

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

*Organized in 1849*

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**HELD WITH**  
**CALVARY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kimper , Pike County, Kentucky  
September 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2010

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Next session convenes with the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church located at 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, starting 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September 2011.

Directions to Columbus Primitive Baptist Church:

599 Hilock Road, Columbus, OH 43207-3122

Travel North from the Junction of I-270 and U.S. 23, which is South High Street, just over one mile to the 5th stop light. Turn right on East Williams road, travel one/half mile to the first stop light. Turn left on Parsons Avenue, travel about one/quarter mile to the first street on the right. Turn right on Hilock Road, travel about one/quarter mile to Columbus Church on the right side of the street at 599 Hilock Road.

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## PROCEEDINGS

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

### FRIDAY MORNING, September 3, 2010

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Steve Kender.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Paul Varney. Brother Paul was wonderfully blessed to preach the RESURRECTION, with many scriptural proofs and examples. From the Covenant of Grace before the world began, to "unto us a child is born," to "He shall call and I shall answer," and all between, brother Paul showed with great clarity the surety of our Hope in Christ, our Way, our Truth, our Life, our Resurrection.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Calvary 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 Jeff Dotson serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elders Brian Moore and Paul Golf 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 Garnell Gilbert, Elder Jim O'Quinn, Deacon Wayne Fleming, Deacon Fayne Viers, Deacon Oscar Childress, Deacon Jerry Stanley.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Elder Jerry Brown, Elder Louie Howard, Elder Chris Harris, Brother Donne Lykins, Brother Darrell Nickels, Brother Rodney Wireman, Brother Bill Salyer, Brother Roby Gullett, Brother M.T. Wireman.

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

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Elder Vance Jones, Elder Rodney Marshall, Brother Jonathan Cavanaugh, Corey Marshall.

**MT. ZION:** None.

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

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

**FISHER'S RIVER:** Elder Avery Branch.

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

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

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

**SAND LICK-VA:** Elder Terry Thacker, Elder Robert Thacker, Deacon Oscar Childress, Sister Diann Owens, Sister Virginia Childress.

**BURNING SPRINGS:**

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Sister Hulda Jones, Sister Anna Marshall.

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:**

**UNION:** Jean Adams, Bonnie Hampton, Lynette Moore.

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

**MT. ZION:** None.

**WASHINGTON:** Doris Childress, Deloris Stacy.

**PINEY GROVE:**

**SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY:**



Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. Elder Barry Thacker, Deacon Carl Coleman, and the Deacons from Calvary Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday afternoon at Calvary Church: Eddie Lyle, David Gambill, Jerry Brown.

B. Friday night at Old Pond Church: James Clyde Ball, Ricahrd Kirby, Vance Jones, Randal Thornsbery, Shawn Dotson.

C. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Paris Blackburn, Ralph Cobb, J.C. Hager, David Allen Thacker.

D. Friday night at Louisa Church: David Jacobs, David Edwards, Greg Moore, Lundy Coleman, Robert Worrix, Jr..

E. Saturday morning at Calvary Church: Robert Thacker, Richard Kirby, Corbin Hampton, Vance Jones.

E. Saturday afternoon at Calvary Church: Trillis Adams, David Edwards, David Allen Thacker.

F. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: David Edwards, Rodney Marshall, Victor Church, J.C. Hager.

G. Saturday night at Samaria Church: Paul Varney, Roger Rose, Jimmy Lee Smith, Greg Moore.

H. Saturday night at Little Hope Church: Barry Thacker, Terry Thacker, Ralph Cobb, Robert Thacker, Raymond Stanley.



Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

James Nichols, Cecil Hatfield, John Jacobs, Lonnie Collins, Daris Kender, Brian Moore, Wallace Vipperman, Dave Hackney, Noah Slone, Wendell Dotson, Larry Mounts, Paul Varney, Darrin Compton, David May, Paris Blackburn, Harold Blackburn, Greg Moore, Kenneth Chapman.

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

**SAND LICK-Virginia:** Friday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September, 2010. Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Paul Goff, Roger Deel, Darrin Compton, Richard Tucker, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Larry Mounts, Greg Moore.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August, 2011. Paul Goff, John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Paris Blackburn, David May, Steve Kender, Daris Kender, Timothy Smith.

**ST. CLAIR DISTRICT:** Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May, 2011. Brian Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David May, David A. Thacker.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September, 2010. Paul Goff, John Jacobs, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Randal Thornsberry, Jeremy Jacobs, David May.

**MT. ZION:** Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August, 2011. Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Lonnie Simpkins.

**WASHINGTON:** Friday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September, 2010. Paul Goff, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, Randal Thornsberry, David May, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker.

**UNION:** Friday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June, 2011. Noah Slone, Onis Smith, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff, John Jacobs, Larry Chapman, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker.

**FISHERS RIVER:** Friday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in July, 2011. Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, David May.

**PINEY GROVE:** Friday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May, 2011. David May, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker.

**SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY:** Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September, 2010. Noah Slone, Larry Chapman, Richard Tucker, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff, David May, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Timothy Smith.



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

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**Saturday morning September 4, 2010 at Calvary Church house.**

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

The Committee met at Calvary 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, except the letter from Calvary Church.

#2. Recommend that Little Hope Church host the Annual Meeting for 2011.

#3. Recommended that Columbus Church host the Association for 2011.

#4. Called for the circular letter written by Elder David Allen Thacker. 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 Little Hope Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2011.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Jim O'Quinn.

1.) Elder Victor Church

2.) Elder Rodney Marshall

3.) Elder Randal Thornsby

Dismiss with song and prayer by Elder J.C. Hager

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 2011 are as follows:



**LOUISA:** 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2011. 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, John Jacobs, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, Garnell Gilbert, J.C. Hager, Trillis Adams, Corbin Hampton, David Coleman, Jr., Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, David Gambill, Riley Grigsby, Greg Moore 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 30, 2011.

**OLD POND:** 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2011. 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, 2011.

**BIG CREEK:** 394 Meathouse Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2011. Ernest Blair, Paris Blackburn, David Coleman, Jr., Kenneth Chapman, J.C.Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Larry Slone, Noah Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Paul Varney, Estle Hackney, Steve Kender, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, 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, 2011.

**RACCOON:** 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2011. Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Noah Slone, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsby, Garnell Gilbert, Brian Moore, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, David Lee Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr., Argel Kendrick, Todd Thacker, Gary Thacker.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in October, 2011.

**PETER CREEK:** 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2011. Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsby, Elmer Thacker, Steve Kender, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore,



Michael Elswick, James Clyde Ball, and all order Primitive Baptist elders.

NOTE: Memorial Meeting fourth Saturday in June, 2011  
**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA  
24620 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2011.  
Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker,  
Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsby,  
David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Paul Dean Jus-  
tice, Noah Slone, David Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Robert Wor-  
rix, Jr., Jimmy Lee Smith, Steve Kender, 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, 2011.  
Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chap-  
man, Paris Blackburn, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robert Wor-  
rix, Jr., Noah Slone, Paul Varney, David A. Thacker, Jimmy  
Lee Smith, Randal Thornsby, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson,  
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 week-  
end in August, 2011.

**GRAPEVINE:** 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554.  
Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2011. Elmer  
Thacker, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, 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 Thornsby, David A. Thacker,  
Larry Slone, Trillis Adams, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Garnell  
Gilbert, Noah Edwards.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held  
on May 1, 2011.

**SAMARIA:** 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY  
41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2011.  
Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, Ray-  
mond Stanley, Walter Sullivan, Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager,  
Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsby, Noah  
Slone, Estle Hackney, James Clyde Ball, Jim O'Quinn, Don  
Stacy, Roger Rose, Brian Moore.

**FEDS CREEK:** 1854 Feds Creek Road, Feds Creek, KY. Meets  
the first Saturday in May, 2011. Ricky Worrix, Robert



Worrix, Jr., Paul Dean Justice, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsby, David Allen Thacker, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley, Todd Thacker, Larry Mounts.

**JOHNS CREEK:** 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539.

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2011. Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Steve Kender, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy Lee Smith, David Coleman, Jr., Paris Blackburn, Kenneth Chapman, David May, Michael Elswick, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Barry Thacker, Larry Slone, Brian Moore, James Clyde Ball, Onis Smith.

**CALVARY:** 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539

Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2011. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsby, 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.

NOTE: Memorial Meeting the first weekend in November on Sunday for deceased members.

**DRY FORK:** 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656 Meets

Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2011. Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Brian Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Larry Slone, Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Donald Stacy, Jim Duty, Jim O'Quinn, Shawn Dotson, Estle Hackney, James Clyde Ball, Ricky Worrix, Argel Kendrick, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

NOTE: Memorial service for all deceased members will be held on the second Sunday in July, 2011 on Baldwin Mountain at the cemetery.

**FRIENDSHIP:** Bob's Branch, Thelma, KY 41260 Meets the

fourth Saturday in August, 2011. John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsby, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, R.T. Thacker, Barry Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Estle Hackney, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, and all orderly Primitive Baptists elders, brothers and sisters are welcome.



**COLUMBUS: 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, OH 43207 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2011.** Randal Thornsberry, David Coleman, Jr., Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David Jacobs, David May, Carmen Gillum, Robert Worrix, Jr., 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 17, 2011, at the home of brother Arthur Coleman at 32991 Hagerty Road, McArthur, Ohio 45651.

Our Annual Meeting will be held Friday, September 30, 2011, Saturday October 1, 2011, Sunday, October 2, 2011

**DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451 Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2011.** Michael Elswick, Jim Duty, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, David May, Shawn Dotson, Robert Worrix, Jr., Victor Quick, Jeff Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, James T. Dotson, Bob Mayhorn, Billy Cook, Randal Thornsberry, Estle Hackney, Larry Slone, Kenneth Chapman, Ricky Worrix, Johnathan Cook, Arnold Childress, Robert Thacker, Brian Moore, Hoey Lester, Roger Rose. All orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service to be held the second weekend in October, 2011.

**PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078.Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2011.** 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 Smith, Robert Worrix, Jr., Garnell Gilbert, Ricky Worrix, Daniel Jacobs.

NOTE: A Memorial service will be held the third weekend of October, 2011, beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

**NEW HOPE: 527 Pinsonfork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555.Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2011.** John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Raymond Stanley,



Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Brian Moore, James Clyde Ball.

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

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

**BROTHERS:** Elmer Brown, Rufford Howell, Luther D. Minnix, Bradley Worrix, Jr., John B. Ball, Roland T. Varney, Homer Justice, E. Garland Brown, Sr., Roy "Bunk" Owens, Garry Neal Thacker, Martin Ball, Jr., Ance Varney, Jr., Armon Varney, James "Oscar" Blair, Kenneth Wilson, James Marshall Justice, David B. Thacker, Henry Varney, and Terry Dwayne Thacker, Joe Slone, Nathaniel Slone, Ellis Slone.

