucas, Williamson, WV, Timmy (Bo) Scott, Ransom, KY, Cynthia (Cindy)

Reed, Shelby, NC, and Angela (Angie) Daniels, Williamson, WV.

Left to mourn his death are two brothers, Dave Scott and Johnny Scott, both of Cincinnati, Ohio, and two sisters, Bobby Jean Smith

of Winnabow, NC and Betty Joe Justice of Ransom, KY; 11 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his loving wife and three grandchildren.

He was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, where he loved to go and worship and sing praises to the Lord.

He was placed to rest at Alley Cemetery at Ransom, KY.

Dad was small in stature, but "Big" in heart. He loved to cook and visit with family and friends.

His personality was overwhelming. He never met a stranger, he was loved by all who knew him.

He is truly missed by his family and friends.

This is not good-bye — I'm only saying, "See Ya Later, Dad." Then we'll have a great family reunion around God's Throne.

—Written by Sharon Lucas, Daughter



BROTHER TONY SCOTT

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With a sad and broken heart, I'll make the attempt to write the obituary of my husband, Tony Scott, who passed away in the ARH Hospital on October 31, 1999, at South Williamson, KY, making his stay here on earth 82 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

He was born at Ransom, KY, the son of Wayne and Rose Hensley Scott.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Myrtle Spencer; also six brothers, Bob, Charley, Jonah, Tommy, Dewey, and Homer; and two sisters, Hazel and Jenny Sword.

He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church at Belfry, KY, and was baptized by Elder Teddy Ball and Elder Don Hatfield.

He is survived by his wife, Magalene Johnson Scott, and several nieces and nephews.

He was laid to rest on Nov. 3, 1999, in the Johnson Cemetery, a section part of the Julis Scott's Cemetery at Hardy, KY.

I miss him so much day and night. I feel my loss is Heaven's gain. Sisters and Brothers, remember me in your prayers. We need each other's prayers.

—Written by Sister Magalene Scott



MATTHEW McINTOSH

Matthew McIntosh was born April 16, 1927, in Krypton, Kentucky. He was the third son of Jerry McIntosh and Mary Jackson McIntosh. He departed this life July 6, 2000, making his stay on this earth 73 years and 2 months and 20 days. He was married to his first wife, Goldie Worrix McIntosh, for 42 years and to this union was born one daughter, Charlene. Matthew was a wonderful father and worked hard as an over-the-road truck driver to provide for his family. They made their home

MATTHEW McINTOSH in Fort Wayne, Indiana. On April 22, 1979, he joined the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. He was baptized that day, along with his then 17-year-old daughter, Charlene. Shortly after, he began serving the Lord as a Deacon in that church.

Matthew was later divorced and married his second wife, Sylvia Kay Dow McIntosh, in October of 1992. They made their home in Gosport, Indiana.

Matthew is survived by his first wife, Goldie Worrix McIntosh, of Circleville, Ohio; his second wife, Sylvia Kay McIntosh, of Gosport, Indiana; a daughter, Charlene Stanley, of South Bloomingville, Ohio; one grandson and three step-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Matthew lived through many trials and tribulations in this life and had much suffering. As all that knew him can say, however, he always faced everything with a smile and maybe a little joke, but most of all he faced it with his faith that the Lord was in control. He loved all those around him and always tried to encourage others, no matter what situation he found himself in. He would share anything he had. Matthew preached his own funeral by the way he lived his life. He was generous, kind, lighthearted and giving, and most of all, he was a servant of God.

One of the things that Matthew really enjoyed was making people laugh, and he usually had a little joke to tell to anyone that would listen. Even if the joke was not funny, it was hard not to laugh at the telling of it. He also loved gospel music and always wanted to sing for the sick and anyone else who wanted to hear.

As much as he is missed here in life, we know he is in a much better place. He suffered much in this world, and God in His infinite mercy took him home to rest. By the grace of God, we will meet him again in that better place.

—Written by his daughter, Charlene Stanley



LANDON STANLEY

The Obituary of **LANDON STANLEY**

With a broken heart, eyes being dim from tears of sorrow, I'll attempt to write this obituary of my beloved Brother in Christ, Father-in-law, and friend.

Landon was born May 27, 1924, the son of the late Joe B. and Lizzie Thacker Stanley at Canada, KY, departing this life July 31, 2000, at his residence. Also preceding him in death were four brothers, Joseph Ferrell, Frinnie, Willie, and Quincy Stanley, and one sister, Eula Marie Stanley.

Landon was married to Pricy Stanley on August 7, 1953, and they were blessed with two wonderful daughters, Barbary Varney and Drema Elswick, of Canada. In addition to his dear wife and daughters, he is survived by one brother, James Stanley, of Canada, and two sisters, Mary Stanley, of Sidney, KY, and Ruby Benn of Riverview, Michigan; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews; also a great host of friends.

Landon was a disabled coal miner, a member of the United Mine Workers of America Local Union 5737. He united with the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church in August of 1994. We were blessed to baptize him and his dear wife together, what a beautiful baptism it was, what a honor it was to bury them in baptism to be raised to walk in the newness of life. Brother Landon was later ordained to the office of a Deacon, where he served the Church faithfully. I know he will be greatly missed by the members of the Church.

I've been blessed to know many special men in my life, Papa was a person I loved and respected. He may have been my father-in-law, but he treated me like a son, and I thought of him as a Dad. We were blessed to do so many things together. It did not matter what Emery, myself or the grandchildren were doing, Papa was there to help. He was a hard working man, not thinking of himself, only of his family and what he could do for them.

Yes, our family circle is broken, the home place won't be the same. God called, Papa answered. He's gone to be with Jesus, what an eternal gain, free at last from all his grief and pain.

To this wonderful family, what a blessing it was to have Papa. The joy he brought to our lives, how close we have always been. I know he would want us to continue in love, caring for one another.

