

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

Organized in 1849

HELD WITH
JOHNS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Kimper , Pike County, Kentucky
September 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2009

Next session convenes with the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church located at Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, starting 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2010.

Directions to Calvary Primitive Baptist Church:
From Pikeville, Kentucky, U.S. 119 North 8 miles to Phelps/Kimper exit. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on KY-194, go approx. 7 miles to Varney Branch Road; turn left on Varney Branch Road, go 0.6 miles to church house on right. From Williamson, West Virginia, take U.S. 119 South approx. 17 miles to Phelps/Kimper exit, follow directions above.

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PROCEEDINGS

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

FRIDAY MORNING, September 4, 2009

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
Prayer by Elder Paul Varney.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Jeff Dotson.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Johns Creek Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder Brian Moore serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that brothers Rick Worrix and Roger Blackburn serve as Clerks pro-tem for the election of officers.

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

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

Newly constituted churches called for: None

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

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK-VA: Elder Don Stacy, Elder Lawrence Jackson, Elder Noah Edwards, Elder Garnell Gilbert, Elder Joshua Viers, Elder Buford Deel, Deacon Wayne Fleming, Deacon Fayne Viers, Elder Jim Duty, Deacon Oscar Childress.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Jerry Brown, , Elder Donovan Finch, Elder Louie Howard, Brother Roby Gullett, Brother Donne Lykins, Frank Hamilton, Darrell Nickels.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Elder Eddie Lyle.

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

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: Elder Danny Smith, Elder George Ben Combs, Elder Joe Edwards, Elder Ked Stacy, Deacon Guy Fletcher, Deacon Clarence Childress, Elder Victor Church, Deacon Paul Matney, Deacon Otis J. Fields.

UNION: Elder Roy Adams, Elder Dallas Adams, Jr., Deacon Tommy Adams, Deacon Garry Adams, Elder Corbin Hampton, brother Stephen Chapman.

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

PINEY GROVE: Elder Clarence Bowman, Deacon Osley Joyce.

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

Welcomed visitors from other Associations and various churches:

SAND LICK-VA: Nathan Edwards, Greg Lyall, Bernard Owans, Donny Stanley, Willie F. Lyall, Willard Owens, Danny Brooks, Gloria Brooks, Pat Viers, Diann Owens, Lou Ellen Fleming, Virginia Ann Childress, Mae O'Quinn, Mary Jones, Phyllis Lyall.

BURNING SPRINGS: Billy W. Salyer, Theda Salyer, Peggy Howard, Pauline Howard, Mary R. Webb, Pruda Myers.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Sister Hulda Jones.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Virginia Lyle.

UNION: Sarah Hampton, Jean Adams, Bonnie Hampton, Abbey Chapman.

FISHER'S RIVER: Jimmy Marshall, Elaine Bowman, Shirley Marshall.

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: Lola M. Church

PINEY GROVE: JoAnn Bowman, Orene Joyce, Clara Priddy, Lucille Corum.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Theda F. Salyer.

FRANKLIN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH (TN): Elder Joe Kinder

MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH (OH): Elder Carmen Gillum.

NAOMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Hesker Gillum.

VOLUNTER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH (NC): Swanson Joyce, Ruby Joyce.

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

A. Friday afternoon at Johns Creek Church: Jim Duty, Vance Jones, Jerry Brown.

B. Friday night at Old Pond Church: Randal Thornsberry, Carmen Gillum, Hesker Gillum, James T. Dotson, Michael Elswick.

C. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Grafton Stanley, Joe Kinder, J.C. Hager, Michael Smith.

D. Friday night at Louisa Church: Paris Blackburn, David Jacobs, Greg Moore, David Coleman, Jr.

E. Saturday morning at Johns Creek Church: Joe Kinder, Victor Church, Joey Jenkins.

E. Saturday afternoon at Johns Creek Church: Avery Branch, Eddie Lyle, David A. Thacker.

F. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: Robbie Worrix, Grafton Stanley, Victor Church, Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsberry.

G. Saturday night at Samaria Church: James T. Dotson, Joe Kinder, Avery Branch, Joey Jenkins, Michael Smith.

H. Saturday night at Little Hope Church: Estle Hackney, Joshua Viers, Greg Moore, J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Ireland Adkins, Earl Scott, Bill Slone, Joe Slone, Floyd Coleman, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, Donald Justice, Berlin Dotson, Ricky Blair, James Clyde Ball, Wallace Vipperman, Vester Runyons, David May, Roger Blackburn, Danny May, Jackie Scott, James Hackney.

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

SAND LICK-Virginia: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2009. Brian Moore, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff, Greg Moore.

BURNING SPRINGS: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 2010. David A. Thacker, Randal Thornsby, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in May, 2010. Brian Moore, David A. Thacker, Randal Thornsby.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 2009. David May, David A. Thacker, Randal Thornsby, John Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff, David Jacobs, Jr.

MT. ZION: Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 2010. Lonnie Simpkins, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Wendell Dotson.

WASHINGTON: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2009. David May, Barry Thacker, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff, Greg Moore.

UNION: Friday before the 1st Saturday in June, 2010. John Jacobs, Onis Smith, Paul Goff, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, Wade Smith.

FISHERS RIVER: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in July, 2010. David May, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker.

PINEY GROVE: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in May, 2010. David May, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 2009. Larry Chapman, David May, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff.

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

Saturday morning September 5, 2009 at Johns Creek Church house.

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

The Committee met at Johns Creek Church house, and was called to order by the Assistant Moderator.

#1. Recommend that we omit the reading of the letters from all the churches before the committee, except the letter from Johns Creek Church.

#2. Recommend that Samaria Church host the Annual Meeting for 2010.

#3. Recommended that Calvary Church host the Association for 2010.

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

#5. Recommended 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 Samaria Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2010.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Trillis Adams.

- 1.) Elder Jim O'Quinn
- 2.) Elder Michael Smith
- 3.) Elder Rodney Marshall
- 4.) Elder Randal Thornsby

Dismiss with song and prayer by Elder David Jacobs

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 2010 are as follows:

LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2010. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, Garnell Gilbert, J.C. Hager, Trillis Adams, Corbin Hampton, David Coleman, Jr., Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Onis Smith, David Gambill, Riley Grigsby, and all orderly Primitive Baptists of the same faith and order.

NOTE: A Memorial Day meeting will be held at Annie Young Cemetery, East Shelbiana, KY on May 25, 2010.

OLD POND: 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2010. Old Pond Church invites all orderly Primitive Baptist elders to our union meeting.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2010.

BIG CREEK: 394 Meathouse Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2010. Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Paris Blackburn, David Coleman, Jr., Kenneth Chapman, J.C.Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Larry Slone, Noah Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Michael Smith, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Robbie Worrix, Paul Varney, Estle Hackney, 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, 2010.

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2010. Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Noah Slone, Elmer Brown, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Michael Smith, Randal Thornsby, Garnell Gilbert, Brian Moore, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, David Lee Jacobs, Robbie Worrix, Argel Kendrick, Todd Thacker, Gary Thacker.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th weekend in October, 2010.

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2010. Paris Blackburn, Shawn Dotson, Randal Thornsby, Elmer Thacker, Steve Kender, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy

Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Elswick, James Clyde Ball.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2010. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Paul Dean Justice, Noah Slone, David Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Robbie Worrix, Jimmy Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Michael Smith, Ricky Worrix, James Clyde Ball, Argel Kendrick, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

LITTLE HOPE: 76 Left Fork Ball Fork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 2010. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, Paris Blackburn, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robbie Worrix, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee 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.

NOTE:A memorial meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2010.

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2010. Elmer Thacker, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Elmer Brown, John Jacobs, 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, Garnell Gilbert, Noah Edwards.

NOTE:A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on May 31, 2010.

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2010. Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, James T. Dotson, James Clyde Ball, Jim O'Quinn, Don Stacy, Michael Elswick.

FEDS CREEK: 1854 Feds Creek Road, Feds Creek, KY. Meets the first Saturday in May, 2010. 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: 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539.

