

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

Organized in 1849

HELD WITH
COLUMBUS PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio
September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2011

Next session convenes with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church located at 394 Meathouse Road, Canada, Pike County, Kentucky, starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September 2012.

Directions to Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church:
From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 15 miles north on U.S. 119 to Sidney exit (KY 3220); turn right on KY 3220, go 2.6 miles to Meathouse Road (KY 3154); Right on Meathouse Road 0.4 mile to church house on left.. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 9 miles south on U.S. 119 to Sidney exit; at the bottom of the off-ramp, turn left on old U.S. 119, go 1.5 miles to Meathouse Road on the left, follow directions above.

OFFICERS:

Moderator.....Elder Randal Thornsburry
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PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 2, 2011

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J.C. Hager.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Steve Kender.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Columbus 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 Raymond Stanley serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Elder Robert Worrix, Jr. and brother Daren Compton 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: Deacon Wayne Fleming.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Emerson Montgomery.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: None.

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

MT. ZION: None.

WASHINGTON: None

UNION: Elder Roy Adams.

FISHER'S RIVER: None

PINEY GROVE: None

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Elder David Gambill.

Welcomed visitors from other Associations and various churches:

SAND LICK-VA: Sister Lou Ellen Fleming, Sister Diann Owens.

BURNING SPRINGS: None

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER Sister Anna Marshall.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: None

UNION: None

FISHER'S RIVER: None

MT. ZION: None

WASHINGTON: None

PINEY GROVE: None

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: None

CHESTNUT GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH:
Elder David A. Edwards, Sister Wilma Edwards.

NEW MT. ZION CHURCH (Sovereign Grace Association):
Elder Fred Charles, Brother David Charles, Sister Elverda Charles.

NAOMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Carmen Gillum, Elder Hesker Gillum.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. All the Deacons from Columbus Church, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday morning at Columbus Church: Jimmy Lee Smith.

B. Friday afternoon at Columbus Church: Emerson Montgomery, Vance Jones, David Edwards, Rodney Marshall.

C. Saturday Morning at Columbus Church: Johnny Kirk, Raymond Stanley, David May.

D. Saturday afternoon at Columbus Church: David Gambill, J.C. Hager, Randal Thornsberry.

E. Saturday night at Pleasant Hill Church: Daniel Jacobs, Carmen Gillum, David Jacobs, Vance Jones, David A. Thacker, Greg Moore.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Rodney Worrix, James Clyde Ball, Bill Slone, David Coleman, Jimmy Lee Smith, Terry Blackburn, Raymond Stanley, Paul Goff, Jeff Dotson, Ricky Worrix, Carl Coleman, Wallace Vipperman, Vester Runyon, David May, John Holyfield, Roger Blackburn, Ballard Bryant, Kenneth Chapman.

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

SAND LICK-Virginia: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2011. James Clyde Ball, Greg Moore, John Cooper, Daren Compton, Noah Slone, Vester Runyon, Paul Goff.

BURNING SPRINGS: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 2012. Tim Smith, Paris Blackburn, James Clyde Ball, Paul Goff, Rodney Worrix.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in May, 2012. James Clyde Ball.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 2011. John Jacobs, Larry Chapman, James Clyde Ball, Robert Worrix, Jr., Paul Goff, David May, David Lee May.

MT. ZION: Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 2012. James Clyde Ball.

WASHINGTON: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2011. None.

UNION: Friday before the 1st Saturday in June, 2012. John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Tim Slone, Ricky Worrix, Paul Goff, Robert Worrix Jr.

FISHERS RIVER: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in July, 2012. James Clyde Ball.

PINEY GROVE: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in May, 2012. David May, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, James Clyde Ball, Barry Thacker.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 2011. Tim Smith, Larry Chapman, Jimmy Lee Smith, Paul Goff, Daren Compton, John Jacobs, Noah Slone.

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

Saturday morning September 3, 2011 at Columbus Church house.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Received the letters from Burning Springs Association the Sand Lick Association of Kentucky. Prayer by Elder Michael Elswick. Roll called and absents marked. Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

The Committee met at Columbus 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 Columbus Church.

#2. Recommend that we not fellowship Washington Association until Burning Springs Association is satisfied.

#3. Recommend that Old Pond Church host the Annual meeting for 2012.

#4. Recommend that Big Creek Church host the Association for 2012

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

#6. Recommend that we carry on our work on Saturday in the usual manner.

Moved and seconded that the committee's work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with Old Pond Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2012.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Robert Worrix, Jr.

1.) Rodney Marshall

2.) David Edwards

3.) Vance Jones

4.) David A. Thacker

5.) Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder Lundy Coleman

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 2012 are as follows:

LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2012. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, Elmer Thacker, David May, Randal Thornsberry, David Jacobs, 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, Daniel Jacobs 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 28, 2012.

OLD POND: 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514.

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2012. J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Randal Thornsberry, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Kenneth Chapmen, John Jacobs, Onis Smith, Estle Hackney, Steve Kender, David May, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Arnold Childress, David Gambill, Frank Ball, Paul Varney, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2012.

BIG CREEK: 394 Meathouse Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2012. Ernest Blair, Paris Blackburn, David Coleman, Jr., Kenneth Chapman, Noah Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Paul Varney, Estle Hackney, Steve Kender, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Daniel Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held Sunday, following the 3rd Saturday in July, 2012.

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2012. Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Noah Slone, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsberry, Garnell Gilbert, Brian Moore, John Jacobs, David Lee Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr., Argel Kendrick, Todd Thacker, Gary Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ricky Worrix, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

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

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2012. Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsberry, Elmer Thacker, Steve Kender, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Elswick,

James Clyde Ball, Joe Kinder, Barry Thacker, and all order Primitive Baptist elders are welcome.

NOTE: Memorial Meeting fourth Saturday in June, 2012

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620
Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2012. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Elmer Thacker, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Paul Dean Justice, Noah Slone, David Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Jr., Jimmy Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Ricky Worrix, James Clyde Ball, Argle 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, 2012. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Kenneth Chapman, Robert Thacker, Paris Blackburn, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr., Noah Slone, Paul Varney, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Michael Elswick, J.C.Hager, Steve Kender, Onis Smith, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend.

NOTE: A memorial meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2012.

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2012. 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 Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Larry Slone, Trillis Adams, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Garnell Gilbert, Noah Edwards, and all orderly Old Regular Primitive Baptists are welcome

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on July 1, 2012.

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2012. Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, James Clyde Ball, Jim O'Quinn, Roger Rose, Brian Moore.