Mama, how he loved you and was always worrying about you, caring for you, now we will care for you, for I know this is what Papa would have wanted. To the girls, remember all the good times, the blessing which was bestowed upon you to have a Dad who loved you and would have given you this world if it were possible. To the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, remember all the good times, the hunting, fishing, camping trips Papa would do with you. The happy times at Christmas, when we would all gather in around the tree, the beautiful smile upon his face, to see the joy, him not thinking of himself, only of you.

Unto us who are alive, sorrow not as others which have no hope, for if we believed God raised Jesus from the dead, then our precious family will be reunited when Jesus comes and awakes them that sleeps and takes us home to glory.

May we finish by saying, yes, our loss is great, our hearts are broken, but Papa will live within our hearts until we also are blessed to sleep in Jesus, from which none will wake to weep. My prayer to God is, in Jesus name, that we who are alive and remain will continue to follow in the paths of our righteousness as God has decreed in his Holy script. Being faithful, steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to his abundant Grace which works in us both the will and the do and that of his own good pleasure.

Yes, precious loved one, sleep until we meet again.

—With a broken heart
Elder Michael Elswick



CHARLIE W. DEEL

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April 08, 1922 - January 16, 2000

Charlie Deel, age 77, entered into eternal rest at his home Sunday morning on January 16, 2000. Born in Buchanan County, he was the son of the late Toby Dorsey and Arviline Deel. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah Deel, a son, Terry Lee Deel, a grandson, Jeffery Wayne Charles and his step-father, Jeff Charles. He was a retired coal miner, a member of UMWA, and he was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII. He was of the Baptist faith.

He leaves one daughter: Sandra Charles; six sons: Billy Deel, Toby Deel, Roger Deel, Jerry Deel, Dean Deel and Richard Deel;

19 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He also leaves one sister: Zella Owens; two half-sisters: Dolly Chambers and Kathlene Deel; five half-brothers: Troy Charles, Aster Charles, Lawson Charles, John Charles and Omar Charles.

Funeral services were conducted at Haysi Funeral Home with Elder Elmer Brown. Burial followed in the family cemetery, Vansant, VA.

Rest in peace, my dear sweet Papaw. I miss you each and every day. I know that you will suffer no more in the hands of the Lord.

We will carry your memories with us for the rest of our lives here on earth. You are in my thoughts and prayers. We love and miss you, Papaw.

—Written by:
*Your Granddaughter,
Beverly Ann Perkins*



WALTER ROBERT BRANHAM

Walter Robert Branham, born November 2, 1941, died October 17, 1999. He was the son of Johnny Branham and Irene Coleman Branham Ratiff.

Walter married Thelma Joyce Childress on August 16, 1966, and three children were born of this union: a son: William Robert Branham of Neeley Ridge; two daughters: Rebecca Joyce Branham Murphy of Clintwood, Va., and Martha Lynn Branham Jackson of Vansant; three grandchildren, one grandson and two granddaughters.

Walter suffered for years with lung and heart disease, and was on the verge of death many, many times. He was brought back by God to spend more time with his family. We were blessed more times than we can say, and we thank you, God, for being so good to us!

Eventually there came a time when Walter had to leave us. Although we knew this could happen at any time, it was still a hard burden to face. We must remember what Walter always said, "I'm just waiting for the call!" He was ready to go, so we must be able to face each lonely day and wait for our call!

—Written by
*His Loving and Lonely Wife,
Joyce*



**MARIE SYCK COLLINS
WADE LANGLEY COLLINS**

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On August 31, 1909, Carolyn Blackburn and William J. Collins planted a flower seed in their garden and named it Wade. On January 29, 1915, Polka and Daniel O. Syck planted a flower seed in their garden and named it Marie. Those two flower seeds got together on November 14, 1933, and started their own beautiful flower garden.

Over the years they would plant nine (9) flower seeds, and they would grow wonderful memories for them. Five of those seeds were sons: Jackie - Bruce - Gary - Randy and Paul. Four of those seeds were daughters: Jo Ferrell - Mildred Binnix - Melster Belcher and Justine Dennis. There were also blessed with 22 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

This "Garden" proved to be their biggest joy of life. In December 1995 they lost a grandson, Brandon Collins. Their own flower seeds would die before anything else that they planted. Wade died on August 18, 1999, at the age of 89. Marie died on July 3, 2000, at the age of 85. With him sickness was not long, but with her sickness took its toll, but they are together again waiting on their flower garden to come to them.

Wade and Marie loved for people to visit. There was always a smile on their face and a meal on their table. They are gone now, but with the seeds they planted, we know God has a flower garden in heaven that will always bloom.

—Written by the Family

MELPHIE ROBERTS SMITH

Melphie Roberts Smith, daughter of Daniel and Ettie Newsome Roberts, and wife to Luther Edward Smith, went home to the Lord at the age of 77 on her birthday, June 14, 2000. She united with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church on October 4, 1952, and faithfully served it for 48 years.

Mommy attended church regularly until the last two years of her life when illness incapacitated her. Many elders and others in the church have remarked upon how joyfully she worshipped the



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Lord. She loved the Lord, and she loved the Primitive Baptist Church. Throughout the pain and suffering of her long illness, her faith in the Lord never diminished; she turned to Him in prayer often, and she never failed to request prayer from all who visited her. There were many occasions when prayer eased her pain though medication could not.

Mommy and Daddy married on August 5, 1944, and had two daughters: Mildred Lou Varney in 1945, and Carletta De Prospro in 1948. Two granddaughters, Lisa Marie De Prospro Philo and Bonnie Marie Varney Moore, were born in 1977. Mommy is survived by two sisters: Mellie Slater and Lalor Ann Dotson. She was preceded in death by her parents and by four brothers and three sisters: Milford, Millard, Millis and Merlin Roberts, Maxie Mae Roberts Odum, Margie Roberts Maggard, and Maudie Roberts Green. All who survive her feel a great loneliness for her presence, but she will never be absent from their hearts. She was a friend to all, and an inspiration to many. Her generosity and her concern for the welfare of others extended even to strangers.

