

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

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**HELD WITH**  
**LITTLE HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Pinsonfork, Kentucky**  
**September 1, 2, and 3, 2006**

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**Next session convenes** with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church located at 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky, starting Friday before the first Sunday in September 2007.

**Directions to Samaria Primitive Baptist Church:**  
From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 23 miles north on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-319 at Toler; right on KY-319, go 7 miles to Jct. KY-1056 at McCarr; right on KY-1056 4 miles to Left Fork of Blackberry Road; turn left go 1.7 miles to the church house on the left at the mouth of Old House Branch. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 3 miles south on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-319; left on KY-319, follow remaining directions above.

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**OFFICERS**

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## PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Pinsonfork, Pike County, Kentucky.

### FRIDAY MORNING, September 1, 2006

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.  
Prayer by Elder Larry Slone.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Onis Smith. Text: Jonah, being given up for dead, brought forth the third day, signifying our hope in the Resurrection of Christ our Hope, the Surety of our Redemption, the Rock of our Salvation, against whom the gates of hell cannot prevail. We have only to look to our daily lives to see the Surety of God's Mercy, evidenced in our Hope in Christ.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Little Hope Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder J.C. Hager serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that brothers Danny May and Larry D. Chapman serve as Clerks pro-tem for the election of officers.

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

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| <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: Received the letter of petition from Sandlick Association of Kentucky for direct correspondence, and referred it to the Committee on Arrangements.

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-VA:** Elder Frank Viers, Deacon Fayne Viers, Deacon Wayne Fleming, Elder Buford Deel, Elder Joshua Viers, Elder Arnold Childress, Elder Noah K. Edwards, Elder Garnell Gilbert.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Elder Jerry Brown, Deacon Frank Hamilton, Elder Rick Howard, Elder Rodney Hamilton, Elder Donovan Finch, Elder Wayne Hensley, Elder Louie Howard, Brother Donnie Lykins, Elder Jerry Howard, Roby Gullett.

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** Elder Eddie Lyle, Elder Curt Heath.

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

**MT. ZION:** None

**WASHINGTON:** Elder Victor Church, Elder Joe Edwards, Elder Ked Stacy, Elder George Ben Combs, Jim Owens, Deacon Clarence Childress, Deacon Otis John Fields, Guy Fletcher.

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

**FISHER'S RIVER:** Elder Avery Branch, Elder Joey Jenkins.

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

**SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY:** Elder David Gambill, Elder Riley Grigsby, Deacon Troy Gullett.

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

**SAND LICK:** Elder Barret Mcglothlin, Deacon Roy D. Stanley, Mae O'Quinn, Brenda Mcglothlin, Lou Ellen Fleming, Mae Wofford, Diann Owens.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Betty Brown, Chester and Imogene Caudill, Darrell Nickell, Pauline Howard, Peggy Howard, A.B. Hap Gose.

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

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** None.

**UNION:** Jean Adams.

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

**MT. ZION:** None.

**WASHINGTON:** Lola M. Church, Doris Childress, Doris Stacey.



**PINEY GROVE:** Orene Joyce, Lucille Corum, Clara Priddy.

**SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY:** Herma Grigsby.

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

**WILSON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH CAROLINA:** Eddie, Kevin and Betty Bostic.

**CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH (VA):** Elder David A. Edwards.

Elder and Mrs. Ralph Cobb of Florida.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. Elder John Jacobs, Deacon John Holyfield, Deacon Larry D. Chapman, and all the Deacons from Little Hope Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday morning at Little Hope Church: Corbin Hampton.
- B. Friday afternoon at Little Hope Church: Eddie Lyle, David Gambill, Jerry Brown.
- C. Friday night at Old Pond Church: Randal Thornsby, Vance Jones, Paris Blackburn, J.C. Hager.
- D. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Jeff Dotson, Ralph Cobb, Greg Moore, Mike Smith, James Clyde Ball.
- E. Friday night at Louisa Church: David Jacobs, Joe Edwards, David Edwards, David Coleman, Lundy Coleman, Robert Worrix.
- F. Saturday morning at Little Hope Church: Joshua Viers, Curt Heath, Ralph Cobb, Garnell Gilbert.
- G. Saturday afternoon at Little Hope Church: Arnold Childress, Vance Jones, David A. Thacker.
- H. Saturday night at Samaria Church: Curt Heath, Ralph Cobb, Joshua Viers, J.C. Hager, Mike Smith, Jim O'Quinn.
- I. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: David Jacobs, David Edwards, Victor Church, Arnold Childress.



Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Virgil Smith, Ireland Adkins, Walter Rutherford, Wade Smith, Otis Thacker, Randy Kender, Estle Hackney, Noah Slone, Ernie Justice, Monroe Justice, Carl Coleman, Wallace Vipervan, Harold Cline, Michael Elswick, Richard Justice, Danny May, Greg Moore, Kenneth Chapman.

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

**SAND LICK:** Wade Smith, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Monroe Justice, Noah Slone, Larry Slone, Tom Chapman, James Hackney, Roger Deel, Timothy Slone.

**UNION:** Timothy Slone, Onis Smith, John Jacobs, James Hackney, Wade Smith, Noah Slone, Joseph Slone.

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** Wade Smith, Noah Slone, James Clyde Ball, Monroe Justice.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Mike Smith, James Clyde Ball, Noah Slone, Paris Blackburn, Timothy Slone, Joseph Slone.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Harrison Smith, Tom Chapman, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Barry Thacker, James Clyde Ball, Timothy Slone, John Jacobs.

**MT. ZION:** Lonnie Simpkins, Leslie Hatfield, James Clyde Ball, Brian Moore, Harrison Smith.

**FISHER'S RIVER:** Randal Thornsberry.

**WASHINGTON:** Wade Smith, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, Roger Deel, James Hackney, Timothy Slone, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Ron Moore, James Clyde Ball, Joseph Slone.

**PINEY GROVE:** John Jacobs, Tom Chapman, David May.

**SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY:** Larry Slone, David A. Thacker, Carl Coleman, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone.

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

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**Saturday morning September 2, 2006, at Little Hope Church house.**

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



The Committee met at Little Hope Church house, 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. Received the petition of Sand Lick Association of Kentucky for direct correspondence. Motion made, seconded and agreed to correspond directly with Sand Lick Association of Kentucky and to seat their messengers, to wit: Elder David Gambill, Elder Riley Grigsby, Deacon Troy Gullett. Appointed messengers to visit Sand Lick Association of Kentucky as Correspondence at their next Association: Larry Slone, David A. Thacker, Carl Coleman, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone.

#3. Recommended that Louisa Church host the Annual Meeting for 2007.

#4. Recommend that Samaria Church host the Association for 2007.

#5. Called for the circular letter written by Elder Estle Hackney. 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 Louisa Church beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March 2007.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder David Edwards

1.) Victor Church

3.) Curt Heath

2.) Ralph Cobb

4.) Randal Thornsby

Dismiss with song and prayer by Elder Raymond Stanley.

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 2007 are as follows:

LOUISA: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2007. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsby,



David Jacobs, Johnny Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, Garnell Gilbert, J.C. Hager, Trillis Adams, Corbin Hampton, David Coleman, Jr., Shawn Dotson. NOTE: A Memorial Day meeting will be held at Annie Young Cemetery, East Shelbyana, KY on May 28, 2007.

**OLD POND:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2007. Paris Blackburn, David A. Thacker, Randal Thorsbury, John Jacobs, Michael Smith, Raymond Stanley, Frank Ball, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Elmer Thacker, Onis Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Virgil Smith, Larry Slone, Ernie Stump, Kenneth Chapman, Walter Sullivan, Michael Elswick.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2007.

**BIG CREEK:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 2007. Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Paris Blackburn, David Coleman, Jr., Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, David L. 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, 2007.

**RACCOON:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2007. Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair. Michael Elswick, Michael Smith, Randal Thorsbury, Garnell Gilbert, Brian Moore, John Jacobs and David A. Thacker.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th weekend in October, 2007.

**PETER CREEK:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2007. Paris Blackburn, Shawn Dotson, Harrison Smith, Randal Thorsbury, Elmer Thacker, Steve Kender, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore. We also welcome all orderly Primitive Baptist elders.

**SULPHUR SPRING:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2007. 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, 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, 2007. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robbie Worrix, Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsbury, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Michael Smith, Michael Elswick, J.C. Hager, Steve Kender, and orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend.

**GRAPEVINE:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2007. Elmer Thacker, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, John Jacobs, Monroe Justice, Jimmy Lee Smith, J.C. Hager, Greg Moore, Dallas Adams, Jr., David Jacobs, Estle Hackney, Paul Dean Justice, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Larry Slone, Trillis Adams, Michael Smith, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Michael Elswick.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on July 1, 2007.

**SAMARIA:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2007. 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, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, Arthur May, James T. Dotson, James Clyde Ball, Jim O'Quinn, Barry Thacker, Robert Thacker, Terry Thacker, Jerry Brown, Don Stacy.

**FEDS CREEK:** Meets the first Saturday in May, 2007. 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, 2007. Noah Slone, 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, Larry Slone.

**CALVARY:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2007. 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, Steve Kende, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

**DRY FORK:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2007. 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, Donald Stacy, Michael Smith, Larry Slone, Shawn Dotson, Estle Hackney, Elmer Brown, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers are welcome.

**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, 2007. Greg Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Walter Sullivan, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, R.T. Thacker, Barry Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Estle Hackney, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend.

**COLUMBUS:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2007. Robert Worrix, Randal Thornsberry, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David Jacobs, David May, Carmen Gillum, Robbie Worrix, J.C. Hager, Ernest Blair, Raymond Stanley, Greg Moore, Hesker Gillum, Elmer Thacker, Joshua Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Curt Heath, James T. Dotson, Todd Thacker, Michael Elswick, James Clyde Ball, Steve Kender, Ricky Worrix. All other Mates Creek elders, brothers and sisters are invited to



attend.

**NOTE:** A Memorial Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2007, at the home of Arthur Coleman: 32991 Hagerty Rd. McArthur, OH 45651, Phone: 740-596-2468.