**SISTERS:** Bonnie Sue (Coleman) Rhodes, Vida Fern Varney Richardson, Rosemary Lynn May Varney, Bertha Mae Smith, Ruth Fuller Blair Blackburn, Melinda Utha Thacker, Hazel Irene Eades and Ida Pearl Coleman.

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:

<u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND</u> from last year .....	\$5074.78
Amount received from the churches this year .....	1769.50
Amount received for obituaries this year.....	120.00
Donations received this year .....	<u>95.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u>	<u>\$7,059.28</u>

CASH PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2009 Minutes .....	\$1880.60
Gave Moderator .....	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator .....	50.00
Gave Clerk .....	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk .....	50.00
Gave Johns Creek Church to reimburse for portable toilets	200.00
Paid for postage .....	21.40
Gave cash to visiting ministers.....	600.00
Paid for Supplies.....	0.00



TOTAL CASH PAID OUT .....	<u>-\$2,902.00</u>
BALANCE LEFT ON HAND Sept 3, 2009.....	<u>\$4,157.28</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>	
Checkbook balance: .....	<u>\$2217.78</u>
Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit:.....	<u>1939.50</u>
TOTAL FUNDS:.....	<u>\$4,157.28</u>

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church at 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2011. Elder Steve Kender was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder J.C. Hager is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Paul Varney, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Elder Randal Thornsburg, 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 Calvary Church for their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

### **SUNDAY MORNING September 5, 2010**

INTRODUCTION: Elder Jim O'Quinn introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Elder Victor Church
2. Elder Rodney Marshall
3. Elder Randal Thornsburg

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder J.C. Hager

### **CIRCULAR LETTER**

By: Elder David A. Thacker

Dear Brethren:

Having been chosen to write to you in the form of a circular letter, this one hundred fifty eighth annual session of the Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, I will fulfill this request, if the Lord will bless me. For the last year, my thoughts about this letter have been on our great King and his Kingdom.



There are many scriptures that let us know who the King of the Kingdom is. In Isaiah 9:6 we read, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (9:7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Jeremiah also prophesied of Jesus being King. (23:5) "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the Earth. (23:6) In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord of Righteousness."

Another scripture speaking of the King can be found in Matthew 2:1 and 2:2. "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

Then in Matthew 21:5 we read, "Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass."

In Luke 1:31-33, the Angel Gabriel spoke to Mary about the birth of Jesus. He told her, "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end." Yes brethren, when Jesus was born into this world, he was already the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Now, if God would bless us we will speak of the King's Kingdom. There have been many kings and kingdoms of this world which have fallen, but God's Kingdom is everlasting; to it there shall be no end.

In John 3:3, we read that Jesus said, "Verily, Verily I say unto thee except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom."

In Matthew 18:1 The Disciples asked, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." (18:2) "Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, (18:3) and said, verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven. (18:4) Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. (18:5) And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me." Also, we are instructed to seek the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

As Jesus lived upon this Earth and began to preach, he preached for the people to "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven was at hand." But not just any people, the chosen people that are spoken of in Matthew 4:16.



"The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." Jesus was preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. (Luke 9:27) He told them, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death till they see the Kingdom of God". He clearly told them there will be some living at that time.

Jesus sent out his disciples to preach the Kingdom of Heaven. His Kingdom was at hand. Again brethren, we, his people, are dwelling in the Kingdom, which is his church. Many today have the problem as the Jews had in believing Christ and his Kingdom as being here. They are looking for a natural King and a natural or physical Kingdom which could be seen with natural eyes. Again, ye must be born again to see the Kingdom of God. The birth that I am speaking of is a spiritual birth.

Listen to what Jesus said, in John 18:36, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: But now is my Kingdom not from hence." Also, we read of the Pharisees demanding to know where and when Jesus' kingdom would be established. (Luke 17:20-21) Jesus answered them and said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say Lo here or Lo there! For the Kingdom of God is within you."

In the book of Romans 14:17, "for the Kingdom of God is not meat or drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is called "The Kingdom of God" or the "Kingdom of Heaven." His children, being born again of the spirit, have passed from death unto life. By God's grace they seek the kingdom. The church Kingdom is a place of refuge for the humble, poor, and afflicted Saints of God. It has been and remains a safe haven for their souls. Jesus said, "Come and Dine" which was an invitation to the church. Then in Proverbs 31:14, it reads, "She is like the merchants' ships; She bringeth her food from afar." In other words, the Church is like a merchant ship, her food comes down from God out of Heaven. I believe we the children of the King, do eat the Marriage Supper here in the Kingdom of God (the church). This spiritual food that God has blessed us with, which come in the form of singing, praying, and preaching, feeds our hungry souls here in his kingdom, the church!

In summary, Christ is coming back for his bride, the lamb's wife, the church - His Kingdom. Christ will deliver His glorious Church back to the Father and so shall we everly be with the Lord.

With A Blessed Hope in Christ.  
Elder David Allen Thacker



## 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 Elswick.

Alternate: Clifford Hunt

**BIG CREEK:** Tim Thacker, John Jacobs, Lawrence Elswick, Hursell Stevens.

Alternate: Bill Slone

**RACCOON:** Otis Thacker, Lonnie Collins, Donovan Blackburn, Richard Tucker.

Alternate: Herman Coleman

**PETER CREEK:** Floyd Coleman, Daris Kender, Randy Kender, Fonso Hatfield.

Alternate: Jimmy Lee Smith

**SULPHUR SPRING:** Terry Blackburn, Larry Mounts, Brian Moore, Estle Hackney.

Alternate: Justin Blackburn

**LITTLE HOPE:** Mitchell Blackburn, David Hackney, Millard Whitt, Frank J. Ball.

Alternate: Fonso McIntosh

**GRAPEVINE:** Dean Anderson, Donald Justice, Noah Slone, Paul Goff.

Alternate: Leon Adkins

**SAMARIA:** Wendell Dotson, Berlin Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson.

Alternate: Ernie Justice

**FEDS CREEK:** Ernest Blair, Ricky Blair, Ernest Seth Shortridge, Ricky Worrix.

Alternate: Larry Mounts

**JOHNS CREEK:** Plennie Coleman, Jr. Newton, Paul Varney, Carl Coleman.

Alternate: Steve Kender

**CALVARY:** Duke Chapman, Lawrence Williams, Wallace Vipperman, Steve Bryant.

Alternate: Barry Thacker

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

Alternate: Estle Hackney

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

Alternate: Martin Childers

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

Alternate: Roger Blackburn

**DEERFIELD:** Danny May, John Holyfield, Harold Blackburn, Jackie Davis, Jr.

Alternate: Jackie Davis, Sr.

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

Alternate: Jackie Scott

**NEW HOPE:** James Hackney, Larry Slone, William Dotson, Everett Smith.

Alternate: Kenneth Chapman



## VISITING ELDERS

Jerry Brown     3 Muddy Branch Road, West Liberty, KY 41472  
 Roy L. Adams     110 Dallas Drive, Eolia, KY 40826  
 Vance Jones     3460 Highway 268 East, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041  
 Garnell Gilbert     6431 Hurricane Creek Road, Vansant, VA 24656  
 George Ben Combs     P.O. Box 1089, Lebanon, VA 24266  
 Eddie G. Lyle     1521 Elliot Rd, West Jefferson, NC 28694  
 Joe Edwards     659 Newberry Ridge, Clintwood, VA 24228  
 Riley Grigsby     50 Orchard Lane, Ary, KY 41712  
 David Gambill     344 Williams Branch Rd., Hazard, KY 41701  
 Rodney Marshall     1140 Old Orchard Road, Westfield, NC 27053  
 Avery Branch     202 Poplar Springs Rd., Elkin, NC 28621  
 Ked Stacy     P.O. Box 65, Wolford, VA 24658  
 Don Stacy     27068 Rich Valley Road, Abingdon, VA 24210  
 Louie Howard     1085 Coon Creek Road, Salyersville, KY 41565  
 Victor Church     8839 Maple Road, Pound, VA 24279  
 Corbin Hampton     190 Tate Hampton Road, Eolia, KY 40826  
 Jim O'Quinn     Drawer D, Haysi, VA 24256  
 Trillis Adams     11 Angler Road, Eolia KY 40826  
 David A. Edwards     179 Upchurch Lane, Lambsburg, VA 24351  
 Robert Thacker     1671 Ella West Circle, Lynnville, TN 38472  
 Terry Thacker     3610 Wynwood, Lewisburg, TN  
 Richard Kirby     2474 Winding Woods Lane, Ashboro, NC 27205

### CHURCH

Louisa  
 Old Pond  
 Big Creek  
 Raccoon  
 Peter Creek  
 Sulphur Spring

### MODERATOR

Robert B. Worrix, Jr.  
 Michael Elswick  
 Randal Thornsburg  
 Paul Dean Justice  
 Jimmy Lee Smith  
 Brian Moore

### COMMUNION

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



Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Noah Slone	May, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Paul Varney	June, 3rd Saturday
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	May, 1st Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	April, 2nd Saturday
Calvary	David A. Thacker	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	May, 2nd Saturday
Friendship	David May	Aug., 4th Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April, 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	June, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	April, 3rd Saturday
	James T. Dotson	
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman	May, 4th Saturday

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John Jacobs	16 Thorns bury Lane, Canada, KY 41519	606-353-0622
Paul Varney	95 Prater Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501	606-432-9942
R.T. Thacker	103 Stephens Road, Wellington, KY 40387	606-768-3894
Paris Blackburn	13290 Trenton Rd., Galena, OH 43021	740-965-1484
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## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

<b>LOUISA</b>	Elder Ricky B. Worrix, Assistant Clerk 201 Left Penhook Road Harold, KY 41635.....	130
<b>OLD POND</b>	Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk P.O. Box 001, Forest Hills, KY 41527.....	75
<b>BIG CREEK</b>	Wade Smith, Clerk 2003 Pigeon Roost Road Canada, KY 41519-8312 .....	150
<b>RACCOON</b>	Jeff Belcher, Clerk 451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562.....	150
<b>PETER CREEK</b>	Randy Kender, Clerk 1095 Ashlick Fork Phelps, KY 41553 .....	75
<b>SULPHUR SPRINGS</b>	Ronald Moore, Clerk 4527 Dismal River Rd. Oakwood, VA 24631-8751.....	40
<b>LITTLE HOPE</b>	Frank J. Ball, Clerk 569 Ball Fork Road Pinsonfork, KY 41555 .....	60
<b>GRAPEVINE</b>	Timothy Slone, Clerk 1509 Biggs Branch Pikeville, KY 41501.....	60
<b>SAMARIA</b>	Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302 .....	175
<b>FEDS CREEK</b>	Ernest Blair 405 Laurel Fork Road Steele, KY 41566 .....	100
<b>JOHNS CREEK</b>	Carl Coleman, Jr., Clerk 3243 Long Fork Road Kimper, KY 41539 .....	85
<b>CALVARY</b>	Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	75
<b>DRY FORK</b>	Ruth Maynard, Clerk 2032 Upper Mill Branch Rd. Grundy, VA 24614.....	93



