

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

***Held with
Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Canada, Kentucky
September 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2003***

Next session convenes with the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church located on Raccoon Road, Pikeville, Kentucky, starting Friday before the first Sunday in September 2004.

Directions to Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church:

From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 4.95 miles north on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-1441 (Raccoon Road); turn right on KY-1441, go approx. 5.1 miles to Raccoon Church house on the left. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 22 miles south on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-1441 (Raccoon Road) on left, turn left on KY-1441, go 5.1 miles to Raccoon Church house on left.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Fifty-First Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Big Creek Church, Canada, Kentucky.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 5, 2003

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Jimmie Lee Smith.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Brian Moore. Text: Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, sovereign in all His ways, the sower of good seed, able to bring forth good fruit. He only able to separate the wheat from the tares, the Hope and Surety for His people, in whom we are made free indeed, who worship Him in spirit and truth, living in Hope of the Glorious Resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the Big Creek Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder J.C. Hager serve as Moderator Pro-Tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elder Paul Dean Justice and Deacon Mike Scott serve as Clerks Pro-Tem for the election of officers.

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

<u>ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>
<u>ELDER DAVID A. THACKER</u>	<u>ASSISTANT MODERATOR</u>
<u>DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
<u>DEACON LONNIE SIMPKINS</u>	<u>ASSISTANT CLERK</u>

Newly constituted churches called for. NONE

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution printed in the minutes. Messengers appointed last year to visit Sister Associations reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from Sister Associations were received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Elder Franklin Viers, Elder Joshua Viers, Deacon Wayne Fleming, Deacon Fayne Viers, Elder Robert Thacker, Elder Arnold F. Childress, Elder Garnell Gilbert.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Rodney Hamilton, Elder Jerry

Howard, Deacon Stewart Cook, Elder Rick Holbrook,
Elder Louie Howard.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Elder Eddie Lyle, Deacon Blaine Owens.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elder Vance Jones, Elder Rodney
Marshall, Elder Scotty Marshall.

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: Elder George Ben Combs, Elder Darrell Davis,
Elder Danny Smith, Elder Joe Edwards, Elder Victor N.
Church.

UNION: Elder Trillis Adams, Elder Corbin Hampton, Elder Roy
L. Adams, Bro. Gary Allen Adams (Lic.), Deacon Tommy
Adams, Elder Dallas Adams, Jr.

FISHER'S RIVER: Elder Joey Jenkins, Elder David A. Edwards.

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

SAND LICK: Deacon Clyde Colley, Clayton Belcher, Deacon Roy
D. Stanley, Diann Owens, Stella Colley, Lou Fleming.

BURNING SPRINGS: Peggy Howard.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Hulda Jones, Erica Marshall, Anna
Marshall.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: None.

UNION: Jean Adams, Abbey Hampton.

FISHER'S RIVER: Carleen Edwards.

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: Deacon Rean Shelton, Hazel Shelton, Gladys
Fletcher, Lola M. Church.

BETHEL CHURCH: NONE.

MT. ENON ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA: Elder John Phillips.

MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO:
Elder Hesker Gillum.

NORTH FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP: Elder Jimmie Thornton,
Elder Aubrey McCormick, Elder Joe Brannen.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH, NORTH CAROLINA: Elder
Johnnie Duggins.

BETHLEHEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, FLORIDA:
Mary McCormick, Theresia J. Simmons, Christine

McCormick.

OAK GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, FLORIDA:

Revonda Brannen.

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Ellen Walters,
Joyce Lambert.

SAND MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA: Jerry
Lambert, Elder Beryl Williams, Ann Williams.

GULF COAST PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
MISSISSIPPI: Edgel Lester.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA: Elder David F.
Guttery.

CANNONBURG PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder
Frank Baldrige.

GOSHEN CHURCH, WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY: Jesse
Reed.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. Elder Paul Varney and Brother Walter Rutherford, together with all the Deacons from the Big Creek Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday Afternoon the Big Creek Church: Eddie Lyle, Frank Viers, Vance Jones.
- B. Friday Night at Old Pond Church: David Guttery, John Phillips, Beryl Williams, Victor Church, Joshua Viers.
- C. Friday Night at Peter Creek Church: Estle Hackney, Jim Moore, J.C. Hager, Mike Smith, Raymond Stanley.
- D. Friday Night at Raccoon Church: David Edwards, Vance Jones, Johnnie Duggins, Joey Jenkins.
- E. Saturday Morning at Southside Elementary School: Joshua Viers, Johnnie Duggins, John Phillips, Joey Jenkins, David Edwards.
- F. Saturday Afternoon at Southside Elementary School: David Guttery, Beryl Williams, David A. Thacker.
- G. Saturday Night at the Samaria Church: Joe Brannen, David Guttery, Beryl Williams, Mike Smith.
- H. Saturday Night at Little Hope Church: Paris Blackburn, Victor Church, David Edwards, David Jacobs.

I. Saturday Night at Calvary Church: Jim Thornton, Robert Thacker, Greg Moore, Arnold Childers.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Bradley Worrix, Jr., Mike Scott, Wade Smith, Monroe Justice, Floyd Coleman, Ronald Moore, Frank Ball, Timothy Slone, Millard Whitt, Robert Worrix, Carl Coleman, Barry Thacker, Roger Deel, Elmer Thacker, Roger Blackburn, John Holyfield, George Thompson, James Hackney.

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

SAND LICK: Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, Harrison Smith, Wade Smith, Noah Slone, Brian Moore, Ronald Moore, Elmer Thacker, Tom Chapman, Timothy Slone, J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley.

UNION: Joe Slone, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Elmer Thacker, Wade Smith, Elmer Brown, John Jacobs, Tom Chapman, Raymond Stanley, Robbie Worrix, Barry Thacker.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Paul Smith, Wade Smith, Brian Moore, Noah Slone.

BURNING SPRINGS: Raymond Stanley, Harrison Smith, Roger Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, Joseph Slone, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, George Thompson.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Paul Smith, Wade Smith, Noah Slone, Brian Moore, Elmer Thacker, Tom Chapman, George Thompson, Harrison Smith, Ronald Moore.

MT. ZION: Noah Slone, Brian Moore.

NEW LIBERTY:

FISHER'S RIVER: John Jacobs, Tom Chapman, David May.

WASHINGTON: Wade Smith, Elmer Thacker, Paul Smith, Elmer Brown, Noah Slone, Estil Van Dyke, Brian Moore, Ronald Moore, David May, Tom Chapman, John Jacobs, Joseph Slone, Timothy Slone.

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

SATURDAY MORNING, September 6, 2003, at Southside Elementary School.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Steve Kender. Roll called and absentees marked. Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

The Committee met at Southside Elementary School and was called to order by the Moderator.

- #1 Recommend that we omit the reading of the letters from all the churches before the committee.
- #2 Recommend that Little Hope Church host the Annual Meeting for 2004.
- #3 Recommend that Raccoon Church host the Association for 2004.
- #4 Called for the circular letter written by Elder Raymond Stanley. The letter was read and recommended for approval by the full body of messengers on Saturday morning.
- #5 Recommend that we carry on our work on Saturday in the usual manner.

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

Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with Little Hope Church beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2004.

Committee on Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Rodney Marshall

- 1.) Victor Church
- 2.) Scotty Marshall
- 3.) Garnell Gilbert
- 4.) Randal Thornsberry

Dismiss with prayer by Elder Paris Blackburn.

Moved and Seconded that the Preaching Committee be discharged after services on Sunday.

Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Union meetings and their appointees for 2004 are as follows:

LOUISA: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in

August, 2004. 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, Johnny Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Michael Smith, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Raymond Stanley. A Memorial Day meeting will be held at Annie Young Cemetery, East Shalbiana, KY on May 31, 2004.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2004. Old Pond Church invites all Primitive Baptist Elders of our faith and order to our Union Meeting. A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday in May, 2004.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2004. Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Paris Blackburn, David Coleman, Jr., Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Greg Moore, Noah Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Raymond Stanley, Michael Smith, Glen Vipperman, Barry Thacker, Robert Worrix, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders of the same faith and order. A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held the fourth Saturday night in July, 2004.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2004. Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Michael Smith, Ellis Lynn, Randal Thornsberry, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, and all others that may want to attend are welcome. A Memorial Meeting will be held the fourth Sunday in October, 2004.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2004. David A. Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore, Harrison Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Steve Kender, Brian Moore.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2004. Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsberry, Michael Smith, David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Paul Dean Justice, Noah Slone, Elmer Goff, David Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Robbie Worrix, Jimmy Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Robert Worrix, Harrison Smith, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

LITTLE HOPE: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 2004. Walter Sullivan, Michael Elswick, David May, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Robbie Worrix, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, and all others that may want to attend are welcome. A Memorial Meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2004.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2004. Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, John Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Jimmy Lee Smith, J.C. Hager, Greg Moore, Dallas Adams, Jr., David Jacobs, Estle Hackney, Steve Kender, Paul Dean Justice, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Larry Slone, and Ellis Lynn. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome. A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on May 30, 2004.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2004. Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, J.C. Hager, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, Jimmie Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Randal Thornsberry, Don Stacy, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney. All orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited.

