

**MINUTES**  
Of The  
One Hundred Fifty -Third  
Annual Session  
Of The  
**ORIGINAL MATES CREEK**  
**DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
*Organized in 1849*

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**HELD WITH**  
**PETER CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Phelps, Kentucky**  
**September 2, 3, 4, 2005**

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**Next session convenes** with the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church located on Ball Fork Road, Pond Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, starting Friday before the first Sunday in September 2006.

**Directions to Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church:**  
From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 23 miles north on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-199; right on KY-199, go 3.4 miles to Jct. KY-1056; left on KY-1056 approx. 0.2 miles to Ball Fork Road; right on Ball Fork Road, go approx. 0.5 mile to forks of the road, bear left to the church house. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 6 miles south on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-199; left on KY-199, follow remaining directions above.

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## PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Fifty-Third Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Peter Church, Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky.

### FRIDAY MORNING, September 2, 2005.

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

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Barry Thacker. Text: The Lord our Hope, our Righteousness, the covering for our nakedness, who shall perform His work in us unto the great day of the Lord. We are not bound by laws cast in stone, but by those put in our hearts and stamped in our minds, that we may be witnesses, a blessed people, unto His Eternal Glory.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Peter Creek Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder David Jacobs serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elder Paris Blackburn and Brother Donovan Blackburn 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>ASST. MODERATOR</u>
<u>DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
<u>DEACON LONNIE SIMPKINS</u>	<u>ASST. 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 received and seated as follows:**

**SAND LICK:** Elder Bob Arrington, Elder Buford Deel, Deacon Wayne Fleming, Elder Arnold Childress, Elder Garnell Gilbert,



Deacon Johnny Viers.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Elder Jerry Brown, Deacon Frank Hamilton, Elder Wayne Hensley, Elder Louie Howard, Elder Rodney Hamilton, Brother Rodney Wireman, Elder Rick Howard, Brother Donne Lykins.

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** Elder Eddie Lyle.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Elder Vance Jones.

**MT. ZION:** Elder David Bailey

**WASHINGTON:** Elder Victor Church, Elder Danny Smith, Elder Ked Stacy, Elder George Ben Combs.

**UNION:** Elder Roy Adams, Elder Trillis Adams, Elder Dalls Adams, Jr., Elder Corbin Hampton, Deacon Tommy Adams, Deacon Garry Adams.

**FISHER'S RIVER:** None

**PINEY GROVE:** Elder Clarence Bowman, Deacon Osley Joyce, Deacon Dennis W. Dodson

**Welcomed visitors from other Associations and various churches:**

**SAND LICK:** Deacon Roy D. Stanley, Roxine Childress, Diann Owens, Mae O'Quinn, Lou Ellen Fleming.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Peggy Howard, Pauline Howard.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Sister Hulda Jones.

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** Sister Virgie Lyle.

**UNION:** Mary L. Adams, Srah Beth Hampton, Bonnie Hampton, Jean Adams.

**FISHER'S RIVER:** Elaine Bowman.

**MT. ZION:** None.

**WASHINGTON:** Lola M. Church, Deloris Stacy, Jim Owens.

**PINEY GROVE:** Joyce Young, Orene Joyce.

**ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION:** Deacon Blaine Dancy.

**CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH, LAMBSBURG, VA:** Elder David A. Edwards.

**BEULAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALABAMA:** Elder Ernie Stump.

**PROSPECT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, FLORIDA:** Elder Jimmy Thornton.

**BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, FLORIDA:** Elder Ralph Cobb.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all



temporary appointments. All the Deacons from Peter Creek Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday morning at Peter Creek Church: Corbin Hampton.
- B. Friday afternoon at Peter Creek Church: Eddie Lyle, Jerry Brown, J.C. Hager.
- C. Friday night at Old Pond Church: Jimmy Thornton, David Bailey, Arnold Childress, Ernie Stump, Vance Jones.
- D. Friday night at Johns Creek Church: Ralph Cobb, Victor Church, Eddie Lyle, J.C. Hager.
- E. Saturday morning at Peter Creek Church: Rick Howard, Garnell Gilbert, Vance Jones.
- F. Saturday afternoon at Peter Creek Church: Robert Thacker, David A. Thacker.
- G. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: David Jacobs, David Edwards, Jimmy Thornton, Jimmy Lee Smith.
- H. Saturday night at Samaria Church: Paris Blackburn, Arnold Childress, J.C. Hager, Mike Smith, Shawn Dotson.
- I. Saturday night at Calvary Church: Robert Thacker, Terry Thacker, Victor Church, David May.
- J. Saturday night at Little Hope Church: Estle Hackney, Ralph Cobb, Steve Kender, Greg Moore, Raymond Stanley.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Ireland Adkins, Mike Scott, Wade Smith, David Coleman, Daris Kender, Brian Moore, Frank J. Ball, Noah Slone, Larry Scott, Robert Worrix, Carl Coleman, Barry Thacker, Roger Deel, David May, Lundy Coleman, Jackie Davis, Jr. Ballard Bryant. James Hackney.

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

**SAND LICK:** Harrison Smith, Wade Smith, Noah Slone, Barry Thacker, Tom Chapman, James Hackney, Timothy Slone, David May, James Clyde Ball.

**UNION:** Wade Smith, James Hackney, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, Onis Smith, James Clyde Ball, Timmy Smith, Timothy Slone, David May.



**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** Wade Smith, James Clyde Ball, Monroe Justice, David May, Tom Chapman.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Harrison Smith, Timmy Smith, David May, James Clyde Ball, Ballard Bryant, Paris Blackburn, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Harrison Smith, Wade Smith, Noah Slone, Tom Chapman, James Clyde Ball, John Jacobs, David May, James Hackney.

**MT. ZION:** James Clyde Ball, Harrison Smith.

**FISHER'S RIVER:** James Clyde Ball, Harrison Smith, David May, Tom Chapman.

**WASHINGTON:** Wade Smith, David May, Noah Slone, Tom Chapman, James Clyde Ball, John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Brian Moore, Roger Deel, Timothy Slone, James Hackney.

**PINEY GROVE:** David May, James Clyde Ball, Barry Thacker, Greg Moore, John Jacobs.

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

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**Saturday morning September 3, 2005, at Peter Creek Church house.**

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

The Committee met under the shed at Peter Creek, 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, EXCEPT the letter from Old Pond Church, which contained the following queries:

1. Regarding the use of individual cups at communion: The Association advises the churches to stay with the 1975 ruling in this matter, to wit: "WE the committee advise all the churches to take the bread and the wine in the way of our forefathers took it, and we know they drank from the same cup.

2. Regarding the use of "independent" preachers: Agreed that the Association adopt the guidelines of the "Cranberry Declaration" of June 29, 2002, to wit:



The Mates Creek Association advises all our churches to refrain from using elders in their pulpits who either practice or hold to elders who uphold the following practices, which we believe are departures from the Scriptures:

1. Organized Bible Studies, Classes, Weekly Sunday Schools.

2. Youth Camps: An unscriptural practice to entice youth into church membership.

3. Mission Programs: Organizations to raise money to send and support foreign missions.

4. Preacher Schools: Used for the purpose of training ministers how and what to preach.

5. Salaried Ministers: Making the ministry dependent upon man rather than God.

6. Tithing: Not a New Testament practice: injecting filthy lucre into the ministry.

7. Great Commission: Teaching that this was given to the church rather than to the Apostles.

8. We hold no fellowship with churches, or those who affiliate with them, who receive baptisms from orders other than orthodox Primitive Baptists. We desire to follow the scriptural pattern of worship established by our forefathers, in preaching, praying, and singing.