<b>FRIENDSHIP</b>	Elder Michael Elswick 106 Stanley Lane, Canada, KY 41519 .....	25
<b>COLUMBUS</b>	Sandra Harris, Clerk 14230 Haven's Corner Road Pataskala, OH 43062 .....	75
<b>DEERFIELD</b>	Barbara Holyfield, Clerk 3033 Woodlawn St. Walled Lake, MI 48390 .....	100
<b>PLEASANT HILL</b>	Phyllis Moore, Clerk 8881 Canoe Drive Galloway, OH 43119 .....	40
<b>NEW HOPE</b>	William Dotson, Clerk 117 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555 .....	40
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#### **DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>MT. ZION</b>	Deacon Randolph Miller, Clerk Rt. 1, Box 58, Union, WV 24983 .....	25
<b>UNION</b>	Deacon Jimmy Webb, Clerk 47 Chevy Drive Jenkins, KY 41537 .....	25
<b>BURNING SPRINGS</b>	Elder Jerry Brown, Moderator 11479 Highway 172 West Liberty, KY 41472 .....	25
<b>SAND LICK- VA</b>	Deacon Johnny Viers, Clerk 286 Pleasure Drive Haysi, VA 24256 .....	25
<b>LITTLE YADKIN RIVER</b>	Elder Rodney Marshall, Clerk 1140 Old Orchard Road Westfield, NC 27053 .....	25
<b>ST. CLAIRS DISTRICT</b>	Deacon Blaine Owens 103 Jefferson Drive Bristol, VA 24201 .....	25
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>	Roy L. Truitt, Clerk 102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333 .....	25
<b>FISHER'S RIVER</b>	Elder Avery Branch, Clerk 202 Poplar Springs Rd. Elkin, NC 28621 .....	25



<b>WASHINGTON</b>	Deacon Guy Fletcher, Clerk 40 Don Stevens Drive, Honaker, VA 24260 .....	25
<b>PINEY GROVE</b>	Deacon Osley Joyce, Clerk 1491 K-Fork Road Madison, NC 27025 .....	25
<b>SAND LICK- KY</b>	Terry Meade, Clerk 9563 Highway 772 West Liberty, KY 41472 .....	25
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<b>Moderator</b>	Elder Randal Thornsby P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514 .....	25
<b>Asst. Moderator</b>	Elder David A. Thacker 2864 Stratton Fork Road Canada, KY 41519 .....	25
<b>Clerk</b>	Deacon Leslie Hatfield 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302 .....	101
<b>Asst. Clerk</b>	Deacon Lonnie Simpkins HC 81 Box 40-BC, Matewan, WV 25678 .....	12
	Vernon Napier 6863 Sun Ridge Drive Waynesville, OH 45068 .....	12
	Mark Green c/o Primitive Baptist Library P.O. Box 334 Booneville, AR 72927 .....	2
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**TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE .....** 2000



## ELDER ELMER BROWN

Elder Elmer Brown, age 88, of Vansant, Virginia passed away December 8, 2009 after a long illness. He was born in Russell County at Drill, Virginia on July 5, 1921 to the late William Arthur Brown and Martha Annie Nuckels Brown.



He was preceded in death by his first wife of 39 years, Draper Irene Hess Brown; two brothers, Herbert McKinley Brown and Eddith Garland Brown; one sister, Thelma Inez Brown Street; two brothers-in-law, Virgil Berdine Street and James Arthur Pendell; one sister-in-law, Pauline Ratliff Brown; one nephew, Millard Wayne Street and one great niece, Amy Brown.

He is survived by his present wife of 29 years, Melster Yates Owens Brown of Vansant, Virginia. Four children from his marriage to his first wife, Draper Irene Hess Brown, survive; Roger Dale Brown of Lorton, Virginia; Donna Faye Brown Coleman and husband Denny of Richlands, Virginia; Ola Gaye Brown Clevinger and husband Danny of Oakwood, Virginia; and Kenneth Elmer Brown and wife Valarie of Bristol, Tennessee. He is survived by five grandchildren: Andrea Lynn Coleman Clark and husband Jeffery Dale of Salem, Virginia; Roger Dale Brown, Jr. of Dumfries, Virginia; Carrie Beth Clevinger of Washington, Pennsylvania; Vanessa Irene Clevinger of Honaker, Virginia and Corey Levi Brown of Knoxville, Tennessee. He is survived by two great-grandchildren, Jenna Danielle Clark and Allison Layne Clark both of Salem, Virginia.

Also surviving is one sister, Francis Lucille Brown Pendell of Bristol, Virginia; four brothers, Carl Berkley Brown and Ann of Colonial Beach, Virginia; Emory Ferrill Brown and Ruth of Spotsylvania, Virginia; Henry Earl Brown and Mildred of Bristol, Virginia and Richard Nelson Brown and Nancy of Bluff City, Tennessee; one sister-in-law, Doris Whited Brown of Rosedale, Virginia. Several nieces, great-nieces, nephews, and great nephews also survive.



Two step-daughters survive; Lois June Owens Wright and husband Larry of Blountville, Tennessee and Shelia Kay Owens O'Quinn and husband Louie of Vansant, Virginia. Four step-grandchildren and seven step-great grandchildren survive.

Dad joined the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized in January 1965 having his membership at the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church at Vansant, Virginia. He was ordained as an Elder in December 1967. He served as an Assistant Moderator for the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church from October 1974 through December 1991. He served as the Moderator for the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church from December 1991 until he requested to be replaced, due to health problems, in December 2004. He was an Honorary Moderator there until his passing.

Elder Brown, as a lot of people referred to him, served as Joint Moderator at the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church at Hurley, Virginia from April 1969 until February 1990. He served as the Moderator of the Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church from February 1990 until he requested to be replaced, due to health problems, in January 2005. He was an Honorary Moderator there until his passing.

Dad served as an Assistant Moderator at the Lick Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Lick Creek, Virginia from March 1981 and was considered as an Assistant Moderator until his passing.

Dad loved visiting and preaching at the churches in the Associations. He respected all churches and denominations. He was a dedicated servant to the people and a man of great faith. He traveled many miles in Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and Michigan spreading the word of God. He preached numerous funerals and performed many wedding ceremonies and many baptisms.

Dad entered the U.S. Army in November 1942 serving in World War II. He was a Combat Infantryman and was recipient of a Purple Heart along with many other medals and ribbons. He received his Honorable Discharge in December 1945. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dad was a patriotic citizen who flew the Flag proudly. He always prayed for our soldiers. He was laid to rest with full military honors.



Dad was a retired coal miner. He worked 33 1/2 years in the coal mines in Buchanan County, Virginia. He retired from Beatrice Pocahontas Coal Company in July 1976. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America. Dad was a productive man who worked hard to provide a living for his family rarely ever complaining about his job.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He loved gardening, fishing and hunting. As his health declined, he still enjoyed being outside. He liked sitting on the porch watching the birds and visiting with family and friends.

His sweet smile would remind all of us how much he enjoyed life and how much he loved each of us—family, friend or stranger. He had two families he loved dearly—the family he had with our beloved mother and the family he shared with his second wife, Melster.

So, Dad, “Just One Rose Will Do” for your time came for leaving. You have bid us all adieu. You have gone to a beautiful garden, for your life’s work is through. You were an old fashioned preacher who preached a sermon so true. You sang old time songs and enjoyed them, too. You will need no organization or bright decorations where you have gone to. That garden is so beautiful from your Heavenly view.

Dad, we think of you with love today. We speak your name with respect. We re-live our memories—memories of times gone by. Your memory is our keepsake with which we will never part. You always loved the Lord and unselfishly served him well. You have given us so much and we are grateful. We have heard you sing your favorite song, “Just One Rose Will Do.” Oh, what joy and comfort that old time song gave to you. We gave you just one rose, from our family wreath, to hold in your sweet hands. We know God has you now but we will forever have you in our hearts. So sing and shout God’s praises, “Amazing Grace” and “Just One Rose Will Do.” We hope to see your smiling face and those loving arms again—reaching out a rose for us from the Promise Land.

Dad always talked about what a wonderful place Heaven would be. He was ready to meet the Great I Am, as he often referred to the Lord. He was laid to Eternal rest, along beside our beloved mother, Draper Irene Hess, Brown, on December 10, 2009 at the Hess-Nuckels Cemetery on Fletchers Ridge in Buchanan County, Virginia. When we go there, it seems we can hear dad and mom singing their favorite hymns, as we often heard them sing. And that brings a smile to our faces.

Written with much love by his daughters, Donna and Ola



## ELDER RUFFORD HOWELL

March 14, 1925 - January 25, 2010

In loving memory of our Dad.

He is survived by his son Rick and his daughter Nella Lombard, both of Galloway, Ohio, grandchildren: Erick Lombard of Hilliard, Ohio, Lora (Mike) Strongosky of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Jennifer (Travis) Chaney of Columbus, Ohio, Kimberly Howell of Worthington, Ohio and Kelly (Brian) Forrest of Columbus. Great-Grandchildren: Deven, Trey and McKenzie Lombard, Carter Lombard, Makayla Howell, Sara Strongosky and James Lombard. He is also survived by his sister Roberta Setser of Prestonsburg, Ky.

He was born in McDowell, Kentucky to the late Pearlie and Saidie Howell. He married Olive Osborne on May 11, 1950. They were married 47 years before Mom passed away in 1997. They lived in McDowell and Dad worked in the coal mines until they moved to Columbus in the early 60's.



Dad started attending the Columbus church and was baptized and then on April 21, 1972 he was ordained. He truly loved being in church on Sunday to preach and rejoice in the Lord. He actually picked up the nickname of "jump'in jack," and those who knew him know why. When he got blessed preaching, you couldn't hold him down! He and Mom traveled to other churches and visited the sick in hospitals and nursing homes as much as they could. They truly worked for the Lord.

Dad also loved the outdoors and repairing lawn mowers and weed eaters. He had a special knack for repairing things. When the weather was nice, you could find Dad in the backyard working on something!

During the last two years, Dad's health began to fail but we took him to church and where ever he wanted to go as long as we could. Our hearts were broken when he got too sick to move around too much but he kept his faith in the Lord and several times when he had visitors he would preach from his bed. Praise be to God for those blessings.

One of Dad's favorite songs was "I'll Fly Away" and on a cold January morning, he did just that.....Dad - you will always be in our hearts. We love you and miss you so much.

Your Family...



## ELDER LUTHER D. MINIX

He had a heart  
That cared completely  
And a smile that brought such pleasure.

He shared a love  
That brought joy beyond measure  
And will be forever remembered  
As one of life's great treasures.

