MINUTES

Of The
One Hundred Fifty Second
Annual Session
Of The

ORIGINAL MATES CREEK DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH RACCOON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Raccoon, Kentucky September 3, 4, 5, 2004

Next session convenes with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church located at the junction of Kentucky Route 194 and CR3419, at the mouth of Smith Fork of Peter Creek, Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, starting Friday before the first Sunday in September 2005.

Directions to Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church:
From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 10 miles north on U.S. 119 to Jct.
KY-194; right on KY-194, go 10 miles to Jct. KY-632 at Kimper;
straight on KY-632 10.4 miles to Peter Creek Church house on the
right at the mouth of Smith Fork. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 16 miles south on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-194; left on KY194, follow remaining directions above.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the One hundred Fifty-Second Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the <u>Raccoon Church</u>, <u>Raccoon</u>, <u>Kentucky</u>,

FRIDAY MORNING, September 3, 2004.

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

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Jimmy Lee Smith. Text: We serve the Sovereign God, by Whom all things are possible, who sealed our salvation in Christ, Who never forsakes us, but blesses and comforts us, giving us comforting words for one another, Whose Grace is sufficient for us, which is hid from the world, but revealed to a poor and afflicted people, who trust in the name of the Lord our life and our Resurrection. He who cannot fail, now abides in us, preserving us unto an inheritance incorruptible, and shall come again one day to receive us unto Himself, and carry us Home, where we will be like Him and be satisfied. So now, go in peace and love, trusting in God, and He will lead us in ways edifying to the body of Christ, His Grace sufficient for us in all things.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Raccoon 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 Paris Blackburn serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Deacons Walter Rutherford and James Hackney serve as Clerks pro-tem for the election of officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Association elected the fol-

lowing to serve for the coming year:

ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY MODERATOR

ELDER DAVID A. THACKER ASST. MODERATOR

DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD CLERK

DEACON LONNIE SIMPKINS ASST. 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.

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK: Elder Arnold Childress, Deacon Johnny Viers, Deacon Fayne Viers, Deacon Wayne Fleming, Elder Garnell Gilbert, Elder Bob Arrington.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Donovan Finch, Elder Wayne Hensley, Elder Jerry Howard, Bro. Roby Gullett, Elder Jerry Brown, Deacon Frank Hamilton.

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

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elder Vance Jones.

MT. ZION: None.

<u>WASHINGTON</u>: Elder Danny Smith, Elder Victor Church, Elder Joe Edwards, Elder George Ben Combs, Elder Darrell Davis, Deacon Jim Owens.

<u>UNION</u>: Elder Dallas Adams, Elder Roy Adams, Deacon Tommy Adams, Elder Trillis Adams, Elder Corbin Hampton. <u>FISHER'S RIVER</u>: Elder Joey Jenkins, Elder David A. Edwards.

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

SAND LICK: Elder Robert Thacker, Elder Terry Thacker, Elder Buford Deel, Deacon Roy D. Stanley, Deacon Garnett Duty, Bro. Kyle Malugin, Sister Diann Owens, Sister Pauline Arrington, Sister Lou Ellen Fleming, Sister Pearlie V. Ramsey, Sister Marcella Duty, Sister Brenda Stanley, Sister Ada Childress.

<u>BURNING SPRINGS:</u> A.B. (Hop) Gose, Keith Howard, Elder Louie Howard, Husky Howard, Sister Peggy Howard, Sister Readith Adkins, Sister Pauline Howard.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Sister Hulda Jones.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Sister Virgie Lyle.

UNION: Sister Abbey Hampton, Sister Jean Adams.

FISHER'S RIVER: Sister Carleen H. Edwards.

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: Sister Lola M. Church.

GOSHEN CHURCH, WINCHESTER, KY: Brother Jesse Reed.

TUSCON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Deacon Clifford Thacker, Sister Ina Gay Thacker.

Moved and seconded that the moderator make all temporary appointments. Elder Paul Varney and Deacon Cecil Hat-field (Old Pond) together with all the Deacons from the Raccoon Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday afternoon at <u>Raccoon Church</u>: Jerry Brown, Eddie Lyle, Victor Church.

B. Friday night at Louisa Church: David Jacobs, David Edwards, Paris Blackburn, Lundy Coleman, John Jacobs.

C. Friday night at Old Pond Church: Vance Jones, Victor Church, Arnold Childress, Michael Elswick.

D. Friday night at <u>Peter Creek Church</u>: Larry Slone, Greg Moore, J.C. Hager, Michael Smith.

E. Saturday morning at <u>Raccoon Church</u>: Terry Thacker, Joey Jenkins, Arnold Childress, Garnell Gilbert.

F. Saturday night at <u>Little Hope Church</u>: Todd Thacker, Estle Hackney, Trillis Adams, J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley.

G. Saturday night at <u>Calvary Church</u>: Barry Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Greg Moore, David May.

H. Saturday night at <u>Samaria Church</u>: Steve Kender, Arnold Childress, Paris Blackburn, Michael Smith.

I. Saturday night at <u>Big Creek Church</u>: Robbie Worrix, David Jacobs, Victor Church, Randal Thornsbury.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Ireland Adkins, Mike Scott, Wade Smith, Clifton Preece, Randy Kender, Tommy Lester, Virgil Smith, Leon Adkins, Millard Whitt, Robert Worrix, Roger Dotson, Barry Thacker, Roger Deel, David May, Lundy Coleman, Danny May, Ballard Bryant, James Hackney.

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

SAND LICK: Estill Van Dyke, Harrison Smith, Wade Smith, Noah Slone, Tom Chapman, Timothy Slone, James Clyde Ball, Roger Deel, James Hackney.

<u>UNION:</u> Johnny Jacobs, Timothy Slone, Joseph Slone, Noah Slone, Wade Smith, James Clyde Ball, Tom Chapman, Harrison Smith, David May, Elder Brown, James Hackney.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: James Clyde Ball, Wade Smith, Har-

rison Smith.

BURNING SPRINGS: Harrison Smith, Paris Blackburn, James Clyde Ball, Michael Smith, Ballard Bryant, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Raymond Stanley, Timothy Slone, Joseph Slone.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Harrison Smith, Tom Chapman, John Jacobs, James Clyde Ball, Wade Smith, Paul Varney, David May, Michael Smith.

MT. ZION: James Clyde Ball, Harrison Smith.

NEW LIBERTY: (Not Active)

FISHER'S RIVER: David May, John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Tom Chapman, James Clyde Ball, Paris Blackburn.

<u>WASHINGTON:</u> David May, Tom Chapman, Estil Van Dyke, Roger Deel, John Jacobs, Elmer Brown, Ronald Moore, Joseph Slone, Noah Slone, Robbie Worrix, Wade Smith, James Clyde Ball, James Hackney.

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

Saturday morning September 4, 2004, at Raccoon Church house.

The Association met persuant to adjournment and was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by <u>Elder Terry Thacker</u>. Roll called and absents marked. Committee on arrangements reported the following:

The Committee met at Raccoon Church, 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 John Creek Church host the Annual Meeting for 2005.
- #3. Recommend that Peter Creek Church house the Association for 2005.
- #4. Called for the circular letter written by Elder Michael Smith. 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 our Annual Meeting be held with Johns Creek Church beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2005.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday: Song and prayer by Elder David A. Thacker

1.) J.C. Hager

2.) Michael Smith

3.) Randal Thornsbury

Dismiss with song and prayer by Elder David Coleman, Jr. Moved and Seconded that the preaching committee be dis-

charged 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 2005 are as follows:

LOUISA: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2005. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsbury, David Jacobs, Johnny Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Michael Smith, Raymond Stanley, Garnell Gilbert and J.C. Hager. A Memorial Day meeting will be held at Annie Young Cemetery, East Shelbiana, KY on May 30, 2005.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2005. 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, 2005.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 2005. Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Paris Blackburn, David Coleman, Jr., Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Larry Slone, Noah Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Michael Smith, Raymond Stanley, 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 3rd Sunday in July, 2005.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2005. Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair. Michael Elswick, Michael Smith, Ellis Lynn, Randal Thorsnbury, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, and all others that may want to attend are welcome. A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th Sunday in October, 2005.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2005. Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore, Shawn Dotson, Harrison Smith, Randal Thornsbury, Elmer Thacker, Steve Kender, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2005. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsbury, 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, 2005. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Walter Sullivan, Michael Smith, David May, Elmer Thacker, Michael Elswick, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Robbie Worrix, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsbury, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, and all others that may want to attend are welcome. A Memorial Meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2005.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2005. 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 Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Larry Slone, and Trillis Adams. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome. A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2005. Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson,

Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Harrison Smith, Steve Kender, Randal Thornsbury, Don Stacy, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, Michael Elswick, Arthur May, Jerry Brown, James T. Dotson, Bobby Mayhorn.