Our Annual Meeting will be held October 5, 6, and 7, 2007.

**DEERFIELD:** Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October 2007. Michael Elswick, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David May, Shawn Dotson, Robbie Worrix, Victor Quick, Jeff Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, James T. Dotson, Bob Mayhorn, Billy Cook, Randal Thornsberry, Michael Smith, Estle Hackney, Larry Slone, Kenneth Chapman, Ricky Worrix, Johnathan Cook, Arnold Childress, Robert Thacker and Licentiate Rodney Worrix. All orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

**NOTE:** Memorial service to be held the second Saturday in October, 2007.

**PLEASANT HILL:** Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2007. David May, J.C. Hager, David Jacobs, Hesker Gillum, Carmen Gillum, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Rufford Howell.

**NOTE:** A Memorial Service will be held the third Saturday and Sunday of October, 2007.

**NEW HOPE:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2007. 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 Thornsberry, David Coleman, Jr., Virgil Smith.

Circular letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes, and that Elder Brian Moore is to prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2075 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

**BROTHERS:** Deacon George Carl Vandyke, Deacon James Edward Turnemire, Deacon Cecil Hatfield, Deacon Tommy Lester, Vernon Gene Goff, Morlin Jackson Rose, Ralph Douglas



Anderson, Willie Thacker, Woodrow W. Ramey, Brian Deskins, Edwin Ray "Eddie" Blackburn, Glen Edward Coleman, Landon Harvey Collins.

**SISTERS:** Hazel Edwards, Virgie May Young, Crecie Wallace Dotson Baker, Phoebe Ann Lowe, Mable "Lou" Chapman Mullins Ratliff, Minnie May Hurley, Christine Smith Stacy, Edith Lou Dover Worrix, Geneva Dulen, Barbara Sue Coleman, Hazel Marie Casey Smith, Pauline Smith, Hazel Scott, Shelia Denise Kendrick Crum.

**Children of Joe and Myrtle Dotson:** David, John, Jeanette, Dallas, Josephine, Mary M. Justice.

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:

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| Balance left on hand from last year.....         | \$7536.31         |
| Amount received from the churches this year..... | 1767.50           |
| Amount received for obituaries this year.....    | 343.00            |
| Donations received this year.....                | 247.00            |
| <b><u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u></b> .....           | <b>\$9,893.71</b> |

**CASH PAID OUT** since last Association:

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| Paid for the 2005 Minutes.....                                     | \$1,765.57 |
| Gave Moderator.....  | 50.00      |
| Gave Assistant Moderator.....                                      | 50.00      |
| Gave Clerk.....  | 50.00      |
| Gave Assistant Clerk.....  | 50.00      |
| Gave Peter Creek Church to reimburse<br>for portable toilets ..... | 190.00     |
| Paid for postage.....  | 8.18       |
| Gave cash to visiting ministers.....                               | 500.00     |
| Paid for Supplies .....  | 71.42      |

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| <b><u>TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</u></b> ..... | <b>-\$2735.17</b> |
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| <b><u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND</u></b> September 2, 2006..... | <b><u>\$7,158.54</u></b> |
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**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:**

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| Checkbook balance:.....                      | \$4975.04               |
| Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit: ..... | <b><u>2183.50</u></b>   |
| <b><u>TOTAL FUNDS</u></b> .....              | <b><u>\$7158.54</u></b> |



Agreed that our next Association be held with the Samaria Church, of Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2007. Elder Larry Slone was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Shawn Dotson is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Paul Varney, 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 Little Hope Church for their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

### **SUNDAY MORNING September 3, 2006**

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

1. Elder Victor Church
2. Elder Ralph Cobb
3. Elder Curt Heath
4. Elder Randal Thornsby

Elder Raymond Stanley dismissed with song and prayer.

#### **CIRCULAR LETTER**

By: Elder Estle Hackney

To the brothers and sisters of Mates Creek Association:

The Lord has blessed me to be with you for 26 years; it is home for me. I thank God he joined me to the Old Baptists, because they took me in and showed me love, shake my hand and hug my neck. I thank God for the elders we have in Mates Creek; we have able elders who can feed sheep and lambs. I know the Lord said we have trials and troubles while we live here, but He said "In me you have peace." He said to be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world. Jesus said while I am in the world he was the light of the world; since he went away, we are the light; so brothers and sisters, we let our lights shine as we walk, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Set a good



example for those around us, for the world have their eyes on the children of God.

Brothers and Sisters, Hebrews 13: 1-2 says "let brotherly love continue"; "be careful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware." So let us be careful how we treat one another. Be good to one another, loving one another, helping one another. That is good in the sight of God.

So, in my closing remarks, I thank God for my brothers and sisters here at Old Mates Creek Association.

Your brother in Hope,  
Elder Estle Hackney

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

**LOUISA:** Joe Slone, Keene Slone, Ireland Adkins, Kenneth Slone.

Alternate: Rodney Worrix

**OLD POND:** Cecil Hatfield, Walter Rutherford, Michael Elswick, Roland T. Varney.

Alternate: None

**BIG CREEK:** Wade Smith, Hershell Stevens, Lawrence Elswick, John Jacobs.

Alternate: Onis Smith

**RACCOON:** Monroe Justice, Otis Thacker, Herman Coleman, Bruce Coleman.

Alternate: Joe Slone

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

Alternate: Steve Kender

**SULPHUR SPRING:** Brian Moore, Arthur May, Estle Hackney, Ronald Moore.

Alternate: Larry Mounts

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

Alternate: Frank Ball

**GRAPEVINE:** Timothy Slone, Donald Justice, Noah Slone, Leon Adkins.

Alternate: Argel Kendrick



**SAMARIA:** Ray Slone, Gennis Smith, Ernie Justice, Fonso McIntosh.

Alternate: Larry Slone

**FEDS CREEK:** Ricky Blair, Monroe Justice, Bob Worrix

Alternate: None

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

Alternate: James Clyde Ball

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

Alternate: Ricky Ratliff

**DRY FORK:** Harold Cline, Vester Runyons, Darrin Compton, Estle Hackney.

Alternate: Estle VanDyke

**FRIENDSHIP:** Arnold Hicks, Troy Wheeler, David May, Michael Elswick.

Alternate: Elmer Thacker

**COLUMBUS:** Arthur Coleman, Richard Justice, Roger Blackburn, Lundy Coleman.

Alternate: Paris Blackburn

**DEERFIELD:** Danny May, Martin Ball, Harold Blackburn, John Holyfield.

Alternate: Jackie Davis, Jr.

**PLEASANT HILL:** Jackie Scott, Ballard Bryant, Greg Moore.

Alternate: None

**NEW HOPE:** Walter Sullivan, James Hackney, Kenneth Chapman, William Dotson.

Alternate: None

### VISITING ELDERS

Roy L. Adams  
Dallas Adams, Jr.

110 Dallas Drive, Eolia, KY 40826  
968 Sergeant Rd,

Whitesburg, KY 41858-7841

Vance Jones

3460 Highway 268 East,  
Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

David A. Edwards  
Arnold F. Childress

66 Bren Lane, Lambsburg, VA 24351  
15242 Peaceful Valley Rd.,  
Abingdon, VA 24210-8114

Garnell Gilbert

Rt. 1, Box 192, Vansant, VA 24656



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| Louie Howard       | 1085 Coon Creek Rd,<br>Salyersville, KY 41465      |
| George Ben Combs   | P.O. Box 1089, Lebanon, VA 24266                   |
| Victor N. Church   | 8839 Maple Rd., Pound, VA 24279                    |
| Trillis Adams      | 24 Angler Road, Eolia, KY 40826                    |
| Corbin Hampton     | 190 Tate Hampton Rd, Eolia, KY 40826               |
| Buford Deel        | 413 Contractors Ln, 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        |
| Rodney Hamilton    | 249 Ky. Rt. 3224, River, KY 41254                  |
| Ked Stacy          | P.O. Box 65, Wolford, VA 24654                     |
| Clarence Bowman    | 2086 Greensboro St. Ext.,<br>Lexington, NC 27295   |
| Ralph L. Cobb      | 35053 Quail Road, Callahan, FL 32011               |
| Donovan Finch      | HC-62, Box 795, Salyersville, KY 41465             |
| Jerry Howard       | 2305 Buffalo Creek Rd., Salyersville, KY 41465     |
| Curt Heath         | 32077 Omega Lane, Meadowview, VA 24361             |
| Noah K. Edwards    | 7744 Scott Roberson Rd., Wise, VA 24293            |
| Joshua Viers       | Box 22343, Greenspring Road,<br>Abingdon, VA 24210 |
| Joe Edwards        | 659 Newberry Ridge, Clintwood, VA 24228            |
| Riley Grigsby      | 50 Orchard Lane, Ary, KY 41712                     |
| David Gambill      | 344 Williams Branch Rd., Hazard, KY 41701          |
| Barrett McGlothlin | Route 1, Box 164, Vansant, VA 24656                |

### **CHURCH**

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

### **MODERATOR**

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

### **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  
April, 2nd Saturday



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| Calvary       | David A. Thacker | June, 1st Saturday  |
| Dry Fork      | Shawn Dotson     | May, 2nd Saturday   |
| Friendship    | Michael Elswick  | 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**

|                   |  |              |
|-------------------|--|--------------|
| Opa Thacker       | 2405 St. Rt. 131, Goshen, OH 45122             | 513-625-7705 |
| Michael Smith     | 38 Cool Lane, Sidney, KY 41564                 | 606-353-7757 |
| Lundy Coleman     | 14230 Havens Corner Rd,<br>Pataskala, OH 43062 | 740-927-4603 |
| Elmer Brown       | Rt. 1, Box 476, Vansant, VA 24656              | 276-597-8404 |
| Robert Worrix     | 1087 Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501     | 606-432-1752 |
| Paul Dean Justice | 4656 Raccoon Rd., Pikeville, KY 41557          | 606-437-6937 |
| Elmer Thacker     | 948 Coeburn Hollow Rd., Huddy, KY 41535        | 606-353-7106 |
| David Coleman     | 2497 Lower Pompey Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562     | 606-437-6829 |
| John Jacobs       | 16 Thornsbury Lane, Canada, KY 41519           | 606-353-0622 |
| Arthur May        | P.O. Box 308, Hurley, VA 24620                 | 276-566-7589 |
| Paul Varney       | 95 Prater Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501           | 606-432-9942 |
| Harrison Smith    | 48 Cow Branch, Phelps, KY 41553                | 606-456-7144 |
| R.T. Thacker      | HCR 75, Box 4540, Wellington, KY 40387         | 606-768-3894 |