Luther Dean Minix of Dansville, MI, died on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at the age of 78. He was born in Foraker, KY on September 27, 1931, to Noah Minix and Ressie Howard Minix. Luther retired from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. and proudly served in the Army during the Korean War. He enjoyed spending time with his family, serving as an Elder of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church, working in the garden and hunting. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Rosa Lee (Salyer) Minix, daughters Karen (David) Sheathelm, Sharon



Graham, Brenda (Ronnie) Kingrea and son Dean (Sandy) Minix; 11 granddaughters; 4 grandsons by marriage; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers J.B. (Mildred) Minix, Joe (Vickie) Minix; 2 sisters Alice (Junior) Keeton and Marcella McDaniel; and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. Preceding him in death are his parents, 2 brothers Arthur and L.D.; 3 sisters Audrey Montgomery, Florida Minix, Katherine Minix and son-in-law Eric Graham.

The toil is over and night has fallen.  
The heart that gave so much is still,  
The hands that worked so hard no longer ache,  
And the feet that walked so many fields are now at rest.

Submitted by his family



## BRADLEY WORRIX, JR.

Bradley Worrix, Jr. 82, of Allen, Ky. passed away peacefully at 4:30 P.M. March 26, 2010, with his loving family at his bedside in his home at Allen.

He was born May 5, 1927 in Pike County to Leona and Bradley Worrix, Sr. both deceased. He was also preceded in



death by one sister Ruth Coleman and her husband David Coleman and one brother Robert Worrix.

He was married to Carolyn for fifty six years. To this union Wayne Alan Worrix of Lexington, Ky. and Carol Lynn Stumbo (Randy) of Cynthiana Ky. were born. He had two granddaughters, Ashley Peak (Robert) and Nikki Wiggins (Jason) of Cynthiana, Ky. His pride and joy were his four great-grandchildren, Addison and Dawson Bradley Peak and Brinkley and Houston Wiggins, who called him Pa.

He was a member of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church, Rocky Road, Millard, Ky. and served faithfully as Deacon and Church Clerk. His happiest times were when he could go to church and fellowship with family and friends. He was also an avid golfer.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and life will never be the same without him. I know he is in heaven with his family and loved ones and I will meet him there someday.

Written by Wife  
Carolyn Worrix



## JOHN B. BALL

September 14th 1928 to August 15th 2010

John B. Ball (J.B.) 81 years of age of Pinsonfork, Ky. passed away Sunday August 15th, 2010 at his residence.



J.B. was born to the late George Robert (Bob) Ball and Luna Bell Stanley Ball at Pinsonfork, Ky.

J.B. was also proceeded in death by his parents and wife Florence Ball, son William Copley, and his sisters, Leola (Luther) Ball, Bobbie Jean (George) Ratliff, Louella Smith; one brother-in-law Ance Hatfield; two nephews, Thurman Ball and Roger Ratliff; One niece Sue Ball and Great-nephew John Hatfield.

J.B. is survived by one sister Glenna-Jean Hatfield formerly of Pinsonfork, Ky. now residing in Fort Worth, TX; four grandchildren: Patti Copley, John Copley, David Copley, and Eddie Copley; great-grandchildren Amanda Rutherford, Heather Cochran, Stacy Hall, Rylan Copley, Amy McCown, Peyton Copley, Ashley Copley. With several great-great-grandchildren surviving.

Also surviving three-nephews Robert Smith, Danny Ball and Johnny Hatfield. Eight nieces: Kaye Smith, Barbara Runyon, Cherish Lowe, Luna Conlan, Delores Yates, Rita Justice, Janice Ball and Martha Stoud. Special great-niece Michelle Lester-Moore, also several more great-nieces and nephews, who all loved him dearly and whom he loved all.

J.B. was a retired coal miner of Eastern Coal Company and a member of the U.M.W.A., and a long-time member of Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for many years.

Funeral Services were conducted by Rogers Funeral Home with Special Services conducted by Raymond Stanley, Frank Ball, Kenny Chapman, and several others.

J.B. was laid to rest at the Ance Hatfield Cemetery,



Pinsonfork, Ky. With family and friends whom served as pallbearers.

J.B. was a humble man who loved everyone, especially his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whom he had great faith.

Soon we hope to see him again with no pain or sorrow. Sad and heart-broken here but he would not want us to shed no tears for he is at rest with his Lord. "Mourn not those left behind but give God all the thanks and praises"! J.B. is missed by all but continues to live on in our hearts with fond and loving memories of him. He always said, "Trust in the Lord".

Written by Family

### **ELDER JOE SLONE**

Island Creek Pikeville, Ky.

It is with much sadness that I try with the help of my Lord above to write this Obituary of my Dear Husband Elder Joe Slone. Born January 20th 1941 to the Late John M. Slone and Stella (Thacker) Slone. On August 24th 2009, God saw that Joe was getting tired, his feeble body was wearing out, and knew it was time to pick another Beautiful Rose for his Heavenly Garden. So he reached down his healing hand and said: "come home Joe my true and faithful son, your work here on earth is done," making his stay here on earth 68 years and 7 months.

Joe was a coal miner, a Veteran, a Member of the Johns Creek



DAV Chapter #166, an Ordain Minister of God and a member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church. All though Joe had his membership at Owsley Freewill Baptist he always went to all of Gods Churches and Fellowshiped with them the way Jesus did when he walked this earth, it didn't matter what the name over the door was, in Joe's heart you were his Brother and Sister in Christ. Joe was a very humble man and would do anything to help anyone. He was a faith-

ful servant and worker of the Lord when Joe was able to go he was in church every Sunday he would go where ever God put upon his mind, and after church you would find Joe at the nursing homes or hospitals singing and praying for your family and comforting the sick and feeble. He would even come to your



homes if he knew you were sick; to try to cheer you up. He was all the time trying to make you laugh. That was the kind of man My Lord blessed me with for 19 years and 3 months. Joe and I were Married on May 21st 1990 and on May 8th 1991 God Blessed Joe and I with a son Joseph Michael Slone whom he loved dearly. When Joseph was born the first thing I remember Joe saying was it took me 50 years to get my Son. He was so proud of his Son not only his son Joe was proud of all his children and Grandchildren.

Joe is preceded in death not only by his parents, but his first wife Ruby (Fuller) Slone and 2 Brothers Nathaniel Slone and Ellis Slone; also 3 Sisters: Ada Slone, Edith Slone and Lurcy (Slone) Kendrick. Joe is survived by 2 sisters: his twin sister Sarah (Slone) Bryant of Pemberville, Ohio (who he said was always older than him by 30 minutes.) and May (Slone) Howard of Asheboro N.C. He is also survived by his wife Brenda Slone, one Son Joseph Michael Slone of Island Creek, 4 daughters Stella (Slone) Murphy of Meta, Ky., Tammy (Slone) Ratliff and Jennifer Potter of Island Creek, Matilda Spears of Hurricane Creek Ky. He also has 3 wonderful Grandchildren Larissa Faith Ratliff, Allison Hope Spears and Laura Grace Spears who love and miss their Papaw dearly.

Joe also had other wonderful children and grandchildren with the marriage of his first wife Ruby (Fuller) Slone. I would list these children by name but I am not sure who all they are but God knows who you are. I do want to say to all of you, Joe loved all of his children and grandchildren, it didn't matter to Joe if you were blood or not in his heart you belonged to him. He loved you all dearly....( I want to say I am sorry I didn't mention you children at the time of Joe's death please forgive me?) All though we lost our Husband, Dad, Papaw, Brother, Uncle and Best Friend, God gained a true and faithful solider who not only served in the Army while here on earth but marched forward for many years in God's Army he was a bright and Shinning Star a Light to everyone who knew him. Joe loved everyone. All though he didn't get to go to church very much while he was sick, Joe didn't give up, he always prayed for every mother's child each night before he laid his head on his pillow. So we say to our precious Companion and Loved One, Go rest high on that mountain. We LOVE you Joe and you will sadly be missed by all, so sleep on in the arms of Jesus till we meet again.

Written by His Broken Hearted Family, Wife Brenda Slone and Family



## ELLIS SLONE

It is with much sadness that I try with the help of my Lord above to write this Obituary of my Dear Husband Ellis Slone.

Ellis Slone was born to John and Stella Thacker Slone on September 17, 1945, on his father's birthday. He lost his mother at the tender age of eighteen months. His father raised him and his siblings at their home near Fishtrap, Kentucky. Ellis attended school at Grapevine and graduated from Feds Creek in 1963. He spent some time in Chicago and North Carolina before being drafted into the Army where he served in Turkey during the Vietnam War.

He returned to North Carolina and married Johnnie Ward on November 2, 1969. They lived in Asheboro, NC, and were blessed with two daughters, Cheryl Lynn Slone and Julia Slone.



In 1985 Ellis retired from Burlington Industries, where he was a transportation supervisor, with 20 years of service. His last twenty years he worked as a carpenter. He built our house in 1980 while still working for Burlington Industries. He put in long, hard hours of work on it, but never complained. Everything he did had to be just right and he would not take short cuts. He was teased because he always carried a small tape measure in his pocket.

I was told that as a small boy he would play outside in the cold without shoes or a coat. In the forty years that we were married he never bought a coat to wear. In the coldest days of winter he worked outside wearing a short-sleeved t-shirt. He hardly ever missed work because of sickness. He was a quiet and reserved man who respected others and he was well-respected by his co-workers, friends and family. He worked hard to raise and take care of his family and helped to put his girls through school and college.

In December 2008 Ellis was blessed with his first grandson Noah Slone Tarlton he was the light of his papaw's life. He



loved his grandson dearly.

His health began to fail in the last couple of years. He never wanted to see a doctor and could not be talked into going. He never complained or asked for anything for himself. He always put other people first. He was not a churchgoing man, but he accepted the Lord before he passed away. He died June 8, 2010.

Ellis is preceded in death not only by his parents but by his 2 Brothers Nathaniel Slone and Joe Slone also 3 sisters Ada Slone, Edith Slone, and Lurcy (Slone) Kendrick.

Surviving is his wife, Johnnie Ward Slone; daughters, Cheryl Slone, of Charlotte, Julia Tarlton and husband, Justin, of Asheboro; Grandson, Noah Slone Tarlton of Asheboro; 2 sisters, Sarah Bryant of Pemberville, OH, May Howard, of Asheboro NC;

He lived a good life for almost 65 years. He loved and cared for his family. We will miss him forever, but we have precious memories to help us carry on.

Written by his wife, Johnnie Ward Slone, August 2010

### **ROLAND T. VARNEY**

In expressing deepest sympathy to the Varney Family and all who share in the loss of this esteemed citizen on March 8, 2010. The son of the late Lewis and Vada Blackburn Varney, he was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Ida Murphy Varney; a son Ronnie T. Varney; granddaughter, Danielle Lynn Childers; and siblings, Benny Varney, Willie Varney, Tommy Varney, Verda



Bostic and Vicy Maynard. He is survived by his beloved son, Danny J. Varney; siblings, James Lewis Varney, Marie Justice and Ruby Blackburn; grandchildren, Krystal Francis Campbell and Chadwick May; three great grandchildren; and, a host of other family members, friends and loved ones. This highly regarded gentleman, a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Corporation; an honorable World War II veteran of the United States Army; and, a member of the United Mine Workers of America and the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, is remem-

bered on this day for the many and generous contributions he made to his family and friends, the community and this great Nation. Roland T. Varney will be deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by his remarkable presence.

