

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred Fifty-Fifth
Annual Session
Of The
ORIGINAL MATES CREEK
DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Organized in 1849

HELD WITH
SAMARIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ransom, Kentucky

August 31st, September 1st, and 2nd, 2007

Next session convenes with the Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church located at, Steele, Pike County, Kentucky starting Friday before the first Sunday in September 2008.

Directions to Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church:

From Pikeville, Kentucky travel East on U.S. 460, 30 miles to Jct KY-1499 at Mouthcard; turn left on KY-1499, go 1.8 miles to Jct. KY-366 (Feds Creek Road); turn right on KY-366, go 1.9 miles to Feds Creek Church on the right. From Grundy, VA, travel 16 miles West on U.S. 460 to Jct. KY-1499 at Mouthcard; go straight ahead on KY-1499, 1.8 miles to KY-366; turn right on KY-366, go 1.9 miles to Feds Creek Church on the right. From Williamson, WV, travel South on U.S. 119, 17 miles to Jct. KY-194 at Meta; turn left on KY-194, go 23.3 miles thru Grapevine and Phyllis to Jct. KY-1499; go straight ahead on KY-1499 4.2 miles to Jct. KY-366 (Feds Creek Road); turn left on KY-366, go 1.9 miles to Feds Creek Church on the right.

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PROCEEDINGS

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

FRIDAY MORNING, August 31, 2007

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
Prayer by Elder Shawn Dotson.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Larry Stone. Text: "We love God because he first loved us, Who hath quickened us, made us alive in Christ Jesus. Because we love Him, we love one another; and the love of God in us worketh no ill to one another.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Samaria Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder Paris Blackburn serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elders David Jacobs and Michael Elswick serve as Clerks pro-tem for the election of officers.

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

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

Newly constituted churches called for: None

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

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK-VA: Elder Buford Deel, Elder Noah Edwards, Elder Roger Fuller, Elder Garnell Gilbert, Elder Arnold Childress, Elder Josh Viers, Deacon Wayne Fleming, Deacon Fayne Viers.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Wayne Hensley, Elder Rick Howard, Elder Louie Howard, Elder Donovan Finch, Deacon Boyd Keeton, Jr., Deacon Doyle Keaton, Brother Roby Gullett, Brother Lowell Keaton.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Elder Eddie Lyle, Larry Blevins.

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

MT. ZION: None

WASHINGTON: Elder Danny Smith, Elder George Ben Combs, Elder Joe Edwards, Elder Victor Church, Deacon Guy Fletcher, Deacon Paul Matney.

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

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

PINEY GROVE: Deacon Osley Joyce.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Elder David Gambill, Elder Riley Grigsby.

Welcomed visitors from other Associations and various churches:

SAND LICK: Elder Terry Thacker, Elder Jimmy Duty, Elder Barrett McGlothlin, Elder Noah Edwards, Elder Bobby Rose, Deacon Roy D. Stanley, Chad Barton, Anthony Runyon, Floyd Childress, Freeman Edwards, Memphis McGlothlin, Willard Owens, Frank Edwards, Larry Compton, Jerry Stanley, Darrel O'Quinn, Mae O'Quinn, Brenda McGlothlin, Lou Ellen Fleming, Diane Owens, Pat Viers, Shirley Damron, Pearl Childress, Carol Edwards, Gloria Thacker, Kay Edwards, Garnett Duty, Marcella Duty, Judy Compton.

BURNING SPRINGS: Donnie Lykins, Darrell Nickell, Pauline Howard, Peggy Howard, Mary Sile Finch, Alice Keeton.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Sister Hulda Jones, Anna Marshall.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: None.

UNION: Bonnie Hampton.

FISHER'S RIVER: Elaine Bowman, Doris Sams, Jimmy Marshall, Shiley Marshall, Kathy Branch.

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: Jean Edwards, Lola M. Church.

PINEY GROVE: Lucille Corum, Clara D Prickly, Orene Joyce.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Troy Gullett, Kathy Gullett, Bertina Moore, Mae Wofford.

ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION: Blaine Dancy, Olivene Dancy.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH LAMBSBURG (VA): Elder David A. Edwards, Wilma Edwards.

WILSON CHURCH, NC: Eddie and Betty Bostic.

NAOMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Rogers, KY. Elder Carmen Gilm.

BETHEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH - Florida: Elder Ralph Cobb, Shirley Cobb, Cynthia Wilcox.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH - Graceville, FL: Elder W.D. Stanaland, Sr.

HOPEWELL CHURCH, Antioch Association, Florida: Elder Dawson Stanaland. Pam and Hunter Williams, Kernesville, NC.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. Elders Paul Varney and Shawn Dotson the Deacons from Samaria Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday afternoon at Samaria Church: Larry Blevins, Danny Smith, Trillis Adams.
- B. Friday night at Old Pond Church: Donovan Finch, James T. Dotson, Victor Church, Vance Jones.
- C. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Jimmy Lee Smith, Ralph Cobb, J.C. Hager, Michael Smith.
- D. Friday night at Louisa Church: Terry Thacker, David Jacobs, David Coleman Jr., Lundy Coleman.
- E. Saturday Morning at Samaria Church: Josh Viers, David Gambill, Garnell Gilbert, Vance Jones.
- F. Saturday afternoon at Samaria Church: Arnold Childress, Joey Jenkins, David A. Thacker.
- G. Saturday night at Samaria Church: Larry Slone, Josh Viers, Jimmy Lee Smith, J.C. Hager, Michael Smith.
- H. Saturday night at Little Hope Church: James Clyde Ball, Estle Hackney, James T. Dotson, Greg Moore, Raymond Stanley.
- I. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: David Jacobs, Victor Church, David Edwards, Rodney Marshall.
- J. Saturday night at Calvary Church: Barry Thacker, Robert Thacker, Terry Thacker, Glen Wallace Vipperman.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:
Ireland Adkins, Walter Rutherford, Wade Smith, Lonnie Collins, Daris Kender, Brian Moore, Mitchell Blackburn, Donald Justice, Michael Smith, Monroe Justice, Carl Coleman, Larry Chapman, Estel Hackney, David May, Paris Blackburn, Martin Ball, Ballard Bryant, Kenneth Chapman.

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

SAND LICK-VA: Harrison Smith, Larry Slone, James Clyde Ball, Raymond Stanley, Roger Deel, James Hackney, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff, Noah Slone, Wade Smith.

UNION: Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, James Hackney, Paul Goff, Wade Smith, John Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, James Clyde Ball, Onis Smith.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Wade Smith, James Clyde Ball, Randal Thornsberry, Brian Moore.

BURNING SPRINGS: Harrison Smith, James Clyde Ball, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Goff, Timothy Slone.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Wade Smith, James Clyde Ball, Randal Thornsberry, John Jacobs, Harrison Smith, Onis Smith, Noah Slone, Paul Goff, Paul Varney, David May.

MT. ZION: James Clyde Ball, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker.

FISHER'S RIVER: Noah Slone, James Clyde Ball, John Jacobs, Paul Goff.

WASHINGTON: Wade Smith, Brian Moore, Roger Deel, James Clyde Ball, Harrison Smith, Vester Runyons, Noah Slone, Paul Goff, James Hackney, Timothy Slone, John Jacobs, Raymond Stanley.

PINEY GROVE: John Jacobs, James Clyde Ball, David May

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: James Clyde Ball, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, James Hackney, Paul Goff, Harrison Smith, Larry Chapman, John Jacobs, David May.

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

Saturday morning September 1, 2007, at Samaria Church house.

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

The Committee met at Samaria 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. Recommend that Calvary Church host the Annual Meeting for 2008.

#3. Recommended that Feds Creek Church host the Association for 2008.

#4. Called for the circular letter written by Elder Brian Moore. The letter was read and recommended for approval by the full body of messengers on Saturday morning.

#5. Motion made and seconded to rescind the action of the Association in 2005 advising the churches regarding the use of independent preachers. Objection made, roll call vote called for, motion failed by vote of 14 No. 4 yes.

#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 Calvary Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2008.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Bobby Rose.

1.) Victor Church

3.) Randal Thornsburg

2.) Rodney Marshall

Dismiss with song and prayer by Elder David A. Thacker.

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 2008 are as follows:

LOUISA: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2008. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsburg, 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 26, 2008.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2008. 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, Larry Slone, Ernie Stump, Kenneth Chapman, Estle Hackney, David May, Walter Sullivan, Michael Elswick.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2008.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August 2008. 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, 2008.

RACCOON: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2008. Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Michael Smith, Randal Thorsbury, Garnell Gilbert, Brian Moore, John Jacobs and David A. Thacker, David L. Jacobs.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th weekend in October, 2008.

PETER CREEK: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2008. 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, 2008. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thorsbury, 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, 2008. 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 Thornsberry, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Michael Smith, Michael Elswick, J.C. Hager, Steve Kender, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend.

A memorial meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2008.

GRAPEVINE: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2008. 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 Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Larry Slone, Trillis Adams, Michael Smith, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Michael Elswick, Garnell Gilbert, Noah Edwards.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on July 1, 2008.