FEDS CREEK: Meets the first Saturday in May, 2004. We invite all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers to commune with us at Feds Creek.

JOHNS CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2004. Noah Slone, Greg Moore, Walter Sullivan, Steve Kender, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Onis Smith, David Coleman, Jr., J.C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, Kenneth Chapman, David May, Michael Elswick, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Barry Thacker. All orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2004. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, Elmer Thacker,

Onis Smith, Kenneth Chapman, David May, Raymond Stanley, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Walter Sullivan, Jeff Dotson and Steve Kender. All orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

DRY FORK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2004. Arnold Childers, Ked Stacy, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmie Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Arrington, David A. Thacker, Robbie Worrix, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Garnell Gilbert, Elmer Brown, Paul Smith, Don Stacy. All orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome. NOTE: Memorial Service for the Martha Street family are held on Sunday of our July meeting on Baldwin Mountain; Dry Fork meeting in August on Sunday will be held at Nuckles and Hess cemetery on Fletcher's Ridge.

FRIENDSHIP: Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 2004. Greg Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, R.T. Thacker, Kenneth Chapman, John Jacobs, Steve Kender, and Barry Thacker.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2004. Robert Worrix, Randal Thornsberry, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David Jacobs, David May, Robbie Worrix, J.C. Hager, Ernest Blair, Raymond Stanley, Greg Moore, Hesker Gillum, Elmer Thacker, James T. Dotson, Todd Thacker, Ricky Worrix. All other Mates Creek Elders, brothers and sisters are invited to attend. NOTE: Our Annual Meeting convenes the first Friday in October.

DEERFIELD: Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, 2004. Michael Elswick, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David May, Shawn Dotson, Robbie Worrix, Victor Quick, Jeff Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, James T. Dotson, Bob Mayhorn, Billy Cook, Randal Thornsberry, Beryl Williams, Michael Smith, Estle Hackney and Larry Slone. All orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited. NOTE: Memorial Service to be held the first weekend of April.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 2004. David May, Michael Smith, J.C. Hager, Michael Elswick, David Jacobs, Elmer Goff, David A. Thacker, Barry

Thacker, Hester Gillum, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley, Kenneth Chapman. A Memorial Meeting will be held the third Saturday and Sunday of October, 2004.

NEW HOPE: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2004. John Jacobs, David Jacobs, David A. Thacker, David May, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Michael Elswick, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Michael Smith, Onis Smith, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsby, David Coleman, Jr. All ordained Elders and Deacons, and brothers and sisters of the same faith and in order are invited to be with us.

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

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

BROTHERS: Elder Bobby Blackburn, Gary B. Alley, Deacon Bradley Coleman, Vernon Stump, Charles E. Dotson, Johnnie Wallace Smith, Bennie Ray Justice, Larry Wilson Rowe, Jimmy Dean Smith, James Vernon Napier, George Ed Lester, Ray Coleman, Bill W. Farley, Able Chapman, Jr., Lawrence Kendrick, Freeland Smith, and Clarence Smith, Luther Ball.

SISTERS: Myrtle Smith, Jessie E. Browning, Ora Justice, Lizzie Coleman Dotson, Theda Kay Plackard, Hattie King, Girtie Smith, Leona (Lear) Smith, Juanita Deskins, Dorothy Adams Bentley, Emogene Thacker Fields, Lucy May Justus, Gaynell Jackson, Sallie Williamson, and Lassie Harris McCoy, Leola Ball.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintendent 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	\$7,443.97
Amount received from the churches this year	1,890.00
Amount received for obituaries this year	245.00
Donations received this year	<u>481.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u>	\$10,059.97

CASH PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for 2002 minutes	\$1,665.57
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	50.00
Gave Columbus Church to reimburse for portable toilets	185.00
Paid for postage	7.40
Cash for visiting Elders	500.00
Paid for Supplies	55.89
<u>TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</u>	- \$2,613.86

BALANCE LEFT ON HAND September 6, 2003..... \$7,446.11

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Raccoon Church of Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2004. Jimmie Lee Smith was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Barry Thacker is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Paul Dean Justice, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Elder Randal Thornsby, Moderator
Elder David A. Thacker, Assistant Moderator
Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk
Deacon Lonnie Simpkins, Assistant Clerk

The Association gives thanks to God, and extends our highest thanks and appreciation to the brothers and sisters of Big Creek Church for their hard work and love manifested in their hosting of the Association.

SUNDAY MORNING, September 7, 2003

INTRODUCTION: Elder Rodney Marshall introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Elder Victor Church
2. Elder Scotty Marshall
3. Elder Garnell Gilbert
4. Elder Randal Thornsby

Elder Paris Blackburn closed the Association with prayer.

Circular Letter

By: Elder Raymond Stanley

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with much love and prayers that I write the circular letter for the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association this year 2003.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

It is to the praise and glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. For He hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace.

The Bible says in Eph. 2:8,9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and not that of yourselves: It is the Gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Brothers and Sisters, we have so much to be thankful for, and so much to praise Him for. The 5th chapter and 1st verse of Romans says: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." The 5th chapter and 2nd verse says: "By whom also we have access by faith into His grace, wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

We are a blessed people to know and realize that, without faith it is impossible to please God. Our faith is in Christ Jesus who cannot lie neither can He fail. Brothers and Sisters, it is by faith that we come to God. The Bible tells us in Heb. 11:16: "They that come to God must believe that He is God, and that He is a rewarder to them that do diligently seek Him." We move out on faith as did Abraham.

Romans 4:20 says: "He staggered not at the promise of God

through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

So Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us as the 12th chapter of Hebrews, 1st verse says: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." The 2nd verse: "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Our Lord and Savior is still doing the Father's will. In the 7th chapter, verse 23 of Hebrews it says that, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by Him, seeing that He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Praise His name, He is alive for evermore.

So Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in my closing of this circular letter: As Christ is the Husband and the Church is His bride, that we are no more twain, but of one flesh, we rejoice with those that rejoice and we mourn with those that mourn. **WE ARE THE FAMILY OF GOD.** What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

May the God of all Grace and Mercy be with ALL my brothers and sisters in Christ; so let us love one another and pray for one another.

**Love,
Your Brother in Christ,
Elder Raymond Stanley**

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Joseph Slone, Ireland Adkins, Keen Slone,
Bradley Worrix, Jr.

Alternate: Greenie Slone

OLD POND: Cecil Hatfield, Mike Scott, Walter Rutherford,
Clifford Hunt.

Alternate: Michael Elswick

BIG CREEK: John Jacobs, Tom Chapman, Sid Fleming,
Wade Smith.

Alternate: Hershell Stevens

RACCOON: Paul Dean Justice, Monroe Justice, Joe Slone.

Alternate: Otis Thacker, Jr.

PETER CREEK: Daris Kender, Randy Kender, Floyd Coleman,
Randy Smith.

Alternate: Steve Kender

SULPHUR SPRING: Tommy Lester, Ronald Moore, Paul Smith,
Brian Moore.

Alternate: Arthur May

LITTLE HOPE: Mitchell Blackburn, Dave Hackney,
Frank J. Ball, J.B. Ball.

Alternate: Virgil Smith

GRAPEVINE: Donald Justice, Leon Adkins, Harold Abbott,
Timothy Slone.

Alternate: Noah Slone

SAMARIA: Cecil Hatfield, Millard Whitt, Wendell Dotson,
Ernie Justice.

Alternate: Dennis Dotson

FEDS CREEK: Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Ricky Blair.

Alternate: None

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

Alternate: Edd Hunt

CALVARY: Ricky Ratliff, Barry Thacker, Larry D. Chapman,
Roy Owens.

Alternate: Glen Wallace Vipperman

DRY FORK: Harold Cline, Estil VanDyke, Ralph Street,
Roger Deel.

Alternate: Elmer Brown

FRIENDSHIP: Arnold Hicks, Troy Wheeler, Martin Childers,
Elmer Thacker.

Alternate: David May

COLUMBUS: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Lonnie Worrix,
Arthur Coleman.

Alternate: Roger Blackburn

DEERFIELD: Harold Blackburn, John Holyfield, Jackie Davis,
David Jacobs, Jr.

Alternate: Danny May

PLEASANT HILL: George Thompson, Jim Moore, Jackie Scott.

Alternate: Dean Moore

NEW HOPE: James Hackney, Walter Sullivan, William Dotson,
Danny Dotson.

Alternate: Kenneth Chapman

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COMMUNION

Louisa	Robert B. Worrix	August, 2 nd Saturday
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	June, 2 nd Saturday
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	August, 3 rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	July, 4 th Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4 th Saturday
Sulphur Spring	Elmer Brown	August, 1 st Saturday
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1 st Saturday
Grapevine	Noah Slone	May, 3 rd Saturday
Samaria	Michael Smith	June, 3 rd Saturday
Feds Creek	Robert B. Worrix	May, 1 st Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	April, 2 nd Saturday
Calvary	Michael Elswick	June, 1 st Saturday
	David A. Thacker	
Dry Fork	Elmer Brown	May, 2 nd Saturday
	Donald Stacy	
Friendship	David May	August, 4 th Saturday
	Elmer Thacker	
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April, 4 th Saturday
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	June, 4 th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	James T. Dotson	April, 3 rd Saturday
	Greg Moore	
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman	May, 4 th Saturday

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TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE.... 2,150

OBITUARIES

ELDER WILLIAM (BOBBY) BLACKBURN

*Born April 20, 1927,
and went home to be with the Lord December 8, 2002.*



With much earthly sorrow, but with a sweet heavenly hope, we will submit the obituary of our precious dad and most loving and cherished husband. Dad was born in Pike County Kentucky, his parents were Grover and Ollie Blackburn.