Presented by Representative W. Keith Hall



## HOMER JUSTICE

March 30, 1932 - January 16, 2010

Homer was a kind and loving husband and Daddy. He was a humble man. Always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a friend to all who knew him.

He was born March 30th 1932 at Phylis, Ky. The son of the late Bill and Stella (Hatfield) Justice. He was preceded in death by his brother Willie Justice Jr.. Home was a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Corp, a member of UMWA and Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Ky.

He is survived by his loving wife Betty (Scott) Justice of Ransom, Ky., one daughter, Daphne Nancy Maggard (Barry) one son Rocky Brian Justice (Bonnie) of Dunlow, WV., five brothers: Bruce Justice of Belfry, Ky. Ernie Justice and Ray Justice both of Hardy, Ky. Mosco Justice and Bob Justice both of Ransom, Ky.; two sisters: Edna Dotson of McAndrews, Ky. Mae Dotson of Lexington, Ky.; two grandchildren: Zachary Michael Maggard and Kevin Eugene Maggard.



It was the saddest days of our lives when the Lord took you to Heaven to be with Him. He needed another Angel and He only picks the best. Our family chain has been broken and nothing seems the same. Sleep in the arms of Jesus my loving husband and Daddy for a little while. And by the grace of God we hope to join you one day soon in Heaven. The pain in our hearts will never go away and we miss you everyday. It's sad and lonely without you here. Nothing will ever be the same. We thank God for the time we had with you. We have the memories and God has you, but forever in our hearts you will always be till we meet again.

We would like to thank everyone for being there for us in our time of need.

Written by:  
His Loving wife Betty Justice  
Children & Grandchildren



## **E. GARLAND BROWN, SR.**

Mr. E. Garland Brown, Sr., age 85, passed away on October 25, 2009 at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, Virginia. He was born on January 16, 1924 at Drill, Virginia. He was the son of the late William Authur Brown and Annie Nuckels Brown.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Amy Rachel Brown; one sister, Thelma Inez Brown Street; one brother, McKinley Herbert Brown; two brothers-in-law, James Arthur Pendell and Virgil Berdine Street; two sisters-in-law, Draper Irene Hess Brown and Pauline Ratliff Brown; and one nephew, Millard Wayne Street.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Whited Brown of Rose-



dale, Virginia; one daughter Sharon Brown Sneed of Springfield, Virginia; one son, E. Garland Brown, Jr. (Ed) and wife Betsy, of Lebanon, Virginia. Four grandchildren survive, Shannon Sneed of Richmond, Virginia; Patrick Sneed of Chicago, Illinois; Michael Sneed of Buson, South Korea and Nathan Brown and wife, Valarie, of Charlottesville, Virginia. Also surviving, one sister, Francis Lucille Brown Pendell of Bristol, Virginia; Five brothers survive, Elder Elmer Brown of Vansant, Virginia; Carl Berkley Brown of Colonial Beach, Virginia; Emory Ferril Brown of Spottsylvania, Virginia; Henry Earl Brown of Bristol, Virginia; Richard Nelson Brown of Bluff City, Tennessee and a special nephew, Virgil Kermit Street of Bristol, Virginia. Many nieces and nephews also survive.

Garland was drafted into the United States Army in 1941. He was wounded in action during the invasion of Normandy Beach during World War II on June 6, 1942. He received a Purple Heart and many other ribbons and medals. He served our country proudly along with his brother, Elmer. Ma and Pa were



so proud of him and Elmer. Many tears were shed and hearts ached during this time. When both returned home, from the Army, there was much joy and happiness as we were all united once again.

Garland was a loving son, brother, father, grandfather, and friend. He loved his family very much. He talked proudly of his children and grandchildren. He worked as a coal miner and was self-employed to provide for his family.

I called him often and a few weeks before he passed away he told me there was nothing in his way. He told me he prayed that all of us would meet again someday and there would be no sorrow or pain because it would be faded away. Shortly after Garland's passing, we lost another precious brother, Elder Elmer Brown on December 8, 2009. He, too, endured much pain and suffering. Ma and Pa are slowly being reunited with their children, rejoicing together in a Paradise of no pain and suffering.

His last year was filled with sadness. He was very ill. We all visited him often while he was in the hospitals and nursing homes. He had many good friends who showed friendship and caring during his viewing and funeral services.

Garland was laid to rest on October 28, 2009 with full military honors. Elder James Ball, Reverend Scott Settle and Reverend Ancil Childress showed much love and respect to our family as we said our goodbye to our precious loved one.

Garland loved old time preaching and singing. Precious Lord take his hand. Lead him on, let him stand. He is tired. He is weary and worn. Through the storm, through the night lead him on through his flight. Take his hand, Precious Lord, lead him home.

Written by his loving sister, Lucille



## ROY "BUNK" OWENS

With a sad, broken heart I attempt to write the obituary of my precious dad, Roy "Bunk" Owens. Roy "Bunk" Owens, 68 of Canada, Ky. passed away Monday, July 20, 2009 at his residence. He was born April 6, 1941 at Octavia, Ky. the son of the late Lawrence and Diedema Slone Owens. He was also preceded in death by his step-mother, Sylvania Thacker Owens, his first wife, Jeanette Varney Owens and four brothers, Jessee, Johnny, Henry and his twin brother, Troy Owens and one sister, Kathy Owens.

He was a disabled coal miner, a member of Stone Chapter #533 Order of the Eastern Star and Stone Lodge #890 F. & A.M. Also, he was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church.



Survivors include his wife, Jenny Holley Owens, son, John Lester (Brittany) Owens of Canada, Ky., daughter, Royetta (Robert) Parks of Canada, Ky., step son, Shade Chaffin of Louisa, Ky., step daughter, JoAnn Hoose of Richmond, Ky., three grandsons, John Eric Owens, Payton Roy Allen Owens and Joseph DeWayne Parks all of Canada, Ky., two step granddaughters, Breanna and Victoria Hoose of Richmond, Ky., four sisters, Lydia (Doug) Stiltner of Midway, Ohio, Ivalene (Howard) Robinette of McAndrews,

Ky., Lola Maxie (Sherman) Hatfield of Elkhorn City, Ky., and Emma Louise (Willie) Goble of Warren, In., two brothers, Lawrence Edward (Sue) Owens of Rittman, Ohio and Kelly (Trish) Owens of Sevierville, Tn.

Funeral services were held at 1 PM Friday, July 24, 2009 at the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church, Kimper, Ky., with David Allen Thacker officiating. Burial followed in the Varney Branch Cemetery, Kimper, Ky. Visitation was held after 6 PM Wednesday and Thursday at the Church with Eastern Star Services 7 PM Wednesday with church services following and Masonic Services 7 PM Thursday with church services following.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Eric Owens and Joseph Parks, step-son, Shade Chaffin, friend, Chaz Kulik and nephews, Pernell Turnmire, Chester Turnmire, Leon Varney, Steve Varney, Gordon Varney and Barry Varney.

Sadly written by daughter, Royetta Owens Parks.



## **GARY NEAL THACKER**

Gary Neal Thacker was born May 27, 1947 and passed away on February 3, 2010 after a long and hard-fought battle with cancer. He was a resident of Lewisburg, Tennessee for about 18 years. He was preceded in death by his father J.B. Thacker and daughter Denita Marie Thacker.

Gary is survived by his mother: Juanita (Bodie) Jarusik; his children: Joe Thacker, Carolyn and Dave Branham, and Mariruth Young; three grandchildren: Christopher Matney, Zephaniah Thacker, and Adyson Young; two brothers: Terry Thacker and Brian Thacker; as well as a host of family and friends.

Daddy loved God, talking about and teaching the word of God and the Primitive Baptist faith. He was a hard worker and always willing to help where he was needed. Daddy will be greatly missed throughout our lives, but we will cherish our fond memories and look forward to seeing him again.

Written with love by his children:

Joe, Carolyn, and Mariruth

## **MARTIN BALL, JR.**

In loving memory of my husband I will try to write his



obituary. Martin passed away peacefully at his home April 26, 2010. Born January 29, 1931 in KY. He was married to Anna (Boles) Ball on Dec. 30, 1961. He worked for General Motors, where he retired after 31 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He served as a deacon at Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church, the church he loved so well. He enjoyed family and friends. He was the son



of the late Martin and Dicy Ball of KY. Surviving are his wife Anna (Boles) Ball and 2 children Zachary Ball and Kathy (Ball) St.John. 3 grandchildren Brigitte St.John, Katelyn St.John and Miranda St.John , all who live in MI. He was preceded by 2 brothers Berlin and Hassell Ball, 2 sisters Sophia D. Amico and Robena Epling. Other survivors are 1 brother Claude Ball of Pinsonfork, KY, Betty Williamson of Huddy, KY and Roerta Sparks of Mesa, AZ.

Written by Anna Ball

### **ANCE VARNEY JR.**

Ance (William Anderson) Varney Jr., 81, of Canada, Ky., died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at his residence.

Born Oct. 16, 1928, at Kimper, Ky., a son of the late John Wallace and Lily Rose (Bostic) Varney. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years, GayZola Leedy Varney; one infant daughter, Carol Lee Varney; one infant great-grandson, Christopher Kolby Varney; sisters, Jenell Turnmire and Jeanette Owens; brothers, Ernest, Henry, Rora, Sid, Armon and Ralph Varney.



He was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church and was a retired coal miner, last working for himself at the Varney and Thacker Coal Company.

He is survived by five sons, Larry Chris (Loretta) Varney of Canada, Ky., Garry Dennis (Marie) Varney of Racon, Ky., Barry Dale (Norma) Varney of Woodlawn, Tn., Anthony Dean (Peggy) Varney of Canada and Dusty Ance (Lisa) Varney of Pikeville, Ky., two brothers, Jesse (Jean) Varney and Lester Varney of Kimper, Ky., 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and a host of loving friends.



## ARMON VARNEY

Armon Varney, 68, of Octavia Hollow, McAndrews, died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at his home.

He was born in Pike County, April 7, 1941, the son of the late John and Lillie Bostic Varney.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ernest Varney, Sid Varney, Ralph Varney, and Rora Varney; and two sisters,



Jenell Turnmire and Jeanet Owens.