After her Lord and Saviour, her family, and her friends, her next great love was teaching. Since her youth, it was Mother's ambition to teach, and after she raised her daughters, she went to college and became a teacher. She loved her students and all children, ministering to them not only with the love of a teacher, but with the heart of a mother.

Immediately upon Mother's death, a look of great peace and beauty was upon her face. There can be no doubt that as her eyes closed upon this earthly home, they opened upon a more beautiful home, a place of unimaginable joy, in the arms of Jesus.

Weep not, my friends, my friends, weep not for me,

All is well, all is well;

My sins are pardoned, pardoned, I am free;

All is well, all is well;

There's not a cloud that doth arise,

To hide my Saviour from mine eyes...

All is well, all is well.

—The Smith Family



MAE CHURCH

In loving memory of my Mother, I will try to write her obituary. She was born in Pike County, Ky., on January 3, 1921. She died June 30, 2000, making her stay on earth 79 years.

Mom was a retired cook and homemaker. She belonged to the Old Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Mom was preceded in death by her Mother, Stella Thornsby Blackburn; her Father, Olva Blackburn; sons, William Franklin Church and Sylvanis Church; one granddaughter, Mary Ann Church. She was also preceded in death

MAE CHURCH

by her beloved Husband, Newman Church.

Mom left behind four children and their wives and husbands: daughters, Oma Smith (Willie Smith), Stella F. Thacker (Junior Thacker), sons, Truman J. Church (Ruby Church), Elbert Church (Gail Church); a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mom was a wonderful Mother, not only to her own children, but to a lot of children. This is just some of the things she did for us.

Mom was our stone when we were growing up. Mom knew us better than anyone in this world. She wiped our tears when we were sad. She listened when we were troubled. She gave us advice when we didn't want to hear it, but it never stopped her, especially if she thought we were making a mistake.

Mom prayed for her children and grandchildren and her loved ones.

We are going to miss Mom very much.

Mom is out of her pain and sorrow. The last week of Mom's life, she was in so much pain, nothing we did would help her pain, but she never quit praying and praising the Lord. She constantly talked to Jesus. When she took her last breath, you could see a peace and rest come over her little body. She is at rest with Jesus now.

Mom left her family a testimony of love, and her faith never waived. Now she is waiting for her loved ones.

I miss you, Mom, someday I hope to see you. I wouldn't call you back if I could, you have found rest.

—With Much Sadness
Stella F. Thacker



FONNIE HATFIELD NORMAN

Mrs. Fannie Hatfield Norman, 92, died Saturday, July 15, 2000, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. Beloved mother of a large family and a cherished member of her community, she was born on April 8, 1908, and was a lifelong resident of Blackberry Creek. She was the daughter of Ransom and Dixie Scott Hatfield and the granddaughter of Elder Anderson and Polly Runyon Hatfield. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Norman, well-known eastern Kentucky coal operator.

FONNIE HATFIELD NORMAN

She was also preceded in death by two sons, C.R. Norman and Ray Norman; two sisters, Pearl Hatfield Blackburn and Hazel Hatfield Blackburn Pauley; a brother, R. Stearl Hatfield; three half-brothers, Ralph Hatfield, Trivette Hatfield, and Tennis Hatfield; and one great-granddaughter, Lindsay Weston.

She is survived by two daughters, Patsy (Earl) Sullivan of McCarr, Kentucky, and Anna Lou (Danny) Entry of Okeechobee, Florida; two sons, Tom Norman of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Marvin (Thelma) Norman of Florence, Kentucky. She is also survived by daughter-in-law, Lois Norman, and sister-in-law, Magdalene Hatfield of McCarr, Kentucky; and half-sister, Polly Faye Hatfield Carriger of Pontiac, Michigan; ten grandchildren, James Norman, Herndon, Virginia, David Sullivan, Jacksonville, Florida, Earlene Sullivan Alley, McCarr, Kentucky, Michael Entry, Okeechobee, Florida, Joseph Entry, Okeechobee, Florida, Suzanne Entry Von Stein, Jacksonville, Florida, Norman Entry, Tallahassee, Florida, Lisa Norman Conrad, Circleville, Ohio, Teresa Norman Weston, Harlem, Georgia, and Elizabeth Norman Bagley, Burlington, Kentucky; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Blackberry.

Visitation was held at Rogers Funeral Home at Belfry, Kentucky, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, July 17 and 18. The funeral was held at 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, July 19. Casket bearers were Matthew Alley, Gary Alley, Neal Von Stein, Scott Bagley, Norman Entry, Michael Entry, and John Venturino.

—By Tom Norman



GRACIE (COLEMAN) NEWTON

It is with much sadness that we write the obituary of our beloved Sister and Mother, Gracie (Coleman) Newton. She was born March 4, 1943, and taken from us on March 14, 2000, making her stay here on earth 57 years and 10 days.

She was the daughter of Elder Paris Coleman and Missouri Coleman. She was preceded in death by her father and mother; three brothers, Arvilace Coleman, Frank Coleman and Don Coleman; one sister, Daisy (Coleman) Miller; two half-brothers, Harvey Coleman and Ralph Coleman.

GRACIE (COLEMAN) NEWTON

She was a faithful member of the John's Creek Primitive Baptist Church always filling her seat.

She was united in marriage to Clarence Stevens Jr. To this union was born four children: two sons, Micheal Stevens and Jeffery Stevens; two daughters, Patricia Ann (Stevens) Evans and Sharon Kaye (Stevens) Wood. Later she was united in marriage to Bernis Newton Jr. on August 10, 1967. To this union was born one son, Bernis Newton III.