He was a WWII Veteran and a disabled coal miner. These were important parts of his life, but not the greatest. His greatest loves were his Lord and Savior, serving the Church, and his family and friends, of whom there were many. To know him was to love him.

We are so thankful for his life and for his testimony during the time of his illness. We truly believe the Lord used him to minister to others, and we know He sent special angels to minister to him and his family.

He was a member of Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church for over 50 years and served as Elder for much of that time. To those who loved him and want to honor his memory, there would be no better way than to come and support Little Hope, as he loved his church so deeply.

The next most important parts of his life were his loving wife and devoted companion, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. These were his most precious jewels, and he let them know constantly how much he loved them.

He is preceded in death by his first wife Evelyn, stepson Shay Pinion, and several family members. He is survived by his wife Emma Jean, 3 daughters and their husbands, 1 son and his wife, 2 stepdaughters and their husbands, 18 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 2 brothers.

We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. Daddy, we look forward to that great reunion day!

*—Respectfully submitted,
His loving family*

In Loving Memory of
GARY RUSSELL ALLEY

September 1, 1959 – May 1, 2002

Gary Russell Alley was born September 1, 1959 and passed away May 1, 2002. He was the son of James G. (Pete) and Mildred Goldene Alley.

Survivors include his parents: James G. (Pete) and Mildred Goldene Alley; his sons: David Matthew (Matt) Alley, and Mark Wesley Alley; his sisters and brothers-in-law: Denise and David New, Karen and Jackie Smith, and Kathy and Doug Staggs; his dear friend: Angie Estepp; his paternal grandmother: Vada Mayse; his nieces: Kyla Raisor, Jessica Staggs, and Lisa Smith; and his nephew: Douglas Staggs.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 4, 2002, at Rogers Funeral Home in Belfry, Kentucky, with Mike Smith officiating. Interment followed at Alley Cemetery in Ransom, Kentucky.

DEACON BRADLEY COLEMAN



With a loving heart filled with so many precious memories, we try to write the obituary of Bradley Coleman.

Bradley Coleman, 71, of River Hurricane passed away Saturday, April 12, 2003, at his home. He was born May 1, 1931 at Lower Pompey. He was the son of the late George H. and Ida (Coleman) Coleman.

Brad was retired from KY /WV Gas Co., a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, and was a long time member and Deacon of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Joseph Coleman and Emmit Coleman.

Brad leaves behind his wife, Martha Jean Justice Coleman; three sons, Ricky Lee Coleman and William Craig Coleman, both of River Hurricane, and Darrel Ray Coleman of Jacksboro, Tenn.; one brother, Jenis Coleman of Raccoon; two sisters, Mary E. Coleman of Robinson Creek and Frankie Jane Prater of Pikeville; and two grandchildren, Amy Coleman Tackett and Anthony Darrel Coleman.

Brad was blessed to go to church every time he was able. He loved to work around the church and do whatever he could. The church to Brad was #1, but he also loved to fish and herb, but many of his memories were when he would go hunting with his buddy Daris. They would go every chance they could.

I know Brad will be truly missed by all who ever met him, but I know our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Sadly missed by his wife Jean, his sons, family and friends

VERNON STUMP



With a loving heart filled with so many precious memories, I try to write the obituary of my loving husband Vernon Stump.

Vernon Stump, 54, of Phelps, KY. , passed away Monday, April 7, 2003 at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV. He was born September 14, 1948 at Phelps, KY. He was the son of Western and Alice Coleman Stump. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Timothy Vernon

Casey; sister, Shirley Stump; and brother, Ervin Stump.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Marie Dotson Stump; son, Kevin Ersal Stump; and daughter, Virginia Ann Gooslin; all of Phelps; sister, Marie Casey of Clay City, KY; and four brothers, Edward Stump of Clay City, KY, Charles Robert Stump of Pikeville, KY, Allen Gene Stump of Blackberry KY., and Jimmy Darrell Stump of Frenchburg, KY; and two granddaughters, Sheena Marie Casey and Tiffany Nicole Casey.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church having joined Sept. 24, 2000. Vernon loved to go to church and praise his Lord and Savior. He went to church every time he could and was never ashamed to raise his hand in praise. He will truly be missed by all who loved him, especially his little buddy Jared. His personality was one that everyone liked. If you met him you had to like him. His family meant the world to him and his love for the church was such a blessing.

The Lord blessed me to have Vernon for over 36 years. We were

married Jan. 27, 1967 at Grundy, VA. The time I had with Vernon was a true blessing and I miss him terribly, but I know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held April 10, 2003, at 1:00 at the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Elders were Stevie Kender, Jimmy Lee Smith and Rev. Richard McKinney. Burial followed at the Sullivan & Hatfield Cemetery at Ransom, KY.

—*Sadly missed by wife, Helen, son, daughter, family and friends*

CHARLES E. DOTSON



My loss and sorrow is immeasurable. Not a single day passes that I don't miss my Daddy. Words could never expound my loss. Daddy knew the grief and lonesomeness his family would endure in his passing. As always he put our feelings first.

My Daddy, Charles E. Dotson, was born June 16, 1937 in Pike County, KY.. On April 25, 2002 he went to be with the Lord. He was the eldest son of Dennis and Mary "Mag" Dotson of Ransom, KY. His wife of 46 years is Martha Dotson. His children are: Janice Sue Dotson, Pamela Nichols, Jerry Dotson, and Jason Dotson. Charles and Martha adopted their grandson, Jason, and raised him as their son. He also leaves behind granddaughters, Ronica Nichols and Heather Dotson, and a great-granddaughter, Hailey Dotson. His brothers are Burl, Wilkie, Eugene, and Dwight. His sisters are Helen Dotson, Lola McCoy, Gail Gibbs, and Flo Scott.

Daddy was truly a special person. He taught us so much, and we use many of his teachings in our daily lives. For this we are so grateful. Daddy often spoke of the Lord; he said he was at peace and wanted to go. However, he did not want us to be burdened.

Daddy read the Bible and knew it well. His faith was immense. Although I miss him so much, I'm comforted in knowing that he now breathes easily because there is no illness in heaven.

—*Written by daughter, Sue*

JOHNNIE WALLACE SMITH



Brother Johnnie was born June 27, 1914 at Huddy, KY, and departed this life November 9, 2002, making his stay on earth, God's foot stool, 88 years.

The son of the late Jeff and Jane Varney Smith, brother Johnnie was also preceded in death by his wife, Lear Stanley Smith; two brothers: Truman Smith and Sid Smith; and five sisters: Esta Smith, Bertha Smith, Emma Trout, Vicie Evans, and Lydia Smith.

To the union of Brother Johnnie and Sister Lear were born three children: two daughters, Mrs. Phyllis Ann (Robert) Gunn of Colonial Heights, VA, and Mrs. Wilma Sue (Earl) Williamson of Canada, KY; one son, Randy Gregory Smith of Canada, KY.

Brother Johnnie was a retired coal miner, working the mines several years, laboring for his family, a labor of love, he loved his family dearly.

He united with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was a faithful member, supporting the church and having a concern for his Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

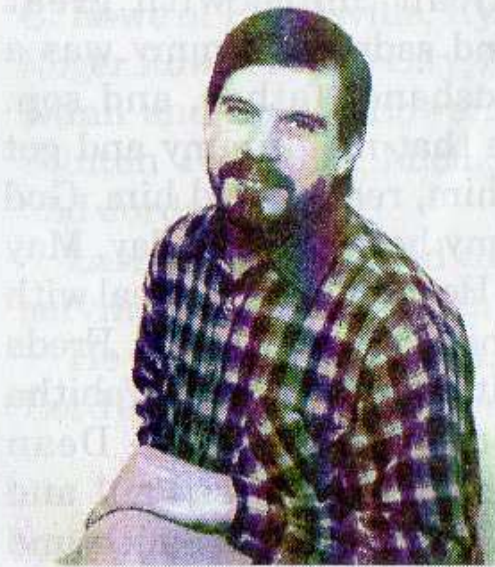
Brother Johnnie and I were neighbors for the last few years of his life; he certainly was a good friend, doing whatever he could to help, giving things to others. He loved children, and always had candy or gum for them. I would often think of the Scripture: "As often as you have done it unto one of these little ones, you have done it unto me."