FEDS CREEK: 1854 Feds Creek Road, Feds Creek, KY. Meets the first Saturday in May, 2012. Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr.

David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsby, David Allen Thacker, Gary Thacker, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley, Todd Thacker, Larry Mounts, Jimmy Lee Smith, Brian Moore, David Jacobs, James Clyde Ball, and all other Mates Creek Elders, brothers and sisters are invited to attend.

JOHNS CREEK: 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimber, KY 41539.

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2012. Paul Varney, Kenneth Chapman, Noah Slone, David May, Jeff Dotson, Steve Kender, Michael Elswick, Shawn Dotson, Raymond Stanley, David A. Thacker, Barry Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, John Jacobs, Larry Slone, David Coleman, Jr., Randal Thornsby, James Clyde Ball, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith.

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimber, KY 41539

Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2012. 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 will be held Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 10:00a.m. for deceased members.

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

Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2012. Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Brian Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Larry Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsby, David A Thacker, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Arnold Childress, Ked Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Donald Stacy, Jim Duty, Jim O'Quinn, Shawn Dotson, Estle Hackney, James Clyde Ball, Ricky Worrix, Argle Kendrick, Kenneth Chapman, Roger Rose, Ronnie Rose, Larry Mounts, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

NOTE: Memorial service for all deceased members will be held on the second Sunday in July, 2012 on Baldwin Mountain at the cemetery.

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

fourth Saturday in August, 2012. John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsby, Noah Slone, Onis Smith, David A. Thacker, Paris Blackburn, R.T. Thacker, Barry Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Estle Hackney, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., 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, 2012. 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, Daniel Jacobs. All other Mates Creek elders, brothers and sisters are invited to attend.

NOTE: A memorial meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, at the home of brother Arthur Coleman at 207 South Market Street, McArthur, Ohio 45651. Ph: 740-596-2468; 740-591-0574

Our Annual Meeting will be held Saturday October 6, and Sunday, October 7, 2012.

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2012. Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Kenneth Chapman, Raymond Stanley, Larry Slone, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, James T. Dotson, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Michael Elswick, Onis Smith John Jacobs, David May, Jeff Dotson, Billy Cook, Jonathan Cook, Victor Quick Bob Mayhorn, Arnold Childress, Robert Thacker, Jim Duty, Hoey Lester, Roger Rose, David Gambill, Paul Varney, David Edwards, Terry Thacker, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service to be held the second weekend in October, 2012.

PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078. Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2012. 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.

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

NEW HOPE: 527 Pinsonfork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2012. John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Raymond Stanley,

Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, David May, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Brian Moore, James Clyde Ball, and all other brothers and sisters of Mates Creek are invited.

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

Agreed that we have 1875 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Walter Sullivan, Bud May, Donald Justice, Jenis Coleman, Joe Michael Slone, Wade Ratliff, Harrison Smith, Raymond David Slone, Henry Earl Brown.

SISTERS: Mary Lee Stanley, Beatrice "Bea" Lovely, Eunice Lovely, Bertha Mae Smith, Christine Smith Dotson, Christine Chapman, Avonelle Runyon Slone, Jenny Lynn Thornsburg Booth, Virginia (Coleman) Justice .

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

The finances were dispensed as follows:

<u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND</u> from last year.....	\$4157.28
Amount received from the churches this year.....	1625.00
Amount received for obituaries this year	170.00
Donations received this year	<u>1029.00</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH ON HAND</u>	<u>\$6980.28</u>

CASH PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2010 Minutes	\$1957.96
Gave Moderator	50.00
Gave Assistant Moderator	50.00
Gave Clerk	50.00
Gave Assistant Clerk	50.00
Gave Calvary Church to reimburse for portable toilets	190.00
Paid for postage	14.85
Gave cash to visiting ministers.....	600.00
Paid for Supplies.-	65.20

TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	<u>-\$3028.01</u>
BALANCE LEFT ON HAND Sept 3, 2011.....	<u>\$3952.27</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</u>	
Checkbook balance:	<u>\$1568.27</u>
Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit:.....	<u>2384.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS:.....	<u>\$3952.27</u>

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church at 394 Meathouse Road, Canada, Pike County, Kentucky to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2012. Elder J.C. Hager was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Robert Worrix Jr. is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Greg Moore, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by: Elder Randal Thornsby, Moderator
 Elder David A. Thacker, Asst. Moderator
 Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk
 Deacon Lonnie Simpkins, Asst. Clerk

The Association gives thanks to God, and extends our love and appreciation to the brothers and sisters of Columbus Church for their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

SUNDAY MORNING September 4, 2011

INTRODUCTION: Elder Robert Worrix Jr. introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Rodney Marshall
2. David Edwards
3. Vance Jones
4. David A. Thacker
5. Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder Lundy Coleman

CIRCULAR LETTER

By: Elder David Coleman Jr.

Dear Brethren:

After many months of prayer and meditation about what I should write to the churches, I couldn't leave the subject of salvation. To truly understand salvation, you must understand where you came from and how you got to where you are.

I remember when I left home as a young man with my new bride, my dad

said, "Son, don't forget where you came from." That was a good lesson in life and that is a good lesson in the churches. To understand where we came from, we must hear the bible's words written by Paul in 2 Timothy Chapter 1 verse 9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,". Also in the book of Titus Chapter 1 Verse 2 it was said, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began".

This eternal salvation, is today, and has always been in God's hand. It was said in John Chapter 6 Verse 44, by Jesus, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." We can also find in the book of Ephesians Chapter 2 Verses 8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

With such a short space, I give you just a few examples of how we received eternal salvation. I also believe in and love the earthly salvation. It comes as a gift of God, but in a different way.

To the Church: Jeremiah Chapter 6 Verse 16, "Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." To be able to find the old path we must first be born again. Afterwards, it is our duty to begin searching for the old path. With much studying and praying, God will reveal the old paths to us. And then it is our responsibility to walk in them. We must stand there determined and fight to teach the old Baptist the joy that can be found in the old path. The Apostle Paul told us in his writings in Philippians Chapter 2 Verse 12 "....work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." In the book of James Chapter 4 Verse 8 "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

This is where we came from and this is a great place to live. About 200 years ago, our forefathers came together with much division among them. Some of our people wanted to have missions groups sent from their

churches into the world. Some of them wanted Sunday schools established to teach our children. Some wanted to leave the Primitive belief of salvation by Grace, and go with the belief of salvation by works. We, as those who remained in the primitive Baptist faith, have for these 200 years stood and been grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ that our eternal salvation has always been in the hands of God.