FEDS CREEK: Meets the first Saturday in May, 2005. We the Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ cordially invite all ordained authorities and brethren and sisters of our faith and order to come be with us the first Saturday and Sunday in May at our communion and Memorial service of our deceased.

JOHNS CREEK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2005. Noah Slone, Walter Sullivan, Steve Kender, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith, Onis Smith, David Coleman, Jr., Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Kenneth Chapman, David May, Michael Elswick, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsbury, David Jacobs, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Barry Thacker. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2005. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsbury, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Michael Elswick, Kenneth Chapman, 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, 2005. Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsbury, Franklin Viers, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Arrington, David A. Thacker, Robbie Worrix, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Garnell Gilbert, Steve Kender, Don Stacy, Elmer Brown, Estle Hackney, James C. Ball. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service for all deceased members will be held on the second Sunday in July on Baldwin Mountain at the

cemetery. Dry Fork meeting in August on Sunday will be held at the Nuckles and Hess cemetery on Fletcher's Ridge.

FRIENDSHIP: Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 2005. Greg Moore, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, R.T. Thacker, Kenneth Chapman, John Jacobs, Raymond Stanley and Barry Thacker. We invite all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers to attend.

COLUMBUS: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2005. Robert Worrix, Randal Thornsbury, 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, Josh Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Kurt Heath, 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, 2005. 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 Thornsbury, Beryl Williams, Michael Smith, Estle Hackney, Larry Slone, Kenneth Chapman, Ricky Worrix and Jerry Brown. 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, 2005. David May, J.C. Hager, David Jacobs, Elmer Goff, Hesker Gillum, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Estle Hackney, all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers welcome. A Memorial Meeting will be held the third Saturday and Sunday of October, 2005.

NEW HOPE: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2005. Frank Ball, 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 Thornsbury, 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 <u>Elder Argel Kendrick</u> is to prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have <u>2050</u> minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Elder Paul Smith, Kermit Smith, James Casey, Johnny Coleman, Earl Thacker, Delmar Williamson, Terry Lee Brown, Johnny Slone, Alex Hager, Christopher K. Varney, Roscoe Thornsbury.

SISTERS: Daryl Hatfield, Fannie Smith, Jeannette Smith, Sharon Kay Slone, Francis Justice Anderson, Goldie Thacker Williamson, Ruby Mae Stanley, Irene May, Tilde Lucille Kelley Partin, Madeline C. Ratliff, Linda Jean Dotson Spradlin, Maggie Thacker Slone, Mary Edis Coleman, Sarah Chapman "Grannie" Dotson, Minnie Smith Casey, Loretta Leaman, Ruby Carol O'Connel Brake, Orpha Bowling, Arlene Johnson Stepp Anderson, Jeannette Varney Owens, Martha Simpkins, Margaret Delores Hatfield.

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	\$7446 11
Amount received from the churches	
this year	1787.50
Amount received for obituaries this year	
Donations received this year	
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	
CASH PAID OUT since last Association:	
Paid for the 2003 Minutes	\$1,665.57
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	

Gave Assistant Clerk	50.00
Gave Big Creek Church to reimburse	
for portable toilets	100.00
Paid for postage	24.75
Gave cash to visiting ministers	500.00
Paid for Supplies	
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	<u>-\$2494.98</u>
BALANCE LEFT ON HAND September 4, 2004	

Agreed that our next Association be held with the <u>Peter Creek Church</u>, of Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. <u>Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2005.</u> <u>Elder Barry Thacker</u> was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. <u>Elder Onis Smith</u> is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by <u>Elder David May</u>, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by

Elder Randal Thornsbury, Moderator

Elder David A. Thacker, Asst. Moderator

Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk

Deacon Lonnie Simpkins, Asst. Clerk

The Association Gives thanks to God, and extends our heart-felt thanks and appreciation to the brothers and sisters of Raccoon Church for their hard work, and love in their hosting of the Association.

SUNDAY MORNING September 5, 2004

INTRODUCTION: Elder David A. Thacker introduced the service with song and prayer.

- 1. Elder J.C. Hager
- 2. Elder Michael Smith
- 3. Elder Randal Thornsbury

Elder David Coleman, Jr. closed the Association with song and prayer.

CIRCULAR LETTER

By: Elder Michael Smith

To the Messengers and Brothers and Sisters that compose the Mates Creek Association:

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. I have been appointed to write the circular letter for the year 2004. This

will make my third time in almost forty years, and will probably be my last.

I want to say that I feel that Mates Creek has been very blessed in many ways. To have my soul fed, I wouldn't have to leave the preachers that Mates Creek have. But let me say that we, as preachers, should always be concerned that we feed the flock, rather than ourselves. The Church was established by Jesus Christ Himself, for He made many promises to his disciples about the Church to come. Those promises were fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit came as a mighty rushing wind. The disciples, and all that were with them, were praising God. The people that saw them praising God thought they were drunk on new wine. The Church today needs to get drunk like that, and praise God. But today, some think they should just sit and say nothing, and go home.

The Church is the most powerful body on this earth, established by God Himself. Listen to what Jesus told Peter about the Church: He said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." So, we are in the most powerful body on earth, because the Bible says in Romans 13:1, "There is no power but of God." We can feel confident that the Holy Spirit is still here. The Holy Spirit is for our comfort, guidance, protection and learning.

We, as the children of God, can feel secure that we can have peace in a troubled world. The children of God are bought with a special price: the Blood of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. We are His, by blood relation, and the old Bible said "There is NONE that can pluck them out of my Father's hand!". The Church is in the world, but the world shouldn't be in the Church. The Church will be in the world until Jesus comes back, and takes it out. It will be when we are caught up, to meet the Lord in the air. This is our hope, our faith, that we will see our Savior for ourselves, and be with Him forever!

Brothers and Sisters, 1st Timothy 6:6 says, "But godliness with contentment is great gain." Be satisfied with the gift that God gave you, also with where He placed you in the Church. There is plenty of work to do for God's people. Don't be afraid to do something, that you may fail. We have grown in grace because of our failure: we have learned from our failures.

So let me say you may never get recognized for your work in the Church. But we serve God, that said if you give

someone a drink of water, you wouldn't lose your reward.

Brothers and Sisters, always consider your brothers' and sisters' feelings. We can't have everything our way. If our heart is right, we won't want to. Let us look over one another for good, doing for them. If I look over you, and you look over me, we can walk together. We can have fellowship, we can worship together, which is the greatest thing we can do on this earth.

So let us love one another, and see the peace of God in our hearts. Also, the Church will have peace and you will see it

grow.

Your brother in Christ: Elder Michael Smith

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

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

Alternate: Todd Thacker

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

Alternate: Roland T. Varney

BIG CREEK: Tom Chapman, Lawrence Elswick, Sid Fleming, Wade Smith.

Alternate: Hershell Stevens

RACCOON: Clifton Preece, Donovan Blackburn, Otis Thacker, Genis Coleman.

Alternate: David Coleman, Jr.

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

Alternate: Steve Kender

SULPHUR SPRING: Brian Moore, Tommy Lester, Arthur May, Ronald Moore.

Alternate: Junior Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Mitchell Blackburn, Willie Dotson, Frank Ball, J.B. Ball.

Alternate: Virgil Smith

GRAPEVINE: Donald Justice, Harold Abbot, Argel Kendrick, Leon Adkins. Committees will be under the second to the committee of the c

Alternate: Noah Slone

SAMARIA: Milard Whitt, Don Dotson, Fonso McIntosh, Gen-Alternate: Elder Larry Slone nis Smith.

FEDS CREEK: Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair.

Alternate: None

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

Alternate: Edd Hunt

CALVARY: Barry Thacker, Ricky Ratliff, Larry Chapman, Glen Wallace Vipperman, Mark Black Color Motor Motor Mark Michael Michael Color

Alternate: Roy Owens

DRY FORK: Estle Hackney, Roger Deel, Estil Vandyke, Ralph Street. Alternate: Harold Cline

FRIENDSHIP: Arnold Hicks, Troy Wheeler, Elder David May, Elder Elmer Thacker

Alternate: Martin Childers

COLUMBUS: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Arthur Coleman, Roger Blackburn Alternate: Bobby Kennedy

DEERFIELD: Jeremy Jacobs, Jack David, Jr. Danny May, Harold Blackburn.

Alternate: John Holyfield

PLEASANT HILL: Ballard Bryant, Elder James T. Dotson, Jack Scott.

Alternate: Elder Greg Moore

NEW HOPE: William Dotson, James Hackney, Clarence "Pinky" Dotson, Paul Dotson.