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2010. Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Steve Kender, Raymond Stanley, Michael Smith, Jimmy Lee 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, Brian Moore, James Clyde Ball.

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539

Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2010. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Michael Smith, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, Onis Smith, Michael Elswick, Raymond Stanley, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Jeff Dotson, Steve Kender Jimmy Lee Smith, Brian Moore, David Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

DRY FORK: 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2010. Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Brian Moore, Robbie Worrix, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Michael Smith, Larry Slone, Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Donald Stacy, Jim Duty, Jim O'Quinn, 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: Bob's Branch, Thelma, KY 41260 Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 2010. John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsberry, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, R.T. Thacker, Barry Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Estle Hackney, Ricky Worrix, Robbie Worrix, and all orderly Primitive Baptists elders, brothers and sisters are welcome.

COLUMBUS: 599 Hilock Avenue, Columbus, OH 43207
Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2010.
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, Brian Moore, Gary Thacker, Larry Slone. All other Mates Creek elders, brothers and sisters are invited to attend.

NOTE: A memorial meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at the home of Arthur Coleman at 32991 Hagerty Road, McArthur, Ohio 45651.

Our Annual Meeting will be held October 2,3 and 4, 2010

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451 Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2010. Michael Elswick, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David May, Shawn Dotson, Robbie Worrix, Victor Quick, Jeff Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, James T. Dotson, Bob Mayhorn, Billy Cook, Randal Thornsberry, Michael Smith, Estle Hackney, Larry Slone, Kenneth Chapman, Ricky Worrix, Johnathan Cook, Arnold Childress, Robert Thacker, Brian Moore. All orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service will be held the second Saturday in October, 2010.

PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078. Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2008. Larry Slone, Shawn Dotson, David May, J.C. Hager, David Jacobs, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smih, Robbie Worix, Garnell Gilbert.

NOTE: A Memorial service will be held the third Saturday and Sunday of October, 2010, beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

NEW HOPE: 527 Pinsonfork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2010. John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Raymond Stanley,

Michael Smith, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Paul Varney.. All orderly Primitive Baptists come and be with us.

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

Agreed that we have 1950 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Robert Worrix, Arthur May, Monroe Justice, Larry Coleman, Arnold Coleman, Randy Fields, Eggers Family (Joseph, Fredrick, Fredrick Michael, Jerry Lee and Billey Joe), Trivis (Junior) Barton, Thomas Huffman, Matt Greenie Slone, Charles Justice.

SISTERS: Magdalene Hatfield, Sadie Whitt, Audrey Murphy, Edna Slone, Mae Ratliff McCowan, Doris Thacker, Fannie L. Webb, Cleo Ratliff, Sylvia R. Coleman, Pearlie May, Vicy Hoskins, Pricey Jane May Stanley.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and that all funds left after paying for the Minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next Association. The finances were dispensed as follows:

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<u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND</u> from last year.....	\$5623.68
Amount received from the churches this year.....	1775.50
Amount received for obituaries this year	220.00
Donations received this year.....	<u>196.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u>	<u>\$7,815.18</u>

CASH PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2008 Minutes	\$1884.75
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	50.00
Gave Feds Creek Church to reimburse for portable toilets	0.00
Paid for postage	15.00

Gave cash to visiting ministers.....	600.00
Paid for Supplies.-	40.65
<u>TOTAL CASH PAID OUT</u>	<u>-\$2,740.40</u>
<u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND Sept 5,2009</u>	<u>\$5,074.78</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</u>	
Checkbook balance:	\$3074.28
Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit:	2000.50
<u>TOTAL FUNDS:</u>	<u>\$5074.78</u>

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church at Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2010. Elder Paul Varney was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Michael Smith is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Gary Thacker, 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 Johns Creek Church for their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

SUNDAY MORNING September 6, 2009

INTRODUCTION: Shawn Dotson introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Elder Jim O'Quinn
2. Elder Michael Smith
3. Elder Rodney Marshall
4. Elder Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder David Jacobs

CIRCULAR LETTER

By: Elder Ricky B. Worrix

Dear Brethren: It is with great humility and trust in God that I write this circular letter to the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association.

Over the past year my thoughts have been on God's love for his children,

the elect that "He hath chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, the we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, where He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure, which He hath purposed in Himself." (Eph. 1:4-9).

God's love has for everly been, just as God Himself is without beginning or end. In the above verses of Ephesians, I cannot find where man has the ability to choose God or can lay any claim to His eternal salvation by the works of the flesh. If that were so, then salvation would no longer be by the free grace of God. Jesus said to Thomas in the book of John "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the father but by me."

I am thankful that God does a complete work and as far as our eternal salvation is concerned, I believe that it is sealed by the blood of Christ Jesus our Lord. My concern is directed to how we get along here in the Lord's church. My prayer is that God will continue to bless this Association of churches to remain in love and peace with one another, and be found walking in the old paths as set before us by Jesus Christ. As in Proverbs 3:5&6, may we be found trusting in the Lord "with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

We know that where there is love there is unity; for it is God that has given unto us this kingdom and as written in 2nd Timothy, God hath called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

As called servants in the kingdom, let us "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit". For we know that God is a Spirit and if we have the Spirit of Christ in us, we have life because of righteousness and can worship Him in spirit and truth. The things of the flesh profiteth nothing, for the carnal mind is enmity against God, and the flesh cannot please God.

As we find in the book of Ephesians, let us put on the whole armor of God, the we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Having our feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, which shed light on the life that is in Jesus Christ, who enables us to walk in the old paths, in which our forefathers have walked. Our loins girt about with truth and having the breastplate of righteousness. Taking the shield of faith wherewith we shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked. The helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God.

In closing brethren, let us abide in the gift of our calling, standing for the truth, "proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every on that believeth to the Jews first and also to the Greek". Let us not be carried about with "divers and strange doctrine". May we forbear one another in love, and endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

Brethren, I pray that God's mercy and Grace be upon us. Your brother in hope and love, Elder Ricky B. Worrix.

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

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

Alternate: Gary Thacker

OLD POND: Cecil Hatfield, Walter Rutherford, Earl Scott, Michael Scott.

Alternate: Elder Michael Elswick

BIG CREEK: Wade Smith, Lawrence Elswick, Bill Slone, Hursell Stevens.

Alternate: Elder John Jacobs

RACCOON: Otis Thacker, Lonnie Collins, Joe Slone, Herman Coleman.

Alternate: David Coleman, Jr.

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

Alternate: Steve Kender

SULPHUR SPRING: Brian Moore, Ronald Moore, Larry Mounts, Estle Hackney

Alternate: Berlin Blackburn

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

Alternate: Raymond Stanley

GRAPEVINE: Donald Justice, Leon Adkins, Paul Goff, Timothy Slone.

Alternate: Argle Kendrick

SAMARIA: Larry Scott, Ernie Justice, Michael Smith, Berlin Dotson.

Alternate: Wendell Dotson

FEDS CREEK: Ernest Blair, Ricky Blair, Seth Shortridge, Estel Hackney.

Alternate: Larry Mounts

JOHNS CREEK: James Clyde Ball, Steve Kender, Junior Newton, Carl Coleman.

Alternate: Paul Varney

CALVARY: Duke Chapman, Steve Bryant, Wallace Vipperman, Larry Chapman.

Alternate: Ricky Ratliff

DRY FORK: Harold Cline, Roger Deel, Vester Runyons, Darrin Compton.

Alternate: Estle Hackney

FRIENDSHIP: Arnold Hicks, Troy Wheeler, David May, Martin Childers.

Alternate: None

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

Alternate: Arthur Coleman

DEERFIELD: Harold Blackburn, John Holyfield, Danny May, Grafton Stanley.

Alternate: Jeremy Jacobs

PLEASANT HILL: James T. Dotson, Greg Moore, Ballard Bryant.

Alternate: Jackie Scott

NEW HOPE: William Dotson, James Hackney, Everette Smith,

Larry Slone.