She was survived by her three sons: Micheal Stevens, Newton, N.C., Jeffery Stevens, Lexington, Ky., Bernis Newton III, Sidney, Ky.; two daughters: Patricia Ann Evans, Naugutuck, W.V., Sharon Kaye Wood, Newton, N.C.; one daughter-in-law, Lisa (Justice) Stevens; one son-in-law, Billy Floyd Wood. She also is survived by four brothers: Arnold W. Coleman of Elyria, Ohio, Larry Coleman of Sidney, Ky., Carl Coleman of Kimper, Ky., and Plennie Coleman of Canada, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. Faye Coleman of Elyria, Ohio; and eleven grandchildren: Tina Spauldings, Kristie Matney, Leslie Matney, Rita Kaye (Owens) Senter, Ashley Grace (Owens) Guzman, Sue Ellen Owens, Alicia Kae Stevens, Joshua Paul Fonso Stevens, Crystal Coleman, Austin Paris Newton, Rececca Carolyn Newton; five great-grandchildren: Kinny and Brandon Spaulding, Tia and Tyler, Nathaniel Allen Senter; two grandsons-in-law, Jamie H. Senter and Emanuel Anthony Guzman; and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

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 Bro. Larry Coleman



OLZIE DIXIE ROSE

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Olzie Dixie Rose, 88, formerly of Middletown, Maryland, died Friday, October 8, 1999, at the home of her daughter. Olzie was born April 29, 1911, in Dickenson County, Virginia. She was a daughter of the late John and Sarah Farmer Deel. She was preceded in death by her husband, George (Big Daddy) Rose, in 1993.

She is survived by four daughters, Dolly Powers of Williamsport, Dorothy Hager of Ransom, Ky., Loretta Cody of Middletown and Elizabeth Sluss of Columbia; three sons, John Rose of Boonsboro, Roger Rose of Knoxville, and Arvil Rose of Burkittsville; three sisters, Goldie Ellis of Rock, W.V., Mary Moore of Laurel, Md., and Nell Belcher of Clintonwood, Va.; 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Olzie was known as "Big Mom" to all who knew her. She had such a kind and loving heart everyone just called her "Big Mom". She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

"Big Mom" is sadly missed by her children and family, but we know she is in Heaven with "Big Daddy" waiting to call all their children home.

—Greatly Loved and Sadly Missed



**PEGGY ANN
HERALD THOMPSON**

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Peggy Thompson, 69, of Chattaroy, W.V., passed away Tuesday, November 9, 1999, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.V.

Peggy was born October 2, 1930, at Williamson. She was the daughter of the late Andrew and Callie Lowe Herald.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles "Buck" Thompson, brother, Lafayette Herald, and sister, Betty Gail Herald.

She was a homemaker and a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Belfry, Ky., since 1982.

Peggy leaves to mourn her loss one

daughter, Deborah Young, and one son, Garland "Rabbit" Thompson, both of Williamson, Larry Herald of Charleston, W.V., and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 11, 1999, at Weaver Mortuary, Williamson. Burial followed at the Mountain View Memory Gardens, Maher, W.V.

Sister Peggy will be missed by her many friends and brothers and sisters in the church. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.



BETTY JO ZIMMERMAN

Betty Jo Zimmerman departed this life on April 11, 2000, after a long battle with cancer. She was born in 1927 to the loving union of the late George and Nola Fleming, making her stay on this earth 72 years.

She met and married her soul mate, Henry Zimmerman Jr., in 1946 and together they had 47 wonderful years. In their together they created 7 children

BETTY JO ZIMMERMAN

who loved and respected them always.

Our mother lived a long and happy life, she had her share of hardships, but we never knew of her to complain. She and our father made a warm and loving home for their family, we could always come back when things were tough or we just needed a hug.

Mom spread happiness wherever she went and knowing her could only brighten your life, never darken it. Growing up with her as a mother was the most wonderful gift her 7 children were ever given, and now that she is gone we are all a little lost.

She had many joys in her life, the biggest being her grandchildren, which she had a lot of. Another was what she called 'her little church'. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and loved the church and the people in it as much as her own home and family.

She was visited often by the members of the church while she was sick, and it brought so much happiness into her life and a peace and well-being only the Lord could give her. On behalf of her children, I would like to say thank you so much, we love you all.

Friends and family meant everything to her, and once you met

her, you never forgot her. She and Daddy were good honest people who gave and received love openly from anyone willing to give or receive it.

She has gone home to be with her husband, Henry, and two sons, Dan and Mike, making a home in heaven for them. We miss her more than we thought possible but would never wish her back, she waited on this reunion for a long time. One day we will all sit at the same table again. Until then, we have only good memories of our life with her.

Heaven is a much lovelier place with our Mom there, and we bide our time till we can kiss her cheeks again. What a day that will be to hear her say, "COME HOME, COME HOME, IT'S SUPPER TIME".

—*Lovingly Missed by Her Children, Grandchildren,
Family and Friends*

Written by Daughter, Denise Adams



LEARLIE ROSE-JOHNSON

With a sad heart and sweet memories, I write the obituary of my grandmother, Learlie Rose-Johnson. She passed away on September 20, 1998, at the age of 91, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

She was born on December 5, 1906, in Marshall Branch, Pike County, Kentucky. Her parents were the late Henderson Rose and Arminda Childress-Rose. She was the oldest of 12 children.

Learlie married William "Hursel" Johnson on June 25, 1925, at Elkcorn, Pike County, Kentucky. They had two children together, Glenn Edward

LEARLIE ROSE-JOHNSON Johnson and Jacqueline Johnson-Branham. They lived most of their lives at Marshall Branch, Pike County, Kentucky. They moved to Fairborn in 1965 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Both Hursel and Learlie attended the Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio. Unfortunately, she lost her husband to the Lord on November 21, 1981.

Since both of her children had retired to Florida, Learlie moved to Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1987. She stayed there until her death on September 20, 1998. She was flown to Fairborn so she could be buried beside her husband. On September 25, 1998, 1:30 p.m., she was buried at Byron Cemetery, Greene County, outside of Fairborn, Ohio. A service was held at the burial site with the

Elder Jimmy Moore and Elder Dallas Barker officiating.

The last time I saw her was this past summer, when my husband, Van, and my son, Van II, came down to visit her in Florida. She was so happy to see us. She told me that she enjoyed being on this earth to see her children and grandchildren grow up. She said she was also blessed to be able to see her great-grandchildren, too. But she longed to see her departed husband again when the good Lord decided to take her from this earth.