SAMARIA: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2008. 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, Randal Thornsberry, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, Arthur May, James T. Dotson, James Clyde Ball, Jim O'Quinn, Don Stacy, Michael Elswick.

FEDS CREEK: Meets the first Saturday in May, 2008. 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, 2008. Paul Varney, 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, Harrison Smith.

CALVARY: Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2008. 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 Kender, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

DRY FORK: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2008. Harrison Smith, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Smith, Larry Slone, Frank Viers, Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Donald Stacy, Jim Duty, Jim O'Quinn, Steve Kender, 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.

FRIENDSHIP: Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 2008. John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsberry, Noah Slone, 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, 2008. 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 20, 2008, at the home of Arthur Coleman at 32991 Hagerty Rd. McArthur, OH 45651.

Our Annual Meeting will be held October 3, 4, and 5, 2008.

DEERFIELD: Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October 2008. Michael Elswick, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David May, Shawn Dotson, Robbie Worrix, Victor Quick, Jeff Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, James T. Dotson, Bob Mayhorn, Billy Cook, Randal Thornsby, Michael Smith, Estle Hackney, Larry Slone, Kenneth Chapman, Ricky Worrix, Johnathan Cook, Arnold Childress, Robert Thacker, Brian Moore and Licentiate Rodney Worrix. All orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service to be held the second Saturday in October, 2008.

PLEASANT HILL: Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2008. Larry Slone, Shawn Dotson, David May, J.C. Hager, David Jacobs, Hesker Gillim, Carmen Gillum, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Rufford Howell. All other Mates Creek elders, brothers, and sisters welcome

NOTE: A Memorial Service will be held the third Saturday and Sunday of October, 2008.

NEW HOPE: Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2008. Harrison Smith, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Elmer Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Michael Smith, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Brian Moore.

Circular letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes, and that Jimmy Lee Smith 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: Luther Smith, Henry Smith, Edd Chapman, Memphis T. "Shorty" Vandyke, Columbus Stacy, Bobby Gene Morris, Joseph Slone, Clarence "Pinky" Dotson, Virgil Arthur Smith, Estil Vandyke, Mark Lowell May, Luther Blackburn, Raymond Ray Ramey, Miles Lambert Dotson, Richard Collins, Wayne Varney.

SISTERS: Bertha Jane Ramey, Verda T. Smith, Nancy Jean

Daniels, Barbara B. Hunt, Vicy Blackburn, Loretta Cody, Magdalene Scott, Donna Slone, Magdalene Williamson.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and that all funds left after paying for the Minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next Association.

The finances were dispensed as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year.....	\$7158.54
Amount received from the churches this year.....	1825.00
Amount received for obituaries this year.....	190.00
Donations received this year.....	<u>172.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u>	9,345.54

CASH PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2006 Minutes.....	\$1976.00
Gave Moderator.....	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator.....	50.00
Gave Clerk.....	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk.....	50.00
Gave Little Hope Church to reimburse for portable toilets	190.00
Paid for postage.....	0.00
Gave cash to visiting ministers.....	500.00
Paid for Supplies- directional signs.....	84.80
<u>TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</u>	-\$2,950.80

BALANCE LEFT ON HAND September 2, 2006.....**\$6,394.74**

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:

Checkbook balance:.....	\$4922.74
Cash and Checks On Hand to Deposit:	<u>2095.50</u>
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>\$6394.74</u>

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Steele, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2008. Elder Shawn Dotson was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Jeff Dotson is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Estle Hackney, 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 Samaria Church for their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

SUNDAY MORNING September 2, 2007

INTRODUCTION: Elder Bobby Rose introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Elder Victor Church

2. Elder Rodney Marshall

3. Elder Randal Thornsby

Elder David A. Thacker dismissed with song and prayer.

CIRCULAR LETTER

By: Elder Brian Moore

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Jude 3

Dear Brethren, it is with a sense of fear and great honor that I write this circular letter for the 155th annual session of the Mates Creek Association. When I began to consider the content of this letter, my sole focus became that of the Lord's Church. In the above verse when Jude refers to "the faith", he is not referring to the act of believing, but to that which is believed. He is discussing the great system of doctrine that we know to be God's doctrine.

Although our precious association has been in existence for one hundred and fifty-eight years, it is but a brief period in the history of the True Church. The Lord blessed our forefathers many years ago to establish this Association as a means of correspondence among brethren of like faith. Today that correspondence still continues.

I firmly believe that if we are to continue on in the like manner, that we must remain in the old paths.

Nonetheless, brethren, I see a dark cloud upon the horizon. This cloud, if permitted, would bear the name of the True Church, but it would despise her doctrines and practices. It would introduce things amongst us that are contrary to the Bible, and it would allow the water of the world to slowly bring our precious ship down to the depths of secularism. This dark cloud has many names, but only one author, and the author of such confusion is

none other than Satan himself. It is true that the gates of hell shall never prevail against the church, but as watchmen, we must never let our guard down, lest we become corrupted and led astray. In recalling the parable of the wheat and tares, it was when "men slept" that the evil men crept in unawares. I pray that we not be found "sleeping"

While writing this letter, my intent was not to paint a picture of gloom and doom, but only to call attention to the heresy that would corrupt us. Let us be found as Paul, "set for defense of the gospel". When one looks around it is obvious, the precious Lord has been wonderful to us over the years. He has blessed us to be led by strong men of faith, and He has directed our footsteps along the path of righteousness. Brethren, one hundred and fifty years seems to be a long time, and it is as far as we are concerned, but we must remember that we would not be here today if it weren't for the firm disciplined leadership of God-fearing men who came before us. These men were blessed by the merciful hand of Almighty God as they stood in defense of the Truth. We are indeed a wonderfully blessed people; the Lord has surely been in our midst. That is why we should first consider the Church in all things.

There are many metaphors in the Bible used to describe the Lord's Church. The Church is compared to a bride, to a vine, to a lily, to a garden, to a flock of sheep, to a dove and many other things too numerous to mention. In my remaining words I would like to focus on the Church as a dove. Brethren, a dove is a meek and harmless creature, it does not seek to hurt or harm anyone. We should adhere to the words of Matthew, and "be ye harmless as doves" in our daily walk. It is important that we always consider our brethren before ourselves. Another attribute of the dove is that she makes her nest in the rocks. This is where she feels the most secure. It is very important that we seek our refuge not in the things of this world, but in the Rock of our salvation, Jesus Christ. The dove is also a creature that eats only pure grain; it does not have the same eating habits as ravens. Likewise the Church should not desire the tainted meat of the world, but instead be found feeding on the purity of God's word. Finally, a dove loves the company of other doves, a dove is neat and it does not defile itself. My prayer for each of us is that we may labor to be like the dove. Let us forsake not the assembling of ourselves, and let us remain free of anything that might defile the beauty and grandeur of the True Church of the Living God. The time honored simplicity of the Church has been upheld by our people for many years. My prayer is that one day our children may look back and be able to consider us among those able minded. God fearing men of yesteryear, who sought out the old paths and continued therein. I hope that in my feeble attempt that you could find it in your heart to cast the mantle of charity over me and overlook my shortcomings.

Yours in precious hope, Elder Brian Moore

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Keene "Bud" Slone, Kenneth Slone, James Nichols.

Alternate: Gary Thacker

OLD POND: Cecil Hatfield, Walter Rutherford, Roland T. Varney, Edgar Stanley.

Alternate: Michael Elswick

BIG CREEK: Wade Smith, Lawrence Elswick, Bill Slone, John Jacobs.

Alternate: Hursell Stevens

RACCOON: Monroe Justice, Otis Thacker, Herman Coleman, Lonnie Collins.

Alternate: Joe Slone

PETER CREEK: Daris Kender, Randy Kender, Ray Dotson, Randy Smith.

Alternate: Stirl Smith

SULPHUR SPRING: Brian Moore, Ronald Moore, Larry Mounts, Author May.

Alternate: Estle Hackney

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

Alternate: Frank Ball

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

Alternate: Paul Goff

SAMARIA: Michael Smith, Wendell Dotson, Millard Whitt, Jeff Dotson.

Alternate: Don Dotson

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

Alternate: None

JOHNS CREEK: Larry Coleman, Carl Coleman, James Clyde Ball, Harrison Smith.

Alternate: None

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

Alternate: Ricky Ratliff

DRY FORK: Harold Cline, Roger Deel, Vester Runyons, Estle Hackney.

Alternate: Shawn Dotson

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

Alternate: Elmer Thacker

COLUMBUS: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Arther Coleman, Richard Justice.

Alternate: Roger Blackburn

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

Alternate: Luther Minnix

PLEASANT HILL: Ballard Bryant, James T. Dotson, Lenny Boartite.

Alternate: Jackie Scott

NEW HOPE: James Hackney, William Dotson, Kenneth Chapman, Larry Slone.