Alternate: Kenneth Chapman

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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

MODERATOR

Robert B. Worrix
 Michael Elswick
 Randal Thornsby
 Paul Dean Justice
 Jimmy Lee Smith
 Brian Moore
 Raymond Stanley
 Noah Slone
 Michael Smith
 Ricky B. Worrix
 Paul Varney
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COMMUNION

Aug., 2nd Saturday
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New Hope

Kenneth Chapman

May, 4th Saturday

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BIG CREEK	Wade Smith, Clerk 2003 Pigeon Roost Road Canada, KY 41519-8312	150
RACCOON	Jeff Belcher, Clerk 451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562.....	125
PETER CREEK	Randall D. Smith, Clerk 412 Staggerweed Fork Phelps, KY 41553	100
SULPHUR SPRINGS	Ronald Moore, Clerk 4527 Dismal River Rd. Oakwood, VA 24631-8751.....	50
LITTLE HOPE	Frank J. Ball, Clerk 569 Ball Fork Road Pinsonfork, KY 41555	60
GRAPEVINE	Timothy Slone, Clerk 1509 Biggs Branch Pikeville, KY 41501.....	60
SAMARIA	Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302	175
FEDS CREEK	Ernest Blair, Clerk 405 Laurel Fork Road Steele, KY 41566	50
JOHNS CREEK	Carl Coleman, Jr., Clerk 3243 Long Fork Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	85
CALVARY	Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539	60
DRY FORK	Ruth Maynard, Clerk 2032 Upper Mill Branch Rd. Grundy, VA 24614	87

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COLUMBUS	Sandra Harris, Clerk 14250 Haven's Corner Road Pataskala, OH 43062	75
DEERFIELD	Barbara Holyfield, Clerk 3033 Woodlawn St. Walled Lake, MI 48390	75
PLEASANT HILL	Phyllis Moore, Clerk 8881 Canoe Drive Galloway, OH 43119.....	60
NEW HOPE	William Dotson, Clerk 95 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555.....	35
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UNION	Deacon Jimmy Webb, Clerk 47 Chevy Drive Jenkins, KY 41537	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
LITTLE YADKIN RIVER	Elder Rodney Marshall, Clerk 1140 Old Orchard Road Westfield, NC 27053.....	25
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MOUNTAIN	Roy L. Truitt, Clerk 102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333	25
FISHER'S RIVER	Elder Avery Branch, Clerk 202 Poplar Springs Rd. Elkin, NC 28621	25

WASHINGTON	Elder Darrell Davis, Clerk 140 Wampler Road Bristol, TN 37620.....	25
PINEY GROVE	Deacon Osley Joyce, Clerk 1491 K-Fork Road Madison, NC 27025.....	25
SAND LICK- KY	Terry Meade, Clerk 9563 Highway 772 West Liberty, KY 41472.....	25
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ELDER ROBERT "BOB" BLAINE WORRIX



Elder Robert "Bob" Blaine Worrix, age 79, of Pikeville, KY, peacefully slipped from life unto death at his home on May 28, 2009 surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born July 2, 1929 in Pikeville, KY, to the late William Bradley and Leona "Oney" Thacker Worrix of Fishtrap, Ky. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Upon returning from the war, Bob graduated from Pikeville College and began his career as a school teacher. He

transitioned to the Division of Water Quality for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, where he retired in 1988. He was appointed a Kentucky Colonel for his dedication and service.

Anyone who knew Bob knew that there was one Love in his life, The Church. Bob joined Louisa Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized on September 03, 1967. He was ordained as an Elder and faithfully served as the Moderator of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church for 39 years and also served as the Moderator of the Mates Creek Association from 1992 to 2001. He loved the old time Religion and the old time singing, especially lining # 20 of the Goble Hymn Book.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one infant son, Ronnie Blake Worrix; his sister, Jeanetta Ruth Coleman; and, one grandson, James E. Elswick. Left to mourn his passing but cherish his memory are his loving wife of 54 years, Jacqueline Gray Worrix; two daughters, Diana Ruth (Tommy) Elswick of Pikeville, KY, Teresa Eileen (Jim) Anthony of Pikeville, KY; three sons, Robert Blaine (Joyce) Worrix, Jr. of Pikeville, KY, Ricky Bradley (Pamela) Worrix of Harold, KY and Rodney Byron (Cristal) Worrix of Richmond, KY; one brother, William Bradley (Carolyn) Worrix Jr. of Allen, KY; twelve loving grandchildren and spouses; ten loving great-grandchildren; and, a host of loving family and friends.

Church and funeral services were held at the Thacker Funeral

Home with Primitive Baptist Elders officiating. Bob was laid to rest on a high, high mountain at the Annie E. Young Cemetery.

He always declared the truth and stood firm on the belief "*For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God*" (Ephesians 2:8). His advice to all was "Do whatever the Lord bids you to do". Bob's race has ended and a peaceful rest is his reward, and that little finger cannot move until that glorious morning when Jesus gives him a spiritual body.

Written by the Family

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28)

JAMES ARTHUR MAY

July 30, 1927-February 8, 2009



With great sadness and with a heavy heart I will try to write the obituary of a good friend and great uncle, and brother in the church. Arthur May was a dear friend that will be missed by many in the church plus in the community. Arthur was a man that would do anything he could for the church plus all his friends. Arthur spent several years in the Korean War and was awarded several medals: The Korean service medal with two Bronze Stars, the

United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation and the Good Conduct Medal. Arthur never spoke of his time in the war, sometimes he would speak of some of the good times which were few. Arthur joined Sulphur Springs Church where he served as deacon, clerk and elder for many years.

Arthur was born in Buchanan County and was the son of the late James Basil and Daisy Dotson May. Arthur was survived by one brother Elder Herbert May. He was preceded in death by seven sisters: Margie Ellen May, Elizabeth May, Lydia

Spencer, Bertha May, Lucy Justus, Virgie Young and Minnie Hurley. And four brothers: Jessie James May, Theodore May, Joey May, and Howard May.

As Arthur grew weaker in his physical health and his fight with cancer, he would tell us that he was going home. Arthur in the last few weeks here on earth had gotten unable to speak, but he would put his hands together as to pray and point to the heavens. We all knew what he meant, he would open church service and pray that the Lord would let him go to sleep in his arms, and I believe that he answered that prayer for him. Arthur is now home with all his dad, mom, brothers and sisters that had gone on before him; he always said that he missed them all so much.

Arthur left behind several friends, and loving family members and a host of many brethren in the church. He is asleep now in the arms of the Lord and he no longer suffers from the pains of this world. His struggles are over and if he could see us now he would surely say, "Do not weep for me, for I am home,"

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, a resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys, different paths along the way, we all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay. Our destination is a place, far greater than we know, For some the journeys quicker, for some the journeys slow. And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great inheritance. And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

Sadly missed by all,

Written By:

Sister in Sulphur Springs Church

Lisa Mounts

ELDER MONROE JUSTICE

With tear dimmed eyes, a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my precious Dad, Elder Monroe Justice, whom God called home July 15, 2009, making his stay here on earth 88 years, two months and 15 days. Born April 30, 1921, in Pike County. He was the son of Landon and Quinnie (Justice) Justice.

He was a retired coal miner and operator, he owned a construction company and trucking co., with which he moved heavy equipment. He had his own radio and TV repair shop for many years. He was CB and Ham radio operator for many years. He loved meeting and talking to his friends that he met through this hobby and he loved them dearly.

Proceeding him in death were his parents, his loving wife of 58 years Lennie (May) Justice, one son Ronald E. one grandson



David E. Thacker, four brothers Jim, Cecil, Clinton and Elmer; Two sisters Edith May and Mary Gannon. Left to mourn his passing is his special Sister in the church and a very dear friend, Pauline Hatfield, two sons Landon C. (Thursa) Justice, Monroe Jr. (Sharon) Justice, two daughters Florene (David) Thacker and Helena (Lawrence Jr.) Elswick; His twin brother Fonso and brother Dennis Justice, two sisters Maggie

Harris and Edith May, Ten grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Dad joined the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church in 1949 and was called to ministry making sixty years as a Christian and fifty-eight years as a minister. He has been the assistant moderator for several years.