I can't finish this letter without speaking about the resurrection of the body. I love the words written by Apostil Paul in the book of 1 Corinthians Chapter 15 Verse 38 about the resurrection, "But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body." We must continue to preach and believe there is a resurrection of the dead in the last day. This is what we have always believed. There is no resurrection at death, in three days after death, or two months later. For we read in the book of 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 Verses 15-17, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

I pray that we, the Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association and our Sister Associations will never forget where we came from. We were lost, ruined, undone, having no hope, and without God in the world, but His sovereign Grace has redeemed and called us unto salvation.

God Bless You,
Elder David Coleman, Jr.

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Todd Thacker, Rodney B. Worrix, Kenneth Slone, James Nichols.

Alternate: Gary Thacker

OLD POND: Cecil Hatfield, Carl Clark, Walter Rutherford, James Clyde Ball.

Alternate: Michael Elswick

BIG CREEK: John Jacobs, David Lee May, Tim Thacker, Bill Slone.

Alternate: Larry David Chapman

RACCOON: David Coleman, Donovan Blackburn, Clifton Preece, Lonnie Collins.

Alternate: Otis Thacker

PETER CREEK: Randy Kender, Steve Kender, Floyd Coleman, Randy Smith

Alternate: Jimmy Lee Smith

SULPHUR SPRING: Terry Blackburn, Brian Moore, Ronald Moore, Justin Blackburn.

Alternate: Larry Mounts

LITTLE HOPE: Raymond Stanley, Fonso McIntosh.

Alternate:

GRAPEVINE: Noah Slone, David Burgess, Paul Goff, Leon Adkins.

Alternate: Timothy Slone

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

Alternate: Larry Scott

FEDS CREEK: Ricky Worrix, Ernest Blair, Ricky Blair, Gary Thacker.

Alternate: Estle Hackney

JOHNS CREEK: Carl Coleman, Bernis Newton, Jr., David Adams, Edward Coleman.

Alternate: Bernis Newton II

CALVARY: Barry Thacker, Steve Bryant, Wallace Vipperman, Ricky Ratliff.

Alternate: Lawrence Williams

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

Alternate: Estle Hackney

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

Alternate: Michael Elswick

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

Alternate: Richard Justice

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

Alternate: David Jacobs

PLEASANT HILL: Ballard Bryant, Jackie Scott, James T. Dotson.

Alternate: Greg Moore

NEW HOPE: William Dotson, Kenneth Chapman

Alternate: None

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Roy L. Adams 110 Dallas Drive, Eolia, KY 40826
Vance Jones 3460 Highway 268 East, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041
David Gambill 344 Williams Branch Rd., Hazard, KY 41701
Rodney Marshall 1140 Old Orchard Road, Westfield, NC 27053
David A. Edwards 179 Upchurch Lane, Lambsburg, VA 24351
Emerson Montgomery 1139 Pleasant Hill Rd. Waverly, OH 45690
John Kirk 2519 Red Bank Road, Sevierville, TN 37862

CHURCH

MODERATOR

COMMUNION

Louisa	Robert B. Worrix, Jr.	Aug., 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Randal Thornsberry	Aug., 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	July, 4th Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring	Brian Moore	Aug., 1st Saturday
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Noah Slone	May, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	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

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Opa Thacker	2405 St. Rt. 131, Goshen, OH 45122	513-625-7705
Lundy Coleman	14230 Havens Corner Rd, Pataskala, OH 43062	740-927-4603
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Elmer Thacker	948 Coeburn Hollow Rd., Huddy, KY 41535	606-353-7106
David Coleman	2497 Lower Pompey Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562	606-437-6829
John Jacobs	16 Thornsby 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
Ernest Blair	405 Laurel Fork Rd., Steele, KY 41566	606-835-4815
Jimmy Lee Smith	487 Ashlick Fork, Phelps, KY 41553	606-456-7827
J.C. Hager	7138 Brittwood Ln., Flint, MI 48507	810-232-4173
Noah Slone	842 Red Creek Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501	606-437-7551
David B. May	2155 Stratton Fork Rd., Canada, KY 41519	606-353-8045
Greg Moore	8881 Canoe Dr., Galloway, OH 43119	614-870-6307

Onis Smith	2664 Meathouse Rd., Canada, KY 41519	606-353-9373
Randal Thornsbury	P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514	606-353-9234
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Steve Kender	86 Cow Branch Rd., Phelps, KY 41553	606-456-0947
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ELDER WALTER SULLIVAN

With a very heavy and sad heart, I'll try to write the obituary of my beloved father-in-law Walter Sullivan. He was born October 18th, 1924 at McCarr KY, the son of Mel and Sironey



Casey Sullivan. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Opal of 66 years together. Also 5 brothers and 3 sisters. He was a retired coal miner of Eastern Coal Co. He was a member, Elder and Assistant Moderator of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church. Brother Walter is survived by 3 sons Bobby Sullivan, Walter Jr. and Vickie of Borderland, WV, Frank and Connie of Pinsonfork, KY, also four daughters Phyllis and William Dotson of Pinsonfork, KY., Brenda and Kennie Chap-

man of Pinsonfork, KY, Jane and John Bousersmith of Hardy, KY., and Janet Sullivan of the home. 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Also a host of loving family and friends. Brother Walter loved the Lord and going to church as long as he was able. He preached and also believed that Salvation was only in Jesus. Brother Walter was loved by all that knew him. He was kind and free hearted to everyone. God called him home on November 22nd, 2010, making his stay on this earth 86 years 1 month and 5 days. Brother Walter is very sadly missed and loved by us all, but I truly believe by the Grace of God and the shed blood of Jesus Christ we'll be together again, in that great Resurrection morning. So sleep on brother Walter, till we meet again.

Written With a Sad and Broken Heart
Elder Kennie Chapman

RAYMOND DAVID SLONE

Raymond David Slone passed from this life December 27, 2010. He was born to Keen and Avonelle Slone in Pikeville, KY January 8, 1948.

Raymond was the loving husband of Evelyn Jane Slone for 41 years. He was a wonderful dad to his only son Kevin David Slone. He was preceded in death by his mother Avonelle, whom he loved dearly, one nephew, Michael Anthony Bartley, and his grandparents; Nathaniel Calvery and Myrtle Runyon and Matt and Gracie Slone.

He is survived also by his dad; Keen (Bud) Slone; one brother; James C. Slone (Sharon); three sisters; Phyllis S. Clevinger (Norman), Florene (Tootsie) Bartley (Mike), and Anna R. Belcher (Randy).