Alternate: Kenneth Chapman

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Louisa
Old Pond
Big Creek
Raccoon
Peter Creek
Sulphur Spring
Little Hope
Grapevine
Samaria
Feds Creek

MODERATOR

Robert B. Worrix
Michael Elswick
Elmer Thacker
Paul Dean Justice
Jimmy Lee Smith
Elmer Brown
Raymond Stanley
Noah Slone
Michael Smith
Robert Worrix

COMMUNION

Aug., 2nd Saturday
June, 2nd Saturday
Aug., 3rd Saturday
July, 4th Saturday
June, 4th Saturday
Aug., 1st Saturday
July, 1st Saturday
May, 3rd Saturday
June, 3rd Saturday
May, 1st Saturday
May, 1st Saturday

Johns Creek	Paul Varney	April, 2nd Saturday
Calvary	David May	June, 1st Saturday
Tile and Colong and	David A. Thacker	
Dry Fork	Elmer Brown	May, 2nd Saturday
Friendship	David May	Aug., 4th Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April, 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	June, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	April, 3rd Saturday
Strele, ICK 41566	James T. Dotson	
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman	May, 4th Saturday
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Michael Elswick	106 Stanley Lane, Canada, KY 41519 606-353-4207
Luther Minnix	2265 Murray Rd., Danville, MI 48819 517-623-6449
Lonnie Worrix	4351 Robin Street, Grove City, OH 43123 614-277-2332
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Argle Kendrick	P.O. Box 3334, Pikeville, KY 41502
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Steve Render	606-456-0947
Junior Barton	2839 Grace Ave., Dayton, OH 45420
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	Margie Lester P.O. Box 275, Feds Creek, KY 41524	25
	Elder Arthur May P.O. Box 308, Hurley, VA 24620	20

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842 Red Creek Road	
Pikeville, KY 41501	20
TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE	2050

OBITUARIES

ELDER PAUL SMITH



With a sad heart but loving memories with God's help I will write the obituary of our dear father James Paul Smith, who passed away May 17, 2004 at Buchanan General Hospital. He was a member of Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church for 20 years where he served as an elder. He was a disabled coal miner, and was owner and operator of S & S Trucking Co.

Born May 25, 1938, son of Sid-

ney & Hazel Smith. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Dean Smith, two sisters, Nellie Jean Chaffins, Erma Lee Ramey and three brothers, Cletus (Bo) Smith, Dale Smith and Jessie Ray Smith.

He is survived by his wife Florence Lester Smith, three daughters: Paula Smith, Helen Smith and Florine Blankenship. One son Bobby Allen Smith, one sister Lydia Smith, three brothers: Doffus Smith, Linton Smith, and Estel Smith. Five grand children and two great grand children. Funeral services were held Wednesday May 19, 2004 at Grundy Funeral Home with Elders Brian Moore, Elmer Brown, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney and Jimmy Lee Smith officiating. Burial followed at Smith Family Cemetery at Big Rock, VA.

Daddy was a beautiful loving caring person who loved God faithfully. Daddy always put everyone else's needs before his own. He always looked forward to going to church and witnessing to others. He had a heart of gold.

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

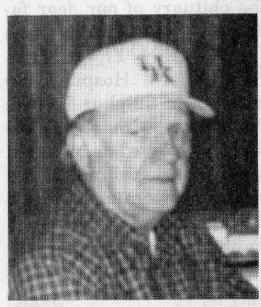
you Daddy.

From your wife, children and grandchildren, and great grandchildren, family members, friends and all those 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 family

Florence, Paula, Bobby, Helen, and Florine

JAMES CASEY



In loving memory of our Brother, James Casey. He was born Jan. 9, 1940 and died April 7, 2004, making his stay here on earth 64 years, three months.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elder Anderson Casey and Lena Casey, five brothers, and one sister.

James is survived by his daughter Jamie Green, and one son Steven Mounts, and his best friend, Brenda Hurley, six brothers: Earl,

Ernest, George, Glen, Clinton, and Clifford; Two sisters: Hazel Smith and Sharlene Taylor.

James will always be remembered because he had a special place in our hearts. We miss him and loved him dearly.

- Written by: Sharlene Taylor (sister)

EARL THACKER

Earl Thacker, 66 of McArthur, passed away September 6, 2003 at his residence.

Earl was born February 7, 1937, in Millard, KY. He was the son of the late John Dewey and Isabelle Coleman Thacker.

Earl was retired from the Austin Powder Company. He was a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon.

In 1969 Earl married Carol Reynolds, who survives. He is

also survived by children: Ada (Vicki), Juanita, Tracey and Dewey. Grandchildren: Michael, Matthew and Emily Bobo, Nioka Thacker, Alexis and Devon Byrd, and Michelle Kempton. Great grandchildren: Kyle Riley and Clarissa Kempton.

Earl also leaves behind 2 brothers Ballard and Terry and 4

sisters, Alta, Judy, Riney and Kathy.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by sisters Polly and Thelma and a brother Alvin.

Earl was well liked by all who knew him and will be sadly missed. He loved to sit and listen to Carol read the Bible to him and always liked to hear the songs lined. He loved the song "Go Rest High On That Mountain" and we know that he is now residing with his Lord and Savior.

- Sadly missed by his family and friends

DEACON DELMER WILLIAMSON



When I was asked to write the obituary of my dear father-in-law, I knew it would be painful to call to mind his familiar smile and the wonderful attributes of a man I was blessed to know for 47 years.

Delmer was born September 22, 1914 and went home to be with the Lord on October 4, 2003 making his stay on earth 89 years, 12 days. He was the son of George and Alabama Williamson.

His first wife Ethel Williamson

preceded him in death.From this union was born one son John L. Williamson. He had four grandchildren, Nicky Delmer, John.L. 2nd., Jeanne and Ryan Kelly and had 8 great grandchildren.

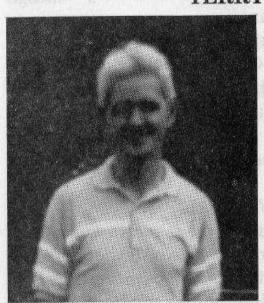
Delmer later married Goldie Thacker to whom he was married for 28 years; he had 7 stepchildren.

Delmer united with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church February 19, 1967 and was ordained as a deacon on Sunday April 19, 1970. His character, his sense of values, his honesty and love for others, all pointed to the kind of man he was. He loved the Lord and loved to sing the old songs of Zion; he will always live in the hearts of his family; I know he is now singing with joy in his new home.

- Written by one who loved him so very much;

June Williamson

TERRY LEE BROWN



Terry Lee Brown, age 53, of Layne's Branch Road, passed away at 2:23 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was a laborer and a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church.

He was born in Pike County, Kentucky on September 30, 1950 the son of the late Charlie and Dollie Goff Brown.

In addition to his parents, he

was preceded in death by two brothers, John Brown and Rodney Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Jerldine Brown and one daughter, Shasta Terravonna Brown of Kimper. He is also survived by one brother, Richard Brown of Raccoon and three sisters, Mickie Coleman of Raccoon, Marcelene Maynard of Raccoon and Elizabeth Miller of Winchester.

Terry will be sadly missed by his family, loved ones and many friends.

- Written by his Loving Wife, Jerldine Brown

Let Me Go

When I die, just let me go.

I don't want to suffer so.

Don't hook me up on no machines

with tubes in my nose that can been seen.

Just hold my hand so I'll know you care

and run your fingers through my hair.

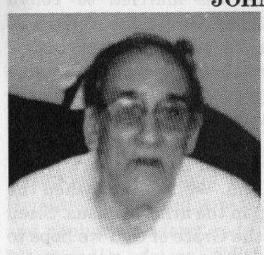
Then I will know you love me so

and when I die just let me go.

I have been truly blessed, you see,
the one above has watched over me
and gave me a great family
to love and cherish forever it be.
So when I die just let me go
for you will know I've loved you so.

Written by: Emma Gannon

JOHNNY SLONE



With a sorry but a hopeful heart, I write about the loss of a loved one with a hope of meeting him again someday.

John, 84, passed away Oct. 31, 2003 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born in Pike County, May 18, 1919 a son of the late Matt and Gracie Thacker Slone.

He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Kentland Elhorn Coal Co., a member of the United Mine Workers of America,

and the oldest member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church at Rocky Road. He joined the church on September 9, 1950.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Florence Slone; their children, five sons, Dan Slone, Donnie Slone, Les Slone, Denny Slone, and George Slone, and two daughters Arlene Slone and Flossie Slone.