Alternate: Walter Sullivan

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Roger Fuller	613 Turkey Branch, Clinchco, VA 24226
Jimmy W. Duty	351 Elder Lane, Bee, VA 24217
Terry Thacker	3640 Wynnwood, Lewisburg, TN 37091
Larry Blevins	194 Dancy Road, Marion, VA 24354
Danny Smith	141 Valley Crest Drive, Mt. Carmel, TN 37645
Avery Branch	202 Poplar Springs Rd. Elkin, NC 28621
Joey Jenkins	626 W. Mt. Herman Church Rd. Elkin, NC 2862 1

CHURCH

Louisa
 Old Pond
 Big Creek
 Raccoon
 Peter Creek
 Sulphur Spring
 Little Hope
 Grapevine
 Samaria
 Feds Creek
 Johns Creek
 Calvary
 Dry Fork
 Friendship
 Columbus
 Deerfield
 Pleasant Hill

 New Hope

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
 David A. Thacker
 Shawn Dotson
 Michael Elswick
 Lundy Coleman
 J.C. Hager
 Greg Moore
 James T. Dotson
 Kenneth Chapman
 Walter Sullivan

COMMUNION

Aug., 2nd Saturday
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 July, 4th Saturday
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 June, 4th Saturday
 April, 3rd Saturday

 May, 4th Saturday

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Allen, KY 41601 80

OLD POND

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Wade Smith, Clerk

2003 Pigeon Roost Road

Canada, KY 41519-8312..... 150

RACCOON

Jeff Belcher, Clerk

451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562 175

PETER

Randall D. Smith, Clerk

CREEK

412 Staggerweed Fork

Phelps, KY 41553..... 100

SULPHUR

Ronald Moore, Clerk

SPRINGS

4527 Dismal River Rd.

Oakwood, VA 24631-8751 50

LITTLE

Frank J. Ball, Clerk

HOPE

569 Ball Fork Road

Pinsonfork, KY 41555..... 60

GRAPEVINE

Timothy Slone, Clerk

1509 Biggs Branch

Pikeville, KY 41501 75

SAMARIA

Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk

8380 State Hwy. 1056

McCarr, KY 41544-8302..... 175

FEDS

Ernest Blair, Clerk

CREEK

405 Laurel Fork Road

Steele, KY 41566..... 50

JOHNS

Carl Coleman, Jr., Clerk

CREEK

3243 Long Fork Road

Kimper, KY 41539 85

CALVARY	Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	100
DRY FORK	Ruth Maynard, Clerk Route 3, Box 198, Grundy, VA 24614	90
FRIENDSHIP	Martin Childers, Clerk Thelma, KY 41260.....	25
COLUMBUS	Sandra Harris, Clerk 14250 Haven's Corner Road Pataskala, OH 43062	100
DEERFIELD	Barbara Holyfield, Clerk 3033 Woodlawn St. Walled Lake, MI 48390	70
PLEASANT HILL	Ann Barton, Clerk 2839 Grace Ave. Dayton, OH 45420	45
NEW HOPE	William Dotson, Clerk 95 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555	40
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UNION	Elder Corbin Hampton, Clerk 190 Tate Hampton Road Eolia, KY 40826.....	25
BURNING SPRINGS	Elder Jerry Brown, Moderator 11479 Highway 172 West Liberty, KY 41472.....	25
SAND LICK- VA	Deacon Johnny Viers, Clerk 286 Pleasure Drive Haysi, VA 24256.....	25
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Asst. Moderator	Elder David A. Thacker 2864 Stratton Fork Road Canada, KY 41519	25
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	Vernon Napier 8519 Old Stage Road Waynesville, OH 45068	12
	Elder Arthur May P.O. Box 308 Hurley, VA 24620	25
	Mildred Varney P.O. Box 164, Sidney, KY 41564	12
	Patty S. Dotson P.O. Box 983, White Pine, TN 37890-0983	20
	Mrs. Emogene Blackburn 5507 Old Lester's Fork Road, Grundy, VA 24614	15
	David Coleman, Jr. 2497 Lower Pompey Rd. Shelbiana, KY 41562	30
		230

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OBITUARIES

LUTHER EDWARD SMITH

Luther Edward Smith was born the first son of Carl and Fannie Charles Smith at Dix Fork of Canada, KY, on July 18, 1919. He died at home on Stratton Fork of Canada, KY on January 28, 2007, called by our Lord as he peacefully slept.



He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters: Marie, an infant, and Emogene Abshire; one brother, Irvin (Peewee); and two great grandchildren, Freddie Lee Allen Moore, Jr., and Brady Alexander Moore. His beloved wife, Melphie, preceded him in death June 14 2000, after fifty-five years, 10 months of marriage.

Luther married Melphie Roberts on August 5, 1944; he was still in the Army, serving during WWII. Luther and Melphie were blessed with two girls, Mildred Lou in 1945 and Carletta in 1948. Two granddaughters were born in 1977, Lisa Marie and Bonnie Marie.

The following poem was written in 1990 for Luther's 71st birthday by one of his girls.

Father
Luther...Daddy
Man with a green thumb
For corn, tomatoes, and children--
Whose love nourishes not only
Strawberries and potatoes
But also his girls--
Whose strength, guidance, and love
Have sustained a growing family
As 10-10-10 has produced
Taller Corn--
Daddy
PaPa
Luther
Man with a green thumb...

Luther held a special place in the hearts of all his girls, his nieces and nephews, as well as the neighborhood children and the children who attended church with him. He has two great grandchildren,

Alexandria Grace Melphie Moore, born in 2006, who loved to play with her PaPa; and Linden Smith Philo born in 2007, whose name reflects his PaPa's love of bee keeping, the linden tree the source of the sought after lin honey, and whose birth Papa was eagerly awaiting.

Luther's sister Ora Lewis followed him in death July, 2007. One sister Allene Stacy, and one brother, Lester Smith, survive him, as well as his girls, granddaughters, and great grandchildren.

Luther joined the Big Creek Primitive Baptist church in August, 1952 and was a faithful member until his death. He was ordained a deacon in 1956 and served as clerk and treasurer of the church.

Daddy was known to be a devout and faithful Christian. We girls saw him all our lives during his inside hours constantly reading, consulting, and underlining his Bible. Whether during the evening news, a social conversation, or in the pew at church. Daddy often quoted from the Bible. He knew it well. He was always known as a man of his word and one who spoke what he thought. He will be remembered also for his love of children, farming, beekeeping, hunting, ginsenging, and his readiness to help a neighbor.

After leaving the Army following WWII, Daddy worked in the coal mines of KY and WV as long as he was able. and farmed through the last summer of his life. He often told people, "I'd rather grow it as eat it." He was a member of the UMWA, Disabled Veterans, and the Nat'l. Rifle Association. Most important of all to him was following the word of God, and serving his church. He often said these words from his favorite song "No graves on that bright shore". He looked forward to his death, knowing he would be with God forever, yet he enjoyed his life and was already planning this year's garden. He will live on in our hearts, his standards and expectations always leading us along a Christian road.

By: The Family

HENRY SMITH



It is with a sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our beloved brother, husband, father, Henry Smith. Son of the late William Ira Smith and Bessie (Coleman) Smith was born on December 17, 1940 in Pike County. He departed this life April 23, 2007, making his stay on earth 66 years, five months and 6 days. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother; Herman Smith; two sisters:

Francis (Smith) Barnes and Lula Carol (Smith) Rose.

A retired coal miner and a member of the John Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Kimper, KY, he was married to Bertha (Chapman) Smith. They were blessed with one son, Timmy Lee Smith of Zebulon one daughter, Tammy Lynn Smith, of Zebulon. He is survived by his wife and two children, two brothers, Elder Harrison Smith, and Victor Smith; two sisters, Mrs. Bobby Stevenson of VA. And Mrs. Gaynell (Smith) Sullivan of Virginia, two grandchildren: Jordan Nichole Lynn Doyle Smith of Warfield, KY, and Brian Dylan Varney of Racoon, KY.

He leaves behind many friends and family members that loved him; I believe with all my heart he is asleep in Jesus and someday on that great Resurrection day we will meet again.

Written By: His Bro. Elder Harrison Smith
And his sister-in-law Virginia Smith

EDD CHAPMAN

Edd Chapman, 72, of Kimper KY. Died Thursday, April 12, 2007 at Pikeville Medical Center. He was



born June 11, 1934, the son of the late Able and Mary Collins Chapman. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Sadie Fields Chapman, and one grandson, Jonathan Chapman. He is survived by two sons: Eddie Dean Chapman of Kimper and Terry Michael Chapman of Chole Road Pikeville: four stepsons:

Roy Lee Hurley and Ed Hurley, both of Kimper, Melvin Hurley of Sidney, and Darrell Hurley of George Town KY.: Three daughters, Wanda (Mrs. Leo) Hacker, of Raccoon, Janice Slone of Pikeville, and Phyllis Ann (Mrs. Gene) Slone of Kimper. Fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Edd was a member of Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church. He will be missed by his brothers, and sisters of the church and his nieces and nephews. He was buried in the fields cemetery of Phelps, KY.