A firm believer in Salvation by the Grace of God. Dad attended church regularly and remained a loyal and faithful servant, proclaiming God's great love and tender mercy for as long as had the breath to do so. He raised his family trusting in God. The Bible was his road map Dad had many hard times and heartaches, but he never failed to call on God for the grace,

faith and patience to bear it all.

We thank God for giving us such a loving and patient Daddy, who was there to encourage us and help us in time of trouble and disappointment in our own lives. His love, the love of God in him was evident in all he did or said. Dad loved his family, but above all he loved the Lord.

He was a faithful and devoted servant of the Lord and ministered the last 10 years of his life at the Thacker Funeral Home to many families. Dad loved being with people and if he could be of any help to anyone then he was there for them.

Our family circle has been broken here. We are comforted to believe that he is resting in the arms of Jesus, where we hope to join him some day.

Written by his loving daughter Florene Thacker

LARRY COLEMAN

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of Larry Coleman. Larry was born December 20, 1943 and was called home to be with Jesus on October 24, 2008. He was the son of the Late Elder Paris and Missouri {Coleman} Coleman. Beside his parents he was preceded by 7 brothers and 2 sisters. Larry leaves behind his wife Claudene and his children Sandy, Steve, Tina, Larry Jr., and 5 grandchildren.



He served as a volunteer firefighter at the Kimper Volunteer

Fire Department for many years. He was a member of Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Larry enjoyed taking pictures of his family and church family. He loved everyone.

Larry leaves a host of family and friends that loved him dearly, and will always be in our hearts.

Written by his family
Sedrena May

ARNOLD COLEMAN

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my dear father Arnold Coleman. He was born on May 29, 1930 and God took him home on March 22, 2009, making his stay here on Gods foot stool 78 years. He was preceded in death by his father Elder Paris Coleman, his mother Missouri Coleman, his wife Mary Coleman, one daughter Dolly Marie and one grand-



son Charles Andrew. Daddy was retired from Ford Motor Company and served in the Korean War and for that we were so proud. He was an outdoors kinda guy. He loved flowers and could make anything grow. He leaves behind 6 children: Edward Coleman, Sue Hall, Karen McKenny and Ruby Lanning all of Ohio; Andrew Paris of Tennessee and Marie Stevens of Kentucky. Daddy fought a battle with cancer in the end. He was

so sick; I believe God looked down and saw how weak and frail he was getting and knew he had enough, so he whispered Arnold honey its time to come home, you know God did not promise us laughter without pain, he didn't promise sunshine without rain but he did promise us comfort for our pain and a light for the way. Its been so hard this past year but I was blessed to be by my daddy's side holding his hand when he took his flight home, and for that I am thankful. I miss him so; he was loved too much to ever be forgotten. I will never forget that last phrase from his lips; oh sweet Jesus take me out of here!

Written with Love by his daughter Marie

ELDER TIVIS K. BARTON, JR.

With a heavy heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dad, Elder Tivis K. Barton, Jr. Born July 12, 1936 and died January 23, 2009.



He was married to Pauline (Mullins) Barton for 35 years and to that union was born Phyllis (Greg) Moore, Carolyn (Corky) Compton and Debra (Jeff) McWain. Five grandchildren and 8 great-grand children. Dad married Ann on May 31, 1995. She was good and caring wife to the end. Dad was a faithful member at Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church for over 35 years. He was ordained an

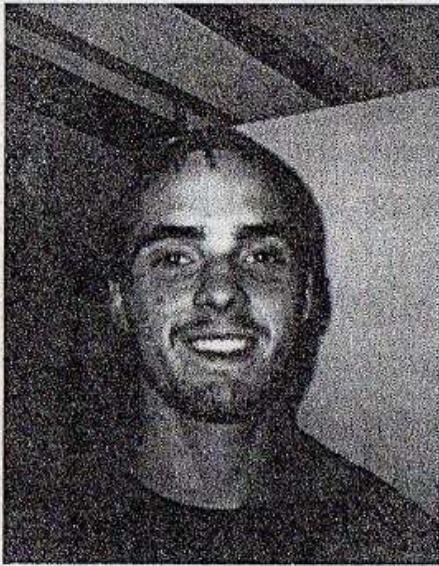
Elder on October 21, 1978. I have so many good memories of growing up: all the Christmas get togethers, spending the night at their house and all the wonderful church memories. But the one thing I will always remember is being at the hospice on the last night of dad's life. My sister, Carolyn and her daughter, Mandy and I, Carolyn read out loud from the book of Job. It was a very spirit filled room. This is one of dad's favorite books.

Job 3:23, "why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?" When dad took his last breath all I do is raise my hand and say thank you, Jesus. Job 14 Verse 14; "If a man die, shall he live again?" All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." Dad's suffering is over and he lays beneath the sod, waiting for his change to come.

Sister Phyllis Moore

RANDY NICHOLAS FIELDS

In loving memory we try to write the obituary of our dear



dad, son and brother, Randy Nicholas Fields. Nick was born October 22, 1979 at South Williamson, Kentucky, he was the son of Randy Fields of McCarr, Kentucky and Lana (Rick) Blankenship of Ransom, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ann Smith and grandfather, Chester Fields; God called Nick home on March 4, 2005. Nick was an auto mechanic by trade and loved working on cars: he also loved to go fishing as much as possible.

Nick leaves behind his wife, Devon (Hunt) Fields and the love of his life, his daughter, Kacie Nicole Fields, additional survivors include his friend and sister Brandi Fields and a special nephew, Tyler Nicholas Fields. He also leaves his grandparents, Landon and Kaye Smith and Francis Fields Caudill, several aunts, uncles, cousins and a best friend, Mike Isom .

Nicks funeral was held at the Samaria Primitive Church on March 9, 2005, the service was conducted by Mike Smith, Raymond Stanley and his uncle Virgil Smith, he was laid to rest at the Alley Cemetery at Ransom, Kentucky. Pallbearers were Michael Hunt, Mike Isom, Joey Fields, Justin Jones, Randy Jones, and Kayla Varney.

Nick was a loving person and not afraid to tell people that he loved them and he always had a smile on his face. He also loved showing off little Kacie, or just playing with her. We sure miss you Nick, there's not a day goes by that we are not thinking of you and you will live forever in our hearts.

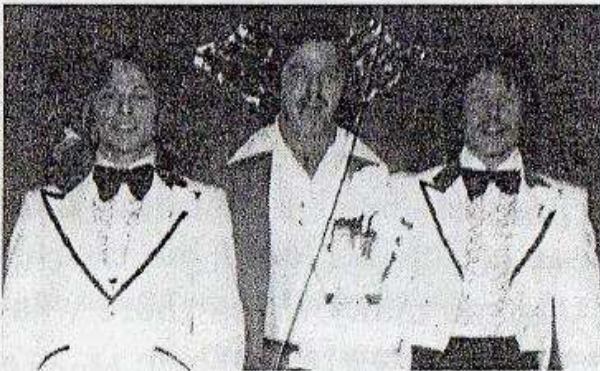
Written by the family

EGGERS FAMILY

JOSEPH FREDRICK, FREDRICK MICHAEL, JERRY LEE, BILLY JOE

With lonely broken hearts, we will try to write the obituary of my loving family, whom I will love and cherish all my life. We're so sad and devastated we can hardly write this. My first son, Billey Joe, born January 24, 1953 and departed this life January 2, 1954; he was a lovely little boy. And then there was my son

Fredrick Michael Eggers born June 15, 1961, and passed away 1982 by drowning. "Lord" please help us to continue on. Then Dad, my husband: Joseph Fredrick Eggers born, August 6, 1934. He passed away August 8, 1984. Now my last and only child Jerry Lee Eggers born February 14, 1956 and passed this life January 31, 2009 with a heart attack. They all were members of the old regular Primitive Baptist Church at Columbus, Ohio on Hillock Road. Jerry was a deacon like his grandfather before him. Joe Dotson; he said that was mighty big shoes to fill. He tried to do the best service he could, to serve God, church and his fellowman. He had a sick daughter and five other children to care for. He loved us all very much, and taught his children about the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior! He passed away while he was helping his family, friends and neighbors and loved ones. We love and miss him so very much.