Raymond loved children and he treated his nephews and nieces as his own grandchildren: Ryan Weddington, Abigail Weddington, Jaxon Weddington, Coleton Slone, Arron Slone, Kayleigh Bartley, Jakob Bartley, Ian Clevinger, Cecily Clevinger, Chase Clevinger, Piper Clevinger, Desean Prinkleton, Ashleigh Hargadine, and Taegan Collins will surely miss his love and hugs forever.

Raymond was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 36 years and was a true and faithful soldier. We will always listen for his deep voice as we sing the hymns he loved so much. His faith was so strong and his passion for the truth were unshakable. We will never forget his words of encouragement and his strength.

Raymond served his country as a soldier in his youth. He worked as state mine inspector until his retirement. He was also a teacher for awhile. He was a member of the Masons and truly enjoyed his time with his son Kevin and the other members there.

There are no words that can express the grief his parting has left us with. He was so strong and loving a man. His faith in dying and love of the Lord Jesus Christ was a blessing. For all of us who knew and loved Raymond there is a hole in our hearts that only God can fill. Raymond would not want us to be sad for him but happy knowing his suffering is over and his life goals won.

We will deeply miss the husband, brother, friend, dad and protector who has gone on and pray to meet him again someday when this life is over.

Written by his loving sister, Tootsie

HARRISON SMITH

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my father, Harrison Smith, who passed away October 27, 2010, at the age of 88.



He was born February 6, 1922 at Phelps, KY., the daughter of the late Wilburn and Marcella Smith.

He was a retired employee of Kentucky Carbon Coal Company and a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans, having received the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained in Normandy, France during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Mae Smith, one son, Tolbert Harrison Smith, one granddaughter Kristi Mildred Smith Waincott, four brothers, and three sisters.

He is survived by one son, Robert Smith of Irvine, Ky., one step-daughter, Joyce Estep, Phelps, Ky., three step-grandchildren, three step-great grandchildren, and one step-great great grandchild.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Written by his son, Robert Louis Smith

WADE RATLIFF

Wade Ratliff, age 83, of Kimper, KY. passed away at Pikeville Medical Center April 5, 2010. Wade was born to the late Richard Wade Ratliff and Mary Elizabeth Smith Ratliff, January 20, 1927. Wade had been a member of many organizations such as the Stone Masonic Lodge, Shriners, United Mine Workers Association, as well as a veteran of World War Two. Wade attended the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon.

Wade was preceded in death by both parents Richard and Mary Ratliff; four brothers - Phil, Will (Buck), Monis, and Hollis Ratliff; two sisters Quellia Belcher and Agnes Trimble; and one grandchild Joseph (Joey) Ratliff. Left to mourn his passing in his loving devoted wife Clara Marie Blackburn Ratliff; one son Richard Wade of Kimper, KY.; four daughters Sheila (Bruce) Roberts of Belfry KY., Karen Sue (Ravine) Ratliff of Ferrells Creek, KY., Marcia (Steve) Ratliff Elswick of Meta, KY., and Sharon Denise (Denny Paul) Burchett of Scott Depot, WV.; one sister Reba West of Mouthcard, KY. Wade is also survived by nine grandchildren, Wade Ratliff, Kristie Adkins, Rachael Ratliff Lemghaili, Peyton

Roberts, Jason Elswick, Jeremy Ratliff, Joshua Elswick, and Bradley Burgett; fifteen great grandchildren David Ratliff, Erika Ratliff, Zachary Ratliff, Morgan Ratliff, Timmy Todd Adkins, Madison Adkins, Ronnie Wayne Justice, Logan Bishop, Ben Adkins, Sara Elswick, Emma Elswick, Brady Roberts, Sadie Elswick, Layla Lemghaili, and Samantha Ratliff.

Wade will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Written by his wife
Clara Marie Ratliff

HENRY EARL BROWN

Henry Earl Brown, age 75, passed away on April 15, 2011 at his home in Bristol, Virginia. He was the son of the late Arthur and Annie Nuckels Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Thelma Brown Street, and three brothers, Elder Elmer Brown, Garland Brown and McKinley Brown. Survivors include his companion of 18 years, Mildred Street of Bristol, Virginia; one son, Donnie and wife Shelia, one granddaughter, Kayla Marie and one grandson, Kyle of Alexandria, Virginia. One sister survives, Lucille Brown Pendell of Bristol, Virginia and three brothers, Carl and Ann Brown of Colonial Beach, Virginia, Ferrell and Ruth Brown of Spotsylvania, Virginia and Nelson



and Nancy Brown of Bluff City, Tennessee, and a special nephew, Kermit Street of Bristol, Virginia. Many nieces and nephew also survive and loved him dearly. Their Uncle Earl was special. All nieces and nephews were present for the funeral except for two. Much love and caring was shown in his last days. His illness was a short one. We stood by and watched him slowly slip away.

He was a companion, son, father, granddaddy, brother and a friend to all. His son, Donnie and his grandchildren were his life. He loved to hunt, fish and play Blugrass music. He always had a special way of singing the song, "Mother's Bible" in honor of our mother. He was an Army Veteran and wore his uniform proudly as he served our country. He worked for CSX Railroad until his retirement moving

from Richmond, Virginia to Bristol, Virginia about 16 years ago. Earl did many things for me and I miss him so much. He loved life and family. It broke our hearts to give him up. He is resting in peace now with Ma and Pa.

As we stood by watching you fade away, we felt God was by your side. He had a better place for you. Ma and Pa has been reunited with another precious son in a wonderful place where there is no pain, suffering or sorrow. Earl loved our family reunions, singing, and preaching. He had many, many friends and loved ones. Elder James Ball and Reverend Ancil Childress showed much love and respect as we were saying our goodbyes to another precious brother.

Earl was laid to rest at the Nuckels-Hess Cemetery on Fletcher's Ridge in Buchanan County, Virginia along beside many loved ones. Full military honors were given.

God took Earl's hand and lead him Home. He was weary and worn. Through the storm, God was there to lead him on to his Eternal rest. I hope and pray we will all be together someday where there will be no pain and sorrow.

Your loving sister, Lucille

JENIS COLEMAN

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my dad Jenis Coleman. Jenis was born August 28, 1925 and departed this life September 30, 2010 to be with the Lord. He was the son of the late George H. and Ida Coleman of Lower Pompey. Dad's stay on this earth was 85 years 1 month and 2 days.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers, Emmitt, Bradley and James J. Coleman and one sister Mary E. Coleman. Jenis was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, Rebekah Dawn Robinson. THE TWO OF THEM WERE VERY CLOSE.