Brother Johnnie's family and friends miss him greatly. He was a strong believer in the Lord, believing, as the word teaches, that death is a resting place for God's children. He rejoiced in knowing that the dead in Christ will rise first, and we who are alive and remain will be changed in a moment and twinkling of the eye to be called up to meet the Lord in the cloud and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Yes, Brothers and Sisters, Christ is coming after us. Sleep on, Brother Johnnie; take your rest, for by the Grace of God I will meet you.

—Written by Elder Michael Elswick

BENNY RAY JUSTICE



Sometimes there are special people born on this earth, and brought into our lives that teach us the true meaning of gentleness, by having a quiet and meek spirit, and then in a moment of time, they are gone, leaving behind sweet memories. That's how our family feels about Benny Ray.

Benny was born July 19, 1966, and went to be with the Lord on February 20, 2003. He was a loving husband and wonderful father. He was a proud member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. He was baptized the 3rd Sunday of October, 2002. Benny was buried with Christ on February 24, 2003.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, Marsha Justice; son, Garrett Wade Justice; father and mother, Bradford and Naomi Justice; grandmother, Sadie Justice; a sister, Anna (Dennis) Mullins; three nieces, Melinda (Aaron) Goodman, Melody Mullins, and Ashley Nicole Dotson; great-nephew, Bradley Dale Goodman; father and mother-in-law, Gary and Patsy Dotson; and brother and sister-in-law, Andy and Missy Dotson.

Benny was humble and always had a smile. He was a good father and is missed by his family and friends. He was always honorable and kind to everyone.

Our loss is great and our home is forever broken; but our memories of Benny will lessen our grief. We will miss Benny Ray and his presence in our lives, but we know that he is with the Lord today, and we have the hope of seeing his smiling face again one day.

—Written by his loving wife,
Marsha Justice

JIMMY DEAN SMITH



I am writing the obituary of Jimmy Dean Smith with great sorrow and sadness. Jimmy was a loving husband, father, and son. Everyone that met Jimmy and got to know him, really liked him. God took Jimmy home on Monday, May 26, 2003. He left behind to deal with his loss, his wife of 19 years, Freda June Smith. Two children: Tabitha Reneé Smith and Jimmy Dean Smith, Jr. His parents: Paul and

Florence Smith. Three sisters: Paula Smith, Helen Smith and Florine Blankenship. One brother: Bobby Smith.

Jimmy was of the Baptist faith. He was born June 19, 1959. He was 43 years of age. Funeral services were held Friday, May 30, 2003 at the Grundy Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at the Smith Family Cemetery at Big Rock.

Jimmy suffered before he left this old world, to go to a better place. Now he knows no pain and heartache. Jimmy will be greatly missed by everyone that knew and loved him.

—Written by his wife and kids

LARRY WILSON ROWE



With a sad aching heart, I will try to write the obituary of my precious husband, Larry Wilson Rowe. He was born the son of the late Wilson Daniel and Gaynelle Bevins Rowe Ford on December 28, 1942. He passed away on September 19, 2002 at Pikeville, Ky. Making his stay on earth 59 years and nine months.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Imogene Rowe Highbaugh of Louisville, Ky.

Survivors include his wife, Patty Jean Rowe of Pikeville, Ky.; one daughter, Deborah Rowe Bishop of Marion, Ohio; one son,

John Robert Branham of the home; five brothers: Grover George Rowe of Shelbiana, Ky., Bobby Sanford Rowe of Pikeville, Ky., Ollie C. Rowe of Paintsville, Ky., Danny Rowe of Louisville, Ky., Jimmy Roger Rowe of Rose City, Mich.; and three sisters: Doris Ann Rowe Nunn and Louise Rowe Mitchell of Louisville and Sue Rowe of Clinton Township, Mich.; and three grandchildren: Tyler, Kayla and Jordan.

Larry was a disabled coal miner and a veteran of the US Army, serving one year in South Korea during his stay in the Army.

He is sadly missed, but, we hope by the Grace and Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we shall all be together in Heaven one day.

—Written by his Wife and Brother:

Patty Jean Bevins Rowe (Wife)

Bobby Sanford Rowe (Brother)

JAMES "JIM" VERNON NAPIER



James "Jim" Vernon Napier, age 49, of Florida and formerly of Waynesville, Ohio, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, June 25, in Orlando, Florida.

Jim graduated from Waynesville High School, later attended Ohio State and Wright State Univ., and was a Vietnam Army veteran. He was employed by Seniors First of Orlando. He loved his work helping the elderly.

He is survived by his parents, Vernon and Joanne Napier; sisters and brother-in-law, Sharon Kay and Ray Wisby and Karen Sue and Doug Rasey; son, Jason Wright; nieces, Jenny, Jackie, and Melissa; ex-wife, Jennie; two stepchildren; four grandchildren; much loved uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Jim loved his family and his Lord. It was his wish that he be cremated with a private family service at a later date.

*We didn't know that day
That God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

GEORGE EDD LESTER



George Edd Lester, 81, of Grundy, VA, passed away Sunday, April 6, 2003, in Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, VA.

Born in Buchanan County December 7, 1921, the son of the late Paris Charles and Cosby Lester.

He was a retired coal miner, a member of the UMWA, and a 42-year member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church where he served as Deacon for 39 years. He was an avid gardener, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

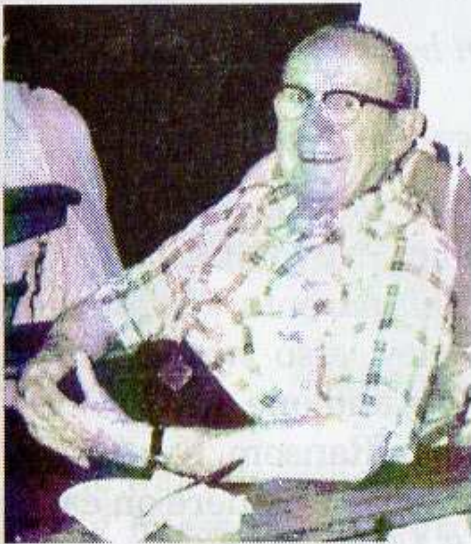
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Ida Mae Hackney Lester, on August 12, 2001, two sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by seven daughters: Mrs. Florence (Paul) Smith of Big Rock, VA, Mrs. Edna Lester of Grundy, VA, Mrs. Ruth (Chester) Wolford of Hurley, VA, Mrs. Bertie (Wayne) Hale of Vansant, VA, Mrs. Joan (Dale) Chambers of Shawnee, OK, Mrs. Ida McClanahan of Versailles, MO, and Mrs. Edith McClanahan of Grundy, VA; one son, Herman Lester of Grundy, VA; six sisters: Hester Michaels of Statesville, NC, Josephine Charles of Big Rock, VA, Rose Jean Green of Grundy, VA, Shirley Smith and Frankie Charles, both of Statesville, NC, and Sue Stiltner of Jackson, OH; seven brothers: Roy Lester of Big Rock, VA, Homer Lester of Tazewell, VA, James Lester, Jr. of Big Rock, VA, Bob Charles and Bill Charles, both of Indiana, and Jackie Charles and Paris Charles, Jr. of Big Rock, VA; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for George Edd Lester were held at Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home Chapel, Grundy, VA, with Elders Elmer Brown, Garnell Gilbert, Noah Slone, Jimmy Smith and Brian Moore officiating. Burial was in the Mountain Valley Memorial Park at Big Rock, VA, grandsons serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers: employees of the Total Home Care, Med Response and Medi Home Care, employees of the 4th floor nursing staff, and ICU Unit of Buchanan General Hospital.

—Submitted by Elder Paul Smith

BROTHER RAY COLEMAN



In loving memory of our beloved Brother Ray Coleman, who touched our lives so deeply. Ray was born January 24, 1914 in Pike County, KY, to the late Wilburn and Nancy Elizabeth Plymale Coleman.

He has shared the wonderful memories of his life with us: stories of war, stories of hunting with his friends in Belfry, stories of his childhood. The most beautiful gift that he shared with us was his amazing talent as a carpenter. Not many people that crossed Ray's path left without a trivet, paper towel holder, rocking chair or a swing. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than to surprise a loved one with a handmade original. Most of these beautiful items were made in his little workshop in Belfry where he resided for over 50 years.

Ray left his workshop at Belfry and set up a shop on Brushy with his niece, Dixie Nichols. Ray loved to spend time outdoors ginsenging and watching the wildlife. He continued his precious woodworking. It was while he was living on Brushy that Ray began teaching me about woodworking, which is now my greatest hobby. My husband, Dudley, made many trips to Ray's workshops to find out exactly how to make a certain cut. Sometimes, it would take more than one lesson because Ray was a complete perfectionist when it came to his craft. Many, many people came to him for advice on projects long after he stopped using his tools.