Learlie is missed by her family, her friends and all who knew her. Words cannot express the void in everyone's life caused by her passing. I am just thankful for the memories and knowing she is happy being with her husband and the Lord. I hope that our loss is Heaven's gain, and I pray that we will all be reunited someday.

—Written with love by her granddaughter,
Connie Sue Branham-Foster (9/26/98)



GARNETT MARIE STILTNER JUSTICE

Garnett Marie Stiltner Justice passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2000, following a short illness.

Born May 27, 1928, at Stone, Ky., she was the oldest child of the late Ballard and Myrtle Bevins Stiltner. Her mother lovingly taught her about the chores of daily life so, being the oldest, Garnett played a very important role in the upbringing of her 7 brothers and sisters. Those valuable lessons learned in the early days helped to provide a foundation for her life that God had planned.

GARNETT MARIE STILTNER JUSTICE Life was not always easy for the Stiltner family. But there was always plenty of joy and laughter. Many happy times, including childhood antics with brothers and sisters, cousins, friends and neighbors, have been shared and now are looked back on as precious memories.

On May 19, 1947, Garnett began her life outside of the Stiltner home. She married Buster and to their union was born three children—Rose Marie, Bonnie Lee and Danny Dale. Her children became the center of her life and remained there until the very end. Buster and Garnett worked hard together to provide a happy home for their children. Just as their parents had done for them, they taught their children many of life's most valuable lessons. Buster about providing a living for his family and Garnett about the love of family and home.

As their children grew and began their own lives, another great source of joy was given to them—grandchildren. Michele, Danny Robert, Shawna, Michael, Donna and Amy would bring a smile to her face every time. She was their Grani, and they were her babies. She loved them as much as any grandmother could love her grandchildren, and they loved her. When God blessed her with great-grandchildren, the circle became larger, and there was plenty of love for them all. Alicia, Chasity, Christopher, Joey, Kyra and Jacob learned fast about Grani's love. A kiss and a hug were always on the way.

After many years of hard work, in January of 1978, Buster and Garnett decided to make a major change in their lives. They moved to a life that God provided for them in Tennessee. Able to relax and enjoy family there, they enjoyed many happy years of being together and growing closer. Buster's health began to deteriorate and in February of 1996 decided it best to move home to be closer to their family here. Garnett worked tirelessly caring for Buster until God called him home in January of 1997. Her world was shattered, but the love of her family and strength from God sustained her during that difficult time.

In September of 1998, she made the decision to make another move in her life. God provided the way for her to move to a new home here on Grapevine. She loved her home, but more than that, she loved being close again to her childhood home. Jim, Brenda and Jack were able to be near her in the last eighteen months. They were able to do for her, just as she had done for them as they were growing up.

Garnett shared a special relationship with all of her brothers and sisters. Two brothers, Jimmy Ray Stiltner and Jack Stiltner, and three sisters, Betty Blackburn, Sue Estep and Brenda Spears, all survive her. She loved them, and they loved her. They were all able to stay in contact and remain very close. Just this past Friday night, God allowed all six of them to be together one more time. She was content with the life God had given her.

The love that she possessed extended beyond her immediate family. She loved us all and how we loved her! Her love and concern extended to the lives of her nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and to her in-laws. She was and always will be Grani to us all. Whether she cooked us a favorite dish, gave us a gift, or just shared a quiet conversation, we all knew we were important to her. Each of us shared our own personal relationship with her. She wanted the best things in life for us all and we always knew we were welcome in her home and in her life.

In addition to her parents and her Buster, Garnett was preceded in death by two brothers that she loved very much, Bill Stiltner and Joe Stiltner.

Although we don't understand and many of us may have asked why in the past four days—Why now, why like this, God? There just wasn't enough time. We must know that it's not meant for us to always understand God's ways, and we must often believe by faith—believe that God's plan is perfect, and that someday, in another time, in heaven's fair land, we will understand Grani shared with many of us about God, how she prayed to Him every night and how she knew He was with her. She trusted Him to help her, and we must trust Him to help us today.

Rose, Bonnie and Danny, on the card on your flowers it is written, You took our love, our hearts and a part of us with you. Oh, how she loved you, and in her own words in the last few days she wrote to you, her precious children. She wanted you to love each other and to be good to each other. That was her heart's desire. Please remember that.

Grani, we all love you, and we all miss you. You are now and forever will be in our hearts.

Garnett will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.



IDA BLACKBURN WILBUR

With great sadness I will try to write the obituary of my dear aunt, Ida Blackburn Wilbur, who passed away December 24, 1999. She was born December 15, 1915, making her stay on earth 84 years, 9 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 21, 1958; also her parents, Andrew J. Blackburn and Syrinier May Blackburn; 2 sisters, Stella Wolford, Pearl Jackson; 3 brothers, Johnnie Blackburn, Joe Blackburn, Bill Blackburn. She was the last surviving member of her family, but she has gone to that sweet home to reunite with all her family.

She was a member of the church around 60 years. She was a strong believer. She filled her seat as long as she was able. Her loving memories will be with us forever. She suffered so much her last 3 to 4 months, but she is gone where she will never have to suffer again. She never forgot to pray. It's hard not to have her here with me to go to and have our talks. My heart is broken, but I will meet her again on that great morning. Our heavenly gain.

—Written by her niece, Jeweline Coleman
Wolford Family and Blackburn Family



DONRITA THACKER

In Memory Of **DONRITA THACKER**

In much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my daughter, Donrita Thacker. She was born on November 15, 1950, and passed from this life on September 1, 1999, making her stay on Earth 48 years, 9 months, and 15 days. She was a daughter of Utha Coleman Thacker and the late Elder Wheeler Thacker. She was preceded in death by her son, Tom Doug Thacker; her father, Elder Wheeler Thacker; and one sister, Drema Seese.

She was a secretary and a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, Utha Thacker; one son, Blake Thacker; five brothers, Thomas Wheeler Thacker, Jr., Harold Dean Thacker, Timothy Thacker, Gary Keith Thacker, and Jefferson Thacker; two sisters, Brenda Joyce Milstead and Loretta Leaman. God gave me a lovely daughter. She was just a loan, and He called her home to no more suffering and pain. By the Grace of God, I will meet her.