He is survived by his wife Eloise T. Slone of Millard, KY. He is also survived by his children from his first marriage, son Johnny Slone, Jr. of Pikeville, two daughters, Liza Jane Morrison of Pikeville, Evelyn Thornsbury of Sidney, four brothers, Curt Slone of Cleveland, Keen Slone of Biggs Branch, Jesse Slone of Elkhorn City, Matt Slone, Jr. of Lorain Ohio; 14 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

John will be sadly missed by his family and friends. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his loving wife, Eloise T. Slone

KERMIT SMITH

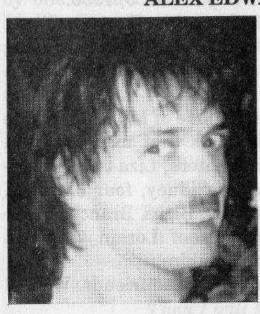


With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Kermit Smith. He was born June 26, 1970 and passed away July 23, 2004, making his stay on earth 34 years, and 27 days. He was the son of Elder Harrison Smith and Virginia (Casey) Smith, who survived him. He was married to Tonya Joyce (Slone) Smith for 10 years, 4 months. To this union were born 2 children. He is survived by his wife Tonya Joyce (Slone) Smith, (2)

daughters: Chasity Danielle Smith and Chloe Breanna Smith; (1) brother Keith Edward Smith, and (1) sister Ellena Lynn (Smith) Stump, and host of relatives and friends. Kermit will be dearly missed by all who knew him. We feel that when the death angel came, Kermit fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Sleep on Kermit for a little while, and by the Grace of God we hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain nor death can enter there! But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

- Written by: His family and Larry Coleman

ALEX EDWARD "ED" HAGER



Alex Edward "Ed" Hager, age 45, of Holly, MI, formerly of Fenton, died Friday, November 15, 2002 at his home after a courageous battle against cancer. Funeral services where held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 19, 2002, at Sharp Funeral Home Fenton Chapel with J.C. Hager and Bob Mayhorn officiating. Hundreds showed their respect at visitations on Sunday, November 17, and Monday, November 18, 2002. Inter-

ment in Tyrone Memory Gardens was followed by a dinner

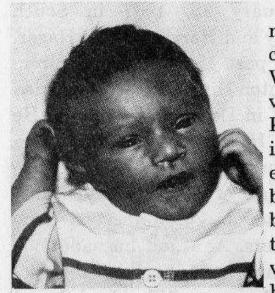
for family and friends.

Alex Hager was born January 25, 1957 in South Williamson, KY, the son of Bradley and Harriet (Scott) Hager. He had resided in Holly, MI the past 15 years, coming from Fenton, MI. A 1975 graduate of Fenton High School, he married Dawn Howell on August 15, 1987 in Deerfield Township. He was owner operator of Double H. Helium, and was active in Little League Baseball and youth programs in Holly. He entertained for several years, as lead singer of the Alex Jessie Band. Surviving are wife, Dawn, daughter Jacqulyn and son Cody Hager of Holly; sisters and brothers, Ann and husband Bob Mayhorn of Tennessee, Johnnie and wife Virginia Hager of Flint, Emma and husband Richard Lanzara of Florida, J.C. and wife Arleen Hager of Flint, Ruby and husband Del Brake of Arizona, Doug Hager of Virginia, David and wife Sharon Hager of Linden, Donna and husband Denny Edwards of Madison Heights, Adrian and wife Cindy Hager of Fenton, several nieces and nephews, in-laws and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Edith Rose, Virginia Mae Hager, and brother, Ernest Hager.

Alex believed the best thing someone could be was a good person, and he was a good man. He touched many people in his life; he was kind and giving and was quick to bring a smile to your face. He could light up a room with his humor. His beliefs were strong and deep, he knew there was more after his time here on earth. He knew each day was a gift and lived each to it's fullest. He found joy everywhere. He was a poet and a philosopher, a charming man of his word, a wonderful husband and father, brother, son and friend. If a life can be measured by the love felt for you by others, his was full and rich, for he is remembered dearly, loved always and with us forever. We are more for having known him.

- Written by his wife, Dawn Hager In loving memory of my Husband

CHRISTOPHER KOLBY VARNEY



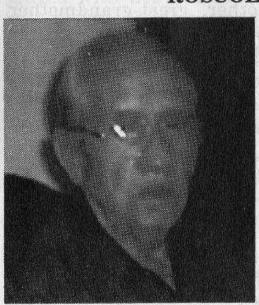
Christopher Kolby Varney, 4 months of Frankfort, KY, was called to his Heavenly home on Wednesday 10-20-03 from the University of Ky's Children's Hospital. Kolby was plucked up like a flower in this garden of life by the Heavenly Father to add to his beautiful bouquet. From the moment he was born, Kolby would look at you with the most intense blue eyes, like he was staring straight into your heart and soul memorizing every

detail of your being. He was the most humble little guy and his fiery temper gave him the will and strength to put up a strong fight in this loosing battle. But in the end, Kolby was rewarded his eternal peace. Kolby was the strongest of strong and the bravest of brave, a blessing to all who knew and loved him. Born on Wednesday, June 18, 2003, Kolby was a very special blessing to his mommy, daddy, two sisters and all who knew and loved him; their most joyous joy and their saddest sadness. Kolby had all his family and friends wrapped around his 9 precious little fingers; and his 10 tiny toes left footprints on all of our hearts.

Kolby left behind his mommy and daddy (Chris and Marie), his 2 big sisters that loved him so (Camry Lynn and Haley Jade), a loving great-grandmother (Hazel Sturgill), a greatgrandfather (Ance Varney), his Poppy and Granny (Larry and Loretta Varney of Canada, Ky.) (Kolby was Poppy's "little man" and Granny's "good boy"). his MeeMaw and Peepaw (Tommy and Eleanor Preece of Turkey Creek, Ky) 4 very special aunts and 3 uncles (Dawnetta & Charles Marcum, Bethany Varney, Kim Varney, Christina and Roy Bogar all of Canada, Ky, and Adam Stephens of Turkey Creek, Ky), 5 cousins (Alyssa and Abby Marcum, Sydni and Joshua Bogar, and Chase Lester). Also, numerous great-aunts and great-uncles and a host of special friends including special nurses, respiratory therapists, doctors, volunteers and housekeepers from the 4th floor PICU. Our loss is Heaven's gain. - 28 -

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 2, 2003 at Belfry Freewill Baptist Church, Brother Buddy Kendrick officiating. Pall bearers were his Daddy, Poppy and his uncles Charles and Roy Eugene.

ROSCOE THORNSBURY



It is with much sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our beloved father, Roscoe Thornsbury. He was born January 18, 1913 and passed away January 09, 2003, making his stay on earth 89 years, 11 months and 22 days. He was the son of the late Frank and Cenie (Plymale) Thornsbury, who preceded him in death. He was married to Della (Adkins) Thornsbury for 72 years. To this union were born 10 children: three sons, and seven (7) daughters as following:

sons James Thornsbury, Robert Gene Thornsbury, and Bobby Gene Thornsbury, his three sons and one daughter Mrs. Magaline Biliter preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Della (Adkins) Thornsbury and (6) daughters, Mrs. Betty Hunt, of Vinton, Ohio. Mrs Evelyn Blackburn, of Kimper, KY. Mrs. Christine Worch, of Westload, Michigan. Mrs Claudine Coleman of Kimper, KY. Mrs. Pauline Hampton, of Paintsville, Ky. Mrs. Gerry Justice of Pikeville, KY. He had (3) brothers, Alson Thornsbury, Arson Thornsbury and Wade Thornsbury; four sisters. Pearlie Bostic and Daisy Coleman, who preceded him in death, Ethel (Thornsbury) (Hunt) Coleman of Kimper, Ky., and Bonnie (Thurnsbury) Kaiser, of Vinton, Ohio. He leaves behind (26) grandchildren, (30) great-grandchildren and (16) great-great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. Father will be dearly missed by all who knew him. We feel that when the death angel came, father fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Sleep on father for a little while, and by the grace of God we hope to meet you where no sickness, sorrow, pain nor death can enter there! But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

- Written by: his family and son-in-law Larry Coleman

DARYL McCOY HATFIELD

January 21, 1915-May 22, 2004



With much love, respect and loving memories we write this obituary in memory of our late mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and mother-in-law Daryl McCoy Hatfield. We were fortunate to have her for 89 years four months and 1 day. Mom passed away Saturday, May 22, 2004 at her home at McCarr, Kentucky. She was born January 21, 1915 at Ransom, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Phillip McCoy and Ella Jane Smith

McCoy.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Hatfield, August 23, 1989; one daughter; Agnes Mae Hatfield Reister, September 24, 1988; one daughter-in-law; two sons-in-law; four sisters and two brothers.

She married Floyd Hatfield, July 17, 1935, and to this union was born 12 children, 8 sons, 4 daughters. Mom gave of herself to all those around her, her family was the center of her world. Her prayers were that all her children (sons-in-law, daughters-in-law) and grandchildren stay a close family and continue to comfort and love each other. We thank God daily that we were blessed to have loving and caring parents. They told us we were rich, not with money, but love.