He was a retired carpenter and a member of the U.S. Navy Sea Bees during World War II. On May 4, 2000, Ray became a member

of the Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

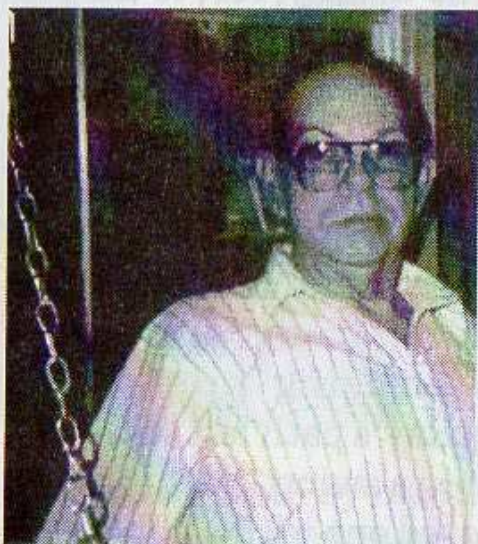
Uncle Ray was 88 years old when he died at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was preceded in death by three brothers, David M., Troy and Monroe Coleman; and four sisters, Julia Pigg, Jettie Coleman, Zella Smith and Margaret Esta.

Survivors include one sister, Lou Henson of Lexington, Kentucky, many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends from both the Belfry and Brushy communities.

Uncle Ray lived his life independently, but he loved sharing his knowledge of carpentry and being with his family and friends. We will miss him dearly. We were blessed to have known him. We will say farewell for a little while.

—Written by Penny Nichols, Niece

BILL W. FARLEY



Bill W. Farley went to his heavenly home on Friday, November 1, 2002. There he joins his parents, Willie J. and Vicy Alley Farley, also two brothers, Jim and Donnie, and one sister, Pearl.

Bill was born in Ransom, Ky., on May 9, 1925, making his stay here on earth 77 years and 6 1/2 months.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife and a soul mate of 56 years, Billie Casey; a son, Ron W. Farley and his wife Kathy Lynn; two daughters, Kathy Ellen Farley and Judy Saylor and husband David. Grieving for their dear "Poppa" are his six grandchildren, Todd, Chad and Abby Farley and Katie Beth, Erin, and Caleb Saylor. Bill also has three sisters, Vonice Henderson and husband Charles of Cincinnati and June Catron and Helen Catron and husband Marvin of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He had many dear nieces and nephews, friends and Brothers and Sisters in the Lord.

Bill was WWII veteran and had served in Okinawa and Korea. He was president and owner of Construction Specialists and B. W. Farley Construction Co. In his retirement he enjoyed wood crafting and participated in many craft shows in the area.

Bill was an active member and Deacon of Miami Primitive Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, and sang bass with the Holy Hills

Quartet. He was a wonderful influence in the lives of the many people he touched.

His passing has left a big empty spot our home, but he left us with so many precious memories. Our hearts overflow with thankfulness for the privilege of having this wonderful man as our husband and father for so many years.

—Billie Casey Farley and family

ABLE CHAPMAN, JR.



In loving memory, I will try to write the obituary of my uncle, Able Chapman, Jr. He was born on June 12, 1932 at Kimper, KY, and departed this life on earth on November 16, 1999, making his stay here 67 years, 5 months and 4 days.

He was the son of the late Able Chapman and Mary Collins Chapman.

He is survived by one brother, Ed Chapman of Kimper, KY, and one sister, Mable Ratliff of Jenkins, KY.,

He was a member of Calvary Primitive Baptist Church. Able is sadly missed by his brothers and sisters, nieces, nephews and friends. We hope to meet you again some day; our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Written by his niece, Mae Justice

LAWRENCE KENDRICK



Lawrence Kendrick, age 48, of Island Creek, formerly of Upper Chloe, Pikeville, Ky., died Monday, Nov. 13, 2000.

He was born in Pike County, Dec. 21, 1951, a son of the late Nathaniel and Jettie Kendrick.

He was a coal mine foreman and electrician. He was of the Primitive Baptist Faith.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William R. Kendrick and

George Kendrick.

He is survived by one son, Jimmy Kendrick of Upper Chloe; and one daughter, Michelle Marrs of Robinson Creek; one brother, Bobby Gene Kendrick of Pikeville; five sisters, Linda Luster of Island Creek, Cinda Slone and Martha Gannon of Raccoon, Ky., Stella Marcum and Jackie Kendrick Rowe of Upper Chloe; five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in the Justice Chapel with Paul Dean Justice, Robert Worrix, Argil Kendrick and others officiating. Burial was in the Anna E. Young Cemetery.

Lawrence was a very kind, humble and gentle, loving man who could never say no to anyone that asked a favor of him. He will always be remembered by his family for his kind and loving nature.

Lawrence gave so freely while on this earth. He opened his home to all in need. He never asked for nothing in return.

Lawrence was a very special and caring person and his love will be forever in our hearts. Sleep on in peace until we meet again someday, and until then the memory of you will be with us forever.

—Written by His Sister, Jacqueline Kendrick Rowe

FREELAND SMITH



Freeland Smith, 89, of Ransom, KY, passed away January 18, 2003, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Born April 19, 1913, at Coleman, KY, he was a retired coal miner, a member of Local 5737 for 60 years, and was a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, KY.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Frannie Smith; three children: Lloyd Smith of Marengo, IL, Gennis Smith of Ransom, KY, and Christine Smith of Ransom, KY; three grandchildren: Karen, Steve and Noveline; five great-grandchildren: Andrea, Shawn, Miranda, Cara and Austin; one great-great-granddaughter, Samantha. Also surviving are three sisters: Minnie, Molly and Delphia; four brothers: Richard, Harrison, Floyd and Phillip.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilburn and Marcellia

Smith; two sisters: Mary and Bithie; and three brothers: Wheeler, Jessie and Dallas; and one grandson, Stuart Travis Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, KY, with interment at Alley Cemetery, Ransom, KY. Clergymen: Elders Mike Smith, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson and Shawn Dotson.

—Written by the Family

CLARENCE AND MYRTLE SMITH



I, Annetta Smith, being a daughter of Clarence and Myrtle Smith, find it is very hard for me to write the obituaries of my parents. I still feel my loss so great, but I take much pride in knowing I had such loving parents and am able to share it with you. I also thought it fitting to do their obituaries jointly because how they loved being together so much and surely they loved each other. I know the community probably has missed seeing them sitting together out on their porch.

Myrtle Smith was born at Coleman, KY of Pike County April 11, 1914, a daughter of the late Roland and Margie Dotson Coleman. She had four sisters, Anne Coleman, Della Blair, Alice Thompson, Zella Casey; and one brother, Bob Coleman, that preceded her in death.

Mom was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church for several years. Some of Dad's children were privileged to witness Dad confessing Jesus as his Savior before he got so sick. Before that time he always believed and had great faith in God.

Clarence Smith was born in Pike County August 23, 1910, a son of the late Willie and Mary Coleman Smith. Dad only had one brother, Charlie A. Smith, that preceded him in death.

On January 9, 1930 Clarence and Myrtle were united in marriage. From this union they had twelve children. There were

seven sons, Vernon, Frank Stirl, Marvin, Clarence Jr., Willard, Bill James and Virgil. There were four girls, Racine Hatfield, Irene Ratliff, Annetta, Beatrice Dixon, and one daughter, Emogene that preceded them in death. Mom and Dad loved their children and were great providers for them.

Dad's motto for living a long life was that it came by being good to people and getting along with them. This is what I seen from him. Mom's last wish to me was that her children get along and if she left Dad first that we take care of him. God blessed both to live a longer life than most but to us children it wasn't long enough. You are never prepared for such a loss. I feel I lost my best friends. I thank God that he almost allowed them to be together to the end with Dad dying on Jan. 2, 2003, and Mom following him 15 days later on Jan. 17, 2003. It was the hardest thing I had ever done, was to see them leave us, but I feel they have an eternal home with God. I take comfort in God's word where it says to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD. Exodus 20:12 states, "Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee." My wish is that someday all of their children will be reunited with them in Heaven with their Savior.

Mom and Dad had 16 grandchildren, Larry, Vernon Ray, Ronald, Frank Stirl Jr., Marcus, Kathy Ratliff, Michael, Michelle, Derek, Francine Dotson, Denise Scott, Eric, Chris, Teresa Lorene Diamond, and two late grandchildren, Craig Smith, son of Clarence Smith, Jr., and Dennis Ray Hatfield, son of Racine Hatfield and the late Jack Hatfield.

They had 12 great-grandchildren, Victoria, Dillon, Joshua, Duran, Brandy Ratliff, Dale Caudill Jr., and Cody Caudill, Shannon Dotson, Veronica Scott, Natasha Danielle Scott, Brandy Deavers and Kenric. There has been a new great-grandchild since their death, Kaylen.

They had 4 great-great-grandchildren, McKayla Dotson, Nicholas Lee Bryant, Jessica and Katlin. They had 6 step-grandchildren.

Together they owned and operated a grocery store for several years on Smith Fork. Clarence retired from Kentucky Carbon Industries also. In addition he had other self-employed jobs before starting to work at Kentucky Carbon Industries. Several people in the community probably stayed warmer in the winter because

of the house coal he hauled.

Our family appreciated all that their friends, community, Phelps Funeral Home and Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church did during both funeral services. There were many kind words of comfort, stories we hadn't heard, support, good food, beautiful flowers, wonderful singing and good ministering of GOD's word.

God bless you all.