#2. Received the petition of Piney Grove Association for direct correspondence, and agreed to seat their messengers, to wit: Elder Clarence Bowman, Deacon Osley Joyce, Deacon Dennis W. Dotson. Appointed messenger to visit Piney Grove Association as Correspondence at their next Association: David May, James Clyde Ball, Barry Thacker, Greg Moore, John Jacobs.

#3. Recommended that Grapevine Church host the Annual Meeting for 2006.

#4. Recommend that Little Hope Church host the Association for 2006.

#5. Called for the circular letter written by Elder Argle Kendrick. The letter was read and recommended for approval by the full body of messengers on Saturday morning.

#6. 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 Grapevine Church beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March 2006.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Mike Elswick

1.) J.C. Hager

2.) Michael Smith

3.) Randal Thornsberry

Dismiss with song and prayer by Elder Jimmy Lee Smith.

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 2006 are as follows:

**LOUISA:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2006. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, Johnny Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Michael Smith, Raymond Stanley, Garnell Gilbert and J.C. Hager, Trillis Adams, Corbin Hampton and David Coleman, Jr.

NOTE: A Memorial Day meeting will be held at Annie Young Cemetery, East Shalbiana, KY on May 29, 2006.

**OLD POND:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2006. Paris Blackburn, J.C. Hager, David A. Thacker, Randal Thornsberry, John Jacobs, Michael Smith, Raymond Stanley, Frank Ball, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Elmer Thacker, Michael Elswick, Onis Smith, Noah Slone, James Clyde Ball, Jimmy Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Harrison Smith, Virgil Smith. We invite all Primitive Baptist Elders of our faith and order to our union meeting.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2006.

**BIG CREEK:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 2006. 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, Barry Thacker, Robert Worrix, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders of the same faith and order.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held the 3rd Sunday in July, 2006.

**RACCOON:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2006. Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Michael Smith, Ellis Lynn, Randal Thorsnbury, Shawn Dotson, and all other orderly Primitive Baptist elders of the same faith and order.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th Sunday in October, 2006.

**PETER CREEK:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2006. Paris Blackburn, Jim Moore, Shawn Dotson, Harrison Smith, Randal Thorsbury, 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, 2006. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thorsnbury, Michael Smith, David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Paul Dean Justice, Noah Slone, David Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Robbie Worrix, Jimmy Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Robert Worrix, Harrison Smith, Argel Kendrick, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

**LITTLE HOPE:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 2006. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Walter Sullivan, Michael Smith, David May, Elmer Thacker, Michael Elswick, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Robbie Worrix, 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.

**GRAPEVINE:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2006. 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 Thorsnbury, David A. Thacker, Larry Slone, and Trillis Adams. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be



held on April 30, 2006.

**SAMARIA:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2006. 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 Thornsberry, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, Arthur May, James T. Dotson, James Clyde Ball.

**FEDS CREEK:** Meets the first Saturday in May, 2006. We the Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ cordially invite all ordained ministers and brothers 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, 2006. 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 Thornsberry, David Jacobs, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Barry Thacker. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

**CALVARY:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2006. 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, 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, 2006. Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Franklin Viers, David A. Thacker, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Garnell Gilbert, Don Stacy, Michael Smith, Larry Slone, our own preachers, and 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, 2006. Greg Moore, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, R.T. Thacker, Kenneth Chapman, John Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Estle Hackney. We invite all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers to attend.

**COLUMBUS:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2006. Robert Worrix, Randal Thornsby, 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, Micheal Elswick, James Clyde Ball, Steve Kender, Ricky Worrix. All other Mates Creek Elders, brothers and sisters are invited to attend.

**NOTE:** Our Annual Meeting convenes the first Friday in October 2006.

**DEERFIELD:** Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October 2006. 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 Thornsby, 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 at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2006. David May, J.C. Hager, David Jacobs, Hesker Gillum, Carmen Gillum, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley.

**NOTE:** A Memorial Service will be held the third Saturday and Sunday of October, 2006.

**NEW HOPE:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2006. 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 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 Estle Hackney is to prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2000 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Elder Glen Vipperman, Elder Elmer Goff, Dennis Dotson, George Scott, Larry Douglas Justus, Carnes Edward Goff, Danville Coleman, Milford (Mel) Howell, Ray Ellis Vandyke, Estill McClellan Charles, George Wolfe, Jake Hatfield.

SISTERS: Margaret Delores Hatfield, Margie Lester, Betty Jane Runyon, Margaret Ann Thacker, Mellie Roberts Slater, Opal Blanche Honaker, Lassie Coleman, Jenell (Granny) Varney Turnmire, Jewelene Wolford Coleman, Nora Smith Blackburn, Lear E. May.

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 .....	\$7558.63
Amount received from the churches	
this year .....	1829.50
Amount received for obituaries this year .....	240.00
Donations received this year .....	482.00
<u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u> .....	\$10,110.13

CASH PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2004 Minutes .....	\$1,665.57
Gave Moderator .....	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator .....	50.00
Gave Clerk .....	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk .....	50.00
Gave Raccoon Church to reimburse	
for portable toilets .....	190.00
Paid for postage .....	18.35
Gave cash to visiting ministers .....	500.00
Paid for Supplies .....	0.00



TOTAL CASH PAID OUT .....-\$2573.92  
BALANCE LEFT ON HAND September 3, 2005.....**\$7,536.21**  
**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:**  
 Checkbook balance:..... \$5500.71  
 Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit: .....**2035.50**  
TOTAL FUNDS.....**\$7536.21**

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Little Hope Church, of Pinsonfork, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2006. Elder Onis Smith was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Larry Slone is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Brian Moore, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by     Elder Randal Thornsby, 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 love and appreciation to the brothers and sisters of Peter Creek Church for their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

### **SUNDAY MORNING September 4, 2005**

INTRODUCTION: Elder Mike Elswick introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Elder J.C. Hager
2. Elder Michael Smith
3. Elder Randal Thornsby

Elder Jimmy Lee Smith dismissed with song and prayer.

### **CIRCULAR LETTER**

By: Elder Argle Kendrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with much love and prayers that I write the Circular Letter for the Mates Creek Association the year 2005. Brothers and Sisters, we have so much to be thankful for and to praise God for. We could never praise or thank our God enough for all He has done for us and is still doing.

I would like to say now I have been with you the Primitive Baptist people for more than 14 years and it only gets better as



the years pass on. I feel in this heart of mine that I have been on some Holy Ghost meetings. It does my heart good when I can see my brothers and sisters in Christ lift their hands and hear them shouting praise unto our almighty God for He is worthy to be praised.

Children I thank God for my elder brothers, for you have been blessed to feed my soul. I have been in some meetings that I did not want them to end, but I know one day after a while there will be a meeting like there has never been before.

Brothers and Sisters, the family of God will meet King Jesus in the air one day to go home and forever be with the Lord. This is our hope and our faith that we will see our Savior for ourselves and not another and be with Him forever and ever.