Jenis leaves behind to mourn, his loving wife Mavis Jean Goff Coleman, one sister, Frankie Jane Prater of Pikeville, eight children, Reta (Walter) Robinson of Shalbiana, Joseph (Bonnie) Coleman of Betsy

Layne, Judith Robinson of Pikeville, Donnes (Denise) Coleman of Goshen, Indiana, Freda Jane (Phillip) Bartley of Racoon, Jettie (Harvey) Smith of Lower Pompey, Carol Dean Fields of Goshen, Indiana, and Chris (Kortney) Coleman of Racoon.

Dad also leaves behind twelve grandchildren: Jason and Justin Robinson, Jeremy Coleman, Danielle and Logan Coleman: Ollie Rowe II, Jacob and Jasmine Coleman, Travis Bartley, Kimberly Carr, Kenny Fields, Dalton Thomas, six great grandchildren: Linzey and Madelyn Robinson, Hailey Robinson, Jerikya Coleman, Ryan Clay Rowe, and Rondre Carr.

Jenis was a faithful member of the Racoon Primitive Baptist Church. He loved to visit other churches; he also loved to visit with his Brothers and Sisters in Ohio, where his special Brother (Paul B. Goff) was so good to take Dad with him. Jenis grew tired and prayed for the Lord to take him home to be with him. He refused to go back to the hospital, so he passed away at home with his family. We know that Dad is at home with Jesus where he won't have to suffer any more pain. By the grace of God we hope to meet him in Heaven someday where we won't have to part anymore.

We love and miss you very much Dad, but you will always live in our hearts.

Written by a broken hearted family

JENIS COLEMAN

Webster's dictionary defines "friend" as a person attached to another by affection or by regard.

I thank GOD for the privilege and honor of knowing and being with Jenis all the years of our affection. I can truly say within my heart, Jenis was a friend.

Before the LORD came into his life. Jenis was an ordinary man with a family and in the hope of making a living for them. He worked like everyone else and tried the best he could. His health began to fail him back in his fifties. I have seen him suffer so bad that I didn't think he would live another twenty-four hours. I have taken him places that I surely didn't think he would make it back home. I have taken him from the doctors office to the emergency room believing he would not make it back home alive. But, what did I know what the LORD had in

store for him.

He has gone to church with me and others on so many occasions that I couldn't even begin to count them. Jenis began to change in his talk and his actions. I believe in my heart the LORD had visited him a long time before he had asked for a home with the church. But all good things come to them that love the LORD. His illness seemed to slack off and he got to go to church more and more. He really enjoyed the church. You could tell it by the tears of joy on his face. We often talked about those "good meetings" we were able to attend. We have been blessed to meet with our brothers and sisters in Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina. I thank GOD for blessing me with a friend like Jenis.

I would like to say to Mavis, his wife, and his family. GOD has made us a promise. He is coming back for those he bought and paid for. With every fiber in my body, I believe Jenis was a sinner saved by the grace of God. He had that hope in his heart that someday he would see JESUS for himself, be taken home to live forever without pain or suffering.

My hope and prayer is GOD will bless each and everyone who knew Jenis will meet him again on that great homecoming day, be taken home to live with JESUS forever with no pain, sorrow or separation again. Where we can give him the praise and honor in a perfect body and manner. I believe his spirit is resting around the glorious throne of GOD and one day JESUS himself will call for Jenis and all His children to arise and meet him and go home forever to be with the LORD.

Goble # 263;

Asleep in Jesus! O, for me
May such a blissful refuge be;
Securely shall my ashes lie,
Waiting the summons from on high.

Written by;
A friend in JESUS, Brother Paul Goff

BUD MAY

With much sadness and heavy hearts we write the obituary of our dear dad, Bud May. May God have mercy on us.

Bud May was born June 29, 1917 in Pike County, Ky. He was the son of the late William Jefferson and Nancy Ball May. He passed away the 6th day of August, 2011, making his stay on this earth 94 years, 1 month and 8 days. Dad had several job titles during his life, coal miner, railroad worker, delivery truck driver and school bus driver. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, having served during World War II and was a survivor of the attack on pearl Harbor.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lear E. (Williamson) May, daughter Rosemary Lynn (May) Varney, granddaughter Danielle Lynn (Varney) Childers and daughter-in-law Linda Kay (Collins) May.

He was preceded in death by brothers Kelly May, Walter May, Willard May, William Jefferson May and Drury May. He was preceded in death by sisters Maude (May) Gent and Pricy Jane (May) Stanley.

He is survived by his four sons Larry Neil May, Ronald Bruce May, Ricky Joe May and Chadwick Dwain May. Brother Harold May and sisters Gertude (May) Blackburn, Ruth (May) Blackburn and Jeanette May. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

Dad was a humble man and always treated people with a smile and a kind, tender heart. He was like this throughout his life, he never changed. His faith in the Lord was strong and his desire while on this earth, was to attend church and hear the Good News, while he fellowshiped with his brothers and sisters in the Lord. Dad believed strongly in prayer and sometimes when we would visit with him, we would not find him in his seat in the living room and while looking through his home, we would find him kneeling by his bed praying. Dad loved the Lord Jesus.



Dad will be missed, we think and talk about him everyday, but we find peace in a precious hope that it will be only a little while. We shall meet again when Lord Jesus calls us home and there shall we be forever with the Lord. Praise God!

Written by his sons, Larry Neil, Ronald Bruce, Ricky Joe and Chadwick Dwain May

DONALD J. JUSTICE

In loving memory of my husband, I will try to write his obituary. Donald passed away at his home, on April 7, 2011, making his stay here on earth 77 years and 17 days. He was born on March 23, 1934 to the late Marshall and Cora Honaker



Justice. He was preceded in death by four brothers: John L. Justice, William (Bill) Justice, Covington Ky., Earl Scott Justice, James Marshall Justice, Phyllis Ky.; and four sisters: Vina (Dolly) Anderson, Phyllis, Ky., Holly Slone, Pikeville, Ky., Bertha Robinson, Bonnie Sams, both of Covington. One daughter Kathy preceded in death. He leaves his wife of 53 years Mae Turnmire Justice and three sons, Steve and Maudie, Jus-

tice, Ronnie Reed and Renith Justice, Adam and Melissa Justice, three Granddaughters Selena and Wayne Maynard, Dr. Angel Justice, April and Danny Ratliff and one step grandson Bennett and Debbie Justice; four great grandchildren; Makenia, Aiden, Maynard, Gavin and Layla Ratliff. He was a member and Deacon at Grapeview Primitive Baptist Church. He was ordained on April 17, 1983 and served faithfully until his death. We will miss him forever but we have precious memories of him to carry on with our lives.