She has long been anxious to reunite with Dad, and her father and mother, also her daughter Agnes and her sisters and brothers. We know that they assembled rejoicing awaiting her arrival.

Our home was always a safe haven, full of love and laughter. In her lifetime she made an impression of love on every one she ever met, "bless you honey" and touched every heart she could. She was a wise and honest woman with a kind soul. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mom recorded church services and after she was unable to attend church she

would spend time listening to the singing and sermons. She would sit in her recliner with eyes closed, praying, sometimes singing along. This made her feel that she was in the presence of God. Thanks to Brother Mike for the times he called and prayed with her and sang to her. She enjoyed that so much. Thanks Mike from the family. She loved you.

Our home was blessed with the most loving mother children could have. We thank you Lord for choosing her to be our mother. One of the saddest days of our lives was the day Mom passed away. No one knows the sorrow we share, when our families meet and Mom's no longer there. Once again our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, God will keep calling us to link the chain. Many tears have been shed since that May day by the remaining 11 children, 24 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law.

She is survived by two Sisters: Agnes Dotson, Detroit, Michigan and Grace Hager, Ransom, Ky., one brother: Lucas McCoy, McCarr, Kentucky.

Mom will be sadly missed by her children: Ernest Hatfield, Danville, Ky.; Glada Hatfield McCoy, Grove City, Ohio; James Phillip Hatfield, Pikeville, Ky.; Ella Ann Hatfield Carter (Edward), Lexington, Ky. and Naples, Florida; Floyd Hatfield, Jr. (Bethel), Sulligent, Alabama; Hansel (Hank) Hatfield (Wanda), Letcher, Ky.; Ance Hatfield (Laketa), Lawrenceburg, Ky.; Rebecca Jean Hatfield Terrill (Jack), Nicholasville, Ky.; Lucas Bryant Hatfield (Jan), Lawrenceburg, Ky.; Thomas Gregory Hatfield (Kathy), McCarr, Ky.; and Bill Acie Hatfield (Kathy), McCarr, Ky. Mom will also be missed by her grand-children and her many friends.

- In Loving Memory, Sons & Daughters, Grandchildren, Daughters-in-law & Sons-in-law

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FANNIE SMITH



Fannie Smith, 87, of Ransom, Kentucky, passed away February 27, 2004, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Born August 3, 1916, she was a daughter of the late Harrison and Mary Hackney Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Freeland Smith, by three sisters: Vicie, May and Tildy; three brothers: Ed, Cecil and Johnny; and grandson Stuart Travis Smith. Surviving are three children: Lloyd Smith of Marengo,

IL, Gennis (Mary) Smith and Christine Smith of Ransom, KY; three grandchildren: Karen, Steve and Noveline; six great-grandchildren: Andrea, Rhiannon, Shawn, Austin, Miranda and Cara; two great-great grandchildren: Chloe and Samantha.

- Written by the family

JEANNETTE SMITH



Jeannette Hatfield Smith, 96, of McCarr, Kentucky, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at the home of her beloved sister, Katherine Hatfield Scott, surrounded by family and church friends. As we sang "Beulah Land" she smiled sweetly, as one returning home after a long absence, and silently passed away while the brethren were praying.

Jeannette was born February 11, 1908 at the family farm on Blackberry Creek, the third daugh-

ter of the late William Jefferson and Polly Margaret Runyon Hatfield. A wonderful cook, homemaker, neighbor and friend, she became in her later years the matriarch of the Jeff and Polly Hatfield clan. She was a hard worker, never hesitated to do her duty, and excelled in may talents from housekeeping to beekeeping. Whether climbing trees or climbing ladders, painting, plumbing, picking fruit of the harvest, carpentry or caregiving, she attacked every task with determination, and no thought of failure. Strong in will, strong in body, strong in faith, she was a wonderful example to all those who were blessed to know her.

In 1936 Jeannette was married to Anthony Smith, and together they raised his daughter, Racine. Anthony preceded her in death in 1963. She later married Leroy Smith, she also

preceded her in death.

In 1936, Jeannette joined Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Kentucky, and was a faithful member until her death; she loved the Lord and His church, and labored and supported the church faithfully. Even when unable to attend, her thoughts were always there, and she delighted in hearing about a good service, or a baptism, and in visits from friends and family.

In addition to her parents, and her two husbands, she was preceded in death by sisters Ethel Hatfield, Melda Morris and LeEttie Norman; brothers Estil, Clyde, Earl, Anderson, Robert W., Guy and Bill, and step-daughter Racine Smith Hamilton.

Survivors include her sister Katherine Scott of McCarr, KY, sister-in-law Opal Hatfield of Georgetown,IN; step-daughter Fay Smith (Ransom) of Bushnell, FL; "Her Kids": Granddaughter Rebecca Mays of Evansville, IN, beloved niece Sheryle (Bill) Sullivan of Varney, WV, niece Greta (Ken) Helms of Munford, TN, nephews Larry A. (Margie) Scott of Tallahassee, FL, Leslie (Glenna) Hatfield of McCarr, KY, great-grandchildren: Jason (Angelica) Mays and Laura (Bradley) Barnett; great-grandchildren: Nicole Mays and Kacye Mays, all of Evansville, IN; great-niece Brianna Sullivan of Varney, WV; special caregivers Linda Stanley, Betty Hatfield and Crystal Norman, and many loving nieces, nephews and friends, all who will miss her dearly.

Funeral services wee conducted Thursday, June 10, 2004 at Roger Funeral Home, Belfry, KY, with Elders Michael Smith and Paris Blackburn officiating. Nephews and friends served as pallbearers. She was laid to rest beside her husband Anthony Smith at the Anderson Hatfield Memorial Cemetery at McCarr,

KY.

- Written by the family

SHARON KAYE SLONE



It is with a very sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear sister, Sharon Kaye Slone. Sharon was born Thursday, August 2, 1962 to Noah Slone and the late Holy Justice Slone of Pikeville, KY. Sissy entered into rest in Jesus' arms on Wednesday, November 5, 2003. Sissy was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and an employee of mountain Top Bakery. In addition to Mom, Sissy was preceded in death by our sister Cora Slone as an infant child. She leaves behind to mourn but to also

have beautiful memories, three brothels, Noah Slone, Jr. of Red Creek, Pikeville, KY, Timothy Allen Slone of Biggs Branch, Pikeville, KY, Hibbard Gary Slone of Red Creek, Pikeville, KY. One Sister, Rosemary Slone, of Red Creek, Pikeville, KY. Two sisters in law, Sarah Shell Slone and Veronica Johnson Slone. Nine nieces and nephews, two great nieces, one great nephew, and one very special friend, Sandy Stalker. Sissy spoiled everyone she could. She had so much love and kindness to give. This world's loss will be Heaven's gain. By the Grace of God we will meet again.

- Written by her brother, Timothy Slone

FRANCIS JUSTICE ANDERSON



Francis Justice Anderson, age 81, of Layne's Branch, Kimper, passed away at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

She was a Homemaker and a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church.

She was born in Pike County, Kentucky on November 3, 1920 the daughter of the late William Riley and Lydia Honaker Justice. She was preceded in death by her father, William Riley Justice in 1973 and by her mother, Lydia Honaker Justice in 1986. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Howard Anderson on May 23, 1990 and by two sons, Howard Anderson, Jr. and Lee Anderson, two brothers Clyde Justice and Turner Justice, and 3 sisters: Sadie Marie Reed, Thursey Adkins, and Edna Endicott.

She is survived by four sons, Willie Anderson of Kimper; Clifford Anderson of Akron, Ohio; Hassel Anderson of Kimper and Turner C. Anderson also of Kimper. Five daughters, Martha Trimble of Boyd County, Kentucky; Lydia Nunley of Grayson, Kentucky; Margaret Anderson of Cincinnati, Ohio; Christine Fields of Varney, Kentucky and Jerldine Brown of Kimper. One sister, Ethel Clevinger of Meathouse of Big Creek. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Francis will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

- Written by her daughter Jerldine Brown

GOLDIE THACKER WILLIAMSON



It is with great sadness that I must write the obituary of my dear mother. She was born December 23, 1911 to Lawrence and Stella Blackburn. Mother was eighteen years old when she married Ervin Thacker. Dad preceded mom indeath. They were the parents of seven children, Phyllis Smith, Canada, Ky., Jacqueline Jude, Melbourn, Fl., Christine Perry, Cincinnati, Oh., Brenda Newberry, Norman, Ok., Janet Trout, Pikeville,

Ky., Betty Gallimore, Canada, Ky., and Dennis Thacker, Covington, Ky. She had 1 stepson John L. Williamson.