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| Paris Blackburn    | 13290 Trenton Rd., Galena, OH 43021<br>740-965-1484             |
| Ernest Blair       | 405 Laurel Fork Rd., Steele, KY 41566<br>606-835-4815           |
| Walter Sullivan    | P.O. Box 47, Pinsonfork, KY 41555<br>606-353-4753               |
| Jimmy Lee Smith    | Phelps, KY 41553 606-456-7827                                   |
| J.C. Hager         | 7138 Brittwood Ln., Flint, MI 48507<br>810-232-4173             |
| Noah Slone         | 842 Red Creek Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501<br>606-437-7551          |
| David B. May       | 2155 Stratton Fork Rd., Canada, KY 41519<br>606-353-8045        |
| Stirl Eddie Harris | 4345 Long Branch Rd.,<br>Turkey Creek, KY 41514<br>606-237-4879 |
| Greg Moore         | 8881 Canoe Dr., Galloway, OH 43119<br>614-870-6307              |
| Onis Smith         | 2664 Meathouse Rd., Canada, KY 41519<br>606-353-9373            |
| Virgil Smith       | Pinsonfork, KY 41555 606-353-4761                               |
| Randal Thornsbery  | P.O. Box 154, Huddy, KY 41535<br>606-353-9234                   |
| David A. Thacker   | 2865 Stratton Fork Rd.,<br>Canada, KY 41519 606-353-9887        |
| Michael Elswick    | 106 Stanley Lane, Canada, KY 41519<br>606-353-4207              |
| Luther Minnix      | 2265 Murray Rd., Danville, MI 48819<br>517-623-6449             |
| Lonnie Worrix      | 57749 U.S. Hwy. 50, McArthur, OH 45651<br>740-596-2539          |
| Allen Coleman      | Raccoon, KY 41557 606-432-6184                                  |
| David Jacobs       | 4620 Pineridge Dr., Stow, OH 44224<br>330-929-7533              |
| Monroe Justice     | P.O. Box 74, Canada, KY 41519<br>606-353-7326                   |
| Richard Tucker     | 127 Raccoon Road, Raccoon, KY 41557<br>606-432-0245             |
| Kenneth Chapman    | P.O. Box 52 Pinsonfork, KY 41555<br>606-353-9292                |



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| Frank J. Ball    | 519 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555<br>606-353-7257        |
| James T. Dotson  | 9400 Crowl Rd., DeGraff, OH 43318<br>937-585-2955              |
| Argle Kendrick   | P.O. Box 3334, Pikeville, KY 41502<br>606-437-0602             |
| Estle Hackney    | 325 Flannery Br. Rd., Mouthcard, KY 41548<br>606-835-0129      |
| Raymond Stanley  | 2507 Road Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564<br>606-353-0810           |
| Steve Kender     | 86 Cow Branch Rd., Phelps, KY 41553<br>606-456-0947            |
| Junior Barton    | 2839 Grace Ave., Dayton, OH 45420<br>937-259-0944              |
| Robbie Worrix    | 1111 Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501<br>606-437-6084     |
| Todd Thacker     | 437 Pine Fk. Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562<br>606-437-5320          |
| Jeff Dotson      | 2275 Left Fk. Blackberry Rd.,<br>Ransom, KY 41558 606-427-9066 |
| Shawn Dotson     | 2253 Left Fk. Blackberry Rd.,<br>Ransom, KY 41558 606-427-7274 |
| Brian Moore      | HC 67 Box 18D, Oakwood, VA 24631<br>276-935-4360               |
| Barry Thacker    | 747 Hurricane Rd., Kimper, KY 41539<br>606-631-9176            |
| Chalmer Bentey   | 4005 Brook Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40306                      |
| Ricky Worrix     | 201 Left Penhook Rd., Harold, KY 41635<br>606-478-5337         |
| Larry Slone      | P.O. Box 218, Hardy, KY 41531<br>606-353-7121                  |
| James Clyde Ball | P.O. Box 2586, Abingdon, VA 24212<br>276-628-8694              |
| Rufford Howell   | 2892 Lowell Dr., Columbus, OH 43224<br>614-276-4730            |
| Licentiates:     |  |
| Gary Thacker     | 404 Pine Fork Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41501<br>606-432-1663         |
| Rodney Worrix    | 230 Clay Lane, Richmond, KY 40475<br>859-619-1549              |



## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

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| <b>LOUISA</b>          | Bradley Worrix, Jr. Clerk<br>P.O. Box 344, 1 North Cross Road<br>Allen, KY 41601..... | 75  |
| <b>OLD POND</b>        | Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk<br>P.O. Box 001, Forest Hills, KY 41527.....                  | 100 |
| <b>BIG CREEK</b>       | Wade Smith, Clerk<br>2003 Pigeon Roost Road<br>Canada, KY 41519-8312.....             | 150 |
| <b>RACCOON</b>         | Jeff Belcher, Clerk<br>451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562.....                        | 175 |
| <b>PETER CREEK</b>     | Randall D. Smith, Clerk<br>412 Staggerweed Fork<br>Phelps, KY 41553.....              | 100 |
| <b>SULPHUR SPRINGS</b> | Ronald Moore, Clerk<br>HC67, Box 16A<br>Oakwood, VA 24631-9607.....                   | 75  |
| <b>LITTLE HOPE</b>     | Frank J. Ball, Clerk<br>519 Ball Fork Road<br>Pinsonfork, KY 41555.....               | 60  |
| <b>GRAPEVINE</b>       | Donald Justice<br>13593 Grapevine Road<br>Phyllis, KY 41554.....                      | 50  |
| <b>SAMARIA</b>         | Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk<br>8380 State Hwy. 1056<br>McCarr, KY 41544-8302.....       | 175 |
| <b>FEDS CREEK</b>      | Ernest Blair, Clerk<br>405 Laurel Fork Road<br>Steele, KY 41566.....                  | 50  |
| <b>JOHNS CREEK</b>     | Carl Coleman, Jr., Clerk<br>3243 Long Fork Road<br>Kimper, KY 41539.....              | 85  |
| <b>CALVARY</b>         | Barry Thacker, Clerk<br>747 Hurricane Creek Road<br>Kimper, KY 41539.....             | 100 |



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| <b>DRY FORK</b>          | Ruth Maynard, Clerk<br>Route 3, Box 198, Grundy, VA 24614 ..... 75                |
| <b>FRIENDSHIP</b>        | Martin Childers, Clerk<br>Thelma, KY 41260 ..... 25                               |
| <b>COLUMBUS</b>          | Sandra Harris, Clerk<br>14250 Haven's Corner Road<br>Pataskala, OH 43062..... 100 |
| <b>DEERFIELD</b>         | Barbara Holyfield, Clerk<br>3033 Woodlawn St.<br>Walled Lake, MI 48390 ..... 70   |
| <b>PLEASANT<br/>HILL</b> | Ann Barton, Clerk<br>2839 Grace Ave.<br>Dayton, OH 45420 ..... 60                 |
| <b>NEW HOPE</b>          | William Dotson, Clerk<br>95 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555..... 40           |

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENCE**

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| <b>MT. ZION</b>                | Deacon Randolph Miller, Clerk<br>Rt. 1, Box 58, Union, WV 24983..... 25              |
| <b>UNION</b>                   | Elder Corbin Hampton, Clerk<br>190 Tate Hampton Road<br>Eolia, KY 40826 ..... 25     |
| <b>BURNING<br/>SPRINGS</b>     | Elder Jerry Brown, Moderator<br>11479 Highway 172<br>West Liberty, KY 41472 ..... 25 |
| <b>SAND LICK-<br/>VA</b>       | Deacon Johnny Viers, Clerk<br>Rt. 2, Box 648<br>Haysi, VA 24256 ..... 25             |
| <b>LITTLE<br/>YADKIN RIVER</b> | Elder Rodney Marshall, Clerk<br>1140 Old Orchard Road<br>Westfield, NC 27053..... 25 |
| <b>ST. CLAIRS<br/>DISTRICT</b> | Deacon Blaine Owens<br>103 Jefferson Drive<br>Bristol, VA 24201 ..... 25             |
| <b>MOUNTAIN</b>                | Roy L. Truitt, Clerk<br>102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333..... 25                   |



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| <b>FISHER'S<br/>RIVER</b> | Elder Avery Branch, Clerk<br>202 Poplar Springs Rd.<br>Elkin, NC 28621 ..... | 25 |
| <b>WASHINGTON</b>         | Elder Darrell Davis, Clerk<br>140 Wampler Road<br>Bristol, TN 37620 .....    | 25 |
| <b>PINEY GROVE</b>        | Deacon Osley Joyce, Clerk<br>1491 K-Fork Road<br>Madison, NC 27025 .....     | 25 |
| <b>SAND LICK-<br/>KY</b>  | Victor Jones, Clerk<br>575 Bethel Church Road<br>Hardshell, KY 41348 .....   | 25 |

### **DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO INDIVIDUALS**

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| <b>Moderator</b>                                | Elder Randal Thornsby<br>P.O. Box 154, Huddy, KY 41535 .....                 | 25          |
| <b>Asst.<br/>Moderator</b>                      | Elder David A. Thacker<br>2864 Stratton Fork Road<br>Canada, KY 41519.....   | 25          |
| <b>Clerk</b>                                    | Deacon Leslie Hatfield<br>8380 State Hwy. 1056<br>McCarr, KY 41544-8302..... | 106         |
| <b>Asst. Clerk</b>                              | Deacon Lonnie Simpkins<br>HC 81 Box 40-BC, Matewan, WV 25678.....            | 12          |
|   | Vernon Napier<br>8519 Old Stage Road<br>Waynesville, OH 45068 .....          | 12          |
|   | Elder Arthur May<br>P.O. Box 308<br>Hurley, VA 24620 .....                   | 25          |
|   | Lillian Lester<br>P.O. Box 354, Big Rock, VA 24603 .....                     | 30          |
| <b><u>TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE .....</u></b> |  | <b>2075</b> |



# OBITUARIES

## GEORGE CARL VANDYKE



George Carl Vandyke, 93 years of age, Vansant, VA, died Friday, May 26, 2006 at his home, following an extended illness.