Written by his niece
Mae Justice

MEMPHIS T. VANDYKE

He was born Memphis T. Vandyke, better known as "Shorty". I must begin by saying that our family is so blessed to have had our lives touched by Shorty Vandyke. Shorty always said that the Lord joined us together. He was and will always be my soul mate. We were married 60 years 5 months and 18 days, before the Lord called him on January 11, 2007. We were blessed with two children , a son Jerry L. Vandyke and Ginger S Merritt.

Shorty worked inside the coal mines for over 40 years.



Outside of work he enjoyed working on projects in his shop. He spent countless hours carving beautiful furniture pieces and building mining equipment. He also was an avid gardener and shared what he grew with family and friends. Shorty truly loved to go hunting and fishing. This was something we enjoyed doing together. We made a great team; through the power of love and hard work we built our home. It was in our home where we joined the Primitive Baptist Church, along with Ralph and Faye Street. Church was

often held in the homes of members. We enjoyed sharing the word of the Lord and breaking bread with our brothers and sisters. Shorty and I donated the land where the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church now stands and he served as Deacon there for many years up till his passing. Shorty often worked around the church and before his passing, our son Jerry would also help out. Shorty and I suffered our greatest loss on May 5, 1977 when our son was killed in a mining accident. The hardest thing a parent can do is lose their child.

Shorty was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Shorty loved and was loved by everyone that knew him. He told me he loved me and appreciated all that I did for him. There was no need to say thank you, when you love someone, caring for them is just second nature. I love him more than words can say and will miss him every moment until we are joined again.

His Loving wife
Betty Jo "Squirt" Vandyke

COLUMBUS STACY

In memory of a special daddy. Columbus Stacy was born Oct. 1, 1918, passed away on April 16, 2003. He was the son of Albert and Mary Cooper Stacy. He was a member of North



Springs Old Regular Baptist Church since 1971. He is preceded in death by his parents, 2 daughters, 1 son, his wife Lydia Gibson Stacy; one sister and one brother. Daddy was a friend to everyone who knew him. He leaves behind two daughters, Mrs. Linda Justus of Hurley, Va. And Mrs. Mary Ann Davis of Princeton, West Va.; also four grandchildren: Christina, Steven, Virginia, Bradley. Daddy also leaves

four sisters and one brother. My daddy was a poor man on earth; he did not want the fancy clothes you wear, but now God has given him the very best. Words cannot explain how you feel about your dad. I thank God that he gave a very special dad in my life. Sleep on dad and take your rest, because God only takes the best.

Wings of Angels

On the wings of an angel you went home to be with Jesus around the Great White Throne. Now you are there with mommy I know, walking down those streets of gold. Thank you God for the many years that my parents had together. There is no parting over there now.

Written By:
Linda Justus

BOBBY GENE MORRIS

It is with a sad heart that we try to write the obituary of our brother. Bobby Gene Morris was born in Pike County, Kentucky on July 6, 1935 and passed from this life on August 23, 2002, making his stay here on earth 67 years, 1 month and 17 days. He was the son of Lawrence and Betty Morris, both deceased. Bob had 1 brother, Lawrence Elwood Morris and 1 sister Ermel Goff, who preceded him in death. He is survived by 4 brothers Andrew J. Morris, Lester R. Morris both of Raccoon, Kinzie Wendell Morris and Gordon K. Morris both of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; 3 sisters: Nona M. Compton of Pikeville, Sylvia K. Compton of Lexington and Lois G. Anderson of Raccoon.

Bob lived in Columbus, Ohio where he retired from Hanna Paint. He married Barbara Greenley in 1960. To this union were born 2 children: a son Lawrence Ray "Larry" Morris (Christine) and a daughter Tamasene Sue "Tammy" McCauley (Don) both of Columbus, Ohio. He has 4 grandchildren: Luke Morris, Lindsey McCauley and Ryan McCauley. Bob and Barb later divorced and he was married to Diana Fouts at the time of his death.

Bob was laid to rest at the Morris Cemetery at Raccoon on August 28, 2002, under the direction of Community Funeral Home, Russell Roberts, director. Visitation was held in Columbus, Ohio on August 27, 2002 at the Schoedinger East Chapel.



*Our family Chain is broken
And nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again*

Bob is sadly missed by all who knew him, especially his family. We hope to meet him again in heaven. We love and miss you Bob.

Written by his brothers and sisters

JOSEPH SLONE

With so much love and wonderful memories and with God's help I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Joseph Slone.

Joseph Slone, 85, of Pikeville passed through this life February 21, 2007 at the Pikeville Medical Center. Joe was born November 18, 1921 to the late Hibbard and Cora (Blackburn) Slone. He was preceded in death by his first wife Daisy (Patterson) Slone, nine brothers and two sisters.

He was survived by his wife Cesterine (Blackburn) Slone, four sons: Wayne Paul, Kelly (Judy), James (Sarah) and Mike (Debbie) Slone. Five daughters: Josephine (Paul) Hunt, Nina (John) Smith, Kathy (Gary) Blevins, Linette (Robert) Hopkins, and Lana (Steve) Land and one brother Elder Noah Slone; nineteen grandchildren: Paul Slone, Kelli Slone, Chrissy Smith, Heather Smith, Jonathan Smith, Melissa Daugherty,



Samantha Blanton, Joey Ratliff, Dawn Thacker, Barry Stewart, Angel Tackett, Derek Harding, Misti Hill, Kristi Prater, Robert Hopkins II, Jeremy Hopkins, Mark Hopkins, Matthew Harrison, and Clay Land; nineteen great-grandchildren: Brandon Rutter, Cory Cherchio, Ashlee Cherchio, Dylan Daugherty, Tanner Collins, Kaycee Collins, Alyssa Thacker, Samara Thacker, Katy Ratliff, Christopher Ratliff, Leah Ratliff, Shawna Stewart, Tyler Tackett, Colby Tackett, Peyton

Tackett, Keagan Hill, DeAnna Coleman, Kaytlin Coleman and Ashton Prater.

Joseph was a member of the Louisa Primitive Church; he joined and was baptized on the same day August 10, 1969. One year later he was ordained a deacon in the church.

He was employed by East Kentucky Beverage for 22 years. Joe was a loving husband, father, wonderful friend and a faithful member of the church that he loved so much. Joe will be sadly missed by a host of friends and loved ones.

Joe was very blessed to have such a loving, kind people in his life. During the years of our marriage I never heard him say wrong about anyone. He was a kind and loving husband, a great father and a wonderful grandfather. He was a dedicated

and devoted member to the Old Louisa Primitive Baptist Church. Joe is greatly missed by all, but I believe by the grace of God we'll meet again. Sleep on my darling.

MY DARLING IS GONE
BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
GOD HLDS HIM IN HIS KEEPING
I HOLD HIM IN MY HEART

I love You and Miss You Dearly.

Written by his wife and greatly missed.

Cesterine (Blackburn) Slone

CLARENCE "PINKY" DOTSON

Clarence "Pinky" Dotson, 85 of Stone, Ky. passed away Wednesday, August 8, 2007 in the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born March 12, 1922 at Stone, Ky. the son of the late Willie and Geneva Blackburn Dotson. He was also preceded in death by 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

Pinky was a retired employee from Ford Motor Company in Michigan and a member of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Billy Ray Dotson of Georgia, Danny Lee Dotson of Stone, Ky. and Paul Edward Dotson of Ypsilanti, Michigan, one brother, Henry "Pete" Dotson of Culpepper, Va., two sisters, Mae Roaden of Fayetteville, NC and Patricia "Pat" Worth of Wilkes Barre, Pa., 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild and a host of family and friends.

VIRGIL ARTHUR SMITH

It is with sad hearts we write the obituary of our husband and father, Virgil Smith. Virgil was born June 15, 1944 at Portland, Ore., the son of the late Grover Smith and Viola Barry Scott. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the late Arthur



and Pricie Ball Blackburn who raised him, his maternal grandparents, Nelson and Rachel Barry, paternal grandparents, Joe and Judy Ball Smith and his father-in-law, Chester Fields, who loved him as a son.

Virgil was a retired coal miner, having worked for Eastern Coal Company. He was a member of the United Mine Worker of America, Local Union 5737.

He was a Kentucky Colonel, a member of Stone Lodge No. 890 F & AM, Stone Chapter 533 Order of the

Eastern Star where he served as a past patron.

Virgil united with The Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church December 5, 1973, he was baptized by Elder Mike Smith and Fred Varney, he was ordained a deacon of the church April 2, 1978 and ordained an Elder April 7, 1985 and served as assistant moderator until his death.

He was married July 9, 1962, to Brenda Fields Smith, to this union were born three children Anthony (Maggie) Smith and Francene (Mike) Ball of Pinsonfork, Ky. and Christopher (Rebecca) Smith of Tuirkey Creek, Ky. They have four grandchildren, Bradley Smith, Ashley Bentley, Josh and Cammy Cundiff.