JESSIE E. BROWNING



A sad heart but with loving memories with God's help I will write the obituary of our dear mother, Jessie Browning, who passed away Oct. 16, 2002 at the Wmson. Memorial Hospital.

Born July 20, 1917, the daughter of the late Millard and Sally (Williamson) Blackburn, making her stay on earth 85 years, 2 months, 27 days. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Charlie F. Browning. They were married Oct. 12th, 1935 by G.B. Bird, a Minister of the Primitive Baptist Church. Dad and Mom united with the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church Sept. 12, 1969. Dad passed away Aug. 1, 1973 at the age of 59.

Their home was Blessed with seven children, an infant twin son preceded them in death at six months old. Surviving children include three sons, Robert, Ed and Rick Browning. Three daughters, Sheb and Wanda Hatfield, and Terri Akers. Ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the Rogers Funeral Home with Brothers Michael Elswick, Mike Smith and Elmer Thacker officiating. Burial followed at the Mt. View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY.

Mother was a beautiful, loving and caring person who loved God and faithfully attended Church for more than thirty years. Her last few years she was not able to attend Church but when visitors came she would always sing, raising her little arms up Praising The Lord.

A Mother's love is like a circle, it has no beginning and no ending. It keeps going around ever expanding, touching everyone who

comes in contact with it. Engulfing them like the morning's mist, warming them like the noontime sun, and covering them like a blanket of Evening Stars. A Mother's love is like a circle, it has no beginning and no end.

All that we are or hope to be, we owe to God and to you, thank you, Mom.

From all your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family members, friends and all who love you so much. We know you have gone to be with Jesus, no more grief and pain, our hearts are broken, so sleep until we meet again.

— Written by daughter, Sheb Hatfield

ORA JUSTICE



Our dear grandmother, Ora M. Justice, passed away July 20, 2003 at home in her bed at the homeplace she so dearly loved. It occurred six days before her yearly birthday party. She would have been ninety six years old.

She was born July 26, 1907 to James and Mary Frances (Rowe) Justice. She had several brothers and sisters from her mom and dad's previous marriages, but she was the only surviving child from this union. She always told us she was the "baby" from both sides. She loved talking about her brothers and sisters and their families.

She was married November 2, 1922 to Pawpaw (Arvel Justice). He passed away May 9, 1979. She and Pawpaw never had children, but they "took in" Leonard Mitchell Slone when he was a small child. He later married Maggie Runyon and they had two sons, Kenneth and Bill – she always said they were the children she never had because she got to bring them home from the hospital. He later married Billie Ratliff and they had three daughters– Pattie Gail, Judie, and Lynette. Pattie Gail died in infancy.

Everyone who knew Mawmaw knew how devoted she was to her God. She joined the Grapevine Primitive Baptist the third Saturday and Sunday of September 1935 and she was a true and faithful member.

The words of a song remind us of her. "I love the Lord, I love

His Word, and I love all those around me." She truly loved people and it showed. Her eyes would sparkle and she would seem to light up when she was talking. Her favorite place to go was church and her fellow brothers and sisters in Christ were so special to her.

We miss her terribly, and we loved her dearly. We also know she is asleep in Jesus. Her prayers were answered. We will never forget her. Her stories and memories will be passed on to her great grandchildren and her great-great ones, too. We pray that a small portion of her faith and love will be passed on as well.

—Written by her grandchildren,

Kenneth and Janice Slone

Bill and Deb Slone

Judie and Ronnie Starr

Lynette and Curt Chambers

LIZZIE (COLEMAN) DOTSON



With broken hearts we will write the obituary of our Wonderfully Devoted Mother and Friend, Lizzie Dotson, who passed away August 17, 2003. She was born May 15, 1931, at Pike County KY. She was the daughter of the late Wade and Gustava (Dotson) Coleman. Her husband, Roy Dotson, preceded her in death. They were married 38 wonderful years.

They were blessed with eleven surviving children: Timmy Dotson, Linda Coleman, Sherri Dotson, and Tavy Ward, all of Ransom, Ky.; Clinton Dotson, Brenda Coleman, Gary Dotson, Michael Dotson, and Clintina Hatfield, all of Phelps Ky.; Bryan Dotson of New York, N.Y.; and Phyllis Stiltner of Lincolnton, N.C. Nineteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren. Three sisters and three brothers also survive her.

We were blessed with one of the Greatest Mothers in the World. Mom always did without to make sure we were all well taken care of. She was always there when we needed a friend. Mom had an amazing amount of faith. Throughout her life and especially during her illness, her faith always shined through. We could write a book about Mom's Love, Understanding, Kindness and Patience, but

there are no words that could explain the true person that our Mother really was. There is emptiness in our hearts that will never be filled again. God gave us a Mother with a smile full of sunshine and a heart of gold.

On the day of August 17,
Jesus whispered, "Come With Me"
So He took Mom by the hand
And led her to the Promised Land.

—*Sadly Missed by her Eleven Children and Family*

THEDA KAY OWENS PLACKARD



It is with an aching heart and a trembling hand that I will try with God's help, I hope, to write the obituary of my precious loving sister, Theda Kay Owens Plackard. Kay, as she was known by all, was born on August 5, 1948, near Birchleaf, Virginia, and fell asleep to wake no more in this life on January 13, 2003. This made her stay with us just 54 years, 5 months and 8 days.

Kay was the daughter of Elder Estel Owens and Flossie Edwards Owens. She was preceded in death by our Daddy, Estel Owens; one infant son, Johnathan Wayne Berzley; her husband, Charles "Red" Plackard; one infant daughter, Lillie Elizabeth Plackard; one brother, Richard Keith Owens; and two sisters, Ellene Gail Owens and Lillie Elizabeth Owens.

Left to mourn the passing of this kind, thoughtful, giving, loving woman are her mother, Flossie Owens (Hazel Park, MI); one son, Matthew Lillis (Warren, MI); one daughter, Rose Plackard (Hazel Park, MI); one step-daughter, Joanne Plackard (Hazel Park, MI); one step-son, Albert Plackard, and four step-grandchildren (Sheridan, AR); two brothers, Joe Owens (Warren, MI) and Tim Owens (St. Clair Shores, MI); two sisters, Diann Owens (Raven, VA) and Brenda Davis (Warren, MI); plus, she leaves a host of nieces, nephews and friends that will miss her greatly.

Kay united with Sandlick Primitive Baptist Church in November 1962. After moving to Michigan in 1965, during those earlier years, she attended Pontiac and Bethel Primitive Baptist Churches. As

time wore on, like our Daddy before us, she too began attending Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church. In the recent months before her death, my precious younger sister was found moving closer and closer to the front of the church until at last she confessed at that front row seat was where she felt she was supposed to be. She rejoiced so much in our old-time preaching and singing often witnessing to Mom, me, and others of her love for this grand old church, its precious Elders, Brothers and Sisters. It was here that Kay found warm smiles to greet her, loving arms to embrace her and she heard many a heartfelt prayer spoken on her behalf. Here, my sister was made to feel "at home." Have you ever felt to be alone, a weak and weary traveler on the road of life? I have. And so had my dear sissy. Yes, Kay knew this feeling well. That's why each gesture of love and concern touched her (and touches me) so deeply. Perhaps we were brought down and made to feel this way just so that we might know and experience with such gladness the wonders of God's love shining through in His children enlightening and brightening our way in this world.

The Good Lord blessed my sister, Kay, with the biggest, most thoughtful, giving heart. Her pleasure in life seemed to be to think of others and their needs, even above her own. To know Kay was to love her, for she had such a wonderful way of making you feel special and cared for. Many, many times my sweet sister got out when she was not well to help others. Be it Mom, Dad, husband, children or friend, she always tried to put them first. What an angel she was to all of us though she knew it not.

Kay, honey, your suffering has ended. I believe with all of my heart your sweet spirit is in a better place where at last peace and joy will be yours forevermore. You were ours for a time — a gift from God above to delight our each and every heart with your own special love — a blessing we are so very thankful for. By the Grace of our heavenly Father, we hope to meet you again, the family once more reunited on that great long-awaited homecoming day.

On behalf of Kay's family, we extend our deepest, most sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone that has shown such loving concern and support throughout her illness and passing. Our hearts are filled to overflowing for each and every act of love even if you think it ever so small, may God richly bless you — one and all — is our prayer.

—Written With Love by Her Sister,
Both in Nature and in Christ, Diann Owens



HATTIE KING

Hattie King was born in Paintsville, Kentucky, on April 8, 1912, to Henderson and Della Perry Ferguson. She had five sisters and four brothers and was predeceased by all of her brothers and sisters.

She married Zollie King on June 8, 1935, and he died on January 29, 1997, after 62 years of marriage together. They had five children, but three of them died near childbirth (all boys).

Irene and Gerald are her surviving children. She has five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Hattie was converted in 1926 and was a church member for 77 years. She and her husband Zollie were loyal church members together for 62 years. Their favorite activity was going to church. They visited many different churches in that span of time in addition to attending their home church, Poes Run United Baptist near Chillicothe.