Born in Buchanan County, VA, he was the son of the late Arthur and Polly Ann Sisk Vandyke. He was a lifelong resident of Buchanan County and a member of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church for 38 years, where he served as a Deacon for over 30 years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a heavy equipment operator and foreman for Jewell Smokeless Coal Corp. for more than 20 years, where he retired in the late 70's. He was also a professional bowler.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Virgie Mae Dill, June 2, 1973. Four sisters: Mary Cox, Martha Street, Pauline Copenhaver and Ruth Viers; one brother, Linkous Vandyke; Son in law, Larry Mullins.

He is survived by his second wife, Crissie Mullins Hess Vandyke; two daughters: Janice Mullins Barkley of Vansant, VA and Carol and husband, David J. Keen of Bluefield, VA. Two sons: Sonny and wife Geneva Vandyke of Row, VA and Jimmy and wife Betty Jane Vandyke of Beaver Creek, Ohio. Two sisters: Belle Anderson of Vansant, VA and Cindy Auxter of Fremont, Ohio. Three brothers: Clarence, Estle, and Junior Vandyke and wife Martha, all of Vansant, VA. Seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, May 29, at Grundy Funeral Home Chapel with Evgs. Scott Vandyke and William Neely officiating. Burial followed in Family Cemetery on Baldwin Mountain with Full Military Rites by members of John Ratliff Post 164 of the American Legion.



## JAMES EDWARD TURNMIRE



With tearful eyes and trembling hands I write this obituary of a wonderful man I was lucky enough to have as my father-in-law and love as my father, James Turnmire. Daddy was born April 28, 1942 in Pike County, KY and passed peacefully on December 13, 2005 at his home surrounded by his family

He was a retired foreman with McCoy Elkhorn Coal, member of the Fishtrap Sportsman Club and a member and Deacon of Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robie and Maxie Chapman Turnmire and 4 brothers.

Left to mourn his passing is the love of life and wife of 41 years: Gaynell Anderson Turnmire; one son, Mark Edward Turnmire; one daughter, Michelle Turnmire Hurley and 3 grandsons: Joshua Mark Turnmire, Matthew James Turnmire and Dalton Dewayne Hurley; 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

Daddy taught us through his words and actions the meaning of love, honesty, hard work and making sacrifices. We have been truly blessed to have had such a good husband and father. We are so very thankful that he is now in Heaven free of any pain and suffering. His spirit still lives on in his grandsons. The boys may have only had him for a short while, but he gave them a lifetime of love, teachings, and memories. Not a day passes that they don't talk about him or do something that reminds us of him.

Thank you Daddy.....

*-Written by your daughter-in-law,  
Billie Turnmire*



## CECIL E. HATFIELD



This is the obituary of my loving husband that I write with much sadness. Cecil was born on Aug. 10, 1931 and passed away June 30, 2006. He was 74 years old. He was the son of the late Thurman and Bessie (Smith) Hatfield. He was also preceded in death by his first wife Vina (Johnson) Hatfield, two sisters, two brothers and one great-grandchild.

Cecil was a retired coal miner with Eastern Coal Co. and a proud member of Local Union 5737 of the United Mine Workers. He was also an avid fox hunter which he enjoyed for most of his life.

Cecil was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. Cecil loved doing for the church as long as he was able. He loved people and loved doing for others.

Cecil is survived by me, his wife, Cheri (Hall) Hatfield; two sons, Gary (Yvonne) Hatfield and Gerald (Lucy) Hatfield; three daughters, Sharon (Paul) Coleman, North Matewan, W. Va., Bessie (Buddy) Fields and Valerie (David) Smith of Ransom; two stepsons, John (Jonica) Stanley of Belfry, Ky., Mickey Stanley of Tennessee; one stepdaughter, Heather (Jeremy) Brinager of Carrollton, Oh. Two sisters, Mabel Staggs of Ransom and Barbara Runyon of Morehead, Ky. He is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Cecil was a good man, a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by me, his children, grandchildren and a host of many friends. He will also be missed by all the members of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church.

I can sadly say sleep on to my loving husband, until we meet again.

*-Written by his loving wife,  
Cheri Hatfield*



## TOMMY LESTER



I was blessed to have my daddy for 46 years and with a sorrowful but hopeful heart I write this obituary, always in the hope of meeting him again someday.

Tommy Lester (daddy) was born on November 26, 1937 and went home to be with the Lord on August 5, 2006, making his stay here 68 years, 8 months, and 9 days. He was a faithful member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church of Kelsa, Virginia where he was the oldest standing deacon. He and mom traveled to many churches over the years in North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, Florida, and Michigan with Elder Johnny Blackburn when they were able to go. He attended the church associations and always believed and stood up for the church constitution and what was right within his little church at Kelsa.

Daddy was a disabled coal miner by profession, but in his life he had succeeded in many areas: gardening and farming, cattleman, auto mechanic, block layer, as well as being a good brother, father, grandpa, and homebuilder. Anyone who has visited his home could see all the talent he had which is in the home he built with his two hands. He had raised 8 great kids in it and spent fifty years with his wife, most of them being in this home. In addition to his 8 kids he had 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Tommy was one of fifteen children born to George W. and Elizabeth (Hackney) Lester. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one son: Tommy Lester, Jr., one daughter-in-law: Cindy Renee Lester, one grand-daughter: Brittany Renee Lester, two sisters: Ethel Justus and Pinky Lester, four brothers: Earl, James, Hassell, and Troy Lester. Also, a special little friend: Ashley Dawn Stiltner.

Tommy is survived by his wife: Lillian Mae (Thornsburg) Lester, four daughters: Barbara Kay and husband Jimmy Grifey, and Moudie (Liz) Lester of Mouthcard, Ky., Connie Jean Stiltner of Bristol, Tenn., and Teresa Ann and husband John L.



Dotson of Big Rock, Va.; three sons: George Thomas and wife Elizabeth Lester, James Christopher and wife Sarah (Jane) Lester, and Michael Wayne and wife Shirley Lester all of Big Rock, Va., three sisters: Edna Ling of Big Rock, Va., Matilda Quinley and Martha Charles of Grundy, Va., five brothers: George Lester, Jr. of Grundy, Va., Tolby, Robert, and Jackson Lester all of Big Rock, Va., and Ira Lester of Steele, Ky., 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Our dad was always good to everyone and we as his children would hope if we could only be half as good as our father was, then we have accomplished something in our life and we will strive to walk in the path he laid for us. In his last month of his life, we spent so much time with him and he always saw himself after leaving the earth. We that are left behind can only hope to see what he saw and in our death leave this earth as peaceful as he did. I, myself, know how blessed I was to have been honored with such a great dad. Mom and my brothers and sisters will all cherish these memories till the day we will all meet him again. The Lord has made a good choice and now dad will be with our dear brother. Dad never got over the loss of our brother and his little daughter and would always look at her picture and tell mom how sad she looked. Now we are the ones looking sad and little Brittany is so happy sitting on her papaw's knee.

*In Loving Memory of our husband, father and grandpa  
Written by: Teresa Dotson, his daughter*

### **VERNON GENE GOFF**

**March 13, 1955—March 25, 2006**



It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my brother and friend, Vernon Gene Goff.

Vernon was born March 13, 1955, to the late Blake and Florida Daniels Goff. He was the youngest of eight children. He was born with poor health. He lived with asthma for several years but grew to overcome it. He attended Johns Creek School until junior high school. He then moved to Millard to live with



his sister, where he met and wed Herman Elesia Thacker. To this union were born four children: Marion Jeanette, Herman Blake, Jolene Mandy, and Vernon Atherton. Vernon worked hard to provide for his family. He had several jobs, mostly mechanic work. The one he enjoyed most was working for Wayne Supply. He was working there when he found out he had diabetes. The doctors made quit work because of his health. Later on his diabetes got so bad he developed renal failure, high blood pressure, and congestive heart failure and had to have some amputations to his feet. He was on dialysis for almost four years. Altogether he fought his battle for some twenty-five years.

On March 25, 2006, Vernon left us to go be with JESUS, making his stay on GOD'S footstool fifty-one years and twelve days. He was preceded in death by one son, Vernon Atherton and by one sister, Dorles Mae, by three brothers: Johnny Atherton, Carnes Edward and Elmer Lloyd.

Vernon is survived by two daughters: Marion Gibson of Varney, Kentucky, and Jolene Abbott of Kimper, Kentucky, and one son, Herman Blake of Raccoon, Kentucky, by two sisters: Colene Bevins and Gail May both of Raccoon, Kentucky and by one brother, Paul Blake, of Raccoon, Kentucky. He is also survived by one aunt, Lona Varney, of Raccoon, Kentucky, and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

Vernon was laid to rest March 28, 2006, in the Blake Goff Family Cemetery, where he will rest until the second coming of the LORD.

By his Almighty Grace, we hope to join them in that great Family Reunion in the morning where there'll be no more partings, no more sorrow, and no more pain.

*-Written by his lonesome and brokenhearted  
brother and friend, Paul*



**In Memory Of  
MR. MORLAND JACKSON (VIRGIL) ROSE**



September 26, 1934-February 7, 2006. Services were 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2006 at Singleton Funeral Service Chapel, Cedar Bluff, Virginia, with Elder Frank Viers, Elder Bobby Rose, and Elder Henry Price officiating. His grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial in Greenhills Memory Gardens, Claypool Hill, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by Parents: Tivis and Effie Perrigan Rose. Sons: Jackie Rose and Ricky Lynn Rose. Brothers: Earl Rose, Gerald Rose and Burlin Rose. One Infant Sister.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Farmer Rose. Sons: Bobby Rose and wife Yvonne, Virgil Rose and wife Shannon, Darrell Wayne Rose, Brian Rose and wife Tammy. Daughters: Connie Burnett and husband Dave, Kathy Cantrell and husband Dennis, Molly Sue Rose, Jeannie Rogers and husband James. Brothers: James Rose and Harold Rose. Sisters: Margie Carty and Loretta Hamilton. 24 Grandchildren and 9 Great-Grandchildren.