So now children let me say unto you today, let us be careful and not to offend anyone, for we know what the Bible says, in Matthew 18:6, But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Brothers and Sisters, in my closing remarks of this Circular letter, let me say unto you today to be good to one another, love one another, and press on in the good old way. It is my hope that we will meet one day to part no more.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Elder Argle Kendrick

### **MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES**

**LOUISA:** Ireland Adkins, Kenneth Slone, Keen Slone, Bradley Worrix, Jr.

Alternate: Garry Thacker

**OLD POND:** Clifford Hunt, Mike Scott, Earl Scott, Walter Rutherford;

Alternate: Cecil Hatfield

**BIG CREEK:** Sid Fleming, Hershell Stevens, Lawrence Elswick, Wade Smith

Alternate: Tom Chapman

**RACCOON:** Monroe Justice, David Coleman, Otis Thacker, Donovan Blackburn.

Alternate: Joe Slone



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

Alternate: Steve Kender

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

Alternate: Estle Hackney

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

Alternate: Virgil Smith

**GRAPEVINE:** Timothy Slone, Donald Justice, James Turnmire, Noah Slone.

Alternate: Leon Adkins

**SAMARIA:** Larry Scott, Berlin Dotson, Wendell Dotson, Millard Whitt.

Alternate: Dave Dotson

**FEDS CREEK:** Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Oscar Blair, Rick Blair.

Alternate: None

**JOHNS CREEK:** Roger Dotson, James Clyde Ball, Harrison Smith, Carl Coleman.

Alternate: Edd Hunt

**CALVARY:** Larry Chapman, Wallace Vipperman, Garry Thacker, Steve Bryant.

Alternate: Roy Owens

**DRY FORK:** Harold Cline, Roger Deel, Ralph Street, Estle Van Dyke.

Alternate: Elmer Brown

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

Alternate: Martin Childers

**COLUMBUS:** Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Arthur Coleman, Roger Blackburn

Alternate: Bobby Kennedy

**DEERFIELD:** Danny May, Jackie Davis, Jr., David Hager, Harold Blackburn.

Alternate: Martin Ball

**PLEASANT HILL:** Lenny Boatwrite, Ballard Bryant, James T. Dotson.

Alternate: Jackie Scott

**NEW HOPE:** James Hackney, William Dotson, Walter



Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman.

Alternate: None

### VISITING ELDERS

Roy L. Adams	110 Dallas Drive, Eolia, KY 40826
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Garnell Gilbert	Rt. 1, Box 192, Vansant, VA 24656
Robert Thacker	1671 Ella West Circle, Lynnville, TN 38472
Louie Howard	1085 Coon Creek Rd, Salyersville, KY 41465
George Ben Combs	P.O. Box 1089, Lebanon, VA 24266
Danny Smith	141 Valley Crest Drive, Mt. Carmel, TN 37645
Victor N. Church	8839 Maple Rd., Pound, VA 24279
Trillis Adams	11 Angler Road, Eolia, KY 40826
Corbin Hampton	190 Tate Hampton Rd, Eolia, KY 40826
Bob Arrington	P.O. Box 403, Davinport, VA 24239
Buford Deel	Rt. 2, Box 534-B, Haysi, VA 24256
Jerry Brown	3 Muddy Branch Rd, West Liberty, Ky 41472
Eddie G. Lyle	1521 Elliot Rd, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Rick Howard	41 Williams Fork Rd., Salyersville, KY 41465
Wayne Hensley	1559 Coon Creek Rd., Salyersville, KY 41465
Terry Thacker	3610 Wynnwood Dr., Lewisburg, TN
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David Bailey	1345 Bent Mountain Road, Lerona, WV 25971
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Ralph L. Cobb	35053 Quail Road, Callahan, FL 32011
Ernie Stump	5051 Mt. View Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35244



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

Louisa	Robert B. Worrix	Aug., 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	Aug., 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	July, 4th Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring	Brian Moore	Aug., 1st Saturday
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Noah Slone	May, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Michael Smith	June, 3rd Saturday
Feds Creek	Robert B. Worrix	May, 1st Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	April, 2nd Saturday
Calvary	David A. Thacker	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	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
	James T. Dotson	
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman	May, 4th Saturday
	Walter Sullivan	

**NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS**

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# OBITUARIES

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

### ELDER GLENN VIPPERMAN



It is with much sadness, but with a sweet heavenly hope, we will submit the obituary of our loving husband, dad, and precious Papaw, Glenn Vipperman. Our Papaw passed away November 15, 2004 at home after a long illness.

Papaw was born December 26, 1914 at Deskins, Pike County, Kentucky, to the late Robert and Sally Ann (Smith) Vipperman. He was also preceded in death by his step-mother Emma (Bostic) Vipperman, who raised him, one son John Taylor, one daughter Tilda Francis, two brothers Willie and Lee Vipperman, two sisters Inis (Vipperman) May and Enis (Vipperman) Dotson, one son-in-law Sid Varney and two great-grand daughters Breanna Lacie and Cheyanna Cacie Varney.

Papaw was married to Pluma (Justice) on July 31, 1941 and was blessed to raise five children and one adopted grandson, James Robert (Brenda) Vipperman of Dorton, Glen Wallace (Beverlie Kai) Vipperman of Raccoon, James Robert (Trisha) Vipperman, Jr. of Ocala, Florida, Dortha (Andrew) Hunt and Margaret Ann (Carl) Coleman both of Kimper, Glennis (Fonso) Hatfield of Phelps. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grand children and 1 great-great-grandchild, one brother Meldon (Joan) Vipperman of Flint, Michigan and six sisters Eunice Hughs and Bonnie Smith both of Robinson Creek, Sylvia Justice of Raccoon, Virginia Smith of Bulls Gap, Tenn., Bertie May of McAndrews and Elizibeth Vipperman of Phyllis.

Papaw was united with Raccoon Church in 1944 (59 years ago), and has been an Elder for 56 years. Papaw was an arm off of Raccoon to establish Calvary Primitive Baptist Church in 1951.



Papaw and mamaw's house was always a safe home, full of love and laughter. In the lifetime he made an impression of love on everyone he met and touched every heart he could. He would lay in his bed with his eyes closed, praying sometimes singing along. I believe he was in the presence of God. We thank you Lord for choosing him to be our papaw, and our dad. Papaw attacked every task with determination and no thought. He was strong in will, strong in body, strong in faith. He was a wonderful example to all those who were blessed to know him. One of the saddest days of our lives was the day Papaw passed away. No one knows the sorrow we share when we meet and Papaw is no longer there. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems to be the same. We feel that when the death Angel came papaw fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Sleep on papaw for a little while, and by the grace of God we hope to meet again.

We would like to thank everyone who visited, said a prayer and came to comfort us during our time of need.

Papaw's greatest love was in serving the Lord and his family. To know our Papaw was to have loved him.

*-From the family of Glenn Vipperman  
Written by granddaughter Sedrena May*

### **ELMER GOFF**



It is with a sad heart I try to write the obituary of my dear husband and best friend. Elmer was a quiet man. He was so humble, he hardly ever lost his temper. Sometimes I would remark to him about things that were going on. He would say God knows them that are His and He will take care of the problem.

Elmer loved visiting other churches. He traveled to Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and other places. He loved all his brothers and sisters in the church. When his health started failing him he still wanted to go and be



with his friends. He loved all God's children.

Elmer joined the church July 14, 1974 at Louisa Church. He has been a faithful member ever since. He told me he felt God had called him to talk before the congregation. He was licensed and then ordained. Elmer took his membership to the Primitive Baptist very serious.