Our hearts ache everyday for the loss of him. Words can not say how much we miss and love him. His children miss him without measure. Now we know he's resting in peace. Sleep on "Son" and "Dad" until we meet again by the river of life. We hope all of you will be there to greet us when we come, Oh Happy Day, Long waited for.

God only takes the best! God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered come to me. With tear filled eyes we watched as you passed away, although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay: A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands put to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

Written by his daughter
Olivia and Mother Corrine Eggers

TIVIS (JUNIOR) BARTON

With a very sad broken heart I write this obituary.

Junior was an ordained minister being ordained on October 21, 1978. He ministered at Pleasant Hill Church for many years.

He was the first born to the late Matie and Kermit Barton of Dickerson County, VA. Born on July 12, 1936 and passed away on January 23, 2009 at the age of 73, after a lengthy illness. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Cecil; also his loving first wife Pauline. Born to this union were three daughters Phyllis (Greg) Moore, Carolyn (Corky) Compton, Debra (Jeff) McWain. He is also survived by two brothers Sammie (Vickie) Barton, and Arlie Barton.



Junior married Ann on May 31, 1995 which brought her children Michael & Leah, Kelly & Dan and James & Shelly into the family. The family together had 12 grandchildren and 8 1/2 great-grandchildren. Whom he loved very much.

Junior was a very kind, gentle and loving father and husband. And above all he loved his God.

Junior loved to fish and hunt but most of all he loved his church.

When he was able to preach he told me many times there was no feeling like getting the spirit when it came to him.

He never met a stranger; he loved talking to people and make them feel welcome at church and at home, Junior was a loving father to all the children and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

My life has truly been enriched and blessed by being with him for almost 14 years. He was my rock and I'll miss him everyday till we are together again.

Written with all my Love,
Ann

THOMAS DEAN HUFFMAN
FEBRUARY 26, 1935 - FEBRUARY 3, 2002

Thomas Dean Huffman was a dedicated member of the Rocky Road Primitive Baptist Church for many years. He passed away on February 2, 2002 after a hard battle with cancer. Dean, as he was known by most of his family and friends, is survived by his wife Doris Huffman of Justiceville in Pikeville, KY. He was a retired coal miner. Dean was preceded in death by his first wife Octavia.

Dean is also survived by his children: Paul Huffman, Randy Huffman, Michael Huffman, Leisha Slone, Vicky Hopkins, Tommy Huffman, Mitchell Huffman, and Sonja Dale, all of who reside in Kentucky; as well as, by his brothers and sisters: Dorothy King, Jimmy Huffman and Roger Huffman all of Detroit, MI and Jack Huffman and Bobby Huffman of TN. Among



his survivors are many grandchildren: Denise Syck, Paul Ryan Huffman, George Randall Huffman, Mike Huffman, Willie Huffman, Tabitha, Slone, Eric Slone, Jeremy Bishop, Joshua Bishop, Brittany Huffman, Breanna Huffman, Brandon Huffman, Mashela Huffman, Cody Huffman, Connie Dale, and Archie Dale and 18 great-grandchildren.

Dean was also very close to several of his brother and sister-in-laws: Matt & Donnie Slone; Bethel & Arnold Thacker; Mae & Estil Thacker, Opal & Ireland Adkins; Cenia and Tom Thacker; Curt and Marlene Slone; Ed and Connie Slone; Leonard Curry Slone and Fred Slone.

Dean also had many nieces and nephews who he was always very kind and who will also miss him.

Dean loved his church and his family and is greatly missed by all.

MATT GREENIE SLONE

02-19-1939 - 09-08-08

Matt Greenie Slone was born to Benny and Nancy Slone on February 19, 1939. He was also a step-son to Maggie Slone. He grew up on Lower Pompey and lived there until a short time before his death, at which time, he lived with his son, Leonard Slone.

He was a husband to Donna Slone for almost 45 years and a father to Leonard Slone (Pamela), Sonja Crider (David), and Jody Slone (Angela), and Charles Eddie Slone (deceased) and six grandchildren: Charlie Slone, Tamara Slone, Keisha Slone, Chasity Slone (deceased), Dawson Crider and Makenna Slone. He was a deacon at the Rocky Road Primitive Baptist Church and a member since August 1987.

Matt was also loved by his brothers and sisters: Gracie (Phil) Mullins of Elizabethtown, KY; Barbara (Ronnie) Johnson of Lower Pompey; Rosemary (Doug) Stewart of Pikeville, KY; Debbie Slone of Pikeville, KY; Maggie Gail Ratliff of Lower Pompey; Joe (Rose) Slone of Lower Pompey; Richard (Gail) Slone of Lower Pompey and a brother who died as an infant, Linton Lee Slone. He was also very close to several brothers and sisters-in-laws: Leonard Curry Slone (who lived with Matt and Donnie for 40+ years and was cared for by both); Fred Slone of Shelbiana (who also loved with them for many years and thought of as a son); Curt (Marlene Slone) of Greasy Creek; Ed (Connie) Slone of Lower Pompey; Doris (Dean) Huffman of Pikeville, KY; Bethel (Arnold) Thacker of Red Creek, KY; Cenia (Tom) Thacker of Lower Pompey; Opal (Ireland) Adkins of Upper Pompey; Mae (Estil) Thacker of Red Creek, KY. He was also loved by a host of nieces and nephews, whom he also loved very much.



We lost our mom, Donna (Donnie), in February, 2007. Daddy was a dedicated husband, father and member of his church. He loved his wife, Donna, very much and missed her gravely until his own death on 09-08-08. He also loved his children and grandchildren and was equally loved by all of them.

Daddy was a retired coal miner. He worked for approximately 30 years in the coal mines. He was a foreman for most of those years. He was always like by everyone he met and was very friendly and loveable when around him.

Daddy always was sort of a prankster and loved to joke and carry on in good humor. He would do a little dance while walking through the house, just for no reason, most of the time. He loved being around people and going to church and seeing his friends and family there.

We knew daddy was sick and we always tried to keep his health up. Mommy always took excellent care of Daddy and made sure he didn't have to do anything that would upset his health. Unfortunately, to all of our surprise we lost her a little over a year before Daddy. I think Daddy never really recovered from losing the "Love of His Life."

We love and miss you very much Daddy. I know Mommy will be there waiting on you in Heaven.
Your children and grandchildren.

CHARLES E. JUSTICE

Charles E. Justice went home to be with our Lord on September 19, 2008. He was born on December 14, 1932, the son of Jetty and Dennie Justice. Charles grew up with his brothers and sisters in Lick Creek Kentucky. He had three brothers Billy, Russell and Roger and three sisters Vivian, Beatrice and Mary Lou. Times were hard, but they were a very loving family. Charles attended Pikeville College. He taught school in a one room school house. Upon meeting and marrying Virginia Coleman they moved to Michigan in December of 1952. They were married for 56 years.



In 1952, Charles began work as a tool and die maker for G.M. He retired from G.M. in 1986 after 34 years of service. His hobbies were golfing and bowling.

During his life he set a good example of works for his family and friends. He was a good Christian, a wonderful father, a loving husband and a compassionate friend. In his short stay he touched many lives and is truly missed by many.

Charles had two sons Larry and Charles, two daughters Susan and Deborah. There are eight grandchildren Charles, Amanda, Heather, Adam, Emilee, Alexander, Kristy and Corey. Also there are three great-grandchildren Cody, Shae and Makayla.