**In Loving Memory of  
RALPH DOUGLAS ANDERSON  
September 18, 1928-July 3, 2005**



On July 3, 1948 Ralph married Hester McCoy. He departed from this life on July 3, 2005 on their 57th Wedding Anniversary. He was the son of the late Carl and Gernie (Bevins) Anderson. Ralph and Hester had three children: Karen Kay Justice (Jerry), Sharon Gail (Mike) Daniels, and Randal Douglas (Lois Morris) Anderson. They have 7 grandchildren: Dedra Leemae, Jennifer Collette, Michelle, Blaina Elizabeth, Amie Kay, Christopher



Douglas, and Craig David. They also have 8 great-grandchildren: Robbie, Emmalee, Bacchus, Dustin, Tyler, Dakota Dale, Jernie Kaylee, and Curtis David. He was preceded in death by 2 brothers: James David and Kenneth, and 1 sister: Margie Helen. He is survived by 4 brothers: Bruce Wilson, Raymond Carl, Harold Gene, and Chester Earl (Buster) and 6 sisters: Edna Pauline, June Juanita, Patricia Louise, Nell Ruth, Linda Ann and Judy Glennis.

He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was a retired coal miner with 35 years of service at Kentland/Pittson Coal. Ralph was a good husband and father. He is very sadly missed. We pray that he is safely home resting with Jesus.

*-We Love & Miss You,  
The Family of Ralph Anderson*

### **WILLIE THACKER**



Willie Thacker, 70, of Columbus Ohio, passed away on July 29, 2006. He was born on August 31, 1935 at Lower Pompey to the late Lee and Eliza Thacker. He was retired from Capitol Mfg. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Jessie Thacker, Mervin Thacker, and Preston Thacker, and five sisters: Mary Conway, Lula Thacker, Bertha Pinson, Ida Justice, Maggie Slone. He is survived by two sons: Wendell and Randell Thacker of Columbus, Ohio.

Five grandchildren: Danny, Tracy, Jonathan, Sue, and Kellie. Two brothers: Woodrow and Elmer Thacker.

Willie often talked about his friends and family from Lower Pompey. He will sadly be missed by his family and friends. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 5, 2006 at the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church and conducted by Lucas and Son's Funeral Home. He was laid to rest at the Coleman Cemetery at lower Pompey. We want to thank everyone for everything they done for our family during this time.

*-Written by Wendell, Trish, and Randell Thacker*



## WOODROW W. RAMEY



This is the obituary of my precious husband of 64 years. Woodrow was born January 19, 1919 at McAndrews, Ky. He passed away July 30, 2006. He was 87 years old.

Woodrow was a son to the late G.C. and Octavia Ramey. He was also preceded in death by three brothers: Estil, Paul, and Raymond Ramey.

Woodrow is survived by me, his wife, Kathleen (Chapman) Ramey, one daughter: Diania (John) Kowynia of Slater's Branch, Ky. Three brothers: Edgar of Huddy, Luther (Frances) Ramey of McAndrews, Ky., G.C. (Squire) and Carlotta Ramey of Slater's Branch, Ky. and a host of nieces and nephews.

Woodrow was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church since July 1999. He also was a World War II Army veteran.

He loved to sit at the Mall and talk to his many friends. He was loved by all who knew him. He had a kind heart to help them that were in need.

I feel that a great part of me is gone for he was a loving husband. I believe he is just asleep for a little while, till we meet again.

*"Sadly written by his Wife"*

*Kathleen Ramey*



## BRYAN DESKINS



Bryan Deskins, 96, of Belfry, Ky., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005 at Williamson Memorial Hospital.

He was born Dec. 14, 1909, at Johns Creek, Ky., the son of Thomas and Sally Davis Deskins.

Mr. Deskins was also preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Deskins; four brothers, Troy, Leif, Boone and Tid Deskins; and two sisters, Lola and Blanche Deskins.

He was a retired truck driver, a U.S. World War II veteran, stationed with the U.S. Air Force in England, and member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church for 30 years.

Survivors include one son, Kenneth Bryan (Lori) Deskins of Turkey Creek, Ky.; one daughter, Sandra Kay (Charley) Myers of Turkey Creek, Ky.; one sister, Hazel Reed of Orlando, Fla.; and five grandchildren, Shane Myers, Bryana, Kendra, Dalton and Ashton Deskins.

He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, and a very special friend, Jack Blackburn, manager of Food City; and three special doctors, Dr. Tampoya of the Veterans Clinic and Dr. Vyas and Dr. Ali.

Funeral Services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, at Rogers Funeral Home in Belfry, Ky., with ministers Mike Smith, Mike Elswick and Raymond Stanley officiating. Burial followed in Deskins Cemetery at Meta, Ky.

Military graveside rites were conducted by the Belfry Chapter No. 141 of the Disabled American Veterans.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

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



**EDWIN RAY (EDDIE) BLACKBURN**  
**1938-2005**



Edwin Ray (Eddie) Blackburn was born in Pike Co., Ky., Oct. 13, 1938 to the late Hansel and Blanche Blackburn of McCarr, Ky. He passed away at home in Corinth, Ky. On September 1, 2005 after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carol; two sons, Rick and Jim; one daughter, Heather; a sister, (Walter Clinton) Kathy Layne; a brother, Jack, and the loves of his life his grandchildren, Audrey, Chase, Jessica, Mandy, and Breann. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert.

Eddie was a retired butcher. He worked as a butcher for 50 years. When he wasn't working, those who knew him, knew he was either going to be reading the newspaper, watching the news, complaining about the president or watching UK sports. You also knew to let him watch UK sports alone because no one was out of the line of fire. One Christmas his grandson Chase thought it would be funny to get Papaw and Tennessee hat. He told Chase the next summer he wore that hat out to mow the grass and three people shot at him before he could get back in the house.

For those of us who knew and loved him, he will be greatly missed. We will miss his sense of humor, not knowing what witty words of wisdom were going to come out of his mouth next. We are going to miss our husband, father, grandfather, and brother but most of all, we are going to miss our friend.

*-Written by his daughter,  
Heather*



## **GLEN EDWARD COLEMAN**



It is with much sadness that the family of Glen Edward Coleman writes this obituary.

Glen Edward Coleman began his journey in life on April 29, 1935. He entered his Heavenly home on October 18, 2003 after a battle with cancer. His father, Dewy Coleman, was killed in an auto accident before his birth and his mother, Polly Thacker Coleman Slone, died a few years after. Also, two half-sisters, Christine Slone (Homer) Coleman and Mary Magdalene Slone, whom he died shortly after birth. His first-born, Barbara Sue Coleman, and his third son, Darrell Wayne Coleman, his grandparents that raised him, Alleyfare and Joel Thacker, precede him in death also.

Glen and Ethelene entered into marriage on May 20, 1955. They raised 5 children, Nedra Gay Coleman (Danny) Scott and Rita Carol Coleman (Steve) Bevins, Glen Dale (Crystal) Coleman, Gary Douglas (Joann) Coleman and Dexter Gene (Meloney) Coleman. He had 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Glen was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church. His love for his family and friends spilled over to all that knew him. He always had a smile on his face; a prayer in his heart and a song to sing for all that knew him. He was a loving husband and a wonderful father, and is greatly missed by all.



## **LANDON HARVEY COLLINS**

We sadly regret to write this about our dear father and husband.

Landon Harvey Collins, age 68 of Sunshine Lane of Kimper, passed away at 4:10 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2006. He was born June 28, 1937, the son of Mart and Effie Collins. Landon was a coal miner most of his life at Kentland Elkhorn Coal Company, and was a proud member of United Mine



Workers of America Local 8588. He was a member of Varney Branch Primitive Baptist Church. Landon worked hard to provide a good home and life for his family and will forever be loved for his years as a great husband, brother, father, and grandfather. He was a very well-known and liked man in his community. Most people knew him as "L.H." or Little Hetherin. He and his son had a special name they called one another, which was "Skip". Grandchildren affectionately called him "Papaw." After an extended illness, Landon went peacefully home to the Lord on May 15, 2006. A few days prior he had told his son that he was going home. Although his family and many others will miss him deeply, he will no longer suffer. He spent 68 years here on earth, but now he has eternal life. We are very saddened by his passing, but we hope we can all meet again someday. His final resting place will be Bentrige Cemetery.

*-Written by his wife, Ethel Collins, and Children*

### HAZEL EDWARDS



The family has asked that I write the obituary for my dear, precious aunt, so if it be God's will, with His help, I will try. Hazel( Colley) Edwards was born near Haysi, in Dickenson County, Virginia, on May 29, 1912, and departed this life on Saturday night, October 22, 2005. Aunt Hazel was blessed with a long life, her beautiful light shining 93 years, 4 monts, and 23 days. She was the daughter of James H. and Polly Anne (Edwards) Colley.

Hazel married Leslie Edwards on August 15, 1933, and from this blessed and happy union six children blossomed and grew: their one-and-only daughter: Merle (Edwards) Deel (Abingdon, Virginia): and five sons: Donald Edwards (Baileyton, Alabama), Gerald Edwards (Madison Heights, Michigan), Buford Edwards (Troy, Michigan), Benford Edwards (Ball Ground, Georgia), and Jimmy Edwards (Dryden, Michigan). Survivors in addition to their sons are one brother: Fred



Colley (New York); one sister: Kelsie Willis (Haysi, Virginia); 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Preceding Aunt Hazel in death, in addition to her parents were: her beloved husband: Leslie; their daughter: Merle; one grandson: Ronnie Edwards; four brothers: Ray, Tolby, Caudill, and Noah Caulden; and seven sisters: Barbara (Barb), Ruby, Genoa, Verna, Alta, Gracie, and Corrie.