Virgil went home to be with the Lord, May 9, 2007 making his stay here on earth 62 years. He is sadly missed by family and friends, yet we are thankful God took him from suffering of the dreadful disease of cancer. He is now with his heavenly father whom he loved and worshiped so very much. Our loss is Heavens gain

Written By: Wife, Brenda
Sons: Anthony and Chris
Daughter: Rachel Francene

ESTIL VANDYKE

It is with many precious memories that I write the obituary of



my dear friend, "buddy" and brother in Christ, Estil Vandyke. Brother Estil was born and raised in Buchanan County, Virginia, the place that he called home his entire life. It was there that he would meet the love of his life in sister Lottie Yates Vandyke. It became very clear when talking to brother Estil about Lottie that not only was she his wife she was also his sweetheart and the rose of his family. Estil and Lottie would

remain married for 49 years until the Lord called her home in November of 2001. To this union was born one daughter, Loretta Vandyke, who died in infancy and three sons Billy, Terry and Stevie. Brother Estil often told me about his experience of grace and how he felt the desire to be united with the grand old church. On May 25th, 1969, he answered the call to obedience and was baptized and became a member of Dry Fork Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church. Later in 1970 he was ordained to the office of a deacon. For the next thirty six years he would serve the church, with a humble and disciplined frame of mind.

Throughout the years he would witness the passing of four sisters, Pauline Copenhaver, Martha Street, Ruth Viers and Mary Cox as well as two brothers Carl and Linkous Vandyke. His surviving sisters, Belle Anderson and Cindy Auxter along with his surviving brothers, Junior and Clarence Vandyke leaned on one another and trusted in the Lord during these trying times. Brother Estil always had a story or two to tell about his childhood and the one thing that was always evident was the love that he had for his parents, brothers and sisters. It also was no secret to anyone who knew him that he thought the world of his three sons. Aside from his four grandchildren and one great grand child nothing brought more of a smile to his face than "his boys!" One thing is for sure wherever brother Estil went they were always on his mind.

In the last few years brother Estil suffered with heart and lung problems, as well as an apparent debilitating stroke. Despite the setback he continued to rehabilitate and eventually returned to church under his own power. It was during these last seven or eight years that I came to know him. Rarely did a Saturday or Sunday go by that brother Estil didn't accompany dad and I to church meeting throughout, Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. The long trips would lend time to deep discussions about the Lord, practical joking and "tall tales." Over this time a strong bond grew and I came to understand why everyone thought so much of this man. His words of advice on life, church discipline and "what the bible says about that," helped me mature along the way. I often find myself longing for that soft feeble handshake, to see that oft tear stained eye and to hear those three little words that he so often uttered.

The day that brother Estil passed away was a sad one for all that knew him. He left behind several friends, loving family members and a host of church brethren. He also left each of them with a multitude of precious memories and fond recollections. He is asleep now in the Lord and he no longer suffers from the pains of this world. His struggle is over and if he could see us now he would surely say, "do not weep for me."

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Written by a brother in hope,
Elder Brian Moore

MARK LOWELL MAY

Mark was born Nov. 22, 1967 to Plenny and Gail May of Raccoon, Ky. He attended Jons Creek High School where he graduated in 1987.

Mark married Robin Taylor in Dec. 1992; to this union was born one son Mark Robert, July 16, 1994

Mark enjoyed life and anytime you saw him he had a smile and a friendly hello. Mark had an unselfish heart and always tried to help others.

Mark worked as a Med Tech for an ambulance service for several months, then he went to work at wheelwright as a Police Chief. He then went to work at Elkhorn City as a Police Officer. He enjoyed his work and the people he worked with.

Mark was called away from this life July 5, 1999. Making his stay on God's footstool thirty-one years, seven months and thirteen days. Mark leaves to mourn to have beautiful memories of him one son Robbie, his mother and father Gail and Plenny May, one sister, Shanon, one brother Plenney Doyle and one brother-in-law, David Burgess and five uncles Elmer Goff, Carnes Goff, Paul Goff, Gene Goff and Eddie May. And five aunts Colene Blevins, Augustine Adkins, Deborah Hill, Karen Bertand, Connie Charles, one great aunt



Lona Varney and one great Uncle Dan May and a host of cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Blake and Flora Goff and his paternal grandparents Arnold and Ersie May, and five uncles and two infants aunts and one infant niece Sharohanda May.

Mark is sadly missed by us all. I believe God had a reason for calling Mark home so early in life: I also believe he has sent that comforter that he promised. If not I don't believe we could have stood the grief and the pain. By the grace of God and his loving mercy, we will meet Mark and all of our dear departed loved ones on that great Resurrection morning.

Written by: His broken hearted Mother and Uncle Paul

May God Bless You All

LUTHER (JUNIOR) BLACKBURN

With a sad and broken heart and eyes filled with tears that we attempt to write the obituary of our father, grandfather, and loving husband.

Luther (Junior) Blackburn, 79 years old of Hurley, passed away March 6, 2007 at his home following an extended illness. Born in Matewan, WV, he was the son of the late Elder John Henry and Marah Marie Wolford Blackburn. He was a resident of Buchanan County most of his life and was a member of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church since 1961, where he



served as a deacon for 26 years. Mr. Blackburn served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion Post No. 164. He was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, worked for General Motors and was a retired Coal Truck Driver.

Junior Blackburn was survived by his wife: Emma Jean Conley Blackburn, Hurley, Va. One daughter: Patricia Jean Blackburn and husband Elder Gary D. Justus, Hurley, Va., one son: Terry Luther and wife Debra

Blackburn, Hurley, Va., two brothers: Grover and wife Lillian Blackburn, Hurley, Va., Harold and wife Mabel Blackburn, Fenton, MI, 5- Grandsons: Dennis Justus, Shane Blackburn, Aaron Justus, Eric Blackburn, and Justin Blackburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: three brothers: Albert, Chester, and Charles Blackburn; one-infant sister and one infant-brother.

Junior will always be remembered by family and friends of his laughter and kindness that he shared even through his illness.

Holidays were always special to him and his grandsons. The jokes played on each other always brought laughter and happiness to all of us. The relationship he had with his grandsons was very special.

Junior was such a special husband and father to us. We got married on August 25, 1953 in a double ceremony with Grover and Lillian Blackburn in Fenton, MI. We were so blessed and he would always say "God is so good to me." We miss him so much, but we have that great hope of meeting again when the Lord comes back for his people. Two months after he passed I found a letter he had

written to me. In the letter he talked about how he loved me and that he worried about his family. He never gave up his faith that God would take care of him.

Junior loved the little Sulphur Springs Church. He was a faithful member that filled his seat whenever he was well enough to attend. He worried about the church and always helped in anyway he could.

As he grew weaker in his physical body, he remained close to his faith in God and continued until his last days to sing one of his favorite songs, "Oh how I love Jesus...Because He first loved me." The comfort helps the family to picture him resting in peace with no more pain and suffering. The calming sound of his voice when he sang will always be remembered because it brought comfort not only to him but to his family and friends. With this special remembrance we can only imagine him resting peacefully in heaven.

Love, Your wife, children, grandchildren, and friends

RICHARD WALTER COLLINS



I write this obituary as a tribute to Richard Collins. He came into our family as a beacon of light straight from heaven. He married my daughter Kayla Noe Collins on December 2, 2006, just six months and five days before God called him home on June 7, 2007 in a fatal car accident. Richard had very special qualities about him that my entire family just opened up their hearts and welcomed him in. He was such a gentle, quite and understanding man who loved the Lord with all his heart. He never failed to thank him for his many blessings. Everyone who knew Richard was truly touched by his kind nature. Richard and Kayla only shared a short part of their lives together but they

filled each day with precious memories made to last a lifetime.

Richard was the son of Mickey and Sharon Collins who loved him dearly and whose heart aches for him with each beat. He leaves behind one brother Todd Collins. Richard's friends will forever miss him, and hearing him say *"You Gotta Love It"*.

Richard's in heaven now and someday his loving wife Kayla and his family and friends will see him again. My life has truly been blessed by knowing him. I will be forever thankful to God for sending such a sweet soul to my daughter.

I loved him dearly,
Linda Noe

WAYNE VARNEY

Wayne Varney, age 82 of Kimper, passed away Saturday, September 9, 2006, at Pikeville Medical



Center, after a lengthy illness. He was born in Pike County, March 27, 1924, a son of the late Leonard and Martha Honaker Varney. He was a retired coal miner and member of the United Mine Workers of America, and a deacon of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by one son, Danny Gerald Varney; one daughter, Phyllis Ann Varney; one grandson, Mark Layne; four brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Arizona Varney; six sons, Phillip Ray Varney and Wayne Thomas Varney, both of Spencer, Ohio, Roger Darrell Varney (Jeanette) of Racoon, Gregory Wayne Varney, and Denver Varney, both of Kimper. Jeffery Varney (Cindy) of Virgie; four daughters, Christine Varney and Deborah (Mrs. Leslie) Tackett, both of Kimper, Barbara (Mrs. Richard) Keene of Pikeville, Shelia (Mrs. Dewayne) Williams of Kermit W. Va.; one brother, Garland Varney of Canada; 17 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

He was a loving husband, daddy, and papaw. Daddy was a kind and honest man to everyone he met; he would give to anyone in need and put others before himself. Daddy would go to church when he wasn't able. Daddy always told us that he was waiting on sweet Jesus to come. Daddy, September 9, 2006 was one of the most painful days for us when God called you home, but we know you're not suffering anymore. Mommy, us kids, and grandchildren miss and love you very much. In loving memory of Wayne Varney written by his loving wife, and kids.