Written by his wife

Mae Turnmire Justice

JOE MICHAEL SLONE

With a sad and broken heart I try to write the obituary of my beloved husband Joe Michael Slone, who suffered a lot of pain in the last two years of his life; but now I know he will suffer no more in Jesus' arms. So I say to you Joe until I can meet you, have a restful sleep in Jesus. Joe was a great guy, loving and silly person whom I love dearly. Joe was 57 years old, born March 25, 1953 and died July 30, 2010, making his stay on this earth 53 years 4 months 6 days. To the people who share in the loss of my husband on July 30, 2010: The son of the late Benny and Maggie Slone he is survived by his wife Kasali (Thacker) Slone for 37 years and three months, three beloved children; Shawn (Tima) Slone, Tammy (Ronniadean) Thacker, Tonya (Stephen) Thacker; Grandchildren Destiny Hope Slone, Brandon Taegan Slone; siblings, Richard



(Gail) Slone, Gracie (Phillip) Mullins, Barbara (Ronnie) Johnson, Rosemary (Doug) Steward, Debbie (Bob) Slone and Maggie Ratliff of lower Pompey. Mother in Law Eloise (Thacker) Slone. A host of other family members, friends and loved one's. This gentleman was a native of Pikeville, KY. A loving Daddy and Grandpa. He also was a coal miner and a faithful member and deacon of the Racoon Primitive Baptist

Church, he is remembered on this day for many generous contribution he made his friends and the community. Joe Slone will be missed by his family, friends, loving mother in law Eloise T. Slone, which he loved dearly, and the community. Joe Slone will be deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by his remarkable presence. He will forever be in my heart and always on my mind. I love you dearly, so sleep on Joe until I can join you.

P.S. There was a song Chris Coleman sang for him he loved, so, thank you all that knew him and loved him. Thanks for all the ministers we had and Thacker funeral Home, and to David Thacker for all you did for my family.

Written by Rosalie Slone and Family

GEORGE W. and MARY (VIRGINIA) THOMPSON Beloved

As I try to write this, in memory of Brother George and Sister Virginia, many things come to mind. Brother George was born on April 10, 1916, in Fayette County Ohio; Sister Virginia was born on March 1, 1924, in Fayette County Ohio. They were married on October 6, 1943. To this union was born 5 children, one deceased: James E. Thompson. They are survived by four children: Roger W. (Sandy) Thompson, George C. Thompson, Trudy Thompson and Karen L. Shafer, all of Ohio; 12 Grandkids, and 21 Great-Grandkids; also special family Bill and Cindy Stratton and Marsha Hammonds. They were married 67 years. On October 26, 2010 after a battle with cancer, the Lord was pleased to call Sister Virginia home. 27 and a half hours later He was pleased to call Brother George home as well. Many thoughts come to mind about these grand people, and the mark they made in my life. Brother George was ordained as a deacon in January 2000. In 2003 they carried their letter to Pleasant Hill Church, and were very faithful until a short time before going home. As many know in other places and many other churches. They enjoyed serving God and his people. As I



watched them in their walk together, the love they had for each other, what a blessing to see. While they laid in their hospice beds side by side, and held hands through the rails, you could see the love they had for each other. They are missed so much. By the Grace of God we'll meet again.

Precious in the sight of God,
is the death of his saints.

Written by a broken hearted Brother in hope.

Elder Greg Moore

AVONELLE RUNYON SLONE

Avonelle Runyon Slone, age 82, of Pikeville Kentucky passed from this life December 23, 2010 after a long illness. She was born in Pikeville June 17, 1928 to the late Nathaniel Calvery and Myrtle Runyon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Calvery and Myrtle Runyon, a brother, James Floyd Runyon, and a grandson Michael Anthony Barlley.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Keen (Bud) Slone of Pikeville, KY, five children, Raymond David Slone (Evelyn) of Pikeville, Phyllis Sue Clevinger (Norman) of Pikeville, Florene (Tootsie) Barlley (Mike) of Pikeville, Anna Rhea Belcher (Randy) of Conoway, VA, and James Calvery Slone (Sharon) of Kimper.

Also surviving are two sisters, Maggie Nichols (Noah) of Pikeville and Patty Sue Justice of Grayson, KY; five brothers, Willie Runyon (Ann), Nathaniel Calvery Runyon, Jr. (Sandy), of Pikeville, KY, Gene Harold Runyon (Dorothy) of Columbus, OH., Bradley Thomas Runyon (Glenda) of Tennessee, and Bud Edward Runyon (Camelia) of Huntington, WV; six grandsons; Kevin D. Slone, Adam N. Weddington, Joseph L. Weddington (Savannah), Jamie



Slone (Katrina), Jeremy A. Bartley (Erica), and Courtney Clevenger (Lindsay); and one granddaughter; Belinda G. Collins (Bill); Grandchildren; Ryan Weddington, Abigail Weddington, Jaxon Weddington, Coleton Slone, Aaron Slone, Kayleigh Bartley, Jakob Bartley, Ian Clevinger, Cecily Clevinger, Piper Clevinger, Chase Clevinger, DeSean Prinkleton, Ashleigh Clevinger and Tagen Collins. Also a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends to mourn her passing.

Mom had never asked for a home with the old Baptist church but she had confessed her faith and went as often as possible to the Primitive Baptist meetings and always enjoyed the singing and preaching. She cherished the friends she made there and spoke of them often.

I have never met a woman who was loved by so many people. Everywhere she went her sweet shy smile drew people to her. We will never forget the precious times we had with her and the good advise and her gentle loving arms around us.

Mom has been a fantastic mother, wife and friend. We will always keep her in our hearts and find comfort in knowing she has a better home now and no more suffering. Her passing has left a huge hole in our hearts that we know only God can heal.

Written by her loving daughter: Tootsie

BERTHA MAE SMITH

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of our mother, Bertha 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 Cordella 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, Ky., one daughter, Joyce Estep, Phelps, Ky., three grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

We all miss her and loved her dearly.
Written by her daughter, Joyce Estep

CHRISTINE SMITH DOTSON

Christine S. Dotson, age 80, of Lexington, KY., formerly of Phelps, KY., passed away June 26, 2011. She was born February 20, 1931 in Coleman, KY. She was the daughter of the late Virgil and Pearl Smith and the wife of the late Sid Dotson.