Elmer was born June 17, 1940 to the late Blake and Flora (Daniels) Goff. He was preceded in death by one sister Dorles, who died in infancy. Two brothers Johnny Atherton and Carnes Edward Goff.

He is survived by his wife Susie (Akers) Goff. Two daughters Bethany Hess and Oma Howerton. One son Joseph Edward Goff and one step son Jim David Bryant. Three grandchildren, two brothers Paul Blake Goff and Vernon Gene Goff, two sisters Coleen Bevins and Brenda Gail May. One aunt Lona Varney. A host of friends and loved ones.

We mourn for our loss but I feel he has gained a home in a better place. Where there is no pain. We miss our husband, father and friend.

*-Written by a lonely hearted wife and daughter*

### **DENNIS DOTSON**

**December 22, 1918-February 18, 2005**

**Born at Ransom, KY**



The son of Andy and Viola Wolford Dotson. Brothers Don, Bill, Claude, Bud and Marvin Dotson, sons Charles "Bojo" and Larry Gilford and grandson Clinton "Little Butch" McCoy all precede him in death. Surviving are his wife of 68 years, whom he truly loved, Mary "Mag" Hatfield Dotson, Sons Burl (Glenna), Wilkie (Annie), Eugene (Shirley), Dwight (Kelley) Dotson all of Ransom. Daughters Janet Flo (Larry) Scott of Hardy, Lora McCoy of Fayetteville, NC, Helen Dotson and Gail (Eugene) Gibbs both of Ransom. Daughter-in-law, Martha Dotson and only sister Ocie Coleman of Ransom. 20 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren



and 2 great-great grandchildren. We all were blessed for him being able to talk to each of us, telling us to take care and be good to each other and others. He even asked God to bless the U.S.A. Although his pain was great, he never thought of himself. He told us to tell all his brothers and sisters that he loved them and wanted the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church to be blessed to prosper and grow. He was a deacon for 43 years, his wisdom will be missed by all who knew him. He said many times how the Lord blessed him to feel the Holy Spirit. One day, in the hospital, he told us of a peaceful place that the Lord had blessed him to see. He described it with tears of joy as a "Snow White Country." These are the precious memories that will remain in our hearts and minds forever. His death was so peaceful. He just simply went to sleep. That is what we prayed for because he suffered so. We will never regret all the days and nights we sat up with him because we had a daddy that sat up with us when we all needed him. Dad and Mom picked each other for soul mates and this is why we are so grateful for being a part of their union. His service was so beautiful. You might think that this statement seems odd, however, our Dad believed that you preached you own funeral and he did. He planned it all on an early morning in February 2001 on a tear stained piece of paper. His words saying the love he had for his wife and family, we will never know. Rogers Funeral Home in charge. Elders Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson and Mike Smith officiating. Special Thanks to Paul Varney, Kenny Chapman, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Randall Thornsby and Mike Elswick. Dad knew that they all would only speak his Hard-shell belief. That God knew "All" before the foundation of the world. That it was nothing that man has done, we were saved by Grace. Jesus was sent to die on Calvary and the "Hope" in Dad's breast that there was blood shed on the cross for him.

With utmost broken hearts, the family of Dennis Dotson sincerely thank and deeply appreciate the caring help and support that we received during the sickness and death of our loving daddy, mom's faithful husband and his grandchildren's simple Pa. There is no way we could ever name you all. Dad would not have wanted anyone left unmentioned. You all know who you are. Whether you attended the service, sent food, flowers, cards, said a prayer, called, hugged, shook the hands or even smiled at his beloved wife, children and grandchildren. Dad loved and appreciated people. So we thank you again, but



most all we want to thank you Lord for blessing us with a man such as Dennis Dotson to love.

Sadly missed but not forgotten. Just, "Gone Away with a Friend."

*-Love all of your family*

### **GEORGE W. SCOTT**



George W. Scott born October 20, 1923 passed away Oct. 27, 2004 at the Pikeville Medical Center at the age of 82. George was a faithful member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Phelps, KY.

He is survived by his wife Sivil Scott; their children Kenis, Green, Alda, Danny, Helen, Lillie, Brenda, Maggie, Lula, and Sally. He was the devoted brother to Alex, Opal, and Lassie. He also had 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

George always filled his seat and loved meeting together with his brothers and sisters of the church. He greeted every one with a smile and handshake, and was not ashamed to praise the Lord. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Sivil will cherish his memory forever.

*-Written by Sivil Scott & friends*

### **LARRY DOUGLAS JUSTUS**



With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my husband and father and brother and friend, Larry Douglas Justus.

This is the hardest thing I have ever written there are no words that can give this man the honor and respect he deserves but as his Wife, I will try.



On the 26th day of June 2005, God took a man that was so many things to so many people.

Most of all he took a loving son, wonderful husband, loving father, wonderful brother and best friend. It hurts so bad we feel that our hearts will never mend. He got his angel now though we may not understand why. We can't think of anything else all we can do is cry. We know you're happy now you feel no more pain. But here on earth it will never be the same. We love you so much you could never really know, you took our heart and soul with you as God called you home. But someday we will meet you again and see your beautiful smile but as for now we'll sit and wait till that day comes in just a little while.

Larry Douglas Justus 28 years of age. From the Abners Fork section of Paw Paw, Va., died Sunday, June 26, 2005. At the time of his death he was an employee of T&M Garage in Hurley, Va. He enjoyed hunting, riding 4-wheelers, shooting guns with his many best friends and most of all he loved singing and playing with his two beautiful children. He was a wonderful son, husband, father, and brother. Doug was the son of his wonderful mother Charlene Justus of Hurley, Va. She raised the best husband and father that anyone could have ever known. He was survived by his wife Buffy Gail Justus and two beautiful children, daughter Kirsten Nicole Justus and son Tyler Douglas Justus. All of them will love and miss him forever. He had two sisters, Melissa Robinson of Hurley, Va. and Cheryl Keene of Maxie, Va. One half sister, Angela Ashby of Grundy, Va. One brother and best friend Michael Eugene Justus of Hurley, Va. All of them will also miss and love him forever. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Lucy Mae Justus and Carson Justus and I know he is in heaven with them now having the time of his life. I remember the day he joined Kelsa Freewill Baptist Church on February 9, 2003. He looked up and said I'm coming to you Maw Lucy. We didn't know then that he would leave us soon but he knew that it wouldn't be long till he was with his loving Maw Lucy again. Doug had so many family and friends whom he loved greatly and that loved him in return. This man was the most wonderful man that I have ever known or will ever know on earth. I may never understand why God called him home at such a young age, but I guess he needed the angel that I can no longer



have. Some sweet day we will see you again but until that day you will be missed and forever loved. 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 wife and family  
Buffy Gail Justus and mother Charlene Justus*

## **CARNES EDWARD GOFF**

**January 30, 1943-June 8, 2004**



It is with a sad and sorrowful heart that I try to write the obituary of my brother and friend, Carnes Edward Goff. Carnes was born January 30, 1943, to the late Blake and Floria Daniels Goff.

Carnes graduated from Johns Creek High School, then went to work for Libby's Restaurant in Pikeville, where he worked along with Mom for several months. He then moved to Ohio where he met his wife, Bendetta Ann Carpenter. Carnes did not have any children of his own, but accepted his step-son Paul as his own. Carnes worked several years in Barberton, Ohio for Modulum and Panels, Inc. The plant closed down so he moved back to Pike County where he worked for the Keene Family (Pat, Lloyd, Larry), in the automobile business as a salesman. Due to the hard times, he moved back to Akron, Ohio. He worked for American Switchgear as plant foreman for his remaining years.