Papaw, every since that painful day in the I.C.U. when you couldn't speak to me so you just squeezed my hand, I have longed to hear you tell me that you love me and you are proud

of me. Papaw, you were my world and now it just feels as if everything is falling apart. Papaw, I know that your better off and not suffering anymore, but it's so hard to have to let you go and say goodbye for the last time, but I know that you knew that I loved you deeply, and that I will see you again someday!

Love your Granddaughter

Tashie

You may never have fought in the war, but you laid your life on the line every time you stepped in that mine. This was to provide food for your family and because of it you suffered greatly

You were a great man; a great husband; a great daddy; and a great papaw and for being such a special person with so much faith, God has appreciated you greatly. So instead of taking you-home with us this time, you will be going to a home greater than any of us can ever imagine. We will always love and miss you.

Love your granddaughter Ashley

MILES LAMBERT DOTSON

Miles Lambert Dotson age 66 of Phelps, KY, departed this life Sunday August 26, 2007 at the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born on August 28, 1940 in Coleman, KY, a son of the late John and Mary Coleman Dotson. In addition to his parents Miles is preceded in death by a brother James Dotson and a sister Ruth Coleman.

In addition to being a loving father, brother, grandfather and friend Miles was a retired coal miner and of the Baptist Faith.

He leaves to honor his loving memory and mourn his passing his daughters Mary (Randy) Arthur and Melissa Dotson; sons Larry Dotson and Tommy (Karen) Dotson; brother John Michael Dotson; sisters Mary Ratliff, Martha Jackson, Eveleen Dotson and Judy Gail Dotson; 8 grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Miles is also survived by a host of loved ones, neighbors and friends. Miles' loving memory will be forever cherished in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him.

RAYMOND RAY RAMEY

Raymond Ray Ramey March 27, 1914-October 30, 2005
Bertha Jane Ramey August 4, 1909-September 15, 1977

Raymond son of Grover and Octavia Ramey
Bertha daughter of George and Alafair Stiltner



As time passed in 28 years, 1 month and 15 days they can finally be together again.

Raymond was an avid hunter and wonderful Grandfather and Great-grandfather. He loved to travel from Kentucky to Alabama, each season to visit his daughter Glenis and her husband Franklin, with their children Shelia Harrison, Dale Fredrick and Great-grandson Corey Green. Bertha, though she never saw her great-grandchild, she was a wonderful and loving grandmother who loved to craft.

Though these two people spent so much time alone (Raymond living and Bertha in heaven) you can still fill the bond and love they produced; in the world around Raymond, as he spoke of Bertha and the Marriage Bond they shared. The great bond. May we all be so lucky.

Written by: Shelia Harrison granddaughter, Glenis (Frank)
Frederick daughter

VERDA T. SMITH

Verda Thacker Smith, 86, of Canada, KY, died Friday, February 9, 2007, at her residence.

She was the daughter of the late Elder William Hibbard Thacker and Maggie Bill Blackburn Thacker. Verda was born on April 16, 1920, in Pike County KY and she married Evirt T Smith on August 31, 1946. Verda and Evirt were blessed to have one daughter, Martha Sue Smith Pinson.



In addition to her parents, Verda was also preceded in death by her husband, Evirt T. Smith; four sisters: Shrilda Lidy Thacker, Lee Ana Worrix, Iley Rebecca Stanley, and Maggie Zetta Thornsbury; four brothers: Gomer Estil, Jesse Homer, Daniel Arlen, and Raymond Hibbard

Thacker. Verda was a restaurant cook and the most wonderful homemaker. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and the best Mother and Grandmother that anyone could be blessed to have.

Verda is survived by her daughter, Martha Sue (Donnie) Pinson of Canada, KY, and two grandsons, Timothy Don (Jamie) Pinson of Richmond, KY and Randall Everett (Tammy) Pinson of Cynthiana, KY. Verda is also survived by two great-granddaughters, Zoey Dawn, daughter of Timothy and Jamie, and Jaslyn Brooke, daughter of Randall and Tammy. It really saddens our hearts that she didn't get to see her great-granddaughters. She is missed by a host of loving family members and friends.

Written by the family.

NANCY JEAN HURLEY

With a sad and broken heart, but with many treasured memories, I will try to write the obituary of my mother. There could never be enough time or words to explain the ways how she is loved and missed so dearly. However, with the Grace of God our memories of her will remain with us forever.

Mom was born into the world July 14, 1952 and went home to be with the Lord February 3, 2007, making her stay on this earth fifty four years and seven months and eleven days. Mom was a member of the Kelsa Freewill Baptist Church for many years, and loved her grand children.



She was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Kizzie Sparks Justus, and one sister that loved her very much, Mary Ruth Steel Shaw. Mom leaves behind one sister Peggy Steele, and one brother Joe Justice Jr. Mom also leaves behind to mourn her death her loving husband of 38 years William Randal Hurley; two daughters Nancy Melissa (Lisa) Mounts and husband Larry and Crystal Diane Murray and Fiance Wesley Eric Sparks; also one step son Dennis

Hurley and wife Tammy Sue. Mom also leaves six grandsons, Joseph Melvin Mounts, James Matthew Mounts, Austin Tyler Murray and William Jacob Murray and two step grandsons, Joshua R. Hurley, Jonathan R. Hurley.

Our home was blessed with the most loving mother children could have. I thank the Lord for choosing her to be my mother. One of the saddest days of my life was the day mom passed away. No one knows the sorrow in my family when we meet and mom is no longer there. Once again our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, God will keep calling us to link the chain. Many tears have been shed since that February day.

Mom will be missed dearly by her family, friends, neighbors, and brothers and sisters in Christ, but all those precious memories that each of us share is because of the kind of person that she was. She was the kindest, most generous, outspoken person I know. I don't know how we will go on without her but I know that she is in a better place, and that she is sitting on the right hand of Jesus in Heaven. Many times I wish

she could come home, but I know that she is already there. Mom I miss you and hope that some day that I will be there in heaven with you. Mom was one of a kind.

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, if you could see me now, I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched my saviors hand, all of heavens angels rejoice as I entered the promise land, beyond the gates of pearl, I've walked on the golden streets I've touched the 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.

The Good Lord made my mom one day, He gave her a loving heart and arms to hold and care. She worked so hard to raise us, giving everything she could. As hard as life had been to her, she only saw the good. Mom grew old, her heart got tired, her body worn and weak. And through it all it was little things that brought life's joy to peak. I wish that I could take her heart and cleanse it with my tears, to make her last remaining moments turn back to many years, but God came down to hug my mom and knew she needed rest. He said please don't be sad or angry; you know I only take the best. When last I looked into her eyes I knew that I did see. God had made a wonderful Mother and he had given her to me.

Written By Daughter
Sister Lisa Mounts

BETTY J. MORRIS

It is with a sad and broken heart that we try to write the obituary of our dear, sweet Mother. Betty J. (Collins) Morris was born at Raccoon, KY on the 19th of April 1915. She lived at Raccoon until the day of her passing August 18, 2007, making her stay here on earth 92 years and 4 months. She was he



daughter of Jack and Polly (Duty) Collins, who preceded her in death. She has 7 siblings, all who preceded her in death, Estil, Hassel, Robert, Velma, Lula, Eunice Thompson, and Gusta Kennedy.

Mom married Willie Lawrence Morris on February 18, 1933. They were married 52 years and 19 days before his passing March 9, 1985. To this union were born 10 children, 6 sons: Bobby Gene Morris, Lawrence Elwood Morris, both preceded her in death. Andrew Jackson Morris (Polly), Lester Ray Morris (Kathryn) both of Raccoon, Kinzie Wendell Morris (Gloria), Gordon Kelly (Susan), both of Ft. Wayne, Ind. there were 4 daughters: Ermel Faye Goff (Homer) who preceded her in death, Nona Mae Compton (Roger) of Pikeville, Sylvia Kaye Compton of Lexington, and Lois Gaye Anderson (Randall) of Raccoon. She also has 16 Grandchildren, 26 Great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, and nephews and friends to mourn her passing.

Mom was laid to rest on August 21, 2007 at the Morris Cemetery at Raccoon. The officiating Ministers were Brad Williamson, Grassy Freewill Baptist Pastor, Primitive Baptist Ministries Randall Thornsby, David Thacker, and David Coleman, Jr. The Pallbearers were her grandsons, Larry Morris of Columbus, OH, John L. Compton, James Kevin Compton both of Pikeville, Larry Compton II of Lexington, Matthew Morris of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Brandon Morris of Pikeville, Chris Anderson and Craig Anderson both of Raccoon. The arrangements were under the direction of the community Funeral Home; Russell Roberts, Director.