In the 1940s Aunt Hazel became a member of Sandlick Primitive Baptist Church. She and Uncle Leslie loved old Baptist doctrine and attended their home church until they moved to Michigan in the late 1960s. After settling in Madison Heights, trips down South were few. Neither felt up to traveling much-so close to home they stayed, delighting in each other's company and the life they shared. Visitors would laugh as Hazel or Leslie would tell with a smile and a twinkle in their eye of the latest joke one had played on the other. Whether in the suburbs or up in the holler, love and laughter were plentiful at Aunt Hazel's and Uncle Leslie's. It nurtured their babies when they were young, warmed their home as their hair turned grey, and brightened the lives of all who were blessed to ever know them.

I recall a wooden frame hanging from the ceiling in winter and Aunt Hazel hard at work stitching with such care the many pieces of a brand new quilt. In memory I see her as she crocheted countless afghans, scarves, table cloths, baby blankets, or sweater sets for newborns-all treasured gifts to those near and dear to her. A cherished memory comes to mind as I wander back through the pages of time. She's in a straight-backed wooden chair, most of the youngen's and me gathered 'round. Slowly, shyly, she strums a few chords, then the sweetest voice begins to sing as her fingers make that old mandolin ring.

Living in the city brought many changes to this precious couple. Uncle Leslie once used to driving on rural back country roads now dreaded the thought of getting behind the wheel in all the city traffic. Now our Aunt Hazel, she bravely decides to conquer her fears, picks up the phone and calls a local driving school so she can start taking lessons. Uncle Leslie told her if she'd learn how to drive, he'd buy **her** a car. She did **and** he



**did!** Now he didn't have to worry, **she** could chauffer him around town! Can you believe it, this little grandmother, great-grandmother even, driving in of all places-Motor City, USA? She was so incredible! To know her-was to love her-and to admire her. Her home was her castle, Leslie her king, Merle the darling princess, and her sons, well, each was a prince to her. Her castle had doors open wide with room for all that chose to come, especially so it seemed for that little girl just up the holler who thought the sun rose and set just down around the bend.

Aunt Hazel left us a legacy of love, laughter, music, and song. Her walk among us showing forth not only love for the Lord, but a very deep devotion to her husband, family and friends. This legacy will live on and on within each of us each time cherished memories come to mind. Aunt Hazel's race has ended. We are separated for the present, but with hope, sweet hope, one day we will meet in a better land far away from this old troublesome world. Right now, in my heart and mind, I picture Aunt Hazel and Uncle Leslie, their spirits reunited, hand-in-hand, in glorious praise, round the great white throne. In this world, we have our troubles, sickness comes-and sorrow too, but someday, if it be God's will, He will take us to that wonderful place where we'll meet never to cry or part no more.

Written in memory of my precious aunt with special love and thankfulness to God for the cherished memories and strong family bond that I have shared with Aunt Hazel, Uncle Leslie and their children. What a blessing it has been to me to be a part of their lives. May our loving Savior mend your broken hearts and comfort you with His love.

*-Diann Owens*

On behalf of the family, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Deerfield Church and everyone who has so lovingly stood by not only in this time of grief, but throughout Aunt Hazel's declining health and the loss of her beloved companion, be it with prayer, visitation, a helping hand, kind word, gentle hug or warm smile. Each expression of love and concern no matter how small touched our hearts and made Aunt Hazel's last days brighter. From our hearts to yours, thank you. A special thank you to Elder J.C. Hager and Elder Victor Quick for their comforting sermons and beautiful songs as we laid our sweet, precious one to rest.



## VIRGIE MAY YOUNG



The call came for another angel's voice to sing in the courts of glory. And that call was answered by our sister in the flesh, a sister in Christ, and a friend to all who knew her.

Virgie Mae Young was born August 18, 1918. She was the daughter of the late James Bazel and Daisy Dotson May. She was called from our midst on Thursday, June 22, 2006, making her stay here 87 years, 10 months and 6 days. She was preceded in death by her par-

ents and her husband, Roosevelt Young on September 4, 1997; a son, James Arthur Young; two grand-daughters, who died during child birth; and a grandson, Alex Write, who was 18 years old; a great-granddaughter; 6 sisters: Margie Ellen May, Birthie May, Sarrah Elizabeth May, Lidie May, Spencer and Minnie May, Hurley and Lucy May Justus; 4 brothers: Theodore May, Jessie James May, Joseph May, and Howard May; two sons-in-law: Herbert Blankenship and Thomas K. Hurley.

She is survived by one great-grandson and 4 daughters: Rose Mare Blankenship, Marry Ellen Justus and husband Harold Justus, Pirlie and husband Tim Deel, and Shirley (late husband Mack) Brown; 1 son, Robert Young; 19 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Elder Arthur May and Elder Herbert May; several nephews and nieces, and many friends and loved ones to mourn her passing.

Sister Virgie united with the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church in 1943 and was baptized by A.J. Blackburn and W.H. Prater. She was a faithful member until her bad health and sickness kept her from going. She loved to go to church and hear the doctrine of sovereign grace and that the atonement was made by Jesus Christ, was full and complete for every heir of promise.

Virgie had a hard time in this life, but she just went on and took care of her children; she worked hard to keep going. Her faith stayed strong in the Lord and the Savior. Virgie was a



very special lady, with 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 mother, and their love for 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 Virgie's brothers and children. While at her bedside during her last days, her children carried the bond of love their mother had 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 angel 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. I want to thank Elder Shawn Dotson, Elder Estle Hackney, Elder Brian Moore, Elder Jeff Dotson, Brother Wade Smith, and all others that come and had service for her; and she made 1 special friend, Mike Smith, whom she loved dearly.

Funeral services were held at Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church on Sunday, June 25, 2006, with Elder Estle Hackney, Elder Shawn Dotson, Elder Brian Moore, and Elder Jeff Dotson officiating. Place of interment was the May Family Cemetery. Grundy Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

*-Written by request of the family with a broken heart,  
hopefully a Brother in Christ,  
Elder Arthur May and Roscoe Muncy*



## CRECIE WALLACE DOTSON BAKER



In loving memory of a dear mother I will attempt to write this obituary.

Crezie Wallace Dotson Baker was born on December 5, 1928 and went home to be with the Lord on July 28, 2006 making her stay on earth 77 years, 7 months, and 23 days. She was a longtime member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church of Kelsa, Virginia and attended church as much as possible when she was able to do so.

Crezie was the daughter of John L. and Eveline Justus Wallace. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands: Clarence Dotson and Winford Baker; one son: Basil Junior Dotson; one stepson: Johnny Dotson; one sister: Celia McPeak; and four brothers: Paul, Robert, Quino, and Tom Wallace.

Crezie is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Avon Charles of Grundy, Va. And Mrs. Evelyn Kelly of Hillsboro, Ky.; seven sons: Cecil Henry Baker of Haysi, Va., Charles Vernon Baker, Jim Baker, Elmer Baker and Robert Lee Dotson all of Grundy, Va.; Billy Ray Dotson of Pikeville, Ky.; and John L. Dotson of Big Rock, Va.; one step-daughter: Abera Justus of Lincoln, Mich.; two sisters: Bea Mullins of Elkhorn Ky.; Eunice Hall of Floyd County, Ky.; one brother: Bill Wallace of Hiwachie, Ariz.

Crezie was a housewife, a mother to 12 children, grandmother to 19 and great-grandmother to 20. Most who knew her would say you could mark the beginning of Spring when you saw her with her dishpan and knife walking along the side of the road picking wild greens. When she got sick with the cancer and could no longer get out and do these things, she would just say "It's all in the Lord's hands" and the Lord has now taken her home to a most wonderful and beautiful place that we that are left behind can only dream about.

*-In Loving Memory of a Mother and Grandma  
Written by: Teresa Dotson (daughter-in-law)*



## PHEOBE ANN LOWE



With the greatest of sorrow and many wonderful memories, we will write an obituary of our dear mother.

Mother was the daughter of Oscar and Pakey Robinson Syck. Born May 6, 1909, she lived to be 96½ years old. On November 6, 2005, she went to live in our Savior's arms. We hated to see her leave us, but feel she is in that beautiful city.

About 1926, Mother met and married our father, Riley Collins.

There were blessed with 7 children, 4 having preceded her in death: Don Edward Collins, Oscar Jeff Collins, Mary Joyce C. Eisinger, and Riley Collins, Jr. Surviving are her 3 daughters: Patty C. Justice, Peggy C. Lowe and Norma C. Anderson. She also is survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

About 1952, she married her second husband, Harry Thacker. There were married about 29 years. Harry died in June, 1981.

Around 1982, she moved to Michigan and married Ted Lowe. Their marriage was cut short, due to illness. Ted passed away the same year.

Mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years. She loved her pastor, sister and brothers of the church so much. She looked forward to going to church and being with them.

Being widowed at an early age, Mother had to go to work to support her younger children. She was a cook for our local school. It was long before they had modern conveniences to work with. She cooked three meals a day for the teachers, as well as the students. We knew she was so tired, although she never complained. In later years she was a health care worker, working in hospitals and nursing homes.

We thank our Lord and Savior for giving us our wonderful Mother that she was for so long. There's never an hour in the day that we don't think about her. In the last few years, her



health was declining. She never knew about her son and daughter passing away. Now we think it was a blessing that she didn't know. It must have been a great reunion in Heaven when she went there.

Mother, we love you and miss you so much. We know you are resting safely in Jesus' arms.

*-Written by daughters*

*Patty Justice, Peggy Lowe, and Norma Anderson*

### **MABLE "LOU" CHAPMAN MULLINS RATLIFF**



In loving memory, I will try to write the obituary of my aunt, Mable Lou.

She was born on August 21, 1928 at Kimper, Ky. and departed this life on earth on December 29, 2005, making her stay here on earth 77 years, 4 months and eight days.

She was the daughter of the late Able Chapman and Mary Collins Chapman. Aunt Lou is survived by one living brother, Ed Chapman of Kimper, Ky.