Hattie King was truly a devout Christian. She lived a simple life but one that was always close to God. Her children could not have had any better role model than her nor could they have ever wanted for better guidance. In the end, Mom suffered from dementia so she forgot many of the people that she once knew, but we will never forget her.

—Written by Her Son, Gerald D. King

GIRTIE SMITH



On July 11th, 2003, Heaven received another angel. My grandmother, Girtie Smith.

Girtie was born August 1st, 1922, at Kimper, the daughter of the late Johnny and Annie Bostic Williamson.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Smith; son, Jackie Smith; and two sisters: Estie Hensley and Ethie Bostic.

She is survived by one son, Ray

Smith; three daughters: Beatrice Cox, Goldie Hunt, Patricia Chapman; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Girtie is missed very much but our loss is Heaven's gain. She was loved so much and she herself was a very loving woman.

Her 80 years of life on Earth were special but she also suffered a great deal of pain from being sick. Now she is free from the pain. I remember her last few months on Earth, she spent a lot of days in the hospital. Brother Paul Varney would come and sing and pray over her. She enjoyed it so much. One night she told him there was nothing in her way, she would be going home soon. How that hurt me hearing her say that. I was not ready for her to leave me. Now I understand, she is in a better place and one day the whole family will be together again.

—Her Loving Grandchild, Christina Smith

BROTHER LUTHER AND SISTER LEOLA BALL



It is with much sadness I write the obituary of my dear Brother Luther Ball and Sister Leola Ball.

Brother Luther was born June 9, 1927, the son of Bud and Bessie Titus Ball; he departed this life September 9, 2000.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a half-brother, Truman May, R., and Lucas Ball and half-sister, Lois Ball.

Luther was a retired coal miner and state highway worker. He was a member and Deacon of Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church.

Sister Leola was born April 19, 1930, the daughter of the late Bob and Luna Stanley Ball. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Ball, and a sister, Bobby J. Ratliff. She was survived by a brother, John B. Ball, and sisters, Glenna (Ance) Hatfield and Lwellyn (Everett) Smith.

Leola was a homemaker and member of Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church.

To the union of Luther and Leola were born three children: Thurman Ball, who preceded them in death, Sue Ball of Pinsonfork,

KY, and Danny Ray (Lois) Ball of Plant City, OH; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Brother Luther and Sister Leola are greatly missed at church and by friends and family. They were both wonderful, caring people.

—By Elder Virgil Smith

LEONA (LEAR) SMITH



Sister Lear was born September 3, 1911, the daughter of the late Turner and Louisa (Hunt) Stanley; she departed this life January 19, 2002.

Sister Lear was married to the late Johnnie Smith for 63 years, residing at Canada, KY. To their union were born three children,

who survive her, two daughters: Mrs. Phyliss (Robert) Guinn of Colonial Heights, VA, Mrs. Wilma Sue (Earl) Williamson of Canada, KY; and one son: Mr. Randy Gregory Smith of Canada, KY. Also surviving are three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Sister Lear was an excellent neighbor, always willing to help others, and oh! how she loved children. She would always ask about our children and our grandchildren, wanting to see them as often as she could.

Sister Lear never united with the church, but she was a strong believer in a sovereign God, knowing God would take care of her. She was blessed to live a long life with good health until the last year of her life. She loved to sit on her front porch, and when the weather permitted, she would watch for Randy until he came home, and a pretty smile came on her face when she saw him.

Sister Lear was an example of what a good neighbor is, a cornerstone in our community. She is greatly missed by family and friends. Sleep on, precious one, until our beloved Savior conveys our bodies home.

—In Love, Elder Michael Elswick

JUANITA DESKINS



Juanita Deskins, 75, of Belfry, KY passed away Sunday, June 1, 2003, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, KY.

She was born on June 9, 1927 in Sharondale, KY to the late Thomas and Nancy Varney. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for 40 years.

She is survived by her husband, Bryan Deskins; one son, Kenneth Bryan (Lori) Deskins of Turkey Creek, KY; one daughter, Sandra Kay (Charley) Myers of Turkey Creek, KY; one brother, Elbert Glen Varney of Romulus, MI; two sisters, Dora Lee Johnson of Galion, OH, and Vida Fern Richardson of Newark, DE; four grandchildren: Shane Myers, Bryana, Kendra and Dalton Deskins; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 4, 2003, 11:00 a.m. at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Deskins Cemetery at Meta, KY.

Visitation was held at 6:00 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Rogers Funeral Home with special services at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday night.

Funeral arrangement were under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Ky.

Juanita will be sadly missed by her husband, children, grandchildren, and the church. We feel our loss is her eternal gain.

DORTHY ADAMS BENTLEY



Dorothy Adams Bentley, age 86, of Kimper, passed away Friday, December 13, 2002 at the Mountain View Health Care Center. Dorothy was born on August 26, 1916, the first child of the late Creed and Ethel Bartley Adams. In 1951, Dorothy was married to David Bentley. Dorothy and David lived in Elkhorn City for most of their lives. Even though they had no children they were always surrounded by family and friends and brought love and laughter

to all who knew them. Following the loss of David, Dorthy was married for a short while to Carl Anderson, who also precedes her in death.

Dorthy was preceded in death by brothers Basil, Ben, Dock, Earl and Carl and 2 siblings: Della Marie and Dewey. She is survived by one brother, Jackie Adams of Jacksonville, Florida; and two sisters: Dollie Baker of Clinchco, Virginia and Daisy Coleman of Kimper, Kentucky.

Dorthy had no children, but after the death of her mother at a very young age, assumed the role of mother for her brothers and sisters and helped to raise the family. She did not marry until she was 35, at a time in which girls were known to many as young as 13. She helped her daddy care for her brothers and sisters even after her Dad married again to Orie Davis Adams. Everyone in the family depended on Dorthy to help carry on the family traditions. She taught her sisters and her sisters-in-law to cook, sew, can and take care of their homes in order make a good life for their own families.

Today is a sad day for all of us, but it is also a day we should be rejoicing, for Dorthy has finally gone home. She was baptized a few weeks ago into the Long Fork Primitive Baptist Church at Kimper, and this Christmas the angels have welcomed a precious jewel that God had only loaned to us 86 years ago. It is that angel that we will miss so much and will keep in our hearts until it is time for us to join her. Weep not today for her loss because Dorthy has brought so much love, happiness and kindness to everyone who knew and loved her. Weep only for joy that she had as she stepped though Heaven's wide door.

—Written by her niece, Charlene Hopkins

EMOGENE THACKER FIELDS



Emogene Thacker Fields, 67, of Stone, KY, went to be with her Lord and Savior Friday, November 15, 2002.

She was born March 16, 1935, the daughter of the late Gomer Estill and Myrtle (Justice) Thacker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by

her foster parents, Hayes and Kelsie Thacker, and brother, Howard Worrix.

Emogene was a homemaker, loving mother, grandmother, sister aunt, and friend. She was a member of the Stone Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School and received many awards for her loyal attendance and dedication.

Survivors include two daughters—Sandra Fields of Stone, KY, and Ileene Fields of Williamson, WV; two sisters—Martha Edith Moore of Huntington, WV, and Vada Jane Charles of Phyllis, KY; a sister-in-law—Kay Worrix of Hamden, Ohio; five grandchildren—Jason Meade of Huddy, KY, Chris Deskins of Gallipolis, Ohio, Jamie (Kevin) Divers of Roanoke, VA, Ariana Stuart of Huddy, KY, and Ian Fields of Stone, KY; three great-grandchildren—Peyton and Kylan Deskins and Alana Faith Stuart; and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 17, 2002, at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, KY, with Charles Justice presiding. Burial followed in the Mountain Memory Gardens at Huddy, Ky.

—Written by Sister, Vada Jane Charles

LUCY MAY JUSTUS



I will try to write this obituary of a precious Mom and Grandma, and the best mother-in-law anyone could have. Mom was born April 11, 1925. She went to be with Jesus on November 2, 2002.

She was the daughter of the late James Basil May and Daisy Dotson May. She had been a member of the Kelsa Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by four daughters: Charlene Justus, Louise Jackson and Barbara Stiltner of Hurley, VA, and Shirley Baugh of Belfast, VA; five sons: Grover, Harold, Junior, Jerry and Claudie Justus, all of Hurley, VA; two sisters: Virgie Young and Minnie Hurley of Hurley, VA; two brothers: Elder Arthur May and Elder Hebert May of Hurley, VA; one step-son, Donald Justus; forty-two grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, 17 great-great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Carson Justus; four sisters: Margie, Sarah, Lydia and Bertha; four brothers: Theodore, Jessie, Joey, and Howard; one step-son, Raymond Justus; and one step-daughter, Josie Litchfield.

"Mommie"

*The smile on your face, it seemed to say
I'm not dead, I've just gone away
It broke our hearts, that's why we cry
You left us without saying good-bye
You went with Jesus to a beautiful land
Our sweet Jesus took you by the hand
You won't be suffering no more
We know you're walking on streets of gold
We all loved you so much and we sure miss you too
But God needed an angel, so that's why He took you*

—Written by: Linda Justus, Daughter-In-Law

GAYNELLE JACKSON



Gaynelle Robinson Jackson of Vansant, Virginia was born in Dickenson County near Murphy, Virginia on October 31st, 1932. She was the daughter of Robert Chrisley (Chris) and Stella O'Quinn Robinson. She departed this life February 5th, 2003, making her stay on Earth 70 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

Gaynelle was married to Henry Lawrence Jackson on September 8th, 1951. To this union were born three children, one girl and two boys.