Canes never joined any church, but I truly believe he believed in God and believed there is a power greater than man.

Carnes left us June 8, 2004, after a massive heart attack. He left to mourn, his wife Bendetta and his step-son Paul, three brothers; Elmer, Paul, Gene and two sisters Colene Bevins, Gail May and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by one brother Johnny Atherton and by one sister Delores Mae.

He was laid to rest in the Blake Goff Cemetery where he will sleep till the second coming of the Lord. We hope with all our hearts we will meet him with Jesus in the morning, by the grace of God.



## DANVILLE COLEMAN



Danville Coleman, age 65, of Pataskala, Ohio, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2005. Danny was born August 25, 1939 to the late David and Cora (Madden) Coleman of Pikeville, Ky. He was married to Karen (Walters) Coleman for 35 years. Their marriage was blessed by a daughter, Ginger Danielle Coleman whom he loved very much. Danny will be greatly missed by Karen and Ginger. He was also preceded in death by step-mother Darcus (Thacker) Coleman,

8 brothers, Russell, Steve, Rexall, Bill, Jay Bird, Granville, Carl and Clyde Coleman; 3 sisters, Nell Wardrup, Emmalene Warrix and Darcus Thacker. He is survived by 4 brothers, Lundy (Dorothy) Coleman of Pataskala, Paul (Janice) Coleman of Columbus, Perry (Maxie) Coleman of Gahanna, and David (Faye) Coleman, Jr. of Pikeville, Ky; 5 sisters, Pearl Justice of Springhill, Fl., Lois Ann Coleman, Ovie Thacker, Uthia Thacker, and Ledna Mae Presley all of Pikeville, Ky.

Danny was a loving husband and dad until the end. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

As in his favorite song, "Rank Strangers", he has moved away to a beautiful home by the bright crystal sea. Some beautiful day we'll meet him in heaven, where no stranger we'll see.

## MILFORD (MEL) HOWELL



With so much love in my heart and loving memories, with God's help I will write the obituary of my loving husband Milford (Mel) Howell.

Mel was born January 14, 1930 at McDowell, Ky., and went to be with the Lord January 12, 2005.

He was the son of the late Elder Wayne and Nancy (Osborne) Howell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Howell, great grand-



son, Jesse Mosley and son-in-law Stan Consley, five brothers and two sisters.

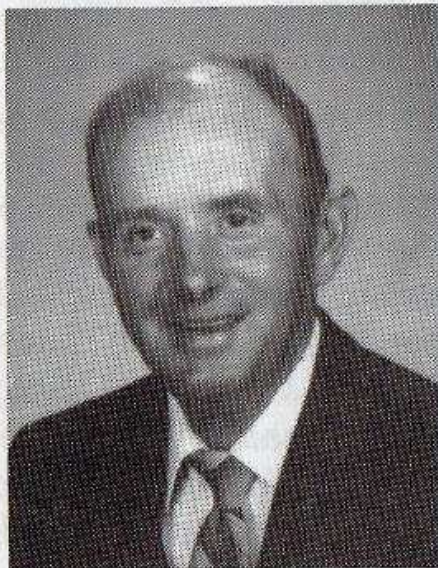
Left to mourn his loss is his wife Yvonne (Blackburn) Howell. Two daughters Kris (Philip) BruBaker, Pamela (Jeff) Fitzpatrick and four grandsons, Joshua and Nicholas BruBaker, Stephen (Rebakah) Mosley and Donovan (Judy) Mosley. Four sisters, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Mel was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. He loved going to church and singing the old Hymns. He always had kind words and a big smile for everyone he met. He was a wonderful Husband, Dad and Grandpa.

Sleep on my Precious Husband, because this isn't the end. By the grace of God we will be together again.

Gone yet not forgotten  
Although we are apart  
Your spirit Lives within me.  
Forever in my heart.  
Blessed be the name of our Lord.  
*-Written by his wife, Yvonne (Blackburn) Howell*

## OBITUARY OF RAY ELLIS VANDYKE



I will try to write the obituary of Ray Ellis Vandyke, he was the son of the late Perry and Stella Matney Vandyke, was born December 12, 1928, and passed away on October 15, 2003.

Ray was united in marriage to Nadine Smith Vandyke, the love of his life. She preceded him in death in 1996.

Ray leaves to mourn his passing, 1 Daughter: Sandra Deel and husband Gary of Vansant, Va., 1 Son: Sonny Vandyke and wife Dora of Grundy, Va. 4 Brothers: Roy Vandyke of Patterson, Va., Roscoe Vandyke of Glasgow, Ky., Ralph Vandyke of Largo, Fl., Roger Vandyke of Farmville, Va. 2 Half-brothers: Robert Vandyke of Bristol, Tn., Donald Vandyke of Petersburg, Va. 1 Half-sister: Nell Dean of Macon, Ga. 3 Grandchildren: Kimberly



Deel Owens and husband David of Grundy, Va. Sonya Vandyke Necessary and husband Chad of Jonesborough, Tn. Kevin Deel of Vansant, Va. 1 step-great-grandson, Blake Necessary, 2 great-grandchildren: Kacie Owens and Brandon Owens. A host of relatives, friends, and neighbors who loved him dearly, Ray was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grand-father. He showed his family how much he loved them everyday.

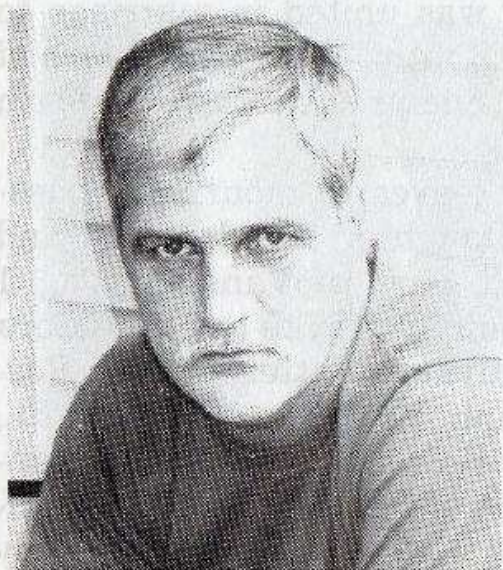
Ray was married to Treacy Davis Vandyke for a short time before he passed away.

Ray was a retired coal miner, having worked for the Island Creek Coal Co. at Beatrice Pocahontas #6 mine, and he was a member of the U.M.W.A. Ray attended the Primitive Baptist Church, where he loved to hear salvation by the grace of God preached. He always filled his seat right up to the end. We all miss him very much. His children miss their Dad more than we will ever know.

I can only say to Sandy and Sonny & family, whom I love dearly, not to worry about Daddy; he is in the hands of a merciful and righteous God. What better hands could he be in. Daddy is sleeping now; the most peaceful sleep he has ever had, until that great resurrection morning when our Lord will call and his children will hear and answer his call, and go home with Him to live forever and ever.

*-Written by request of the children by Ruth Maynard*

**ESTILL McCLELLAN CHARLES**  
**February 2, 1956-December 27, 2003**



In loving memory of our dear son, father, brother and uncle. He was the son of Vada Jane Thacker Charles and the late Kedna Charles. Estill was a lifelong resident of Phyllis, Ky. He was employed by the Pike County Board of Education.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Kedna Dwayne Charles.