—Written by her mother, Utha Thacker



DREMA SEESE

In Memory Of **DREMA SEESE**

In much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my daughter, Drema Seese. She was born on August 22, 1947, and passed from this life on June 22, 1997, making her stay on Earth 49 years and 10 months. She was a daughter of Utha Coleman Thacker and the late Elder Wheeler Thacker. She was preceded in death by her father, Elder Wheeler Thacker.

She was a homemaker and attended Prestonsburg Community College. She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, Utha Thacker; two daughters, Melinda and Amanda Robertson; five brothers, Thomas Wheeler Thacker, Jr., Harold Dean Thacker, Timothy Thacker, Gary Keith Thacker, and Jefferson Thacker; three sisters, Brenda Joyce Milstead, Donrita Thacker, and Loretta Leaman. God gave me a lovely daughter. She was just a loan, and He called her home to no more suffering and pain. By the Grace of God, I will meet her.

—Written by her mother, Utha Thacker



BERTIE SMITH

In loving memory of our precious Mom, Bertie Smith, who departed this life Thursday, March 16, 2000, making her stay on earth 82 years, 3 months and 7 days. Mom was born in Pike County on July 23, 1917, a daughter of the late Basil and Virgie Stiltner. Mom was a homemaker and a member of the Long Fork Primitive Baptist Church for over 50 years.

Mom was preceded in death by Dad, Eleanie Smith; one son, Lloyd 'Tubby' Smith; and six hours after Mom was laid to rest, Mom lost another son, Willie Smith, who lays so close to our hearts. God wanted another angel so He called Willie to go home with Mom. It broke our hearts to give them up, but God heals a broken heart, and God won't put no more on you than you can bear. And God will get us all through this.

Left to mourn her loss are four sons, Monroe, Tilden, Anthony, and Troy Smith, all of Kimper; three daughters, Flora Brittikofer of Wayne, Michigan, Eula Hunt of Pikeville, Ky., and Beulah Lockhart of Kimper; one brother, Willie Stiltner of Kimper; two sisters, Ora Bean of Trenton, Florida, Myrtle McCoy of Vinton, Ohio; 24 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

We've had a lot of tragedy in our family, but the saddest day of my life was the day Mom passed away. Mom was in a car accident. She could no longer take care of herself. Mom lived with me for over two years. Mom made my life. Mom was my best friend.

Mom loved everybody. She cherished her family, Mom loved the church, Mom had a forgiving heart. If you had known Mom, you wouldn't have had to ask Mom could she forgive, you would have already known by the Fruits Mom sowed in the Church for over 50 years. Mom was the kindest and most loving and forgiving person I ever knew.

The world may change from day to day and our lives may never be the same, but the love and memories of Mom will never pass away. To those who have a Mom, treasure her with care for you will never know the hurt until you see her vacant chair. Give your roses while she lives, for after death roses fade away. In Heaven we won't know separation. Mom and Dad won't ever have to go away, but we'll all be a part of God's great family circle and be reunited with Jesus. It won't be long.

I love you, Mom.

—Written by Daughter, Eula Hunt



CORA HONAKER JUSTICE

With a very sad heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear sweet Granny, who passed away on August 24, 2000. At the time of her death, Granny made her home with her daughter, Ollie Sams, in Covington, KY. She was born in Pike County on November 20, 1908, making her stay here on earth 91 years, 9 months and 4 days.

CORA HONAKER JUSTICE She was the daughter of the late Jim and Alice Honaker. Granny was married to James Marshall Justice who preceded her in death in 1965. They made their home at Grapevine, Phyllis, KY, where she lived until she was unable to stay by herself. To this union was born 12 children; 4 of them preceded her in death: one infant son: Earl Scott Justice; three daughters: Vina "Dolly" Anderson, Holly Stone, and Bertha Robinson. Four brothers, four sisters, one half-brother, and two half-sisters also preceded her in death.

Granny "Cora" is survived by five sons: John L. Justice, William Justice, and Brufford Justice, all of Covington, KY, Donald Justice and James Marshall Justice Jr., both of Phyllis, KY; three daughters: Bonnie Sams and Ollie Sams, both of Covington, KY, and Rosie Parmer of Marion, OH. She is also survived by one sister, Myrtle Anderson of Kimper, KY, and one half-sister, Irene Rowe of Florida. She also has 52 grandchildren, and several great- and great-great-grandchildren who survive her.

Cora was known by many names to many people. She was Mother, Mom, Grandmother, Mommaw, but to me, she was Granny. She also loved her sons-in-law and daughters-in-law. Everyone who met her loved her. There were a few special people who called her Mom and Granny that she said she adopted into her family because she loved them so much. One of those special people was Elder David Coleman Jr. whom she loved very much. Another special person she said was her son was her son-in-law, her daughter Holly's husband, Elder Noah Slone. When his own Mother passed away in 1984, Granny told him she was his Mom now, and he called her Mom ever since.

Granny was a great believer in God. Her faith kept her going when many people would have given up. She belonged to the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church at Phyllis, KY. She was baptized September 19, 1954. Even when her illness took her away from home and her church, she would often watch video tapes of

church services I would mail to her. It wasn't like being here, but she got a lot of enjoyment out of watching them.

I can't say enough for this wonderful person, she was the type of person who everyone wants to be. She loved everybody, but most of all she loved God. Granny, I will miss you dearly, but I know you are asleep in Jesus's arms along with the rest of your dear family who had preceded you in death, just waiting for that great day to come when we all will meet again.

Funeral services for Cora "Granny" Justice were held at 11 a.m. Sunday, August 27, 2000, at the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church at Phyllis, KY. She was laid to rest in the Anderson Cemetery on Anderson Road, Phyllis, KY.