She and her husband united with Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church on November 12th, 1972 and were baptized on December 31st, 1972 by Elders Teddy R. Ball and Franklin Viers. She remained a member of Dry Fork Church until her death, attending regularly as long as she was able.

She always had a sweet smile on her face and was dearly loved by her family and most who knew her. She will be dearly missed

by her husband, family, and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chris and Stella Robinson; 5 brothers: Quentin, Bonsel, Omar, Evans, and Chris Jr. Robinson; and 1 sister: Ollie Marie Cox.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Lawrence Jackson; her daughter, Deborah Crumpton of Oakwood, Virginia; and two sons: Randall Jackson of Vansant, Virginia, and Craig Jackson of Lafayette, Indiana. Also surviving are six grandchildren: Austin Crumpton, Lauren Crumpton, Jonathan Jackson, Christopher Jackson, Andrew Jackson, and Zachary Jackson; as well as three sisters: Irene Stiltner of Bristol, Virginia, Kathleen Stiltner of Vansant, Virginia, and Algeva Hagy of Powhatan, Virginia; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were conducted Saturday, February 8th, 2003, at 1 p.m. at Grundy Funeral Home Chapel with Elders: Elmer Brown, Garnell Gilbert, Jimmy Lee Smith, and Jim Duty officiating with burial following and Committal by Ronnie Counts in Mountain Valley Memorial Park, Big Rock, Virginia.

To her church, family, and friends, she was as a beautiful flower that God planted in Earth's garden to enrich the lives of those who came in contact with her. On February 5th, this flower faded in death, but we believe it will bloom again in the Resurrection, with the likeness of our Savior, never to fade again. Although we miss her greatly, we believe that the loss we feel on earth is her eternal gain.

*—Written by the Family in Loving Memory of a
Loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother*

SALLY WILLIAMSON

Sallie Williamson, 94, of Sidney, Ky. died Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at The Appalachian Regional Hospital, South Williamson, Ky.

Born March 5, 1908 in Pike County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Paul and Louise Bevins Farley.

In addition to her parents, she preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Williamson.

Sallie was a homemaker and a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Canada, Ky. for 42 years, 3 months.

She is survived by a son, Billy Dempsey of Meherrin, Virginia.

Sallie was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend.

She was a devout believer in the doctrine of election and Salvation by the Grace of God. Sister Sallie is missed by the Church, and our Loss is her eternal gain.

—Written by: Deacon Wade Smith

LASSIE HARRIS McCOY



It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of our mother, Lassie Harris McCoy.

She passed away July 30, 2003 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY. She was born March 26, 1907 at Ransom, KY, the daughter of the late Wayne and Vina Phillips Hatfield. She had made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Daryl and Donnie Smith, for the past several years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two husbands: Roland Harris and Bob McCoy; one son, James Lucas Harris; one granddaughter, Loretta Whitt Smith; two brothers: Thurman Hatfield and Verlan Hatfield; two nephews: Ervin Conn and Robert Conn.

Surviving are three daughters: Daryl (Donnie) Smith, Mary (Gennis) Smith of Ransom, KY, and Ruby Whitt of Monticello, KY; one son, Bill R. Harris of Fallsburg, KY; one sister, Myrtle Conn of Ransom, KY; one special daughter Mary Dotson of Monticello, KY; one special granddaughter, Mary Church of Belfry, KY; three special friends: Gertle Bowens, Connie Crawford and Brenda McIntosh; ten grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the First Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Ransom, KY. Mom was a very humble person, and everyone that knew her loved her. And Mike, she loved you and your family as her own. You were always there for her. We miss her very much and will never forget her.

—Written by Her Daughter, Daryl Smith,
I loved her so very much.

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 have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fullness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

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

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

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

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

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

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing as an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as he can to convey his ideas.
6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.
7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he give his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

11. Names of 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 willfully 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 the 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 the 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												2003
CHURCHES	CLERKS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RELATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	SATURDAY OF MEETING	Contributions of each Church	
Louisa	Bradley Worrix, Jr.	0	1	0	3	0	-1	-2	72	2nd	\$100.00	
Old Pond	Shelby Jean Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	2nd	\$125.00	
Big Creek	Wade Smith	7	1	0	2	0	-1	-2	67	3rd	\$175.00	
Raccoon	Jeff Belcher	3	0	0	0	0	0	-3	70	4th	\$200.00	
Peter Creek	Randall Smith	2	1	0	0	0	-2	-4	75	4th	\$140.00	
Sulphur Springs	Ronald Moore	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	32	1st	\$50.00	
Little Hope	Frank J. Ball	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	36	1st	\$100.00	
Grapevine	Timothy A. Slone	1	0	0	1	-2	0	-2	23	3rd	\$70.00	
Samaria	Leslie D. Hatfield	16	0	0	3	-1	-2	-3	189	3rd	\$150.00	
Feds Creek	Ernest Blair	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	9	1st	\$125.00	
Johns Creek	Carl Coleman, Jr.	1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	26	2nd	\$100.00	
Calvary	Barry Thacker	2	0	0	0	0	-2	0	36	1st	\$100.00	
Dry Fork	Ruth Maynard	0	1	1	0	-1	0	-4	50	2nd	\$120.00	
Friendship	Martin Childers	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1	22	4th	\$25.00	
Columbus	Sandra Harris	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	83	4th	\$100.00	
Deerfield	Barbara Holyfield	2	1	0	0	-1	0	0	53	4th	\$100.00	
Pleasant Hill	Ann Barton	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	41	1st	\$60.00	
New Hope	William Dotson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4th	\$50.00	
18		35	5	1	13	-5	-11	-30	952		\$1,890.00	

NIGHT, ODD SUNDAY AND OTHER MEETINGS

LOUISA: Fourth Saturday night, Odd Sunday.

OLD POND: First Wednesday night, Fourth Sunday Night, Odd Sunday.

BIG CREEK: First Saturday night.

RACCOON: New Year's Eve night.

PETER CREEK:

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Odd Saturday night.

LITTLE HOPE: Third Sunday night.

GRAPEVINE: Fifth Sunday.

SAMARIA: First Sunday night.

FEDS CREEK:

JOHNS CREEK:

CALVARY:

DRY FORK: Fifth Sunday, New Year's Eve night.

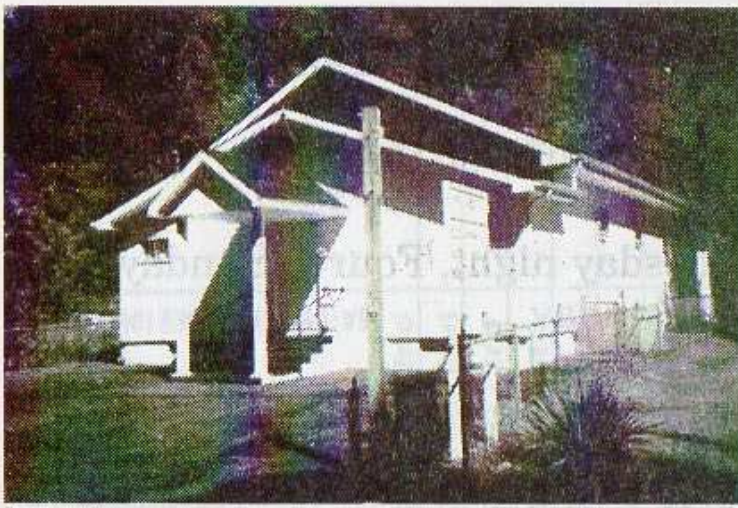
FRIENDSHIP:

COLUMBUS:

DEERFIELD:

PLEASANT HILL:

NEW HOPE: Second Sunday night.



BIG CREEK CHURCH HOUSE

**SITE OF 2003
ASSOCIATION**



RACCOON CHURCH HOUSE

**SITE OF 2004
ASSOCIATION**

Directions to Raccoon Church: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 119 North 4.95 miles to Jct. KY-1441 (Raccoon Road); turn right on KY-1441, go 5.1 miles to church house on left side of road. **From Williamson, WV,** take U.S. 119 South 22 miles to Jct. KY-1441 (Raccoon Road); left on 1441, go 5.1 miles to church house on left side of road.



LITTLE HOPE CHURCH HOUSE

**SITE OF 2004
ANNUAL MEETING**

Directions to Little Hope Church House: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 119 North 23 miles to Jct. KY-199 on right; take KY-199 3.4 miles to Jct. KY-1056 on left; left on 1056, go .2 mile to Ball Fork Road on right; take Ball Fork Road approx. .5 miles to forks of the road, bear left to church house. There is extra parking available at the forks of the road. **From Williamson, WV,** take U.S. 119 South 6 miles to Jct. KY-199 on left; left on KY-199, follow directions above.