He is survived by a son, William Joshua Charles of Camp



Legune, N.C. Two sisters, Glenna Sue Oakes of Jenkins, Ky. And Linda Lou Bowman of Kimper, Ky.

We thank God for the 47 years we had with Estill. He was a caring and compassionate person and a great friend. Estill touched the lives of a lot of people with his kind spirit and generous heart.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

*-Written by his mother and sisters*

### **GEORGE CLAYTON WOLFE**



George Clayton Wolfe, 72, of McAndrews, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at the Skilled Nursing Facility of the Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born on January 29, 1933, at McAndrews, Kentucky, to the late John W. Wolfe and Golda Small Wolfe. He was a retired coal miner who worked for Eastern Coal Corporation and was a member of the UMWA. He was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Wolfe, Johnny Wolfe, and Leon Wolfe; and sister, Margaret Murphy.

Surviving are his wife, Rosa W. Wolfe; daughter, Beth-Ann Wolfe of Lexington, Kentucky; son, Michael Wolfe; and sister, Mildred Benuzzi of Yukon, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 5, 2005, at Rogers Funeral Home with Mike Smith officiating. Entombment followed at Mountain View Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Huddy, Kentucky. Neil May, Bruce May, Buddy May, Danny Gannon, Jim Hunt, and Jimmy Stanley served as pallbearers. D.A.V. rites were performed by the Belfry Chapter #141 D.A.V.

He is so dearly loved and so sadly missed.

*-Respectfully submitted by his wife and daughter:  
Rosa and Beth-Ann Wolfe*





**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 your 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.*



## MARGIE B. LESTER



With much sadness we will try to write the obituary of my wife and our loving mother Margie B. Lester.

Margie was born March 25, 1947; she passed away on February 7, 2005, the only daughter of the late Oliver Blair and Della (Coleman) Blair who both preceded her in death in 1982 and 1987.

Margie lived a short life of 57 years, 10 months and 14 days.

She was married to Douglas M. Lester on May 20, 1966 and to this union were 3 children; one daughter: Lori-Michelle Lester who died during childbirth on January 23, 1970.

Margie leaves to mourn her death, her husband of 38 years, Douglas M. Lester of Feds Creek, Ky. Two sons: Jerold D. Lester of Feds Creek, Ky., Jeffrey Neil Lester of Sookey's Creek, Pikeville, Ky. She also leaves behind her greatest joy, her only grandchild, 10 year old Selena Gail Lester.

She also leaves 3 brothers; Edward, Jesse, James Ervin Blair, all of Steele, Ky.

Margie was baptized into the home of the Little Union Primitive Baptist Church in 1972, where she served as clerk for many years until Little Union was closed. She later moved her membership to Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Ky. She was a true and faithful member to the church until her death, no matter how sick she was.

No one knew how sick Margie was. She prayed for the Lord to ease her pain. The pain ceased the night of Feb. 6, when she went to sleep to never wake to pain again.

Margie's enjoyment was going to church, having people to eat dinner or stay with her during associations or special events at the church.



The Lord has taken a true mother to all and a good church member home to never suffer pain nor sickness again.

The family could always count on her prayers or a good word of encouragement or a meal in time of need.

Margie knew there was no cure for sugar diabetes or heart problems and she put all her trust in the Lord that He would take care of her needs.

Margie is and will always be sadly missed by all who knew and met her during her short stay here on earth. Her life was like a vapor, here for a very short time-then she vanished away.

*-Written by the family*

### **BETTY JANE RUNYON**



With a saddened heart, we will write the obituary of our mother, Betty J. Runyon of Forest Hills, Ky. She was a precious mother who loved her family, friends, and her church. We remember that day, Mon., Jan. 3, 2005 that took our mother so suddenly that we didn't even get a chance to tell her goodbye.

She was born Jan. 8, 1924 to Ezra and Ocie A. (Gregory) Phillips of Burnell, Ky. She passed away Jan. 3, 2005 at the emergency room of Williamson Memorial Hospital. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, York Runyon of 51 yrs.; son, Ricky Runyon; and 3 sisters, Helen, Ralen, Hester Wairs, and Peggy McCoy.

Surviving are her son, Randy Runyon of Shepherdsville, Ky., daughter, Jenny Morris of Forest Hills, Ky., brothers, John L. Phillips of Hardy, Ky. Greg Phillips of Reno, Nevada, 3 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.



She was a graduate of Belfry High School and Pikeville College. She was a retired postmistress of McVeigh, Ky. In earlier years, she taught school at the Old Stringtown Grade School at Burnwell, Ky. She was a member of Stone OES #533 and the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church of Belfry, Ky. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved to work in her home and grow flowers. We loved her and miss her everyday.

*-Written by her daughter, Jenny Morris & son Randy Runyon*

### **MARGARET ANN THACKER**



It is with sadness that sometimes doesn't even seem real that we write about the life of Margaret Ann (Billiter) Thacker. She was born May 29, 1931, the daughter of Lizzie May Billiter and James Billiter. She married Arthur Thacker on January 27, 1948. That marriage lasted for 52 years until the death of Arthur on October 7, 2001. They had four children, Ronnie, Sue Pullin, and Linda Murry, all of Ohio, and Gary at

home. She was the grandmother of 4 and great-grandmother of 3. She died on Friday, October 22, 2004 at Pikeville Medical Center at the age of 73.

After moving to Ohio in 1960, Margaret and Arthur made a home for themselves in Elyria while Arthur worked at Ford Motor Company. Margaret was busy raising the children and worked at the Elyria Methodist Home as a cook. How lucky those people were to be served fine cooking. After Arthur retired, they would spend their winters in Kentucky before moving back home in 1991. As many people know, home is always where you came from, and they just couldn't stay away any longer. They enjoyed a life of retirement with old friends and



family around, and always looked forward to going to church on Sunday to worship their Primitive Baptist faith. After Arthur passed, Margaret spent more time in Ohio with her children and their families. Then her daughter Sue would stay with Margaret in the summer to can kraut and go to church with her, with the rest of the family coming "down home" whenever they could. Also, Margaret's sister Bonnie came to stay with her and their sister Aliene for a little while during the summers of 2003 and 2004. It had been a long time since the sisters were able to spend time together without the reason being for a funeral. Surely it was time better spent than they could have imagined.

We thank God that Margaret didn't suffer long. Not more than a month after the Dr. first noticed a problem with her blood, Margaret went home, this time to her Heavenly home. After being in the hospital for less than a week, we found out it was an aggressive form of Leukemia on Friday, October 15; she died one week later. Up until the night before she died, she was basically herself, aside from being a little tired. Surrounded by her family, she went to meet the Lord. What a wonderful day, and as she said in Arthur's obituary, "By the grace of God we'll meet again one day." Until then, we will miss her.

*-Her loving family*



## MELLIE ROBERTS SLATER



This is a very unusual request in that Sister Mellie asked that I write this while she was yet living. With much love in my heart, a world of respect and compassion for one of God's little lambs, although I'm not worthy, I'll attempt to undertake this task.

Sister Mellie was born on March 15, 1913, and departed this life on Nov. 9, 2004, making her stay on earth 91 years, 8 months.