Mom was baptized into the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church on October 23, 1969. Mom loved going to church to listen to the beautiful singing and preaching. She was a

homemaker and loved taking care of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mom didn't get to go to church much the last few years of her life. She was bedfast for 2 years, but she still talked of going to church and called upon her Lord for mercy.

*God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you and whispered, "Come
with Me"*

*With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and fade away.
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you
stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Mom will be sadly missed by all who knew her especially her children. So we say rest on Mommy until that great Resurrection Day when we hope to meet you in heaven. We love and miss you so very, very much.

Written by her Broken Hearted Children

MYRTLE MARIE ADKINS
In memory of My Beloved Wife
January 10, 1929-April 6, 2007

It is with a broken heart and precious memories I write this obituary for my wife Myrtle Marie Adkins (wife of 60 years). Myrtle and Ervin were married 60 years on January 10, 2007. Myrtle went home to be with the Lord on Good Friday April 6,



2007. Myrtle left behind her loving husband Ervin Lee Adkins. Myrtle was preceded in death by her parents Josh and Cynthia Allen, two brothers Charlie Allen and Curtis Allen, Sisters Amby Adkins and Roxie Stevens; she is survived by her husband, Ervin Lee Adam, sister Emogene Allen. Myrtle had one Son Ronnie Lee Adkins (Diane) Myrtle had two daughters Patricia Gail Stegall (deceased son-in-law Jerry Richard Stegall). — Connie

Faye Cox and son-in-law Warren Reed Cox. Grandsons Ronnie Adkins (Dawn) Zachary Adkins, Timothy Richard Stegall (Jill), Warren Reed Jr. (Heather). Granddaughter's Jamie (Jason) Mank Amanda Beth Cox Great grandson's Caleb, Noah, and Silas Stegall and Jerry Allen Stegall (Cindy) Dillion Reed. Great granddaughter Emily Aklems, Sarah Grace Mank, Samantha Reed.

Myrtle was a member of Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. Myrtle was a blessing to all her family and church brothers and sisters. It gives us great comfort knowing she went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to suffer no more.

Funeral services were held at Graumlich & Son Funeral Home at 1351 South High Street, Columbus Ohio on April 9, 2007 at 9:30 am. Elders Lundy Coleman and Paris Blackburn officiating.


Loving husband Ervin and family

KAITLYN LEIGH DANIELS

It is with great sadness and sorrow that we try to write the obituary of our precious little baby girl.

Kaitlyn Leigh Daniels was born at 10:34 am Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at Pikeville Medical Center. Kaitlyn lived 2 hours Monday before returning back home with Jesus to rest. Although it broke the hearts of her mommy and daddy and all her family, we know in our hearts that one day we will be with her again to hug and kiss her.

Our precious little Angel will never be forgotten; she will stay with us forever. Kaitlyn was our first born for both of us and means the world to us, but as the card says Jesus needed our little Angel to make Heaven for beautiful to view. So for now here on earth the family must say "Goodbye" to the Beautiful Baby Girl! But it won't be forever.



Kaitlyn went home to be with a few of her other family members who will meet her up there. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Wilma Leigh Daniels, and great grandparents Mart and Gladys Smith and great grandfathers Richard Daniels, Daniel May, and Willis Prater, and one uncle and several great aunts and uncles and cousins. Kaitlyn left behind a lot of other family and friends that love and miss her greatly. Besides her mommy and daddy, Cathy Jo May Daniels and Larry Duaine Daniels; she is also survived by her grandparents David Daniels of Majestic and Bobby Joe and Kathy May of Sidney, great grandpar-

ents Gertrude Daniels of Majestic, Pearlle May of Sidney and Polly Prater of Meador, W.Va., one uncle Paul Daniels of Majestic and many great-aunts and uncles and cousins and some very close friends. As we close we want to say how we love and miss our beautiful precious Angel. We aren't saying "Goodbye" today we made a promise to our daughter that we intend to keep. We know in our hearts that she heard our promise and the words "We Love You" we said to her. The 2 hours we held her, is a memory that will never be forgotten, and later on when we decide to have Kaitlyn a brother or sister with the blessing of our Father above they will know about Kaitlyn too.

"We Love you Kaitlyn,
We will See You Again"

Love Always
Mommy and Daddy!!!!

VICIE SIMPKINS BLACKBURN

Vicie Hatfield Simpkins Blackburn, 96, of Dandridge, TN, formerly of Red Jacket, WV, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006.

Born June 21, 1910, in New Town, WV, she was the daughter of Lewis Wetzel and Irene Long Hatfield.

In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her first husband, Guy Simpkins; her second husband Elder Johnny Blackburn; three brothers; one sister; and three step-sons.

She was a homemaker and a former cashier for the old Red Jacket Coal Company. She was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 68 years.

Survivors include her son, Ira Wetzel (Lois) Simpkins of Charleston, WV; daughters Margaret S (Claude) Chafin and Patty S. Dotson of White Pine, TN; step-sons Harold (Mabel) Blackburn of Fenton MI, Junior (Emmajean) Blackburn and

Grover (Lillian) Blackburn of Kelsa, VA; brother Ted Hatfield of Princeton, WV; sister Vada Hatfield of Princeton, WV; five grandsons: Robert "Buzz" Simpkins, David Ira "Kip" (Marsha) Simpkins, and R. Michael (Melody) Simpkins all of Charleston, WV; Claude Simpkins (Lydia) Chafin and Alan Ira Dudley of White Pine, TN; and one grand-



daughter Patricia (Danny) McCoy of White Pine, TN; and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at the Hatfield Funeral Chapel in Belfry, KY. Services were conducted by Elder Vance Jones. Burial was in the Simpkins Cemetery on Right Hand Fork, Beech Creek, WV.

BARBARA (BURNETTE) HUNT

Barbara B. Hunt, 74 of McAndrews, KY, passed away Saturday October 14, 2006 in the Skilled Nursing Facility ARH Hospital South Williamson, Ky.

Born November 9, 1931



Barbara was the daughter of the late Joe and Rosetta (Blackburn) Burnette, she was also preceded in death by her husband Joe E. Hunt September 23, 2005.

Barbara was a retired Pike County school teacher and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church. She loved to sing, we would not say goodbye on the telephone until she sang Amazing Grace, High on the Mountain of What A Day That Will Be, sometimes she would sing all three of them. She had a very big heart and loved everyone. Other survivors include a host of loving family members and loving friends.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday October 17, 2006 at the Rogers Funeral Home Belfry, Ky. Burial followed at the Mountain View Memory Gardens Huddy, Ky.

With loving memories,
Sheb Hatfield

LORETTA CODY
FEBRUARY 1938-MAY 2007

When you think of Loretta you have to smile. She loved to laugh and have you laugh with her about anything. She was a breath of fresh air. Loretta loved her children and grandchildren endlessly. Loretta was the daughter of George and Ozie Rose, who were long time members of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. She has three surviving sisters, Dolly Powers,



Liz Sluss, and Dorothy Hager, three surviving brothers, Johnny, Roger, and Arvile. Two Children Vanessa and Greg. Loretta went home to be with the Lord on May 5, 2007 after a long battle with cancer. She didn't want to leave her family but she was tired and knew God was ready for her to come home. We miss her greatly and long for the day we will be in heaven with her.

Linda Noe

MAGALENE SCOTT

Magalene Johnson Scott 87, of Hardy, Ky., passed away June 30, 2007, at Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Ky.

She was born Jan. 15, 1920, at Hardy, Ky., daughter of the late Joe and Truley Farley Johnson.

In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by her husband, Tony Scott; two sisters, Arlene Anderson and Maxine Hinkle; and three brothers, Eugene and Clifford Johnson and Raymond Johnson.

She was a homemaker and a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include eight nieces and nephews, Brenda Joyce Ray of Van Wert, Ohio, Patricia Dotson of Ocala, Fla., Donna Gail May of Wise, Va., Jeffery David Johnson of Roanoke Va., Larry Michael Johnson and Kathy Johnson of Wyandotte, Mich., Ron Stepp of Chillicothe, Ohio,

and Tonya Fields of Hardy, Ky.

Other survivors include special great niece, Ronda Church of Hardy, Ky.; special great nephews, Craig Varney and Brian Fields both of Hardy, Ky.; special great-great niece Julianna Church of Hardy, Ky.; and special friends, Delores Hatfield and Buddy Young, both of Hardy, Ky.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2007, at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Ky., with Mike Smith and Raymond Stanley officiating. Burial followed in Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Ky.

Active pallbearers were Grover Church, Craig Varney, Jason Fields and Ron Stepp.

DONNA (DONNIE) SLONE
SEPTEMBER 14, 1943-FEBRUARY 28, 2007
(MEMBER OF ROCKY ROAD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
CHURCH SINCE AUGUST 1987)

On February 28, 2007 we had to say goodbye to a very special woman. She was a wife, mom, mamaw, sister, aunt and caretaker to many who loved her dearly. She devoted her life to taking care of her family and loved ones and never had any complaints about anything she had to give up in the process. According to her that was what her life was all about. Her family and loved ones meant everything to her and she would have done anything for any of them and gave more of herself taking care of them than most people would ever consider possible. She wasn't able to attend her church very often because of her many responsibilities, but her faith was always strong and she always taught her children to have the same faith.