She was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Bobby, Tunis, Billy, Samuel and Floyd. Mom is survived by 2 sisters, Barbara Leedy and Lena Mae Biesecker and 6 brothers, Fred Smith,

Elmer, Jack, Edgar, Sonny and R.T. Thacker. She left 17 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors who loved her.

She became a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church on November 21, 1965. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go. She is missed at the old church by all that knew and loved her.

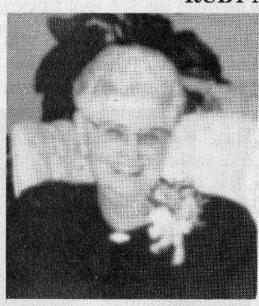
Mother married Delmar Williamson and the Lord blessed them to have 28 years together. They had a strong love for their church and each other. Delmer passed away on Oct. 4, 2003, and Mother passed away on Dec. 21, 2003 and was buried on her birthday. Mother was 92 years old at her death.

Mother always said:"Children if we miss heaven then we have missed it all." Mother was a hard worker and instilled high morals in her children. We have so many wonderful memories of our precious mother that death can't rob from us. We love you mother.

Your suffering is over, so, rest in peace Mother until that great judgement day when we will all be together again.

- Written by her daughter, Betty Gallimore

RUBY MAE STANLEY



It is in loving memory of our dear Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother that we write this obituary.

Mother was born August 5, 1919 and departed this life on February 16, 2004 at the age of 84. She was baptized on September 17, 1972 at the Big Creek Primitive Baptist. Church.

She was married to Joe Stanley on July 8, 1939 and out this union was born one daughter Judith,

married to G.C. Hatfield whom they considered their son.

Mother and Daddy had two grandchildren, Kathy Jo, married to Bob Coffee and a grandson, John Mark, married to

Crissy Hatfield. Mother loved her grandchildren dearly, but her pride and joy was her great granddaughter, Kayla Nicole Coffee.

Mother loved to cook for her family and friends which she was able to do until the Lord called her home. She was also able to do her favorite past time of cross stitching and was working a beautiful piece when she passed away.

Mother will be greatly missed but everywhere we look we see her beauty and caring heart. What wonderful memories we have that will remain in our hearts forever.

- Written by daughter and family

IRENE "RENIE" MAY



Although it's been almost a year, it is with a broken heart just like the day she died, that I write this tribute to my loving mother, Irene "Renie" May. Mom was 83 when on October 10, 2003; God gained an Angel and called her home to Heaven.

Mom was born at Pinsonfork, KY on March 7, 1920, the daughter of the late Alex and Cora (Cavins) Murphy. Preceding her in death was her husband, George "Buck"

May and her only son, George W. May. Also three brothers, Fon (Della), Charles and Van (Audrey) Murphy, five sisters, Garnett Murphy, Goldie (Thomas) May, Texie (Mayo) Blackburn, Pauline (Carl) Williamson and Jane (Edgar) Hackney.

Left to mourn her death are her devoted daughter and son-in-law, Sandi and David Preston, Her sister, Gleemal Whitener; a special sister-in-law, Audrey Murphy; her roommate and dear friend, Pauline Harp, a niece who was like a daughter to her, Ramona Miller, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was retired from the South Williamson Appalachian Hospital Dietary Department after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary at the hospital, a member of the Belfry Homemaker's Club and the Belfry Women's Club.

Mom was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church at Belfry. She told me that for many years she wanted to be baptized, but didn't feel worthy. On the Sunday she publicly professed her faith, she said she couldn't get in the water fast enough. She loved going to church and after she was unable to attend, she was blessed to have her Brothers and Sisters in Christ come to the house and worship with her. When she moved to Green Meadows Health Care Center she attended every church service until her health would not allow.

There are no words to describe what my Mother meant to me. She worked hard, made sacrifices and taught me many life lessons such as the value of family, being kind and helping others, giving a days work for a days pay and loving the Lord. I miss her sweet touch everyday, but I am thankful that now her body is able to move, her mouth is able to sing and she has been reunited with Daddy, George and all her other loved ones who were waiting for her.

- Written by Sandi Preston

TILDA LUCILLE KELLEY PARTIN



Tilda Lucille Partin, 79, of Paragould, Ark. died August 15, 2004 at her daughter's home. She was a homemaker and a member of Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church at Linden, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Partin, Jr., parents Jessie and Amanda Hopper Kelley, brother Roy Kelley, sisters Lavada Wilder and Odie Edwards.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law James O. and Diane Partin of Tenn. Daughter and son-in-law Lois and Raymond Copeland of Paragould, Arkansas. Five grandchildren and spouses; Ray and Debbie Copeland, Dr. Steve and Marsha Copeland, Jeff and Brenda Copeland all of Paragould, Arkansas. Anita and David McClard of Tenn. and James R. and Angela Partin of Florida. Thirteen great grandchildren.

She is also survived by three brothers; Chester Green Kelley of Dayton, Tenn., Bill Kelley of Bybee, Tenn. and Edmond Kelley of Flint, Michigan. Two sisters; Mary Murray of La Folette, Tenn. and Clydie Lee of Rose Hill, Virginia.

The grandchildren were the pallbearers. The services were held at Reece Funeral Home at Harrogate, Tenn. Burial was at Edwards Cemetery at Speedwell, Tenn. Elders J.C. Hager and Carl Edwards officiating.

MADELINE COLEMAN RATLIFF



Madeline Coleman Ratliff of Lick Branch Road, Shelbiana, KY passed away April 17, 2004. Madeline was born on Lower Pompey, Shelbiana on November 1, 1933 to Jesse and Pansy Hopkins Coleman. She was married to Silas William Ratliff, who precedes her in death. Madeline was blessed with 6 children: Ortha Marie Thacker, Mary E. Ratliff, Barbara Sue Ratliff, Rebecca Coleman, Hilbert Ratliff and Silas W. Ratliff, Jr. who also pre-

cedes her in death. She raised two nieces Joyce Charles and Betty Eubanks and thought of them as her own daughters. Madeline also had a hand in raising several of her 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Madeline was a homemaker and loved to cook and garden. She could grow things other people could only dream of. Flowers were her passion and you could always find quite a variety in and around her home.

Madeline loved God and her church more than anything and was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. She had a special place in her heart for Elder Robbie Worrix and he could always bring a smile to her face when he sang" Go Rest High on That Mountain." We smile knowing she is resting on that mountain wrapped in the arms of her Lord.

Madeline was the 2nd born of 19 children. Eight brothers:

Oydel, Arthur, Dean, Roy, Bob, Chan, Marshell, and Terry; and 7 sisters: Irene Williams, Ester Coleman, Christine Newsome, Minnie Prater, Lerlie Peoples, Charlene Peoples, and Lois Prater survive. Hester, Elmer and Jesse James precede her in death.

Madeline fought a courageous battle with cancer and in the end she lost the war but gained heaven. She was greatly loved and will be missed by those of us she left behind.

-By Carolyn Coleman

LINDA JEAN DOTSON SPRADLIN

It is with much sadness that we try to write the obituary of our sister Linda Jean Dotson Spradlin, age 55. She was born March 15, 1948 in Phelps, KY, died Dec. 12, 2003. She was a member of the Columbus primitive Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Dotson, mother, Myrtle Dotson. 3 brothers, Morgan, Dave, John Jr. Sisters, Rosa, Lillie, Jeanette. Survived by husband Jimmy Lee Spradlin. Sons, Albert Lee Frye, Collins, Joe Edward Hamilton, many grandchildren. Brother Dallas Dotson, Sisters, Josephine Dotson, Julia Justice, Corine Eggers, Mary Justice, many nieces and nephews.

She wanted to go where love is, she finally found it with Jesus.

- Sadly missed by family

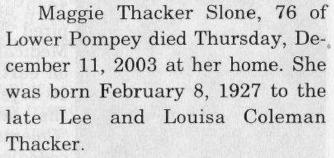
MARTHA A. SIMPKINS

Martha A. Simpkins - age 73 of Beech Creek, WV passed away Sunday November 23, 2003 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY. Born March 21, 1930 in O;Keefe, WV; she was the daughter of the late Ira & Mary Hall Simpkins. Martha was the last thread of a beautiful quilt. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers: Walter, Guy, Dave, Joseph, Mack, John & Benton Simpkins; Sisters: Lottie, Betty & Maude Simpkins, Mae Kennedy & Audrey Murphy.

Martha was a retired cook for the Mingo County Board of Education and a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

MAGGIE THACKER SLONE



She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Slone, one son, Linton Lee Slone, three brothers and two sisters.