The daughter of the late Daniel and Ettie Newsome Roberts, she was the last surviving of nine children, preceding her in death were brothers Milford, Millard, Millis, and Merlin Roberts. Sisters Maudie Green, Margie Maggard, Melphi Smith, and Maxie Mae Odom. She is survived by an adopted sister, Lalor Ann Dotson of Williamson, WV.

Sister Mellie was united in Holy Matrimony to Lester L. Slater on April 7, 1951 and they were blessed to share forty-three years of a wonderful life until The God of All Grace called Brother Lester home on August 24, 1994. Sister Mellie in most of our conversations spoke and reminisced of her life with Lester and how she loved him. Although they never had any children of their own, Sister Mellie has several nieces and nephews whom she loved and treated as if they were her own children.

Sister Mellie united with the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, located at Belfry, Ky. On November 3, 1952 and remained a faithful member, attending services regularly until her health started to decline. She loved the church, praying for her brothers and sisters and supporting it financially.

Our Heavenly Father gives gifts to all of us, and He gave a special one to Sister Mellie, the art of sewing and crocheting.



She would sit hours upon hours creating beautiful pieces, quilts, scarves, booties and many other things for her many friends and loved ones. This was a labor of love, never wanting anything in return but our love and appreciation. She would often say maybe you'll remember me, when you look at this. In life, there are a few people who leave a lasting impression with us; Sister Mellie was this type of person. She touched my heart, and influenced by life to know what it means to be thoughtful of others.

The Book of Proverbs gives a description of a person who lends not upon their own understanding, but in all their ways acknowledge God. In Proverbs 31:10, 11, 12 is written "Who can find a virtuous woman?, For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good all the days of her life. She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands. I believe Sister Mellie was this type of person, yet she knew, as we should know, if we ever enter into Heaven and Immortal Glory, it will be of Jesus, in that He died for us. I say rather that He rose for us and is coming back after us some Glorious Day.

God granted Sister Mellie long life, with health to care for herself. She had joys, sorrows, victories and failures, but through it all, she remained faithful until the end. Sleep on precious one until the Noble Resurrection Morning when we will wake in the likeness of Christ to live forever, where peace abounds and joy flows like a river, yielding it's substance forever and forever.

*-Written by one who loved her: Elder Michael Elswick*



## OPAL BLANCHE HONAKER



Opal Blanche Honaker was born in Stone, Kentucky, July 6, 1919, and passed away March 17, 2005 at Friendship Manor Nursing Home, Peewee Valley, Kentucky. Opal retired from ARH Hospital in South Williamson, Kentucky and was a member of the old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for several years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ransom McKinley Honaker, in 1975; 2 sis-

ters, Edith and Helen. Opal is survived by 3 sons and daughters-in-law, Archie (Pat) of Crestwood, Kentucky, Joe (Woodie) of Middletown, Ohio, and Alan (Martina) of Simpsonville, Kentucky; 9 grandchildren to whom she was devoted, Jeff Honaker, Bridgett Papalia, Brian Honaker, Joey Honaker, Teresa Coffman, Christy Luchini, Wendy Balas, John Honaker, and Jason Honaker; 20 great-grandchildren, Tate Honaker, Nik Honaker, Sara Honaker, Adam Honaker, Alan Papalia, Olivia Honaker, Andrew Honaker, Isaac Coffman, Kaila Honaker, Lilly Papalia, Paul Martin Luchini, Isabella Luchini, Dylan Honaker, Owen Honaker, Adam Luchini, Shopia Luchini, Elizabeth Papalia, Mimi Honaker, Paige Coffman, and Audrey Balas. Opal was a loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Visitation was held at Shannon Funeral Home, Shelbyville, Kentucky on March 18, 2005 and graveside services were at Mountain View Memory Garden in Huddy, Kentucky with Pastor Mike Smith officiating on March 19, 2005.



## LASSIE COLEMAN



It is with much sadness we will attempt to write the obituary of our loving aunt, Lassie Coleman of Old House Branch, Ransom, Ky., who was born August 13, 1922 and passed away Sunday, June 12, 2005, making her stay on earth 82 years, 10 months and 30 days. She was the daughter of the late Albert and Elzie (Dotson) Hatfield. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband:

Frank Coleman; her son, Charles Edward Coleman and sisters, Marie Coleman, Nancy and Alice Fern Hatfield and also four brother: Troy , Roy, Charles and James Hatfield. Three sisters, Mag Dotson, Beatrice Hager and Abbie Justice; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive her. Lassie was the world's greatest chicken and dumpling maker. She was a devoted, loving wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. We will never forget the memories we have of Lassie and all the times we laughed with her. Although we miss her greatly, we find comfort in knowing she is free from pain, suffering, and cares of this world. She is resting in peace and for this blessing we are so very thankful. She knew that she would see her family again in the sweet by and by. Her funeral was preached by Ezra Davis and William Chad Crawford. She was laid to rest in the Hatfield Cemetery up the Left Fork of Ransom.

*-Written by Donna Hutcheson-niece and Roy Justice-nephew*



## JENELL (GRANNY) VARNEY TURNMIRE



With sadness and broken heart, we will try to write the obituary of our dear Mother, and Grandma.

Jenell (Granny) Turnmire of Varney Branch, Kimper, Kentucky, was born on September 26, 1939, making her stay here on earth for 65 years 1 month and 28 days. Jenell passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2004 at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington, Ky., following open heart surgery. She was the daughter of the late

John Varney and Lily Bostic Varney. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ray Turnmire. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Jeanette Owens, who she loved dear and three brothers: Earnest, Sid and Ralph Varney.

She leaves behind her 3 children: Shelia Denese, Ray Pernel and Chester Lee Turnmire all of Kimper. She also has one daughter-in-law, Angela Turnmire that she has surviving her. She has two grandkids that she loved dear; they are Nathaniel Ray and Santanna LeaAnn Turnmire all of Kimper. She is survived by six brothers: Ance Varney of Canada, Ky., Armon Varney of McAndrews, Ky., Henry, Jessie, Rora, and Lester Varney all of Kimper. She has a host of nieces and nephews that miss her deeply.

She was a member of Calvary Primitive Baptist Church for approximately 4 years. She really enjoyed going to church and helping cook dinners for her loved ones after church. Mom even helped with dinners before she joined. Jenell was a wonderful mom and grandma to us kids; we miss her deeply. She loved people to come around her. Mom is missed deeply here on this old earth. Oh, how sad and lonely our homeplace is without our precious Mother. We know the loss of our mother is Heaven's gain and we hope to be with her and dad someday. Mom is a shining star looking down on us from Heaven. She would always tell us kids to be good and follow her and dad's footsteps.

*-Written by your loving kids, and daughter-in-law,  
and grandkids*



## JEWELENE WOLFORD COLEMAN



It is with loving memories and a loss so great that we can't express, that we try to write the obituary of our Aunt Jewelene, to us known as Aunt Jo. She is greatly missed. She was born on March 25, 1941 and passed away on June 19, 2005. She was a member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert Coleman, three brothers, Clifford and Delores Wolford, of Grundy, Virginia; Cecil Wolford and Chester and Ruth Wolford of Hurley, Virginia.; Two nieces, Patricia Blankenship and Jennifer Stiltner, and two nephews, Clifford Wolford, Jr. and Richard Edward Wolford. Also survived by 9 great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Stella Jane Blackburn Wolford; one sister, Elsie Wolford; two nephews, Cecil Erving Wolford, Jr. and Eddie Paul Wolford.