A special moment occurred in the creek behind Sister Gladys Blackburn's home. Charles, Virginia, Susan, Deborah and Heather entered the creek and gave their lives to the Lord. Such a special time shared with other members of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church for all of their support during our loss of our husband, father and grandfather. Your kindness and support meant so much to our family.

Written by his family

MAGDALENE HATFIELD
JULY 8, 1910 - JANUARY 2, 2009

Magdalene Hatfield, 98, of McCarr, KY, passed away Friday January 2, 2009 at her residence. She was born July 8, 1910 in Pike County, KY to the late John E. and Maggie Scott Hatfield. Preceding her in death were her husband R. Stearl Hatfield and brothers Scott, Alvin, Philip, Ray, and Wayne Hatfield. A homemaker all of her life, she especially enjoyed



cooking and quilting. Magdalene was a member of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, KY for 65 years, having been baptized on August 1, 1943, along with her husband Stearl.

Surviving are her sisters Wanetta Perrine and Josephine Lee, both of Indianapolis, Indiana, and several nieces and nephews. A very special thanks to her nephew Jack Blackburn, and to Barbara Mutter, Debra (Flores) Johnson, Rebecca Alley, Mable Hall, and Shirley Justice, who were her special friends and caregivers; also to a special niece, Patsy Sullivan and her husband

Earl.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home chapel, Belfry, KY, with elders Michael Smith, Randal Thornsby, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney. Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, and Paris Blackburn officiating. Pall bearers: Mike Alley, Curtis Mutter, Tom Norman, Christopher Flores, David Sullivan, Matthew Alley, Paul Fort, Toby Brinegar, Mark Alley, Paul Allen Fort and Gary Sweeney. Honorary pallbearers: Roy Brinegar, Danny Entry, Earl Sullivan and Leslie Hatfield.

SADIE MARIE WHITT

Sadie Marie Whitt, 85, of Ransom, Kentucky, went to meet her Savior on April 10, 2009, 5:15 p.m. at her residence following a lingering illness.

She was born August 27, 1923, the oldest daughter of the late John and Mazie Akers Coleman of Ransom, Kentucky.

Sadie married Vernon Whitt, also of Ransom, on June 19, 1943. He preceded her in death on January 4, 1977. She was also preceded in death by 11 brothers and 2 sisters.

Sadie was a homemaker, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was a faithful member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church of Ransom since August 20, 1950.

Sadie and Vernon were the parents of five children - three



sons: Clyde (Maxine) Whitt, Clarence (Jeanie) Whitt, and Claude Herman (Erma Johnson) Whitt all of Ransom Kentucky; two daughters: Juanita (Robert) Moore of Circleville, Ohio and Loretta Davis of Phoenix, Arizona. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews and her sister, Alice Hager, Ransom, Kentucky.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 11:00 AM at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, KY. The service was conducted by Elder Mike Smith, Elder Raymond Stanley, and Elder Larry Slone. She was buried in the Whitt Family Cemetery at Ransom, Kentucky.

Pallbearers were family members and friends. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. The world lost a special friend, but heaven gained another angel.

Written by Daughters,
Juanita Moore & Loretta Davis

AUDREY MURPHY - PRECIOUS MOTHER

Tonight, with a blank sheet of paper, we are most humbly made to realize that there are not enough adjectives or nouns to describe the intense love that we have felt for this loved one. No handkerchiefs could hold the tears and volumes of books could not contain the memories that she has left for us to cherish. She was a Mother to us all.

Audrey had a positive frame of mind that infectiously reminded all of us to show God's goodness to others; for there was plenty of time late at night for tears and prayers when God would console our sorrows and weeping. I'm quite sure that she taught me one of my most valuable lessons when after losing her only son, Lanny, she told me that if you continue to cry over the loss of a loved one, then even your closest friends will slowly migrate away from your grief. "Oh sure," she said, "they'll give you a while to mourn, but no one wants to be around sadness all the time. So, you have to wear a smile through the day, but you can cry yourself to sleep with Jesus every night." These were words of wisdom that I hope to never forget.



Audrey was blessed to raise three wonderful children, but she mothered many children throughout her life. In her last days, she knew her purpose for life was drawing nigh and her voice was confident with delight for what lay ahead.

When she spoke of wanting to go home, she did not mean her earthly address, she made it quite clear that she wanted to go

home to be with Jesus.

For the last few months of her life, God comforted Audrey by allowing her to believe that she had a small child named Jasper who slept with her, and she smiled so affectionately when she spoke of him, With tears, I couldn't help but remember how many times in our lives we had each been Jasper and she been the Mother who took us in, cradled us, and made us to know that "ALL IS WELL" Her home was welcome to all and for many of us, she epitomized the precious name of "Mother."

Whether you called her daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt or friend, she girded her loins with strength, her candle did not go out by night, her children called her blessed and as a woman that feared the Lord....she shall be praised.

Preceded in death by her husband, Van Murphy, and her only son, Lanny Dale Murphy. Sadly missed by her two daughters, Gail West and Judy Chapman along with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

EDNA SLONE

MARCH 2, 1944 - FEBRUARY 13, 2007

With great sadness, and Gods help we will write the obitu-



ary of our precious loving, wife, mother, mammaw, sister and caregiver to many who she loved dearly. She devoted her life taking care of her family and loved ones. She always put God first in her life.

Edna Slone of McCarr Ky. Passed away Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at Appalachian Regional Hospital of South Williamson, Ky. of a sudden illness.

She was born March 2, 1944 at Martin County Ky., she was the daughter of the late Jeff and Myrtle Carter Maynard. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son Ray Slone Jr., brothers Curtis and Boss Maynard, and sisters

Ollie Ratliff and Teresa Porter.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. She is survived by husband Ray Slone of McCarr Ky., son Ricky (Kim) Slone of McCarr, daughters Myrtle Hager, Tina (Ronnie) Edwards, Tressia (William) Prater, Sharon (Wayne) Whitt all of McCarr, Ky., and Susan (Jamie) Trout of Louisa, Ky., sister Helen Spence of Tomahawk, Ky., grandchildren Gary Hager II, Kashina Hager, Ronnie (Boomer) Edwards, William (Bub) Prater, Kaylann Prater, Ricky Joe Slone Jr., Tim McCoy, Victoria McCoy, Alyssa McCoy, John Abe Skeans, Wesley Whitt, Tiffany Whitt, Kasey Rae Maynard, Shirley Mounts, Josh Trout, and Jasmine Trout, great grandchildren Rheanna, Harry, and Paige Hager and Destiny Childress.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday, February 17, 2008 at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry Ky. With Mike Smith, Shawn and Jeff Dotson, Paul Varney, Raymond Stanley and Larry Slone officiating. Burial followed at the Maynard Cemetery at McCarr, Ky.

She is sadly missed by all of us. We believe God had a reason for calling her home, but our loss is Heavens gain, We can only imagine how wonderful Heaven is and how the Angels rejoice, when our precious Angel entered the Promise Land.

As long as we have breath and our hearts beat to us she is not dead she's just "GONE AWAY WITH A FRIEND"

MAE RATLIFF McCOWAN **April 17, 1925 - April 2, 2008**



Our hearts are broken, and so very sad to have to write this obituary for our mother, Mae McCowan.

She was 82 years old, and was born and raised at Little Prater, but spent all her married life on Dry Fork, being a loving wife to daddy Wesley McCowan, who went home to be with our Lord on March 19, 1987, and being the best "Mommy" anyone could ever ask for.

Mommy has left behind two daughters: Brenda Sue McGlothlin and husband Lee, and Mary Young and husband Larry, and one son: Leonard Wayne McCowan and wife

Marsha, and four grandsons: Andrew Lee McGlothlin, Christopher Wayne McCowan, and wife Tasha, Brandon James McCowan, and Joshua Edward McCowan, and two great-granddaughters: Kadence and Kayleigh McCowan. She also leaves behind one brother: Tollie (Bud) Ratliff, and two sisters: Lennine Quinley and Eunice Colman, and lots of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: William and Wincey Boyd Ratliff, one brother: Tommy Ratliff, and five sisters: Ida Matney, Margie Nickles, Gay Ownes, Onie Bowman, and Rosie Ratliff.