Christine taught school for 30 years, having worked for the Pike County Board of Education. She was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church for many years.



She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She leaves to honor her memory and mourn her passing, daughter Sharon Damron, sister Evelyn Smith, granddaughter Kristi (Brad) Swanson and great-grandchildren Emily Katherine and Katelyn Christina Swanson.

She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Written by her family

CHRISTLENE CHAPMAN

Chris was born on July 18, 1941, to the late General and Nancy Chapman, and the Lord called her home on February 16,



2011, after a lingering illness. Besides her parents, Chris was preceded in death by three brothers, James Chapman, Alvin Chapman and Don Chapman; two sisters, Helen Chapman Johnson and Alma Chapman; four sisters-in-law, Rosie Chapman, Golessa Chapman, Leona Chapman, and Betty Chapman; three brothers-in-law, Cecil Johnson, Orville Deskins and Earnest Donathan. Chris is survived by sisters, Marie (Herbert) Thronbury and

Mildred Deskins both of Canada, KY., and Mable Donathan of Michigan; brothers Tom (Ruby) Chapman of Canada, KY., Denver (Analois) Chapman of Sidney, KY., Doug Chapman of Canada, KY., Elster Chapman of Ohio and Dee (Jennie) Chapman of Indiana.

Chris always had a smile on her face and she was greatly loved by all that knew her. Let us remember the happy times and smile as we realize that Chris is at peace with the Lord.

All is well, Her Loving Family

A True Friend - Christlene Chapman

Sometime ago, I received a special gift and it came in the form of a friend - Chris Chapman. There are so many memories that are locked in the portals of my mind, but today there are some that must be shared amongst her friends.

You did not have to be around Chris long until you would be crystal clear about a few things. Foremost, Jesus was her best friend and she loved Him dearly. Chris loved to go to church and Big Creek Church - time would always bring a smile to her face.

Born to Nancy and General Chapman delighted Chris. She loved her parents dearly and was confident that God gave her

The best parents that anyone could ask for. During Nancy's sickness, Chris helped to care for her and she counted everything that she did to help her mother a blessing; and while she missed Nancey and General, Chris understood that they were gone to a better place. With a large family of brothers and sisters, Chris loved and received love, counting everyone of them to be a blessing to her.

It would be best if we all could strive to be more like Chris because she lent no time to gossip nor to behave contrary against anyone. Chris wore a smile and always saw the good in people, and if she was your friend, then she was your friend forever.

Looking forward, I can already see that there are so many times that I am going to be reminded of my friend. She loved baseball and looked forward to opening day and I know that I'll be reminded when I see Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy as her pastimes. I'll be reminded with Christmas cards - Chris loved to go to the mailbox to get them, and she kept a count and selected her favorite one for the year. Purple was her favorite color and she loved to get a new purple dress, especially if she could find new purple shoes!

It would be remiss not to say just a few things about how well Chris loved Herb. She thought he could fix everything and when he would tease her, she would tell me - "He wears his heart on his sleeve."

A friend is a treasure that money can not buy. I read once that a true friend is a person who comes into your life, making a lasting impression that will cause you to think of them often, and remain important to you, so by that definition, we have lost a true friend.

MARY LEE STANLEY

It's with a sad heart we try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Mary Lee Stanley. She was born October 16, 1922 and she departed this world on December 22, 2010. We were blessed to have her here for 88 years. Mother resided with her daughter Beulah Williamson who unselfishly took care of her for 18 years with love and compassion at Sidney, Kentucky.

Mother was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Lizzie Stanley; brothers Frennie Stanley, Willie Stanley, Quincy Stanley, Landon Stanley, and Joseph Ferrell; her sister Eula Marie; and her granddaughter Denita Marie Thacker Kelker. Left to mourn her passing but cherish her memory are: her son David B. (Alice) May of Canada, Kentucky; daughters



Beulah (Ray) Williamson of Sidney, Kentucky, Wanda Maynard of Sidney, Kentucky, and Drema (Michael) Elswick of Canada, Kentucky; her sister Ruby Benn of Grosse Isle, MI; her brother James Stanley of Canada, KY; her grandchildren Albert Ray Williamson, Bruce Williamson, Ronald Williamson, Brian Williamson, David Lee May, Larry Bruce May, Joe Thacker, Carolyn Branhams, Mariruth Young, Michael Landon Elswick, Suzanne Henson, and Amy Beth Howard; as well as

nineteen great grandchildren.

Her body is at rest and her spirit has soared back to the Great I Am from which it came. Mother, to survive a broken heart you left us many years ago to live in a world all your own. Your world was different from ours and by not knowing true reality the good Lord was making an escape for you from your world of heartache. The Lord protected and sheltered you from so many things because He loved you. Mother you have now been set free from all your sorrows; you are now at peace. The only voice you heard the other day was the Lord calling your sweet spirit back home; He knew you were so tired and weary. Our Lord and Savior cradled you in His merciful hands and gave you a peaceful sleep to wait until He will call your body from the grave to meet him in the sky on that great

Resurrection Day, when we will all arise to bask in the light of His love and to be with Him forever. Mother at one time I longed to hear you say those words. "I Love You" but you said them to me even in your silence; the heart speaks with no audible sound, just as the good Lord Speaks to our heart. We thank God above that He blessed us with you to be our Mother, one of his special little children. You were graced with a quiet humble aura that spoke volumes to your children, grandchildren, family, and friends. This spirit is what you leave to all who knew you; the good Lord's light did shine brightly upon you. It radiated of God's mercy, grace, and love and it gave you a peace in your heart. We were all blessed to have a glimpse of this Divine Love in our lives through our life. There are angels among us and we feel you were an angel for all that knew you. Mother, sleep on in the arms of Hope for you will awake again to praise his name forever.

Oh, Dear Lord, We Need you

When things seem bad or we are sad
You can make our hearts rejoice and glad.
When sorrows seem to bring us down
You can lift our souls where love abounds.

When dark clouds seem to make it night
You can bless us with your guiding light.
When we are mourning our dear friends
You can be our strength until the end...

From your children, grandchildren, & all who knew you

We are blessed!!!

BEATRICE "BEA" LOVELY

Beatrice "Bea" Lovely, age 75 died peacefully in her Columbus home on November 27, 2010. She was born March 25th, 1935 to the late Press and Laura Taulbee.