She left behind her husband, Matt Greenie Slone, whom she would have been married to for 45 years had she only lived until August 10, 2007. Together they had four children: Leonard (Pamela) Slone, Sonja (David) Crider, Jody (Angela) Slone, and Charles Eddie Slone who passed away at the age of 8 months old. Her grandchildren, whom she loved like her own children, are: Leonard Charles Eddie (Charlie) Slone; Tamara Faith Slone, Keisha Deann, Chasity Makae Slone (deceased), Makenna Jayde Slone, and Dawson Crider. In her life she had to give up a child and a grandchild and she

always said there was no difference in the pain and that there was no greater pain than this, as she loved them both with all her heart. This pain she never quite got over and because of this she loved all of her children and grandchildren with such a strong, caring love that we will never forget. She also shared a very special love with her husband and they were always very close and loving and had a wonderful 45 years together. No one will ever love us as much and we will never love anyone else the same as we loved her.

Her brother Leonard Curry Slone lived in the home with her and Matt Greenie for over 40 years, as she was his caretaker and he always had a special place in her heart. Her other brothers are: Charles Curtis Slone, Carl Edward Slone (deceased), and Freddie Slone. Her sisters are: Mae Thacker (deceased), Opal Adkins (deceased), Cenia Marie Thacker (deceased), Bethel Thacker and Doris Huffman. She also had four sisters who died as infants whom she always remembered: Nancy, Myrtle, Beulla Faye, and Martha June. She also had many nieces and nephews whom she loved very much, a lot of whom she thought of almost of if they were her grandchildren.

We will never forget her and will always miss her as there is a very special piece of our family missing now and we will never be able to let go of the love we still have in our hearts for her. There are not enough

words to describe how empty we feel without her.
YOU WILL BE MISSED!



MAGDALENE WILLIAMSON

Magalene Williamson, 83, passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2007 at the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center at Phelps, KY. She was a homemaker and a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, where she was baptized on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003.

Magdalene was born January 26, 1924 at Ransom, Ky., the daughter of Thomas and Maudie Coleman Williamson. She was preceded in death by a brother, Clinton Williamson. She is survived by her brother, Virgil Williamson, of the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, two double first cousins, Rosa W. Wolfe of McAndrews, KY, and Charles Williamson of Belfry, KY, and numerous family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church with Mike Smith, Jeff Dotson and Shawn Dotson officiating. Members of the church served as pallbearers. Burial followed at the Williamson Family Cemetery at Ransom, Ky.

Submitted by Beth-Ann Wolfe

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

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

11. Names of several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.

13. Any member who shall willfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON

(Work of the Presbytery)

- 1st Organized by choosing Moderator and Clerk.
- 2nd Select one to question candidate.
- 3rd Select one to make prayer.
- 4th Select one to give charge.
- 5th Call for candidate from spokesman for church.
- 6th Examine candidate. Any one of the Presbytery has right to ask questions if he desires.
- 7th If candidate is found satisfactory, then proceed with prayer and laying on of hands.
- 8th Charge is now delivered.
- 9th Candidate is now returned to the spokesman for the church as an ordained Elder or Deacon.
- 10th Minutes of proceeding read, and approved.
- 11th Adjourn.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION														2007
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	-1	0	-2	69	2nd	\$80.00	
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	1	0	0	0	0	0	-3	51	2nd	\$125.00	
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	Wade Smith	1857	0	0	0	1	0	-1	-2	67	3rd	\$150.00	
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	Jeff Belcher	1820	1	0	0	0	0	0	-3	72	4th	\$175.00	
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	Randall Smith	1869	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	78	4th	\$125.00	
Sulphur Springs	Brian Moore	Ronald Moore	1863	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	29	1st	\$65.00	
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	Frank Ball	1893	1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	38	1st	\$80.00	
Grapevine	Noah Slone	Timothy A. Slone	1889	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	3rd	\$75.00	
Samaria	Michael Smith	Leslie D. Hatfield	1890	3	0	0	2	-1	0	-3	185	3rd	\$175.00	
Feds Creek	Robert B. Worrix	Ernest Blair	1894	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1st	\$75.00	
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	Carl Coleman	1936	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	25	2nd	\$100.00	
Calvary	David A. Thacker	Barry Thacker	1951	0	0	0	1	0	0	-3	32	1st	\$100.00	
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	Ruth Maynard	1962	2	3	0	0	0	0	-2	45	2nd	\$150.00	
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	0	0	0	-1	75	4th	\$100.00	
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	1971	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	61	4th	\$100.00	
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore James T. Dotson	Ann Barton	1972	0	0	0	0	0	-3	0	36	1st	\$75.00	
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman, Walter Sullivan	William Dotson	1991	1	1	0	0	0	0	-1	15	4th	\$50.00	
18				15	5	0	4	-3	-5	-24	937		\$1,825.00	

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: New Year's Eve night

PETER CREEK: *

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Odd Saturday night.

LITTLE HOPE: Third Sunday night.

GRAPEVINE: Fifth Sunday.

SAMARIA: First Sunday night.

FEDS CREEK:

JOHNS CREEK:

CALVARY:

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

FRIENDSHIP:

COLUMBUS:

DEERFIELD:

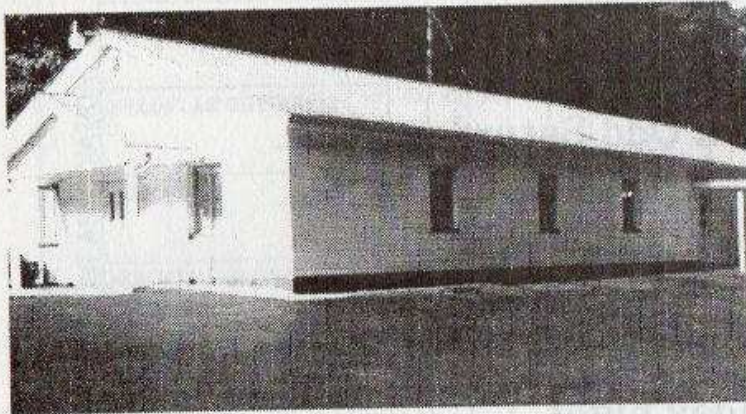
PLEASANT HILL:

NEW HOPE: Second Sunday night.



SAMARIA CHURCH HOUSE

**SITE OF 2007
ASSOCIATION**

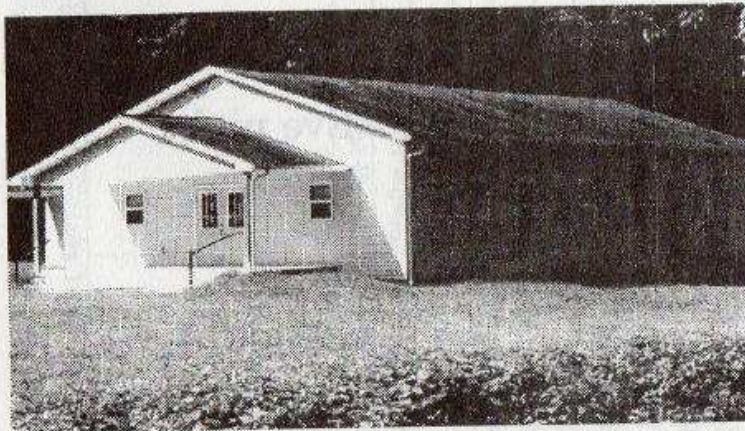


CALVARY CHURCH HOUSE

**SITE OF 2008
ANNUAL MEETING**

Directions to Calvary Church House: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 119 North toward Williamson, WV 10 miles to Jct. KY-194

at Meta; turn right on KY-194, go 8.2 miles to Varney Branch Road on the left; take Varney Branch Road 0.3 miles, bear left, go another 0.2 miles to the church house on the right. From Williamson, WV, take U.S. 119 South 18.3 miles to Jct. KY-194 at Meta; turn left on KY-194, follow directions above.



FEDS CREEK CHURCH HOUSE

**SITE OF 2008
ASSOCIATION**

Directions to Feds Creek Church House: From Pikeville, KY, travel East on U.S. 460, 30 miles to Jct.

KY-1499 at Mouthcard; turn left on KY-1499, go 1.8 miles to Jct. KY-366 (Feds Creek Road); turn right on KY-366, go 1.9 miles to Feds Creek Church on the right. From Grundy VA, travel 16 miles West on U.S. 460 to Jct. KY-1499 at Mouthcard; go straight ahead on KY-1499, 1.8 miles to KY-366; turn right on KY-366, go 1.9 miles to Feds Creek Church on the right. From Williamson, WV, travel South on U.S. 119, 17 miles to Jct. KY-194 at Meta; turn left on KY-194, go 23.3 miles thru Grapevine and Phyllis to Jct. KY-1499; go straight ahead on KY-1499 4.2 miles to Jct. KY-366 (Feds Creek Road); turn left on KY-366, go 1.9 miles to Feds Creek Church on the right.