"Mommy" was a bouquet of flowers to us. She was always ready to "make things better" for us, and she was always there for us.

Her love of the Lord was like a lighthouse for us, and everyone who knew her, and she loved the Church-especially Dry Fork. But most of all, she loved the Lord. She grew up in a Baptist Church, and remained there all her life, being baptized in 1976. She was so loving, and she showed that love at home, at church and everywhere she went.

She always put everyone else before herself. God really blessed us when he gave us Mommy for our mother, and I think she was a blessing to the people who knew and loved her, and she never, ever met a stranger. She always said that when she hugged you, she wanted to hug you so that you would know she loved you and she did just that, and always had a smile.

God's love was like sunshine in her face, and she always brought sunshine. So, Mommy, words can never say how much you're missed here below. There's never one day that you're not on my mind. Everywhere I look, I see you. I see your flower pots, and garden gloves and straw hat, the things you painted and bought to make your house a home. Your bed, dishes, clothes, and everything inside and outside reminds me of you.

You have left a treasure chest of precious, wonderful memories. And I know that my tears will continue to flow from missing you so very much, but I know those beautiful angels that you saw flying around over your bed, carried you home to Jesus, because you told us there were angels flying all around you and you were leaving here because you could see Jesus!

So I know where you are Mommy, and someday we will be together in paradise. Just wait for me! You'll always be in my heart, and never, ever be forgotten."

Written by daughter, Brenda McGlothlin

We love you, Mommy!

Lee, Brenda, Andrew, Mary, Larry, Wayne, Marsha,
Chris, Tasha, B.J., Josh, Kadence and Kayleigh

DORIS WEBB THACKER

It is with much sadness and many memories that we will write the obituary of our beloved mother. Doris G. Webb Thacker, 79, departed this life March 16, 2009. Mom was born July 30, 1929, to the late Landon and Goldie Blevins Webb. Mom married the late Miles Thacker November 18, 1946. To



this union was born four children: Wanda (Kelly) Blackburn of Kimper KY, Gail Roberts of Pikeville KY, Gary (Carolyn) Thacker of Pikeville KY, and Larry (Roberta) Thacker of Raccoon, KY. Six grandchildren survive mom: Gene Ed Blackburn, Brian Roberts, Terri Roberts, Shawn Thacker, Shannon (Miranda) Thacker, and Gina T. (Darrin) McCoy. Four great-grandchildren: Cameron Blackburn, Ethan Blackburn, Domonic Roberts, and Daniel Roberts. Mom was also preceded in death by one grandson Jarrod Dean Blackburn, one sister Okie W. Ward,

two brothers Arlie Webb, and Delano Webb.

Mom joined Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church in 1955, where she was a faithful member. We know she has taken her place beside Dad, a sinner saved by Grace, until God comes and takes her home. We love and miss you everyday, our memories will live on forever and if we could crown you mother we would crown you a million times. Sleep on Mom for someday we hope we will be together again. Therefore, when tomorrow starts without you do not think we are apart for we know you are right here in our hearts.

SLEEP ON MOM WE LOVE YOU.

Family of Doris Thacker

FANNIE LEE WEBB

Fannie Lee (Justice) Webb passed from this life on January 11, 2009. She was born June 23, 1939 to the late Hillard and Fannie (Thacker) Justice. Fannie was preceded in death by one son, Elliott Webb: two brothers James Justice and Vernon Justice: and three sisters Hazel White, Lurla White, Jodelene Ratliff.

She is survived by her husband Mack Webb, of Grapevine:

one son Macky Dwayne Webb of Grapevine: one daughter Rhonda Hall of Louisville, KY: three brothers Louie Justice, Mayor Justice, (passed away July 19, 2009). And Hillard Justice Jr.: one sister Rena Ratliff: and two grandchildren Michael Webb and Michelle Webb of Pikeville. She was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church for many, many years.

She will be missed dearly by her loving husband and children. Her church family will also miss her as she was a well loved member. Sleep on Fannie we'll meet you some sweet day in Heaven.

CLEO VANDYKE RATLIFF



Cleo was born into a large dear family of Bennie Vandyke and Rosie Street Vandyke. Mrs. Vandyke was a lovely, giving mother-in-law. Cleo was like her mother. I always thought her and my husband Shorty looked like her. You could count on her, she was the rock of the family.

Others brought Shorty to see me in the hospital and nursing home. But this is about Cleo, whom I loved so much. Cleo and her sister, Inez Cline, better known as Sug, visited us when we lived in Bath County, VA. They said it was like coming home. We enjoyed having them as well as they liked to visit with us. Cleo and Sug were more like sisters to me and treated me that way. Sug told me I was more like a sister instead of a sister-in-law. But I must get back to Cleo; she was the rock in this family. When one was sick, she was there to help out. I could not have made it without her help. Shorty was sick and she stood by me all the way.

She went with me two times in the ambulance to the Doctor in Johnson City, TN., and stayed with me and visited me often in the nursing home where I had to learn to walk again.

When we lost her, we lost the rock in the family. It was a great loss to the family, friends and neighbors. To know her was to love her. She was a friend, a neighbor, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother and a loving wife.

I pray we will meet across in the promise land my dear friend. I love you and Sug. Cleo brought me and Shorty together.

Betty Jo Vandyke

SYLVIA REBECCA COLEMAN THACKER



Sylvia Rebecca Coleman Thacker was born February 4, 1924 to Riley B. Coleman and Lucy Pearl Coleman of Raccoon, Kentucky. She was a tiny thing, not expected to live, but the Lord had other plans. She wasn't strong as a child, not able to work in the fields, so she babysat her younger brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews. She later met and married Jesse Thacker of Lower Pompey much to the dismay of the children. They liked daddy but they

did not want her to leave home.

Mom and Dad were only married a few years when he was badly injured in a mining accident. When he was forty seven years old he died of a heart attack, leaving mom a widow for thirty eight years. They had three daughters, Linda Pearl Thompson (Doug), Audrey Ellen Blevins (Randal), and Janice Marie Slone (Kenneth). They also had six grandchildren,

Cynthia (Gary), Terry (Tonia), Bradley (Catrena), Kenetha (Jamie), James, Stella (Brian), and twelve great-grandchildren. Mom babysat for her grandchildren also and would upset if we mentioned taking them to daycare or elsewhere.

Mom has two sisters living, Frona and Flossie Coleman. Her siblings who preceded her were Jonathan, Sarah, Alva, Alvin, Luther, and Allen Coleman. Mom has numerous nieces and nephews who loved her greatly.

Mom was a humble person, very slow to anger, always smiling, and she was a lady. She was one of the first people to go to her friends and family in times of trouble. She was kind and loving to all people especially children. She taught her girls to be respectful and love people also. She led by example.

Mom was really ill the last two years of her life but it was especially bad the last week. She told us we could not say she had given up. We can't, she fought hard, but it is our belief that God called her at His time. During this time she said, "Thank you God for getting me this far", and "I put my trust in Jesus." She also thanked Jesus for bringing her baby home. It was during this time that one of her great grandchildren was fighting for its life at UKMC in Lexington. It meant so much to all of us to know how many prayers went up for our baby and we know where our help came from. Everyone that knew mom knows she was a strong believer in Jesus and had really exceptional faith. She is so sadly missed by her family and friends.

Written by her family

PEARLIE MAY

With the help of our dear Jesus Christ we will make the attempt to write the obituary of our Dear mother, whom with the most beautiful smile on March 17, 2008 at 7:45 a.m., went home to be with her Lord. Making her stay here 84 years, 11 months, 4 days. We live in hope to be blessed one day to see the beauty that Mom saw that morning when God took her from us. Mom was ready to go home, she was tired, and God knew she had suffered enough; we wanted her to stay, but God wanted another beautiful flower for his garden.