She was loved very much and we miss her, but we know that she is no longer suffering from all the pain that the cancer brought into her life. We hope to see you again in a better place.

*-Written by her nieces Patricia and Jennifer*



## NORA SMITH BLACKBURN



It is with a sad heart and many loving memories and with God's help, I will write the obituary of our loving mother, Nora Smith Blackburn. Mom was born on July 23, 1913, making her stay here on earth 90 years. She passed away on September 15, 2003 at Clinch Valley Medical in Richlands, Virginia, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Buchanan County, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Alfred C. Smith and Lucy Rife Smith. She was a lifelong resident of Buchanan County and was of the Baptist faith. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Mom was a devoted wife, loving mother, and grandmother. She loved her children with all her heart and though her grandchildren were the greatest. Mom always spoiled her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She was very special to them.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, William Riley Blackburn in 1973. She is survived by 5 daughters and one son. Also, survived by 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Mom will be sadly missed by all her family and all those who knew her. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

*-Written by your daughter, Edith Moore*



## LEAR E. MAY



With a saddened heart, and many loving memories, I take up my pen to write the obituary of a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Lear was born on October 31, 1922 in Pike County, Ky., the daughter of the late Jim and Claudia (Coleman) Williamson. She was called home to her Heavenly Father on July 14, 2005, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Stirl and (Jud) Williamson and one sister, Lurlie Hatfield.

Lear is survived by her husband of 59 ½ years, Bud May. They were blessed with 4 children: Larry Neil (Carolyn) May, Ronald Bruce (Debbie) May, Ricky Joe (Linda) May and Rosemary Lynn (Danny) Varney. They were also blessed to share a son with me, Chadwick Dwain (Regina) May. They had 13 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren, one of whom was born shortly after her passing, but we know she was there to see him.

She is also survived by one brother, Charles E. Williamson, who called her everyday and visited her faithfully, and one sister, Rosa W. Wolfe, who were both there when we needed them.

Not only our lives, but countless other lives were blessed to call her family and friend. Though her body is gone from our eyes, her memories are with us wherever we turn and in our hearts. Sleep on Mommy, for yet awhile longer, for soon we will all be together again, united with our Lord and Savior, never to part.

Lear was a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for several years. She and my father were baptized together on the same day as me.

*-Written by Rosemary May Varney, beloved daughter*



## 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 reprovved 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, and approved.
- 11th Adjourn.



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION											2005
CHURCHES	MODERATOR	CLERKS	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RELATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTIONS OF SATURDAY OF MEETING each Church
Louisa	Robert B. Worrix	Bradley Worrix, Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	\$75.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1	0	0	0	0	0	-4	49	\$125.00
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	Wade Smith	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	\$150.00
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	Jeff Belcher	1	0	0	1	0	0	-2	75	\$175.00
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	Randall Smith	6	1	0	0	0	0	-1	80	\$125.00
Sulphur Springs	Brian Moore	Ronald Moore	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	33	\$60.00
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	Frank Ball	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	41	\$80.00
Grapevine	Noah Slone	Timothy A. Slone	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	25	\$60.00
Samaria	Michael Smith	Leslie D. Hatfield	7	0	0	0	0	-4	-4	184	\$175.00
Feds Creek	Robert B. Worrix	Ernest Blair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	\$75.00
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	Carl Coleman	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	\$100.00
Calvary	David A. Thacker	Barry Thacker	1	0	0	0	0	-4	-2	30	\$100.00
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	Ruth Maynard	0	0	0	0	-4	-1	0	45	\$112.50
Friendship	David May	Martin Childers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$25.00
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	Sandra Harris	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	77	\$100.00
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	59	\$125.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore James T. Dotson	Ann Barton	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	40	\$75.00
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman Walter Sullivan	William Dotson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	\$50.00
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## **NIGHT, ODD SUNDAY AND OTHER MEETINGS**

**LOUISA:** 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:** New Year's Eve night.

**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:**

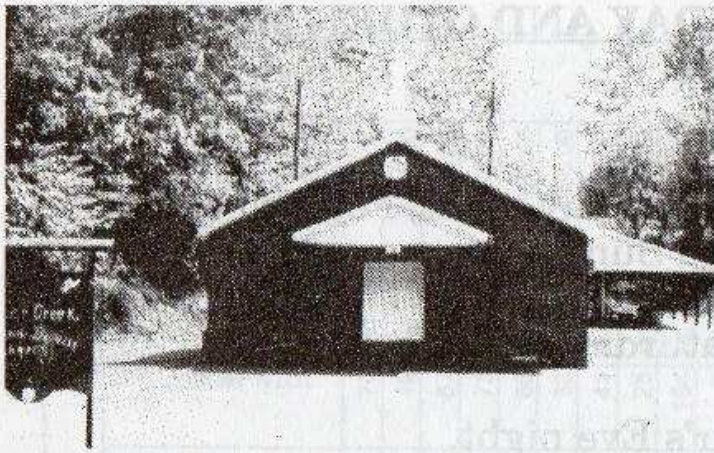
**COLUMBUS:**

**DEERFIELD:**

**PLEASANT HILL:**

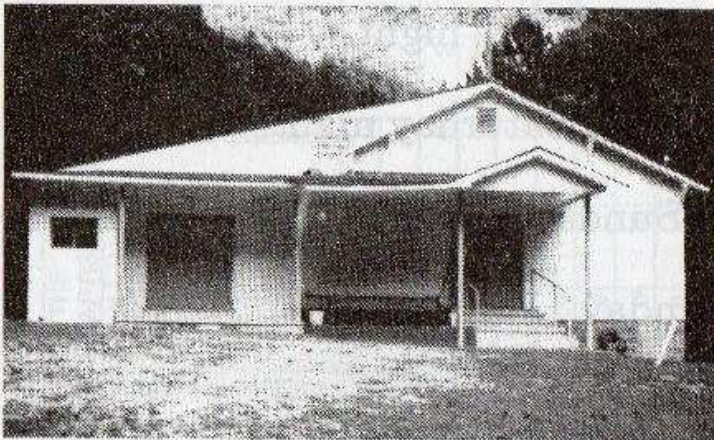
**NEW HOPE:** Second Sunday night.





## **PETER CREEK CHURCH HOUSE**

### **SITE OF 2005 ASSOCIATION**



## **LITTLE HOPE CHURCH HOUSE**

### **SITE OF 2006 ASSOCIATION**

Directions to Little Hope Church House: From Pikeville, KY, 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 mile to forks of the road, bear left to church house. There is extra parking available at the forks of the road.



## **GRAPEVINE CHURCH HOUSE**

### **SITE OF 2006 ANNUAL MEETING**

Directions to Grapevine Church House: From Pikeville, KY, U.S. 119 North 9.1 miles to Jct. KY-194 at Meta; right on KY-194 go 9.8 miles to Jct. KY-194/632 at Kimper; right on KY-194, go 7.7 miles to Grapevine Church on the right. From Williamson, WV, take U.S. 119 South 18.1 miles to Jct. KY-194 at Meta; left on 194, follow directions above. From Grundy, VA, take U.S. 460 West past KY state line to Jct. KY-1499 at Mouthcard; straight ahead on 1499, go 6.1 miles to Jct. KY-194 near Biggs, KY; go straight ahead on 194, go 5.2 miles to church house on the left.