He is survived by four children, Steven Ray Varney (Penny) of Kimper, Armon William Dale Varney of McAndrews, Kimberly Varney of Meta, Michelle Hale (Alan) of Georgetown; four siblings, Lester Varney, Jessie Varney and Henry Varney, all of Kimper, Ance Varney of Canada; two grandsons, Jarred Williams and Bradley Hale, and six granddaughters, Paige Williams, Madison Varney, Katie Hale, Gracie Varney, Kristy Varney and Jerrica Varney; and two special friends, Buster Varney and Bill "Blue" Smith, both of McAndrews.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 29, in the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Varney Branch Cemetery, Kimper. Arrangements were under direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.



## JAMES "OSCAR" BLAIR

It is with a sad heart, I write the obituary of my husband



James "Oscar" Blair.

Oscar was born December 4, 1947 to Lonzie and Ruth Fuller Blair. He departed this life July 9, 2010 at the University Medical Center, Lebanon Tennessee, with his family by his side. He was preceded in death by his father Lonzie Blair, his mother Ruth Fuller Blair Blackburn and one sister

Janice Blair Good.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife of 44 years, Norma Stiltner Blair, two sons, James Lonzie and Ernest Scott Blair, two grandsons Jack Lundy and Andrew Scott Blair, two granddaughters, Tiffany Abner and Kaitlin Murphy, one brother, Jerry Blair, one sister Kathy Blair Blevins, his beloved pet Penny and a host of family and friends.

Oscar served in the United States Army for 2 years and was a disabled coal miner after an accident left him a paraplegic for the last 29 years of his life. His hobbies were computers and woodworking, making many beautiful gifts for family and friends. He was a member of the Fedscreek Primitive Baptist Church.

Oscar will always be with us on our hearts "He is free now" and believed Salvation by the Grace of God.



## KENNETH WILSON

Kenneth Wilson was born on December 7, 1937 in Pineville, Kentucky, the fourth child of seven born to Ethel Harriet Wilder Wilson and Mark Wilson. He passed from this life on April 21, 2010, making his stay on this earth 72 years, 4 months and 14 days.



He grew up in Fonde, Kentucky and moved to Michigan in 1951. He graduated from Clarenceville High School in 1955 and received an Associates degree in Business Administration from Washtenaw Community College. He married Diane Elizabeth Squair on September 3, 1960. To this union 6 children were born. He retired from Motor Wheel Corporation in 1996.

On March 24, 1968 Kenneth and his wife joined Pontiac Primitive Baptist Church; they were baptized on Easter Sunday April 15, 1968 along with six others. Brother Kenneth soon began taking part in the church services and was ordained to the ministry on June 15, 1969. In 1980 Brother Ken began serving Monore Church as a minister twice a month and in January of 1982 was released by Pontiac Church to serve the Monroe Primitive Baptist Church full time as moderator, continuing to serve them in that capacity until the time of his death.

Brother Ken's joy was in giving and sharing with others. He loved to garden. All winter he dreamed of spring and what he could plant. He loved nothing better than sharing his bounty with others. If you came to his house, you always left with something he gave you.

He loved his family and was so proud of them and delighted in his grandchildren. The children remember the happy times they had camping in the summer, playing the game of Risk all night with him, the fourth of July picnics when he would roast a pig and have a scavenger hunt, the sled runs he build for them off the porch in the winter, the laughter that was present in their home. Everyone was welcome in his home and almost every night there were extra places set at the table for friends. He loved to get his children involved in all his projects, whether it was moving wood and rock piles or working in the garden with him.



Elder Wilson loved to travel to associations and many treasured memories were shared with church members as they traveled in a group to other churches in his big fifteen-passenger van. They had such wonderful times singing as they traveled and enjoying fellowship with one another and the good fellowship of the brothers and sisters at churches they traveled to.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife of 49 years; his children Randall and wife Nancy of Plymouth, Michigan; Deanna Wilson of New Hudson, Michigan; Bethann Thomason of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Paul Wilson and wife Kelly of Williamston Michigan; Leah Nilsson and husband Peter of Sweden; Johnathan and wife Bernadette of Plymouth, Michigan; fourteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren; his brothers Layford Wilson and Alvin Wilson; his sister Neetcie Buell; as well as a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Mark and Ethel Wilson, his brother Arnold Wilson, his sisters Juanita Jones and Marie Beard, and son-in-law Larry Thomason.

His funeral services were conducted on April 24, 2010 at Good Shepherd Primitive Baptist Church by his joint moderator at Monroe Primitive Baptist Church, Elder Charles Murphy, and his daughter Deanna's moderator, Elder J.C. Hager of Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church, with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park.

Brother Ken has finished his course, having run the race with patience until his heart stopped beating and he fell asleep in the precious arms of his savior. He believed that the Lord's goodness and mercy endured forever and his desire was that he might dwell with Him all the days of his life. We are saddened by the empty spot in our lives which has been left with his passing, yet we rejoice in the perfect peace and joy which his spirit is now enjoying with the Lord. His body will rest now, never to be disturbed again until the Lord calls it forth on that great Resurrection Day to go home with him forever.

Written with love by his wife Diane and daughter Deanna



## JAMES MARSHALL JUSTICE

With a sad and broken heart I am writing this obituary of my Uncle James Marshall Justice ( Crow) of 114 Justice Lane, Phyllis, Kentucky. Born December 19, 1945 and departed this life December 19, 2009 his 64th birthday.

He was the son of the Late Marshall and Cora Honaker Justice. He was also preceded in death by three brothers Earl Justice, John L. Justice, and William (Bill) Justice; three sisters Vina (Dolly) Anderson, Holly Slone, and Bertha Robinson.

He is survived by two daughters Marlana Justice of Pikeville, Ky., and Beverly Hagg of Lexington, Ky.; one grandchild Darlene Anita Nicole Ryan Thompson of Pikeville, Ky.; Two brothers Donald J. Justice of Phyllis, Ky.; Bufford Justice of Covington Ky.; Three sisters Ollie Sams and Bonnie Sams (died December 31, 2009) both of Covington, Ky., and Rosie Parmer of Ohio.

He was a coal miner employed by McCoy Elkhorn Coal Company before he became disabled. He suffered many strokes which left him unable to use his left side, and blind in one eye. In January 2009 lung cancer came calling.



He had a special nephew "Tim Slone" with whom he spoke with almost daily. There is not a day that goes by I don't think about him and miss him. He was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church. He read his bible daily until he became to sick to do so.

He was determined to be at home when his time to go came and not in the hospital. I didn't know how we were going to do this, but the Lord had his own answer. He took his spirit home to be with him.

Funeral Services were held at noon Wednesday December 23, 2009, in the Lucas and Son Funeral Home Chapel, with Primitive Baptist ministers. Burial followed in the Anderson Cemetery at Phyllis, Ky.

"I have changed with changing seasons, I am bent with trails and cares. Do you think she will remember, will my sister know me there:.

Written by his niece Patricia Dale Anderson Abbott  
I was with him the last weeks of his life and I am so glad I was.



## DAVID B. THACKER

With tear dimmed eyes, a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my loving husband, David B. Thacker, whom God called home August 8, 2010. Born September 14, 1947, in Pike County, he was the son of John and Gertrude Thacker. He was retired from the Pike County Board of Education maintenance department. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one son, David Eugene. Left to mourn his passing is his wife, of 47 years; Florene. One daughter Deidra (Greg) Williamson, two



granddaughters, Bethel (Josh) Robinette and Nicole (Jason) Kidd; three great-granddaughters Alyssa, Bella, and Becca Robinette. He is survived by one brother, Bobby Thacker and one sister, Jean Ann Thacker.

He was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. A kind and loving friend and neighbor to all those that knew him, he leaves behind a host of family and friends that will miss him greatly.

Like a song that remains in the heart when the music is playing no more; like a fragrance that stays in the air where a flower has blossomed before; like a star that continues to glow long after the breaking of dawn, he remains with us still and the beautiful memories go on. Think how he must be wishing that we could know today how nothing but our sadness can really pass away. And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...for nothing loved is ever lost-and he was loved so much.



## HENRY VARNEY (POPS)

It is with sad and tearful hearts and wonderful memories,



that we write this obituary in memory of our loving, wonderful daddy, grandpa, and great-grandpa.

Henry passed away September 14th, 2009 at his home on Gabriel Road, where he resided with his daughter Denise, and son-in-law Kenny for 29 years. Henry was born January 20th, 1932, the son of the late John and Lillie Bastic Varney. He was preceded in death by brothers, Ralph, Sid, Earnest, Roy, Armon, and Ance Varney; 2 sisters, Jenell Turmmire, and Jeanette

Owens. Henry is survived by 2 brothers, Lester and Jessie Varney of Kimper.

Daddy was a hard working man; no job was too big or small. He was a forester for Ky. Berwind Land Company. He loved to raise a garden, and can our own food. We never had to worry about going hungry. He taught us to work hard, and carry on family traditions. He never saw a stranger, loved to talk. He was a blessing to all who knew him and loved him. He had a heart of gold. We could always count on daddy.

Henry was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church. He was sick for many years before passing away, but always went to church when he was able. Daddy loved the Lord and served him faithfully daily. His faith was strong, but his body tired. We would lay in bed at night and listen to him pray, sometimes for hours. He was so happy the day he was baptized, I'll never forget, all he could say was thank you Lord.

Henry leaves 3 children; Clifford, Denise and Kitty to mourn his passing: 3 grandchildren, Christina, Hazy and Denton, and 4 great grandchildren Paige, Gauge, Garrett and Alayna. He will always be in our hearts, loved always and with us forever. We have many precious memories of our daddy, that will never fade.

His love for us, and our love for him will forever be. He's in heaven now no more pain, he's been set free. We can only



pray to see his smiling face as he reaches out his hand for us to join him in heaven. Welcome home daddy, our loss is heaven's gain. Thank you Lord for blessing us with such a wonderful daddy.

Clifford, Denise & Kitty

**In Loving Memory of  
TERRY DWAYNE THACKER  
(1968-2009)**

With heavy hearts, many tears, & God's help, we will try to write the obituary of our precious loved one.

Terry Dwayne Thacker was born on December 29, 1968, the youngest of seven children born to: Clifford & Darcus Ova (Coleman) Thacker. He departed this life, August 8, 2009, making his stay on earth 40 years, 7 months, 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his precious Daddy (Elder Clifford Thacker 2000), and one infant sister (Mary Lou Thacker-1958).



Left to mourn his passing is his precious Mother Ova, one son Terry Dwayne Thacker II, whom he loved with his heart & soul, one brother (Elder Clifford Todd Thacker), four sisters; Dorothy Jean Belcher, Donna Sue Crum, Novella Hunter, Tammy Lynn Thacker; his Fiancé Kimberly Shawn Gibson and her two children Tyler and Justin, & a host of Nieces, Nephews, Family & Friends.

He had a good heart, was always helping someone! We knew he had a bad back, but he had never had heart problems.

Terry's death was so sudden, he suffered a massive heart attack while cutting grass, I think we are still in shock. He was so young. He was the baby, maybe we all spoiled him just a little bit.