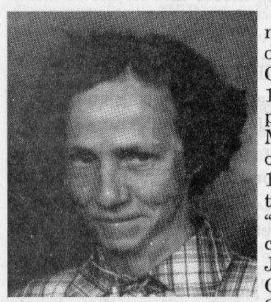
She is survived by three sons, Matt Greenie Slone, Joe M. Slone,

and Richard Slone, all of Shelbiana. Five daughters, Gracie Mullins of Elizabethtown, Barbara Johnson, Rosemary Slone, Debra Slone, and Maggie Ratliff all of Shelbiana; three brothers Woodrow Thacker of Crossville, TN, Elmer Thacker of Elyria, OH, Willie Thacker of Columbus, OH. Two sisters Ida Justice and Lula Thacker, both of Shelbiana. 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 13th at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home with Paul Dean Justice, Robert Worrix, David Coleman, David Allen Thacker, Johnny Jacobs, and Barry Thacker officiating. Burial followed in the Slone Family Cemetery at Lower Pompey.

- Written by the family

MARY EDIS COLEMAN



With a sad heart and loving memory we will try to write the obituary of our sister Mary Edis Coleman. She was born October 3, 1929 at Lower Pompey. She expired Feb. 13, 2004 at Pikeville Medical Center making her stay on earth 74 years, 4 months and 10 days. Mary was the daughter of the late George H. and Ida "Coleman" Coleman. She was preceded in death by three brothers, James Joseph Coleman, Emit Coleman and Bradley Coleman. She is survived by one brother

Jenis Coleman and one sister Frankie Jane Prater.

Mary never married and stayed at the old home place at Lower Pompey except for the last 3 years on her life. She spend the last 3 years at Parkview Manor Nursing Home after being

diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

Until she got sick she enjoyed quilting and gardening. She always enjoyed going to the cemetery with anyone who wanted to go. She also enjoyed going to the Primitive Baptist Church where she was a member for several years. Sleep on Mary, our hope is that we will all be together some day.

- Written by her sister and brother, Frankie Prater and Jenis Coleman



SISTER SARAH CHAPMAN "GRANNIE" DOTSON

Sarah Chapman "Grannie" Dotson was born on September 26, 1903 in Williamson, W. VA. She was the second child of a family of ten children, born to the late Tom and Betty Smith Chapman. She departed this life on December 31, 2003 at the age of one hundred.

Sarah was married to Henry Dotson who preceded her in death. They made their home at Phelps, Ky. She was the beloved mother of six children: Joyce Ellis of Loudon, Tennessee with whom she made her home, George Dotson of Phelps, KY, Anna J. Zettler and Henry E Dotson of Colonial Heights, Virginia. She was preceded in death by two daughters: Evelyn Schwartz and Betty Slone. She is survived by 34 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren spanning 5 generations.

She was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She remained a member until her death, attending

regularly as long as she was able.

Sister Sarah's family and friends miss her very much. She was a strong believer in the Lord. So we say sleep on Sister Sarah, for by the Grace of God we'll meet you again.

- Love, Elder Jimmy Lee Smith



LORETTA LEAMAN

Loretta Leaman age 48 of Logan, Ohio, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2004 at her home in Lo-

gan, Ohio.

Born September 14, 1955 in Columbus, Ohio. Daughter of the Late Thomas Wheeler Thacker and Melinda Utha Coleman Thacker of Pikeville, Kentucky.

Member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. Former President of NCO Wives Club, March AFB, California. Daughter of the Ameri-

can Revolution. Former Store Manager for Radio Shack.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Robert "Steve" Leaman of Logan, Ohio; two sons, Robert Dean Leaman of Logan, Ohio, Stephen Gregory and his wife Jennifer Leaman of Pickerington, Ohio; Granddaughter, Alexis Marie Leaman; five brothers, Thomas, Dean, Tim, Gary and Jeff Thacker all of Pikeville, Kentucky; one sister, Brenda Milstead of Logan, Ohio.

Besides her father, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Drema Seese and Donrita Thacker.

Funeral Service was held at 12 noon Thursday, April 29, 2004 at Roberts Funeral Home, Logan, Ohio with Elder Lundy Coleman officiating.

Burial was in the New Fairview Memorial Gardens, Good-Hope Township, Hocking County, Ohio.

A short Primitive Baptist Sevice was held.

RUBY CAROL O'CONNELL BRAKE



It is with a sad and tearful heart that we write the obituary of our wonderful and "special" sister, mother, grandmother, wife and friend, Ruby.

Ruby was born on April 2, 1948 in Matewan, West Virginia. She received her Angel Wings on August 28, 2004, when Jesus came and took her in his arms and ceased her suffering and put her tired and weary soul to rest, flying away with her to that glorious

home in the great beyond where she will have everlasting peace.

Ruby was the daughter of Harriet Scott Hager and Bradley Hager. She was one of fourteen children. Her mother and father, two sisters and three brothers preceded her in death. Ruby was married to Ronald O'Connell for 26 years and he was the father of her two children.

Ruby resided in Surprise, Arizona with her second husband, children and grandson. She is survived by her husband Delvin Brake; two children, Kara McGraw and Ronald O'Connell; one precious grandson, Desmond O'Connell; three sisters; five brothers and many nieces and nephews. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Our sister was diagnosed with cancer in March of 2004. She was a fighter and battled this disease until the very end. The lord blessed her to become well enough to fly home from Arizona in July of 2004 for the "Hager Family Reunion." She was determined to make it home for this reunion with her brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews. It was so important to her. What a precious Savior we have, he had a plan of his own: The Lord gave her the strength to come home, and on Sunday, July 18, 2004 she and her younger brother David, were

baptized together by their Brother, Elder J.C. Hager and Brother-in-law, Elder Robert Mayhorn. Both Ruby and David became members of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church. When she left to return to Arizona, she had an inner

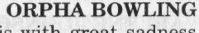
peace and was no longer afraid.

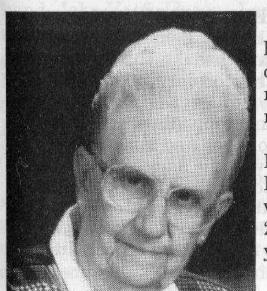
Ruby was a very "special" lady. As her son always called her. "His Angel." And an Angel she was. She had a loving and giving heart. Her family was so precious to her. There are no words to express our loss. The bond that holds our family together is our love for God, and our love for each other. This love was taught to us through our own parents, and their love of God. For God is love. This love has carried down through each child and then to their own children. This love was witnessed by several of Ruby's brothers and sisters while at her bedside during her last days. Her children carried the bond of love of their mother has taught them from childhood. They truly expressed their love for their mother in a way that was familiar to us all. For it brought back memories of a time when we stood at our own mother's bedside in her final days. The pain of a love so deep that you can't let go, but in the end, because of love, you do let go.

Thank you Lord for letting this precious Angle touch and be a part of our lives. Her memories will live on in our hearts forever. Her love for us, and our love for her, will go on and on.

- Written in loving memory of our Precious Sister, Ruby For her

Children and Grandson By her Sisters and Brothers





It is with great sadness in our hearts as we write the obituary of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and mother-in-law, Orpha Bowling.

Orpha Bowling of Greenup, Kentucky, formerly of McCarr, Kentucky was called home to be with the Lord on December 24, 2003, making her stay on earth 81 years, 3 months and 9 days. She was born September 15, 1922 at Blackie, Virginia to the late Scott Hiram and Lula Violet Alridge Smith. She was a homemaker and a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church where she was baptized June 17, 1971.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Burgess Ray Bowling, three brothers, Earl., Freeland and William S. Smith and three sisters, Goldie Scalf, Virginia

Dotson and Lelia Smith.

Surviving are her husband of 61 years, Burgess Bowling of Greenup, three sons: Danny Joe (Brenda) Bowling of Hampton, Virginia; William Robert (Darlene) Bowling of McCarr, KY; Fred (Betty) Bowling of Ransom, KY; one daughter-n-law, Carolyn Hager Bowling of Ransom, KY; two daughters, Violet Ann (Gene) Bennett and Linda Carol (Rev J.C.) Adkins, both of Ashland, KY. One sister, Lula Pearl Huddle of McCarr, KY. Twelve grandchildren, Brian (Tracey) Bennett, Glen (Robin) Bennett, Gloria (Gary) Stevens, Chris (Billie) Bennett, Amy (Randy) Reed, Lisa Bowling, Dan Bowling, Marty Bowling, Andy (Tanya) Bowling, Rev. Jay (Michelle) Adkins, Benji (Leigh Anne) Adkins, Joey (Lori) Bowling and thirteen great grandchildren.

Our beloved one will be greatly missed by family and friends and all who knew her. We will cherish our precious memories of her in our hearts as we continue to wait for the day when the Lord calls us to join her in heaven and forever to be

with the Lord.