Mom was born in Pike Co. KY. on April 15, 1923 to Harvey and Fanny Pauley Maynard who preceded her in death. Mom

was the wife of the late Deacon Daniel May, both were members of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Mom was a



home maker and raised 10 children 2 preceded her in death One son, John T. May , one daughter Birtus Fay May Smith. Mom leaves 8 children to mourn her death 3 sons, Danny L. May of Dearborn Hgts. Mi. Burgess R. May of Pikeville Ky. Bobby J. May of Sidney Ky. 5 daughters Delilah Blevins of Man Wva. Marry E. Williamson of Mission Vajo, CA. Audrey Jean Schwab of Enon, OH. Virginia Blackburn of Severtville, TN. Linda G. Caudell of Jeremiah, Ky. One sister Berthia

Doss of Virginia Beach, VA. 25 grandchildren, many great and great great grandchildren, a host of friends and relatives whom she loved very much. Mom you are at rest, and we know that: our hope in Christ is that one day there will be someone to see the beautiful smile on our face that you left with, when God took you home to be with him on that beautiful March morning. We wouldn't have you back to suffer in this world again. Your flight has been won, you left us in peace, knowing you were at peace in Christ.

Written By The Children

VICY HOSKINS

Vicy Hoskins was born on March 29, 1929 in London, the daughter of Frank and Mamie Church. She was united in marriage to Charles Hoskins, who preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons, Kenneth Hoskins of London and Paul Hoskins of Linden, Michigan, one daughter Vicie Ann Estep of London, two brothers, Paul Church of London, Ambers Church of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and Niley Church of Ocala, Florida, three sisters, Hiley Wilson of Lafollette, Tennessee and Hazel Shroyer of London, seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren, plus a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Besides her parents and husband, she was



preceded in death by three children, Debra Robinson, Edna Hall and Charles Paul Baker and five brothers and sisters, Vece Hoskins, Hover, Elma, Thelma, and Elmer Church. She was a homemaker and was affiliated with the Baptist Faith. Vicy Hoskins departed this life on Friday, January 12, 2007, being 77 years of age.

Mother I love you very much and miss you very much and I will see you mother and dad again and I know you and dad is with God and Jesus. You are the best mother a man would love to have.

Love, Your Son
Ken Hoskins

PRICEY JANE MAY STANLEY

May 11, 1923 - October 25, 2008

Price Jane May Stanley, 85, departed this life on Saturday, October 25, 2008. She was born May 11, 1923, at Pinsonfork, Pike County, KY, the daughter of William Jefferson and Nancy



Ball May. She was a homemaker and a member of Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Landon Stanley, son Leonard Smith, brothers Kelly and Walter May, and sister Maude Gent. Survivors are daughters Barbara Sue Varney and Drema Delores Elswick; brothers Bud May and Harold May of Canada, KY; sisters Gertrude Blackburn, Jenette May and Ruth Blackburn of Pinsonfork, KY; seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at Rogers Funeral Home chapel, Belfry, KY., with elders Raymond Stanley and Michael Smith officiating. Special services on Monday and Tuesday nights preceded the funeral service. Pallbearers: grandchildren and other family members. Burial was at the Landon Stanley family cemetery.

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 reprovod 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														2009
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, Jr.	Bradley Worrix, Jr.	1825	2	0	0	-1	0	0	-4	66	2nd	\$130.00	
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	47	2nd	\$125.00	
Big Creek	Randal Thornsby	Wade Smith	1857	1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	61	3rd	\$150.00	
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	Jeff Belcher	1820	0	0	0	2	0	-3	-2	69	4th	\$125.00	
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	Randall Smith	1869	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	73	4th	\$125.00	
Sulphur Springs	Brian Moore	Ronald Moore	1863	2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	30	1st	\$65.00	
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	Frank Ball	1893	1	1	0	0	-1	0	0	39	1st	\$60.00	
Grapevine	Noah Slone	Timothy A. Slone	1889	1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	28	3rd	\$60.00	
Samaria	Michael Smith	Leslie D. Hatfield	1890	5	0	0	1	-2	-1	-3	140	3rd	\$200.00	
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	Seth Shortridge	1894	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1st	\$65.00	
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	Carl Coleman	1936	9	1	0	1	0	-1	-1	34	2nd	\$100.00	
Calvary	David A. Thacker	Barry Thacker	1951	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-1	34	1st	\$100.00	
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	Ruth Maynard	1962	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	2nd	\$130.50	
Friendship	Michael Elswick	Martin Childers	1925	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	19	4th	\$25.00	
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	Sandra Harris	1967	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	74	4th	\$100.00	
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	1971	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	62	4th	\$100.00	
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	Phyllis Moore	1972	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	35	1st	\$75.00	
New Hope	James T. Dotson	William Dotson	1991	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	14	4th	\$40.00	
18				23	3	0	4	-3	-8	-21	881		\$1,775.50	

NIGHT, ODD SUNDAY AND OTHER MEETINGS

LOUISA: Odd Sunday.

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

BIG CREEK: First Saturday night.

RACCOON: None

PETER CREEK: None

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Odd Saturday night at 6:30 p.m.

LITTLE HOPE: Third Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

GRAPEVINE: Fifth Sunday.

SAMARIA: None

FEDS CREEK: None

JOHNS CREEK: None.

CALVARY: None

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

FRIENDSHIP: None.

COLUMBUS: None.

DEERFIELD: None.

PLEASANT HILL: None.

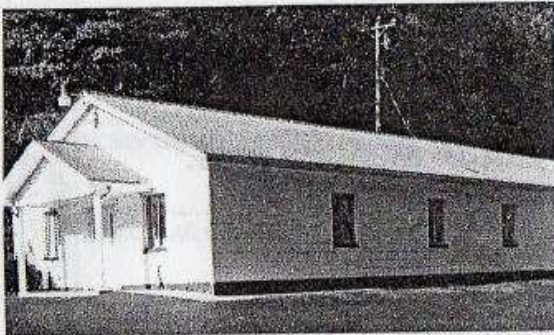
NEW HOPE: None.



**JOHNS CREEK
CHURCH HOUSE
2253 Long Fork Road
Kimper, KY 41539**

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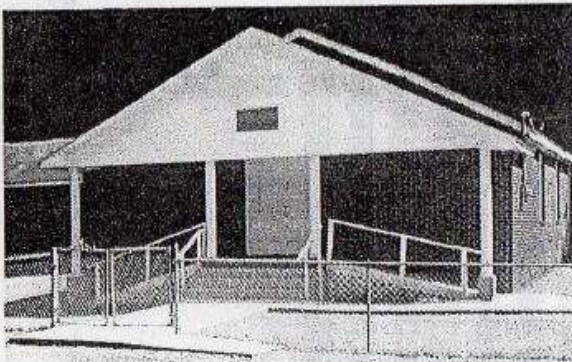
Directions to Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church: From Pikeville, Kentucky, U.S. 119 North 8 miles to Phelps/Kimper exit. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on KY-194, go approx. 8 miles to Jct. KY-632; go straight on KY-632 4 miles to County Route-1758 (Long Fork Road); turn right on Long Fork Road, go 2.3 miles to church house on right. From Williamson, West Virginia, take U.S. 119 South to Phelps/Kimper exit, follow directions above.



**CALVARY
CHURCH HOUSE
631 Varney Branch Rd.
Kimper, KY 41539**

**SITE OF 2010
AASSOCIATION**

Directions to Calvary Primitive Baptist Church: From Pikeville Kentucky, take U.S. 119 North 8 miles to Phelps/Kimper exit; at bottom of exit ramp, turn left on KY-194, go 7.1 miles to Varney Branch road on left across from Kimper Elementary School; turn left on Varney Branch Road, go 0.6 miles to church house on right. From Williamson, WV take U.S. 119 South approx. 17 miles to Phelps/Kimper exit; right on exit ramp, follow directions above.



**SAMARIA
CHURCH HOUSE
1722 Left Fork Blackberry Rd.
Ransom, KY 41558**

**SITE OF 2010
ANNUAL MEETING**

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