In our hearts, we feel he was blessed in death, for he did not suffer. We should all be so blessed!

His passing has left our hearts filled with tremendous pain. However we believe in a God who promised us he would not put more on us than we can stand. He also said He would never forsake us. We feel our loved ones are asleep waiting for God to call His children home.

Written by: his loving family



## NATHANIEL SLONE

With the help of my God and a lot of sad emotions I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband Nathaniel Slone. He was



born June 1st 1937 to the Late John M. Slone and Stella (Thacker) Slone. He worked for the Whole Sale' Company for the first part of his life then he worked for Moores Potatoes Chip Company.

He was a member of the Buckfield Freewill Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Treasure for many years..

On November 2nd 2009, God saw that Nathaniel was getting tired, his feeble body was wearing out and knew it was time to pick another Beautiful Rose for his Heavenly Garden. So he reaches down his healing hand and said come home my true and faithful son, your work here on earth is done. Making his stay here on earth 72 years and 4 months.

He is preceded in death not only by his parents, but by his 2 brothers Joe Slone and Ellis Slone also 3 Sisters Ada Slone, Edith Slone, and Lurcy (Slone) Kendrick.

Thaniel is survived by his wife Jeanette (Taylor) Slone. On February 13, 1959 God blessed us to be married; we were married for 50 good years. God blessed us with 2 beautiful children, a son Eddie Slone, and a daughter Connie (Slone) Chapman who he loved dearly, also 2 very special Grand Children Britney and Chancey Chapman, 2 sisters, Sarah (Slone) Bryant of Pemberville Ohio and May (Slone) Howard of Asheboro N.C.

Thaniel as everyone called him was a beautiful and loving person. He loved his Lord and his family dearly and was friends to everyone he met. He was always ready to talk to anyone at any time. He loved talking about the Lord.



Family, friends and neighbor of our community will miss him dearly as our granddaughter Britney said Mama there will never be another man like my Papaw, he was the Greatest. Thaniel loved his grandchildren dearly he loved them like they were his own kids he was always bragging to everyone about his babies they were the light of his life. Britney asked me if she could have something special of her Papaws and he had 2 gold wedding rings so I gave her his ring and to this day she wears it around her neck. Also our grandson Chancey is severely handicapped and Thaniel was always holding him and comforting him while he was able to do so. Chancey would settle right down and the biggest smile would come on his face when he would hear his papaws voice he loves his papaw and misses him dearly. Now when Chancey gets upset I start telling him about his papaw how God took him home to be with him in heaven. I tell him that papaw is still watching over him and that papaw is not suffering anymore and that some sweet day we will see him again, as I am talking to Chancey he seems to relax and settle right down as if he knows his papaw is right there with him. It has been so lonely here since God has took my precious Husband home. I miss him dearly but I know he is in a better place now and that he has no more suffering. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written By His Broken Hearted Family  
Wife Jeanette Slone & Family



### **ROSEMARY LYNN MAY VARNEY**

In expressing deepest sympathy to the Varney and May Families and all who share in loss of this esteemed citizen on December 27, 2009. The daughter of Bud May and the late Lear Williamson May, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Danielle Lynn Childers. She is survived by her father; cherished husband, Danny Joseph Varney; beloved children, Chadwick Dwain May and Krystal Francis Varney Campbell; siblings, Larry Neil May, Ronald Bruce May and Ricky Jo May; grandchildren, Emily Jean, Hunter Dalton and Lyndsey Nicole;



and, a host of other family members, friends and loved ones. This highly regarded lady, a licensed practical nurse who had worked at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital and a faithful member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, is remembered on this day for the many and generous contributions she made to her family, friends and community. Rosemary Lynn May Varney will be deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by her remarkable presence.

### **BERTHA MAE SMITH**

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of our mother Bertha Mae Smith, who passed away November 16, 2009 at the age of 87.



She was born October 5, 1922 at Phelps, Ky., the daughter of the late Ballard and Cardella Smith.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one son Tolbert Harrison Smith, one granddaughter Kristi Mildred Smith Wainscott, six brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband Harrison Smith Irvine, Ky., one son Robert Smith of Irvine, one daughter Joyce Estep of Phelps, three grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

We all miss her and love her dearly.

Written by her daughter,  
Joyce Estep



## RUTH FULLER BLAIR BLACKBURN

It is with much love and admiration that I attempt to write the obituary of my precious mother, Ruth Blackburn whom God called home December 26, 2009 making her stay on Earth 79 years, 4 months, and 25 days. She was born August 1, 1930 to the late Elder John and Annie Rowe Fuller.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Annie, her first husband of 35 years Lonzie, her youngest daughter Janice Sue Good, and her second husband of 17 years Charles Blackburn. She was preceded in death by her brothers Kermit, George and Alden (Moses) Fuller. She was preceded in death by her sisters Ethel Thacker, Cassie Thacker, Augusta Wells, Kelsey Hensley, Naoma Thacker, and Rachel Elswick.

She is survived by her sons James Oscar (Norma) Blair of Steele KY (who passed away six months after his mother) and Jerry (Gabrielle) Blair of Macon GA, her daughter Kathy (Tilden) Blevins of Pikeville KY, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her brother Zack Fuller of Columbus OH. She is also survived by her step-children Greg (Cheryl) Blackburn, Robin (Jim) VanHove, Dawn Clarke, 10 step-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, brother-in-laws, and sister-in laws.



She married my dad Lonzie Blair at the age of sixteen. They were blessed with four children, James Oscar, Jerry,

Kathy, and Janice Sue.

Ruth was baptized may 13, 1951 on Mother's Day at Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Paris Coleman and Elder Johnny Blackburn. She served the Lord faithfully for 58 years and was a member of Little Union Church until she met and married Charles Blackburn. She moved her letter to Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church making that her new home and family.

Charles was like a dad to us. The Lord brought the two families together and made them one. He blessed that union and when Charles died mom came home to Kentucky to be with



her children and grand-children. God knew we needed spiritual guidance and our mother.

Mom loved to sing and praise the Lord, she could get so happy and full of the Lord's Spirit. She enjoyed helping prepare meals in the kitchen. She loved to see everyone sit down to eat and fellowship. She felt like a mother to her brothers and sisters of Deerfield Church. She felt especially close to her brothers JC Hager, David Jacobs, and Jimmy Lee Smith.

I loved to hear her talk about all the wonderful things God did for her. She spoke of growing up as a little girl listening to her Poppy read from his Bible. I can almost see them walking down to the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church for services. She always held strong in her beliefs and loved the Lord best of all. The Lord gave her the strength she needed to let her baby girl Jan go home to be with him. Mom said she was there when Jan came into the world and she would be there when she left it. Mom was there holding Jans hand when she slipped away.

As the years began to pass moms health began to fail and her breathing got worse. This kept her from attending church like she would have wanted to. She looked forward to talking to her niece Marie Jacobs, who she dearly loved, to find out how the services had went.

Mom enjoyed her visits with my brother Oscar. Oscar was her baby. He was left paralyzed at the age of 33 in a mining accident, but he managed to get out to moms in his golf cart for a cup of coffee. I enjoyed the times the three of us would sit around the picnic table treasuring our time together.

Mom was humble, sweet, good, kind, and beautiful. All these things the Lord made. I hope someday I will be half the person my mom was. What precious memories I have.

Written by her daughter,  
Kathy Bevins



## MELINDA UTHA THACKER

It is with much sadness that we will attempt to write my mother's obituary; She was known by a lot of people as Boots, Utha, and Granny. Mommy was a blessed lady, she was loved by all that knew her. Mommy was always there for us. We were blessed that we were able to be there with her, when she needed us the most.

Mommy was a faithful member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church at Rocky Road and she loved the church dearly. She loved all the brothers and sisters in the church, they were a very special part of her life.

Melinda Utha Coleman Thacker was born on May 2, 1930 she passed away on August 18, 2009 making her stay here 79 years, three months, and sixteen days. She was the daughter of the late William Thomas and Darcus (Thacker) Coleman. She was blessed to have two daddy's the first was Papa Tom he died when she was a young girl, but she talked to him often. The second was Papa Dave Coleman and she also talked to him often she loved them both.



Melinda Utha was united in marriage to the late Elder Thomas Wheeler Thacker on August 27, 1946 her one and only love, they were blessed to be together 43 years. Together they had nine children five boys and four girls, twenty-four grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Melinda was preceded in death by her loving husband Elder Thomas Wheeler Thacker, her parents William Thomas and Darcus Coleman, Dave Coleman, three daughters Drema Lois (Thacker) Seese, Donritta Thacker, and Loretta (Thacker) Leaman, one grandson Tommy Douglas Thacker II, Nine brothers Rexall, John Jesse, Bill, Danville, Granville, Russell, Steve, Clyde, and Carl Coleman. Five sisters Emalene Click, Evelyn Coleman, Darcus Thacker, Martha Litha Coleman and Avonelle Wardrup.

Left to mourn mommy passing are her five sons Thomas Wheeler Thacker Jr. (Kim), Harold Dean Thacker (Brenda), Timothy Thacker (Anna), Elder Gary Keith Thacker (Tammy), and Jefferson Thacker (Violet). One daughter Brenda Joyce Milstead (Darrell). Four brothers Elder Lundy Coleman



Thacker, Lois Slone, Ledna Mae Presley, and Lucy Pearl Justice, lots of nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends. Granny is sadly missed by her children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends. The church has lost a faithful member and we have lost a loving mother and a wonderful grandmother.

Our thoughts about mommy could never be summed up, she was a loving mommy, but she was so sick and hurt so bad, we miss her everyday, but when we think of her we thank the great God of Heaven that he blessed her to go to sleep in his arms and not to suffer anymore. We believe mommy will be in Heaven. Her spirit has went back to God that give it, but she is sleeping on Annie Young Cemetery and will be there until the Lord calls her home with all God's children. Granny was a lot of love. If we had to sum up mommy she was love by the Grace of God.

Written by her son Elder Gary K Thacker and his wife Tammy.

### **HAZEL IRENE EADES**

It is with sadness that I write the obituary of a dear friend and sister in Christ, Hazel Eades. Sister Hazel departed this life on May 7th, 2010 at Good Shepard Community Nursing Center in Phelps Kentucky. She was a life-long resident of Buchanan County Virginia.



She was born in Buchanan County, Virginia on May 2nd, 1923 to the late Joe Conn and Mary Dotson Conn. Sister Hazel served as a postmistress in the Hurley area of Buchanan County for several years, walking great distances to and from work to help provide for her family.

She was an avid flower gardener and she enjoyed cooking. It was very common for sister Hazel to always bring a dessert dish to church even on meetings in which there was no dinner served. Her banana pudding was a staple of after church



fellowship and she always insisted on "you having a bowl."