She was a member of Calvary Primitive Baptist Church.

Aunt Lou will be missed by her brother and many nieces and nephews and friends. We hope to meet you again some day. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

*-Written by her niece, Mae Justice*



### **MINNIE MAY HURLEY**

Minnie May Hurley, 92, of Hurley, Va., died Thursday, May 4, 2006 at Buchanan General Hospital in Grundy following a brief illness.

Born in Buchanan County, Va., she was the daughter of the late Basil and Daisy Dotson May. She was a member of Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, and a member of the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens.



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mailen Hurley, September 23, 1980; one son Harold Hurley, January 16, 1991; two brothers, Howard May and Older May; five sisters, Bertha May, Lucy Justus, Lydia Spencer, Margie May and Sarah May; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She is survived by five daughters: Ida Jean Hurley and Ruby Collins, both of Hurley, Mrs. Estil (Betty) Chaney of Home Creek. Lovanna Payne of Oakwood and Nell Fuller of Feds Creek, Ky.; six sons, Edgar Hurley and wife Clara, Robert Hurley and wife Brenda, Randall Hurley and wife Nancy, all of Hurley; Jimmy Hurley and wife, B J, Gary Hurley and wife Ruby Ann, and Lonnie Hurley all of Big Rock, Va.; one sister, Virgie Young of Hurley, Va.; two brothers, Arthur May and Herbert May, both of Hurley, Va.; 37 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, four step-great-great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-great-grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, May 8, 2006 at Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church at Hurley with Elders Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Brian Moore, Elmer Brown and Brother Jimmy Kerr officiating.

*-Written by daughter, Ida Jean Hurley*

### ***If You Could See Me Now***

*If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear. Though you may not understand why I'm no longer there. Remember my spirit that is the real me because I'm still very much alive. I've just been set free, oh, if you could only see! I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched my Savior's hand. All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered The Promised Land. Beyond the gates of pearl I've walked on the golden streets. I've touched walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the Crystal Sea. The beauty is beyond words and nothing could compare. I've seen your mansion and someday I'll meet you there. Let Jesus be your guide because His word will show you the way! So please don't cry because we will meet again someday!*



## CHRISTINE SMITH STACY



It is with a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear sister in Christ, Christine Smith Stacy. Christine was born Feb. 25, 1932, the daughter of Harvey and Lou Emma (Maynor) Smith, they both preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by 8 brothers and 6 sisters; and by her husband, Elder Clayton Stacy, who she married on June 10, 1950; to this union was born 5 children.

Christine is survived by one daughter, Sue Belcher and husband Rob of Grundy, VA, 4 sons: Elder Don Stacy and wife Algrine of Abingdon, VA, Ron Stacy and wife Peggy of Grundy, VA, Mark Stacy and wife Lisa of Marion, VA, and David Stacy and wife Jeanne of Marion, VA, 16 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, one sister, Thelma Daughten of Grundy, VA. She leaves a host of nieces, nephews, and friends to mourn her passing. Christine was a member of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church, where she loved all; she loved the old church more than anything. I have seen her shout and praise the Lord so many times. She was always ready to help anyone who needed help. A week or so ago I told her I was going up to clean our church, she said I will go and do all I can, but I told her I could clean it all.

Connie and I always went somewhere every weekend to church, we would call and see if she wanted to go, we are going to miss her. When we go back to church, her seat will be vacant, we won't hear her voice or see her smile or hear her say I love you. But we will have our memories.

You children will have your memories of Mom, you will remember what Mom taught you over the years, right from wrong, and how she sat up with you at night when you didn't feel good. You will hear her voice and see her smile; your Mom loved all you children so much.

Sister Christine would have celebrated a birthday next Saturday the 25th but she got a call last Friday from our Lord and Savior, it was time for her to take her rest. Mom is resting now, no more pain or suffering will she have. Mom is taking the



most peaceful sleep she has ever had; she will sleep until that great resurrection morning when God will call for all his children, to go home with Him and live forever and ever. What a Blessed time that will be!

*-Written by the request of the family,  
Ruth Maynard*

### **EDITH LOU DOVER WORRIX**



With much sadness in my heart, I will try to write the obituary of my wife, Edith Lou (Dover) Worrix, age 63.

She was born on August 6, 1942, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 18, 2005. She was preceded in death by father, Robert S. Dover, Sr. and mother, Nellie Zeallear Dover Fox; brother Robert S. Dover, Jr. She is survived by husband of 33 years, Elder Lonnie B. Worrix, daughters: Louann James and Melody Kay Worrix; six granddaughters: Kaylee, Ashlee, Kimberlee, Loni Kay, Tyanna M., Tania M., and sister, Linda D. Dover; aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law of the Worrix family and several special friends. God called her home to suffer no more pain. By the grace of God, we will meet her again.

*-Written by her husband, Elder Lonnie B. Worrix*



### **GENEVA DULEN**

Geneva Dulen was born December 8, 1929 at Silver Hill Kentucky. She was the daughter of the Late Gobel and Thelma Pendleton Jones.

She passed away at the age of 76 on February 1, 2006 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy, Ohio of cancer of the liver.

She was married to Elder Woodruff L. Dulen on July 13, 1948, and he preceded her in death



on March 10, 2000. She was also preceded in death by a son, Marine PFC Rendle Dulen, who was killed in the Vietnam War, and a sister, Martha Cantrell.

Geneva is survived by two brothers and two sisters-in-law: Charlie and Belva Jones and Edward and Estalene Jones all of Piqua, Ohio and several nieces and nephews.

Geneva was a faithful member of Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church of Urbana, Ohio. She also enjoyed visiting other sister churches, quilting, crocheting, raising a garden, and canning. She retired in 1992 from Upper Valley Medical Center.

Geneva was a very loving and caring person. She will be missed very much by her family and friends and all who knew her. I thank God for the time Tennis and I got to spend with her; and by the grace of God, we hope to meet her again on that resurrection day.

*-Written by: Sister Kim Dotson*

## **BARBARA SUE COLEMAN**

**1939-2006**



Barbara Sue Coleman, of Kimper, Kentucky, made her stay here on earth 66 years and 82 days, before being called home to be with the Lord, on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at the Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born in Pike County, Ky., October 31, 1939, the daughter of Minnie Varney Coleman and the late Roy Coleman.

Sue was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by one brother, Teddy Coleman.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Lee of Kimper, Ky. Her mother, Minnie Coleman of Kimper, Ky. Two sisters: Nellie Donahue of Radcliff, Ky. and Opal Pimbleton and her husband Bill of Powhatan, Va., and five brothers: Troy Coleman and his wife Lois of Nancy, Ky., Tommy Coleman and his wife Nolaine of Kimper, Ky., Dealmer Coleman and his wife



Ann of Cicero, Il., Raymond Coleman and his wife Susie of Lawton, Ok., and Jackson Coleman and his wife Betty of Kimper, Ky., and sister-in-law, Yvonne Coleman of Nancy, Ky. A special friend, Becky Maggard of Kimper, Ky.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2006 in the Community Funeral home Chapel with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the York mausoleum. Arrangements were under direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon, Ky.

*-By Donald Coleman, Minnie Coleman,  
Jackson & Betty Coleman*

### **HAZEL MARIE CASEY SMITH**



Hazel Smith, age 75, of Phelps, Ky., departed this life Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at her home. She was born August 27, 1930 in Pike Co., Ky., a daughter of the late Ance Casey and Lena Stump Casey. In addition to her parents, Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, J.R. Smith, Jr.; two sons, Larry, Jr. and Glenn Smith; 6 brothers, Anthony, Ermal, Junior, Thomas, James and Shorty Casey. 1 sister, Sadie Thorpe and a granddaughter, Kimberly Smith.

In addition to being a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Hazel was a homemaker and a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church since June 24, 1978.

She leaves to honor her loving memory and mourn her passing, her sons, Jacky D. and Donna K. Smith, Gary Smith, Jenis and Mag Smith, Danny and Penny Smith, Stevie and Rhonda Smith, and Mark B. Smith; daughters: Sharlene and Jim Baltikowski and Linda and Steve Barton. Brothers Earl, Ernest, Clifford, Clinton, George and Glen Casey; Sister Sharlene Taylor. She leaves 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Hazel is also survived by a host of loved ones, neighbors and friends. Hazel's loving memory will be forever cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who knew and loved her.



## PAULINE SMITH

With much sadness I write the obituary of my mother.



Pauline was born January 27, 1927 in Pike County, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Frank Stump, Sr. and Sarah A. Dotson Stump.

Mom passed away at her home, December 12, 2005. She is preceded in death by her husband, Julius E. Smith.

Mom was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Pauline leaves behind 4 children: Brenda Coleman, Mike Smith, Bonnie Sawyers and Glen Smith.

Mom is sadly missed.

*-Written by her son, Glen Smith*

## HAZEL SCOTT

In Loving Memory of Our Dear Mother Hazel Scott.

***"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10***



Hazel Hatfield Scott was such a woman. Family and friends remember her as a kind, hardworking woman who cared for the needs of others. Many people will recall her hospitable ways, especially her generous supply of fried chicken and dumplings. She was thankful for God's many blessings in her life

and often expressed that, "Thank You, Lord" was her favorite song."

***"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her..." Proverbs 31:11***

Hazel spent 63 years as the loving wife of Bob Scott. She



started each day with thoughts of ways to support him. Whether she was packing his lunch or preparing dinner, Hazel was always focused on tending to his needs. We fondly recall her sitting on the porch in her rocking chair talking with Dad. This is where they often shared their evenings.

***"Her children arise up, and call her blessed..."***

**Proverbs 31:28**

Two sons survive Hazel: James Earl Scott of Belfry, Ky. And Burl (Judy) Scott of Ashville, Oh. She also leaves behind six daughters: Dorothy (Walter) Lawson of Piqua, Oh; Ada Jean (Walter) DeHart of McCarr, Ky.; Bobbie (Paul) Zimmerman of Birmingham, Al; Betty Cisco of Parkersburg, WV; Pat (Gary) May of Huddy, Ky.; and Margaret Dotson of Ransom, Ky. A daughter, Dollie Marie Scott and one foster daughter, Magdeline Duty, preceded her in death.