I want to thank the family for asking me to write the obituary of my dear sweet Granny. It was a great honor for me, but a sad one, too. I know she will be missed by a great number of people, not just her family, but all the friends, and sisters and brothers in the churches. She will never be forgotten. Sleep in Peace, Granny. We all have the hope in Christ that someday we will be together again.

—Written by her Granddaughter, Sharon K. Slone,
daughter of Noah and Holly Slone



LYDIA (BLACKBURN) BLEVINS

Obituary of

LYDIA (BLACKBURN) BLEVINS

I will try to write the obituary of my Aunt Lydia. She was born on February 10, 1902, at Huddy, Ky. (Pike County). She passed away on February 20, 2000, in Warner Robins, Ga., where she had made her home for the past several years with her two sons. She was laid to rest there in Georgia. She lived to be 98 years and 10 days old.

She was the daughter of Mitch and Octavia (Varney) Blackburn. She married Ernest Edwards and to this union was born two sons, Vernon and Eugene Edwards. Later Ernest passed away. She later married Luther Blevins and to this union was born two sons, James and Harold Blevins. Then Luther passed away and Aunt Lydia raised her boys by herself.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; her two sons, Vernon and Eugene Edwards; 4 brothers, Andy Blackburn, Taulbe Blackburn, Hazzard Blackburn, Lacy Blackburn; and 2 sisters, Peggy Williamson and Polly Blair.

She is survived by her two sons, James and Harold Blevins of Georgia; one sister, Mrs. Trimble (Agnes) Stanley of Prestonsburg, Ky., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; a host of good friends.

Aunt Lydia was a good and loving person. She had a rough and lonesome life, I am sure. She always seemed to get a lot of enjoyment when she went to church and listened to the Old Baptist Preachers. She suffered a lot of pain in her life, but she is resting now, so sleep on, Aunt Lydia, until our Lord comes and calls His children to come go home, what a day that will be. We all miss you and will never stop loving you.

—Written by your Niece, Ruth Maynard



For GENEVIE THACKER

As I sit here trying to tell you of my double-first cousin who went to her heavenly reward on May 18, 2000, my ears ache from not being able to hear her, my arms go weak knowing I can't hold her now, and I pray God will give me the words to give you all a chance to know my "oldest sister". I can tell you she was born on June 6, 1940, but it's more important to let you know that her smile brought us all joy. And while people want to know that she is

GENEVIE THACKER survived by her husband, Dewey Thacker, two brothers, Kermit Ratliff and Jimmy Ratliff, and three sisters, Sue Hurley, Norma Bolden, and Charlene Johnston, and nine double-first cousins, I think it need be said that her spirit and her zest for life, or the way she always had a kind word or a gentle counsel for one who was hurting, make her forever a part of anyone who ever met her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harlan and Dicie Adkins-Ratliff. May she have God's eternal rest with the Father's family.

And while we weep for our loss, and look to one another for some help with our heartache, I can tell you that we have only to remember our beautiful Genevie to really know her, and what she stood for. As we share stories, letters, and photographs, our tears become more than just an expression of loss. As we honor her memory and spirit, our ears ache less, our arms feel stronger, and our hearts are warmed by the love we know Genevie so selflessly gave one and all.

If you know truth and kindness, then you had been touched by her. If you knew love, then you knew her.

—Joan Epling and Marie Chapman



AMY BLACKBURN MADDEN

It is with much sadness we write the obituary of our precious Mother who passed away January 2, 2000, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Mom was born April 22, 1909, the daughter of the late George Coleman and Eva Little Coleman.

AMY BLACKBURN MADDEN
Mom loved the Primitive Baptist Church. She never joined the church, but I know she accepted our Lord and Saviour. She had been sick for so long, now she is safe in the arms of Jesus, free of pain.

Mom married Anthony Blackburn on October 1, 1927 (Dad is deceased, September 10, 1953).

To this union was born three children: two daughters, Norma Blackburn, Pikeville, Ky., Orma Worrix, Shelbiana, Ky.; and one son, Anthony Blackburn, Jr., Pikeville, Ky. Mom also had one stepson, Hazard Blackburn (deceased); three step-daughters, Wilma Thacker, Pikeville, Ky., Lesley Coleman of Louise, Ky., and Rissie Shores (deceased); six grandchildren, Patsy Coleman, Johnnie Worrix, Jr., Patricia Thacker, Anthony Blackburn, Jr., Amy Smith, and Nancy Canada; seven great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

In 1956 Mom married William Madden (deceased). Mom was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters. She leaves behind one sister, Bertha Chapman of Raccoon, and one brother, Branson Coleman, to mourn our loss.

Thank you, Lord, for giving us such a wonderful Mother and letting her stay with us for 90 years. We hope by the Grace of God we will all meet her again some sweet day.

*—Written by Her Three Children,
Norma, Orma, and Anthony Jr.*

KATHLEEN ELZIE HANEY SLONE

We write this memorial with so much pain and sorrow for our sister, daughter, and mother who will never be back. She once said when she passed away no one will ever miss her, they'll just forget. She was so wrong, the day she left, it was as if she took a piece of our hearts with her. As the anniversary of her death approaches, we are all still brokenhearted that she's not here with us anymore,



**KATHLEEN ELZIE
HANEY SLONE**

Newsome; and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces.

We miss and love you, Kat. We hope one day to see and be with you once again.

—*Laveta Slone and All of Our Family*

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk 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 maybe made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

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

they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that He is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and rife 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.