Sister Hazel was a long time member of Sulphur Springs Church and was very dedicated to filling her seat during each meeting. On nearly every occasion that they Church would gather, sister Hazel could be heard clapping her hands and praising God during some portion of the meeting. She was a devoted member and along with her sister the two became pillars of Sulphur Springs Church.

In addition to her parents Sister Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Eades: five children, seven sisters, two brothers and one grandson, Christopher Dotson. On the few occasions that I took her home after Church, she would tell me of the sadness that consumed her heart over the loss of her precious children. I still recall her coming to tears on one particular trip.

Sister Hazel was survived by her daughter, Rita Dotson and her husband Wilburn of Hurley and one son Donnie Prater and wife Regina of Hurley. In addition to her children she is survived by one sister Jean Ganz of Pickerington, Ohio, one brother Junior Conn of Hurley, one grandson, Keith Prater one great grand-daughter Abigail Prater as well as several nieces and nephews.

With the passing of Sister Hazel, the brethren at Sulphur Springs lost a precious member of our beloved family. However, we rejoice in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. There is now an empty seat to the right of the pulpit, filled only with precious memories and fond recollections, sleep on precious sister, sleep on, for tomorrow we shall all be re-united.

Written by a brother in hope,  
Elder Brian Moore



## IDA PEARL (RATLIFF) COLEMAN

It's with deepest sadness and broken heart that we write the obituary of our dear sweet Mother who was also our best friend and the Grandmother of our children. Trying to write a tribute or an obituary to our mom is almost impossible because of the type of woman our Mom was. There aren't enough words to express the loving and caring person that she was, not just to her family, but everyone she knew. We will try to honor her the best we can.

Our mother Ida Coleman was called home Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the age 73 in the Thomasville Medical Center. Mommy was born on



June 18, 1936, and was the daughter of the late Elder Kit Carson Ratliff and late Velma Mae Dotson Ratliff. Mommy was born and reared on Blackberry at Ransom Ky. On December 13, 1957 she married Moses Wayne Coleman, the love of her life. To this union was born two children Lisa (Clifford) Sullivan of Thomasville NC and Teresa (Randall) Jackson of High Point NC.

Mommy was preceded in death by her husband Mose Coleman on September 13, 1978, one brother George Ratliff and four sisters, Billie Mounts, Anna Hodge, Margaret (Sis) Williams, and Bobbie Gillman. She is survived by her two daughters, Lisa and Teresa; one brother, Will Drainen Ratliff of Kimper; one sister, Jackie Coleman of Kimper; three grandchildren, Mark Sullivan, Sabrina Nichols and Shawn Michael Jackson; and one great-grandchild, Kason Spann and a host of family and friends.

She was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church since the 60's. After moving to North Carolina she was still faithful to the church she kept in contact the brother Mike until two years ago when she was unable to. She was employed by the Pike County school system and then she was the owner and operator of the former Lin-Mar Motel.

Her greatest joy in her life was spending time with her family; she loved to travel and enjoyed many family vacations. Her hobbies were going shopping, going out to eat and reading the church newsletters and minutes. Her Funeral was held at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church with Paul Varney, Shawn Dotson and Jeff Dotson, and Michael Smith.

Mommy was laid to rest beside Daddy at the Dotson cemetery at Ransom KY. There's never a day that goes by that we don't think about Mommy and Daddy. Our Mom and Dad both gave us so much they taught us how to love and respect others and most of all the



importance of family. If there could ever be perfect parents it would be our Mom and Dad. We love and miss you both so much.

God Saw That She Was Getting Tired

God saw that she was getting tired,

A cure was not to be.

So he put His arms around her  
and whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes, we watched her suffer,

And saw her fade away.

Although we loved her dearly,

We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes "the best".

-Author Unknown

Written by her broken-hearted daughters  
that love and misses her so much,  
Lisa Sullivan and Teresa Jackson

### **BONNIE SUE (COLEMAN) RHODES**

It is with sad and lonely hearts that we write the obituary of our dear Sister and Mother, Bonnie Sue (Coleman) Rhodes.

She was born October 13, 1950 in Pike Co. Ky. She was married to Hank Rhodes and from this union was born two sons, Henry Allen Rhodes, that passed away at birth, and Steven Lee Rhodes (husband of Brenda Marrs Rhodes). Bonnie left behind to mourn her loss, her precious grandson Austin Chadwick Rhodes.



Bonnie worked hard all her life, at a factory in Ill., and as a secretary at Kentucky Carbon and Home Health care.

In 1992 her beloved Mother Pearlle was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and Bonnie stayed at home and cared for her until her death in 1996.



Bonnie suffered with cancer in 2000, and 2005, but to have it re-occur in 2010. Bonnie was baptized years ago and gave her heart to the Lord in good faith. She took membership at Johns Creek Primitive Baptist at Long Fork of Kimper Ky., where she was a faithful member and loved her church family as her own.

God called Bonnie home on May 15, 2010 after a painful battle with cancer. God was merciful and answered our prayer for healing by taking her home to be with Him and away from God called Bonnie home on May 15, 2010 after a painful battle with cancer. God was merciful and answered our prayer for healing by taking her home to be with Him and away from pain. She was born to the late Harvey and Pearlie Coleman. She was preceded in death by her two brothers James Coleman of Hammond IN., and the infant Johnnie Coleman. Also three sisters, Baby Mary Ellen Coleman, Baby Margie Coleman much loved sister Betty Lou Carter wife of Charles Carter of Macon GA. Left behind to grieve her are three brothers, Earl and Lassie Coleman of Summerfield, FL., Ron Coleman of Louisville Ky., and Robert and Rhonda Coleman of Kimper KY. Bonnie has also left behind nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends that will greatly miss her.

She loved them all. Bonnie had a huge heart that was generous and full of kindness. Her love of a good joke and her hearty laugh will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. She will always be in our hearts.

Written by her Son and Daughter in-law Steven and Brenda Rhodes and her Sister in-law Rhonda Coleman

### **VIDA FERN VARNEY RICHARDSON**



Pro: 31:28 "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

It is with a broken heart that I write these words for when one loves their mother, next to the Lord Jesus they have lost their best friend. Mother departed this life on May 18, 2010, shortly before her 87th birthday. She was born on June 14, 1923, the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Varney of Sharondale, Kentucky and the great granddaughter of Stephen Trout past clerk and Elder of



the Old Pond Church. She married Everett "Bud" Trout and they had my sister, Nancy Carolyn, and me before he was killed in a pedestrian accident in 1950. She joined the Old Pond Church and was received into full fellowship on July 15, 1951. She was baptized by Elder Wallace Chapman. Several years later, Mother married Russell Richardson of Kingsport, Tennessee. From this union there were two sons: David Glenn and Randall Keith. Mother was always a devout Christian. She raised all of us children in love and admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout her whole life, she remained very close in her walk with Jesus and prayed her way through many trials and tribulations that came with living and its hardships. Daily she prayed and talked to Jesus, strongly believing he would answer all of her prayers. She led her husband to salvation through example and prayer. She was a talented and skillful housewife. Her children and husband were always the center of her daily concerns. All of her brothers and sisters preceded her in death, except one sister. Dora Lee Johnson of Ohio. Her sisters were: Maude, Lucy, Mary, Martha, Jane, Lydia, and Juanita. Her brothers were: Thomas, Jr., Elbert and Sonny. Her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by her children and a host of grandchildren.

Interred at Gracelawn Memorial Park in New Castle, Delaware, she rests until the day of resurrection. Her greatest hope was that she would spend eternity with Jesus Christ. She was baptized in the muddy waters of Pond Creek; she told me that when she came up out of the water, that not only her spiritual robe was white as snow, but also that the dress she was wearing remained stainless.

I would like to thank the officers and members of the church for making the printing of this obituary possible.

Written by her daughter; Brenda Trout Constance



## 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													2010
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.	Ricky B. Worrix	1825	4	0	0	0	0	0	-2	68	2nd	\$130.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	2	3	0	0	0	-12	-3	36	2nd	\$75.00
Big Creek	Randal Thornsby	Wade Smith	1857	0	0	0	1	0	-1	-1	60	3rd	\$150.00
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	Jeff Belcher	1820	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-3	63	4th	\$150.00
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	Randy Kender	1869	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-6	66	4th	\$100.00
Sulphur Springs	Brian Moore	Ronald Moore	1863	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	30	1st	\$65.00
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	Frank Ball	1893	0	10	0	0	0	-1	-2	46	1st	\$60.00
Grapevine	Noah Stone	Timothy A. Stone	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	27	3rd	\$60.00
Samaria	Paul Varney	Leslie D. Hatfield	1890	1	0	0	0	-13	-5	-3	120	3rd	\$200.00
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	Ernest Seth Shortridge	1894	0	1	0	0	0	0	-1	10	1st	\$100.00
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	Carl Coleman	1936	2	0	0	1	0	0	-1	27	2nd	\$100.00
Calvary	David A. Thacker	Barry Thacker	1951	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	32	1st	\$100.00
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	Ruth Maynard	1962	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	45	2nd	\$139.50
Friendship	David B. May	Martin Childers	1925	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	4th	\$25.00
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	Sandra Harris	1967	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	73	4th	\$100.00
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	1971	7	0	0	0	0	0	-3	66	4th	\$125.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	Phyllis Moore	1972	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	1st	\$40.00
New Hope	James T. Dotson	William Dotson	1991	0	1	0	0	0	-3	0	12	4th	\$50.00
18				18	15	0	3	-15	-25	-31	835		\$1,769.50



## **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.





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

**SITE OF 2010  
ASSOCIATION**

Directions to Calvary Primitive Baptist Church: From Pikeville Kentucky, take U.S. 119 North Kimper exit; at bottom of exit ramp, turn left on KY-194, go 7.1 miles to Varney Branch road on right 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 17 miles to Kimper exit; right on exit ramp, follow directions above.



**LITTLE HOPE  
CHURCH HOUSE**  
76 Left Fork Ball Fork Rd.  
Pinsonfork, KY 41555

**SITE OF 2011  
ANNUAL MEETING**

Directions to Little Hope Church House: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 119 North 23 miles to Jct. KY-199 on right; take KY-199 3.4 miles to Jct. KY-1056 on left; left on 1056, go 0.2 mile to Ball Fork Road on right; take Ball Fork Road approx. 0.5 mile to forks of the road, bear left to church house. There is extra parking available at the forks of the road.



**COLUMBUS  
CHURCH HOUSE**  
599 Hilock Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43207-3122

**SITE OF 2011  
Association**

Directions to Columbus Primitive Baptist Church: Travel North from the Junction of I-270 and U.S. 23, which is South High Street, just over one mile to the 5th stop light. Turn right on East Williams road, travel one-half mile to the first stop light. Turn left on Parsons Avenue, travel about one-quarter mile to the first street on the right. Turn right on Hilock Road, travel about one-quarter mile to Columbus Church on the right side of the street at 599 Hilock Road.