Her brother, Jack Hatfield, of Amelia, Oh. and one sister, Grace Dillon, of Hamlin, WV are also left behind. Hazel had 28 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren. Three brothers preceded her in death: Ernest, Lucas and Billy Hatfield. Two sisters, Gardner Wallen and Ruth Samland also preceded her in death.

In addition to her family members, we also want to mention two of Hazel's special friends, Claudia Dotson and Brenda McIntosh. They spent a lot of time together and were cherished friends.

All who knew her will sadly miss Mom. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. She is resting in peace and for this blessing, we are so thankful!

***"Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."***

**Proverbs 31:31**

*-Written by her daughter, Pat May  
Granddaughters: Heather, Keriston, and Katie*



## SHELIA KENDRICK CRUM



Shelia, our sunflower, was the daughter of Gayle West and Gene Kendrick. She was blessed to have Van and Audrey Murphy, as well as, Arvin and Truly Kendrick as her grandparents. On May 13, 2006, Shelia went to be with Jesus after a long battle with cancer. She left behind her loving husband, Scott Crum, a precious daughter, Whitney Pinson; two brothers, Mitchell and Benjamin Ken-

drick. Nieces, nephews, family, and friends are left to grieve the loss of their sunflower.

### *Sunflower*

*In the beauty of God's special garden,  
One little sunflower grew,  
With her face turned up toward Jesus,  
Humble, faithful, and true.  
Content to stand tall on the border,  
With her sweet, warm, sun-shiny face,  
Such a presence she adds to the garden,  
No other flower could replace.  
Oh, glory to God for this flower,  
Such splendor, with strength, yet so mild,  
Bold as a lion when dressing God's garden,  
Yet a gentle lamb, like a child.  
Other flowers bow down to this sunflower,  
As they rest in the cool of her shade,  
Never complaining to bolster life's storms,  
In the purpose for which she was made.  
But lo, when summer days are gone,  
And the sunflower drops her head,  
Weeping is heard in the garden,  
For fear that their sunflower is dead.*



*Alas, came a voice to the garden,  
In the lattice a shadow now stands,  
It's the Keeper of the vineyard,  
Singing songs of Angel Bands.  
No worry daunts His image,  
He's steadfast, prompt, and sure,  
As He whispers to His sunflower,  
"Jesus has the cure."*

*Then He spoke to the rest of the flowers,  
In the form of a warm, rushing wind,  
"Lift your heads, Little Buds, stop your crying,"  
"You'll see your sunflower again."*

*Yes, comfort these hearts in the garden,  
As their tears drop like dew for their loss,  
Make them to know that their sunflower still blooms,  
With a fragrance that's worth all the cost.  
Bask in your memories and promise,  
It's a gift from God up above,  
Time to catch a glimpse of God's garden,  
Where your sunflower's transplanted with love.*

*We do believe that in the early hours of May 13th, the sunflower of our lives was taken by the Keeper of the Garden; and we do rest in the promise that she will bloom again, and for her..."ALL IS WELL!"*

**THEY ARE THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF JOE &  
MYRTLE DOTSON, OF PHELPS, KY. WHOM THEY  
HAVE JOINED IN DEATH**



With much sadness and sorrowful hearts, we will try to write the obituary of our brothers and sisters who passed this life a



few years apart.

David Dotson

born: May 5, 1923

died: March 29, 1985

John J. Dotson

born: March 4, 1927

died: June 10, 2001

Jeanette K. Downs

born: April 23, 1939

died: Dec. 6, 1996

Dallas Dotson

born: Feb. 2, 1942

died: Nov. 9, 2004

Josephine Dotson

born: July 16, 1932

died: Dec. 3, 2004

Mary M. Justice

born: Jan. 29, 1946

died: April 14, 2006

All members of the Primitive Baptist Church of the Almighty God.

We don't know how to express the ache and loneliness that we feel in our hearts today so we will write this poem.

*When we must leave you for a little while,*

*Please do not grieve and shed wild tears,*

*But start out bravely with a*

*Galant smile, and for my*

*Sake and in my name live*

*On and do all thing the same.*

*Feed not on your loneliness on*

*Empty days, but fill each*

*Working hour in useful ways,*

*Reach out your hand in comfort*

*And cheer, and we in turn will*

*Comfort you.*

*-Written by their Sisters,*

*Carrene Eggers and Julia Justice*



## 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<br>ORIGINAL MATES CREEK DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION |                                     |                     |                  |                     |                    |                      |          |                     |          |          |                  |                     |                              | 2006 |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------|
| CHURCHES   | MODERATOR                           | CLERKS              | Year Established | RECEIVED BY BAPTISM | RECEIVED BY LETTER | RECEIVED BY RELATION | RESTORED | DISMISSED BY LETTER | EXCLUDED | DECEASED | TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | SATURDAY OF MEETING | Contributions of each Church |      |
| Louisa   | Robert B. Worrix                    | Bradley Worrix, Jr. | 1825             | 2                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -2       | 70               | 2nd                 | \$75.00                      |      |
| Old Pond   | Michael Elswick                     | Shelby Jean Hill    | 1843             | 5                   | 1                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -2       | 53               | 2nd                 | \$125.00                     |      |
| Big Creek  | Elmer Thacker                       | Wade Smith          | 1857             | 4                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -2       | 69               | 3rd                 | \$150.00                     |      |
| Raccoon  | Paul Dean Justice                   | Jeff Belcher        | 1820             | 1                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -2       | 74               | 4th                 | \$175.00                     |      |
| Peter Creek  | Jimmy Lee Smith                     | Randall Smith       | 1869             | 1                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -2       | 79               | 4th                 | \$125.00                     |      |
| Sulphur Springs  | Brian Moore                         | Ronald Moore        | 1863             | 2                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | -2       | -4       | 29               | 1st                 | \$100.00                     |      |
| Little Hope  | Raymond Stanley                     | Frank Ball          | 1893             | 0                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -2       | 39               | 1st                 | \$80.00                      |      |
| Grapevine  | Noah Stone                          | Timothy A. Stone    | 1889             | 2                   | 0                  | 0                    | 1        | 0                   | 0        | -1       | 28               | 3rd                 | \$50.00                      |      |
| Samarita   | Michael Smith                       | Leslie D. Hatfield  | 1890             | 5                   | 1                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -6       | 184              | 3rd                 | \$175.00                     |      |
| Feds Creek   | Robert B. Worrix                    | Ernest Blair        | 1894             | 0                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | 0        | 9                | 1st                 | \$50.00                      |      |
| Johns Creek  | Paul Varney                         | Carl Coleman        | 1936             | 0                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | 0        | 26               | 2nd                 | \$100.00                     |      |
| Calvary  | David A. Thacker                    | Barry Thacker       | 1951             | 2                   | 0                  | 0                    | 1        | 0                   | 0        | -2       | 34               | 1st                 | \$100.00                     |      |
| Dry Fork   | Shawn Dotson                        | Ruth Maynard        | 1962             | 0                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -3       | 42               | 2nd                 | \$112.50                     |      |
| Friendship   | Michael Elswick                     | Martin Childers     | 1925             | 0                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | 0        | 20               | 4th                 | \$25.00                      |      |
| Columbus   | Lundy Coleman                       | Sandra Harris       | 1967             | 1                   | 0                  | 0                    | 1        | 0                   | -1       | -2       | 75               | 4th                 | \$100.00                     |      |
| Deerfield  | J.C. Hager                          | Barbara Holyfield   | 1971             | 2                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | 0        | 61               | 4th                 | \$100.00                     |      |
| Pleasant Hill  | Greg Moore<br>James T. Dotson       | Ann Barton          | 1972             | 0                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | -1       | 39               | 1st                 | \$75.00                      |      |
| New Hope   | Kenneth Chapman,<br>Walter Sullivan | William Dotson      | 1991             | 0                   | 0                  | 0                    | 0        | 0                   | 0        | 0        | 13               | 4th                 | \$50.00                      |      |
| 18   |                                     |                     |                  | 27                  | 2                  | 0                    | 3        | 0                   | -3       | -31      | 944              |                     | \$1,767.50                   |      |



## NIGHT, ODD SUNDAY AND OTHER MEETINGS

**LOUISA:** Odd Sunday.

**OLD POND:** First Wednesday night, Fourth Sunday night, Odd Sunday, New Year's Eve night.

**BIG CREEK:** First Saturday night.

**RACCOON:** \*

**PETER CREEK:** \*

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Odd Saturday night.

**LITTLE HOPE:** Third Sunday night.

**GRAPEVINE:** Fifth Sunday.

**SAMARIA:** First Sunday night.

**FEDS CREEK:**

**JOHNS CREEK:**

**CALVARY:**

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

**FRIENDSHIP:**

**COLUMBUS:**

**DEERFIELD:**

**PLEASANT HILL:**

**NEW HOPE:** Second Sunday night.





## **LITTLE HOPE CHURCH HOUSE**

**SITE OF 2006  
ASSOCIATION**



## **LOUISA CHURCH HOUSE**

**SITE OF 2007  
ANNUAL  
MEETING**

Directions to Louisa Church House: From Pikeville, KY, U.S. 460 East 14 miles to Jct. KY-1441 at Millard; right on KY-1441,

go 0.8 miles to Jct. KY-1789; right on KY-1789, go 0.1 miles to Rocky Road on the left. Rocky Road 0.5 mile to Louisa church house on left. From Grundy, VA, take U.S. 460 West to Jct. KY-1441 at Millard, KY; left on 1441, follow remaining directions above.



## **SAMARIA CHURCH HOUSE**

**SITE OF 2007  
ASSOCIATION**

Directions to Samaria church house: From Pikeville, KY travel 23 miles

north on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-319 at Toler; right on KY-319, go 7 miles to Jct. KY-1056 at McCarr; right on KY-1056 4 miles to Left Fork of Blackberry Road; turn left go 1.7 miles to the church house on the left at the mouth of Old House Branch. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 3 miles south on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-319; left on KY-319, follow remaining directions above.