- Written by husband, Burgess Bowling; son and daughter-in-law Fred & Betty Jo Bowling and daughter, Linda C. Adkins

ARLENE JOHNSON STEPP ANDERSON



With loving memories and a sad heart, I make this attempt to write the obituary of my sister n Christ and in the flesh: Arlene Johnson Stepp Anderson, whom I loved so much and miss her.

Arlene was the daughter of the late Joe and Truley Farley Johnson. Born at Hardy, KY on May 19, 1918, God called her home on January 1, 2004, at the Mingo Nursing Home.

She was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church at Belfry, KY for many years, and was a faithful member so long as she was able to go. When she could not, she called for the members to come to her house and have church. She suffered greatly from cancer of the lungs and colon, and three heart attacks; the pain was so great, I heard her beg God to take her, but she suffered patiently.

She leaves one son, Ron Stepp of St. Albens, WV, one sister, Magdalene Scott of Hardy, KY, one granddaughter and one great-grandchild, four nieces and three nephews, and a host of

friends and neighbors.

- Written by her sister, Magdalene Scott

MARGARET DELORES HATFIELD



Margaret Delores Hatfield, 71, of Newtown, West Virginia, died Thursday, August 26, 2004 at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, KY. Born July 10, 1933, she was the daughter of the Late John Coleman and Mazie Akers Coleman of Ransom, KY. Margaret was a homemaker and a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom.

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

band, Jake Hatfield; sons Larry Gene and Gary Bruce Hatfield, seven brothers, one sister, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren. Surviving are daughters Mazie (Ellis) MCoy of Belfry, KY, Barbara (John) Fry of Newtown, WV, Nancy (Butch) Collins of Newton, WV, and Estalene (David) Lester of Newtown, WV; sisters Sadie Whitt and Alice Hager of Ransom, KY; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday August 29, 2004, at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, with Mike Smith, Raymond Stanley, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson and Paul Varney officiating. Interment followed at Hatfield-Sullivan Cemetery at Ransom, family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Jake Hatfield 02/22/1928 - 05/09/2003 Margaret Delores Hatfield 07/10/1933 - 08/26/2004

If you could see us now, you wouldn't shed a tear,

Though you may not understand why we're no longer there.

Remember our spirit: that is the real us, because we are still very much alive,

We've just been set free, Oh! if only you could see!

We've beheld our Father's face, and we've touched our Savior's hand

All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as we entered the promised land. Beyond the gates of pearl we've walked on the golden streets, We've touched the walls of jasper and dipped our feet in the crystal sea.

The beauty is beyond words, and nothing could compare, We've even seen your mansion and someday we'll meet you there. Let Jesus be you guide, His word will show you the way, So please don't cry, we will meet again someday.

Loved too much to ever be forgotten.
- Written by daughters Mazie McCoy, Barbara Fry, Nancy
Collins and Estalene Lester.

JEANETTE VARNEY OWENS



With a broken heart, I will write the obituary of my wonderful mom, Jeanette Varney Owens, who passed away at her residence on May 13, 2004. She was born December 11, 1943, in Kimper, KY to the late John Varney and Lily Rose Bostic Varney. She stayed on earth 60 years, 5 months, 2 days. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Ralph, Sid, and Ernest Varney.

She was married on June 15,

1963 to Roy "Bunk" Owens. They lacked 33 days from being married 41 years. To this union were born two children, one girl Royetta Owens Parks; and one boy, John Lester Owens.

Jeanette was a homemaker, loving mother, super grandmother, friend, and a great neighbor. Also, she was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church for at least 31 years. She truly loved her grandsons: John Eric Owens and Joseph DeWayne Parks.

Left to mourn her passing are: her husband, Roy Owens; daughter, Royetta (Robert) Parks; son, John Lester (Suṣan) Owens; grandsons, Eric Owens and Joseph Parks; sister, Jenell Turnmire; brothers: Ance Varney, Henry Varney, Rora Varney, Jesse Varney, Armon Varney, and Lester Varney; and a host of relatives and friends.

She had a sweet smile on her face and was dearly loved by her family, neighbors, and friends. Also, she was a cornerstone in our little community by helping others in need. Even though she lived a simple life, it was very close to God. In the end, Mom suffered a great deal of pain, but now I know she is in a better place without pain; and she is finally re-united with her parents. We feel our loss is her eternal gain. I know that God took you because he needed an angel. "Mom", John, Dad, and I will always love you!!

- Written by her daughter, Royetta Parks



MINNIE SMITH CASEY

Minnie Smith Casey, 85, of Phelps, KY, passed away and went to be with Jesus on Wednesday, April 21, 2004. She was born February 19, 1919 in Pike County, the daughter of the late Wilburn and Marcella Hackney Smith. She was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. She loved the preaching and singing.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jim Casey; sons Bobby Ray and Charlie; daughter Janet

Sue Dotson; grandsons randy and Tony Casey; great-grandsons Robbie and Timmy Casey; sisters Bithie Stevenson and Mary Charles; brothers Wheeler, Freeland, Jessie and Dallas Smith. Surviving are one son, Anthony Casey of Phelps, KY; daughters Carolyn Ratliff of Ransom, KY, Mary Casey and Kaye Lester of Phelps, KY; sisters Delphia Smith of Phelps, KY and Molly Blankenship of Majestic, KY; brothers Phillip Smith of Ransom, KY, Richard Smith of Kimper, KY, Floyd Smith of Phelps, KY, and Harrison Smith of Irvine, KY.

I have Precious Memories of a wonderful angel, my mother. She loved everyone, and welcomed all into her home with a heart of gold, a hug, a kiss or a smile. She will remain forever in our hearts. She taught me many things: she taught me about Jesus, and she taught me to pray. She loved her family, and talked about them often: about the hard times they went through growing up, how they watched over each other. She missed her brothers and sisters, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, looking at their pictures in her albums when Jesus called her home so fast I didn't have time to say goodbye. I miss her more and more each day. I will try to tell all by this letter that I love my mother and my angel.

Mom was truly Smith Fork's angel, always happy to see you coming to visit her, welcoming all with open arms, cooking and taking care of us and of a lot of other people, always putting others first and herself last. But the Lord knew she was tired, and I know he welcomed her with open arms. I hope to see you again, my angel, and we once more will be a circle. We miss you doorly. I are always as a last of the second seco

dearly. Love always, your family, brothers and sisters.

- Written by her daughter Carolyn Ratliff

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.

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- 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.

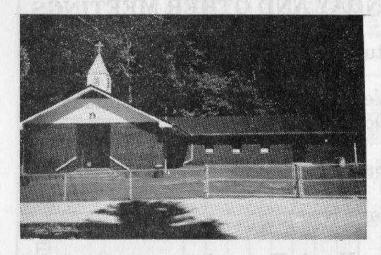
- 11. Names of several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.
- 12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association 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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

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ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON (Work of the Presbytery)

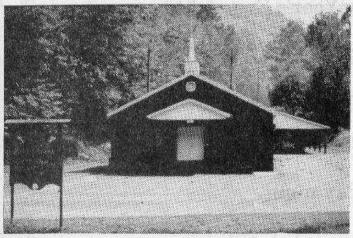
- 1st Organized by choosing Moderator and Clerk.
- 2nd Select one to question candidate.
- 3rd Select one to make prayer.
- 4th Select one to give charge.
- 5th Call for candidate from spokesman for church.
- 6th Examine candidate. Any one of the Presbytery has right to ask questions if he desires.
- 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, and approved.
- 11th Adjourn.

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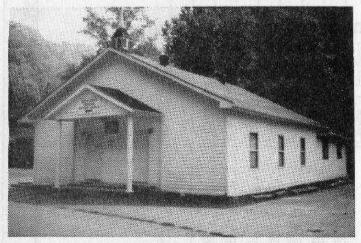
SITE OF 2004 ASSOCIATION



PETER CREEK CHURCH HOUSE

SITE OF 2005 ASSOCIATION

<u>Directions to Peter Creek Church:</u> From Pikeville, KY, U.S. 119 North 10 miles to Jct. KY-194; right on KY-194 10 miles to Jct. KY-632; straight on KY-632 10.4 miles to Peter Creek Church house on the right at the mouth of Smith Fork Road (CR3419). From Williamson, WV: U.S. 119 South 16 miles to JCT. KY-194; left on KY-194, follow remaining directions above.



JOHNS CREEK CHURCH HOUSE

SITE OF 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

<u>Directions to Johns Creek Church:</u> From Pikeville, KY, U.S. 119 North 10 miles to Jct. KY-194; right on KY-194 10 miles to Jct. KY-632; straight on KY-632 4 miles to Jct. CR1758 (Long Fork Road); right on CR1758 2.3 miles to John Creek Church house on right. From Williamson W.V.: U.S. 119 South 16 miles to Jct. KY-194; left on KY-194, follow directions above.