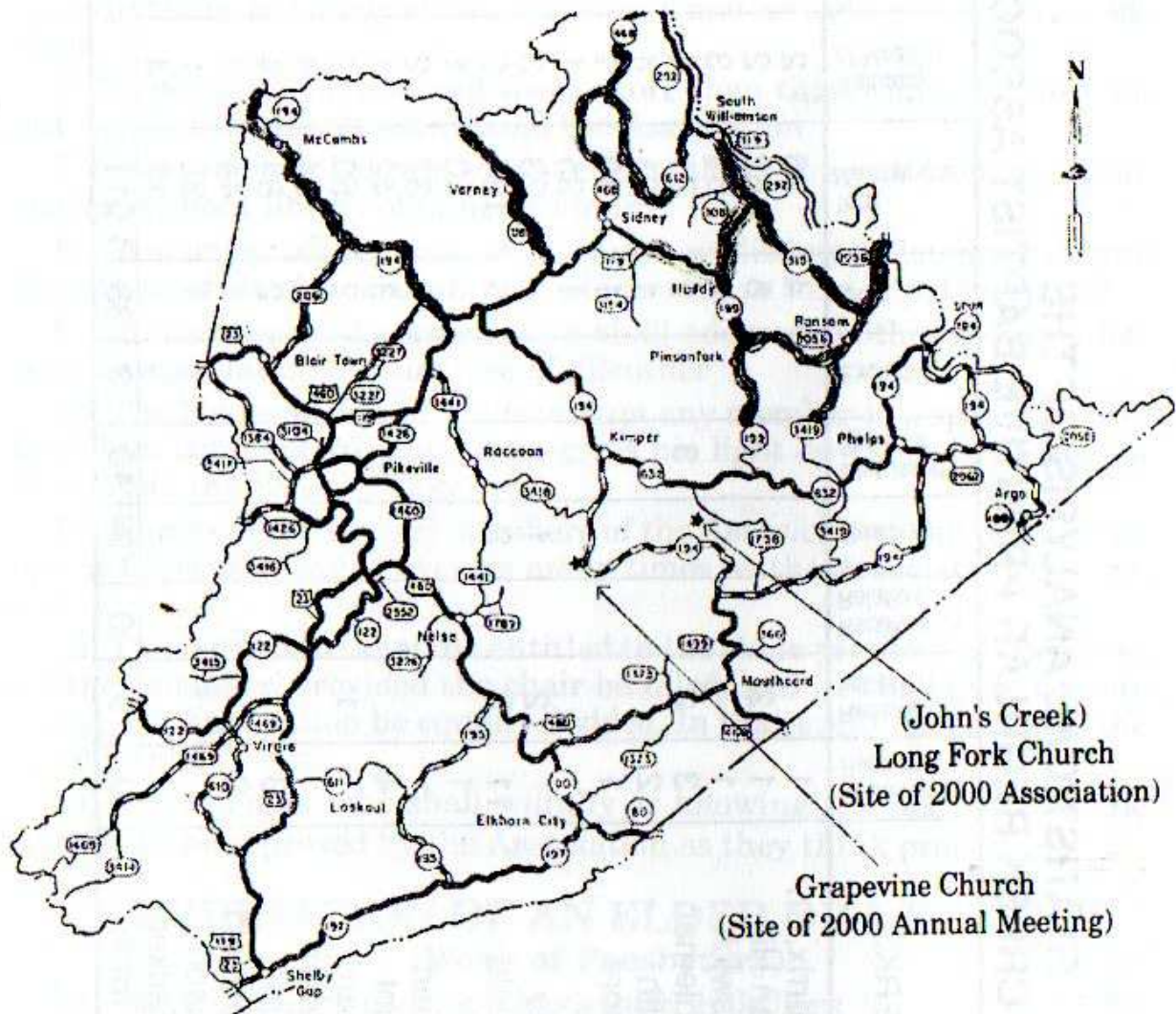
ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON

(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 Presbytery has right to ask questions if he desires.
- 7th If candidate is found satisfactory, then proceed with prayer and laying on of hands.
- 8th Charge is now delivered.
- 9th Candidate is now returned to the spokesman for the church as an ordained Elder or Deacon.
- 10th Minutes of proceeding read.
- 11th Adjourn.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Redeemed By Baptism	Redeemed By Letter	Redeived By Relation	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contributions of each Church
Louisa	Bradley Worrix, Jr.	1						4	98	2	150.00
Old Pond	Shelby Jean Hill	1	2					5	62	2	200.00
Big Creek	Michael Elswick	1						2	69	3	200.00
Raccoon	Timothy Coleman	3	2			3		2	71	4	200.00
Peter Creek	Randy Smith	2						1	101	4	100.00
Sulphur Springs	Ronald Moore	1						1	49	1	50.00
Little Hope	Frank Ball							1	35	1	100.00
Grapevine	Olen J. May		2		1	1			23	3	50.00
Samaria	Leslie Hatfield	11	2		2	2	1	5	164	3	150.00
Little Union	Ernest Blair	1							10	1	50.00
Johns Creek	Carl Coleman					2	2	2	33	2	100.00
Calvary	Andrew Hunt	4						3	42	1	100.00
Dry Fork	Ruth Maynard		1			1		2	50	2	97.50
Friendship	Martin Childers								24	4	25.00
Columbus	Sandra Harris	3						2	84	4	100.00
Deerfield	Barbara Holyfield	2						1	44	4	125.00
Pleasant Hill	Earnel Dotson					1		1	35	1	50.00
New Hope	Stella F. Thacker								17	4	55.00
	Totals	30	9	0	3	10	3	33	1,011		\$1,902.50



DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS TO CALVARY CHURCH, KIMPER, KY. FOR THE MATES CREEK ASSOCIATION MEETING IN 2001.

FROM PIKEVILLE, KY.: Take Route 119 North for approx.
9 miles to Meta. Turn right on Route 194 for approx.
7 miles to Kimber. Turn left on Varney's Branch Road.

FROM WILLIAMSON, W.V.: Take Route 119 South for approx.
18 miles to Meta. Turn left on Route 194 for approx. 7 miles
to Kimber. Turn left on Varney's Branch Road.

DIRECTIONS TO BIG CREEK CHURCH, CANADA, KY. FOR THE MATE'S CREEK ANNUAL MEETING IN 2001.

FROM PIKEVILLE, KY.: Take Route 119 North for approx.
20 miles to Canada. Turn right on Jct. 3154 for approx.
1/2 mile.

FROM WILLIAMSON, W.V.: Take Route 119 South for approx.
10 miles to Canada. Turn left on Jct. 3154 for approx.
1/2 mile.