In life, Bea was best known for her compassion and extreme devotion to work and her family. She retired from Value City



after 27 years to live out her remaining days surrounded by those she loved. Bea will always be remembered as the kind-hearted woman that would stop at nothing to help family, friend or neighbor. When someone was in need she was the first one there offering herself, staying until the job was finished. Bea opened her home to many for visits or often extended stays. She helped the sick even when she wasn't well herself. There was always something that she could do.

She was a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church for 20 years. She lived her life as God told us. She had a beautiful smile and always made you feel special.

Her family and friends will sorely miss her warmth and unyielding patience. She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Ray Lovely; children, James Ray (Teresa) Lovely, Betty (Carl) Jones, Martha (Bryan) Graham; grandchildren, James, Teresa (Gary) Nicholas, Samantha, Stephanie; great granddaughter, Aryana; beloved sisters, Judy Johnson, Jessie Taulbee and Barbara Bartley; beloved brothers, James (Eula) Taulbee, and Robert (Marylou) Taulbee; and many nieces and nephews.

Written by Bea's family

EUNICE LOVELY

Eunice Lovely was born March 15th, 1928 to Ruben and Lulu (Brewer) Lovely. She went home to be with her Lord on August 15th, 2009 at 81 years of age. She lived in Vancleve, Ky. most of her life. There she took care of her parents until they went to their Heavenly Home.

Eunice was an "old fashioned" cook and loved to bake. She welcomed family and friends to their home with warmth. She loved her family and sharing their lives. She also loved being fussed over.



Eunice was a member of the United Baptist Church in Frozen, Ky. She loved the Lord and it showed in how she lived her life. She treated others just as the Lord instructs us to do.

She came to Columbus, Ohio to live with her brother Ray and his wife Bea (Taulbee) Lovely in 1990. She then attended Columbus Primitive Baptist Church for 19 years. She was not a member on the books however this was her new home. She had a kind word for everyone. Always a smile on her face and I believe she was one of God's Angels here on earth.

Her last years were spent with her sister Jan and husband Paul Coleman in Ashville, Ohio. Even through her failing health she clung to her faith. She left this world praising God in a song...What A Day That Will Be. She went home to meet her sweet loving mother and father. She leaves here her brothers Ray Lovely and Sanford Lovely and sisters Janice (Paul) Coleman and Eula (James) Taulbee and many nieces and nephews.

She was my aunt but so much more. She taught many lessons in her quiet way. We miss her still and will someday meet again.

Written by her niece
Alicia

JENNY LYNN THORNSBURY BOOTH

With much sadness and a broken heart, I will attempt to



write the obituary of my loving daughter Jenny Lynn Thornsbery Booth. She departed this life July 28, 2011, leaving behind one son, Dart Erwin Phillips and two daughters Jayne Aaron Thacker and Rebekah Tess Booth. Jenny also had six grandchildren. Three brothers and three sisters also mourn her death.

Jenny worked hard all her adult life to support her children until she was diagnosed with a terminal illness two years ago.

She said one day that she marveled each day when she was handed a child or grandchild in her arms. She said that she must have received the best little angel that God had in Heaven that day.

For this to have happened to her were miracles and she cried every day for her short comings. She thanked God for all He had done for her and for His forgiveness, which made her believe she was a child of God. She was so thankful to know the Holy Spirit did not leave her. She said God's mercy is so humbling. She asked me not to cry for her because she would be happy.

She will be forever loved and missed.

Written by one who loved her with all my heart.

Mother

Hazel Thornsbery Sturgill

VIRGINIA COLEMAN JUSTICE

Virginia Coleman Justice went to be with our heavenly father on June 16, 2011. Virginia grew up in Hurley, Va. She was born the daughter of John Wallace and Ida Coleman on April 11, 1930. Virginia had four sisters and four brothers: Oma,



Minnie, Jean, Dolly, Lloyd, Vernon, Wallace and Ted. From an early age Virginia began to help her mother with the household duties.

Virginia met her husband and life long partner Charles in 1951. They were married on December 24, 1952. Charles and Virginia had four children Larry, Susan, Deborah, and Charles. They raised their children in a loving Christian home. They were wonderful parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Sharing their love easily.

Virginia was a terrific cook and home maker. She loved to cook for her children. Always fixing their favorite meals and baked goods. She loved to travel and have fun. Enjoying games and cards with everyone. She made everyone feel welcome and she was fun to be around. Just laughing and having simple fun.

Virginia loved her church family. She enjoyed the singing so much. Her love of the church and our Lord was present in her. She enjoyed reading the bible. She read it front to back six times. Her last days with us were hard for her, she missed Charles and wanted to be with him. Virginia lived a simple but loving life. We are sad that she left us. But, we rejoice in knowing that she is safe and happy with our Lord.

Our mother will be missed by all.

Her loving family

Ray Lovely and Sanford Lovely and sisters
Coleman and Paula (Jenny) Taylor and many more and
Love will be forever loved and remembered

She was my aunt but so much more. She taught many lessons
and was a wonderful person. She will be missed but her love
will be forever remembered.

Written by her niece
Alicia

FLOSSIE (EDWARDS) OWENS

At the request of our family and with God's help, I hope to write this obituary for our dear mother, Flossie (Edwards) Owens, of Hazel Park, MI. Mommy closed her eyes in death surrounded by loved ones at her home Saturday morning, July 30, 2011. Born February 13, 1927, in the Sandlick area of Dick-



enson County, VA, she was the twelfth child of thirteen born to Basil and Lillie Fair (Yates) Edwards.

On June 27, 1945, in Pikeville, KY, she married the one-and-only love of her life, Elder Estel Owens, and to this union eight children were born: Ellene Gail, Lena Diann, Theda Kay, Richard Keith, Brenda Lee, Joseph Alderson, Lillie Elizabeth and Timothy James Owens.

Preceding Mommy in death in addition to her parents and her husband were three daughters: (two infants) Ellene Gail and Lillie Elizabeth Owens, and Theda Kay (Owens) Plackard; one son: Richard Keith Owens; one grandson: (infant) Jonathan Wayne Berzley; one granddaughter: (infant) Lillie Elizabeth Plackard; one great-grandson: (infant) Alexander McDonald; six brothers: (two infants) Dallas Ray and Allen Edwards, Clinton, Ceaphus, Leslie, and Lassie Edwards; two sisters: Zora Powers and Brownie Compton.

Survivors include two daughters: Diann Owens, Raven, VA, and Brenda (and husband, Jack) Davis, Hazel Park, MI; two sons: Joe (and wife Sandy) Owens, Warren, MI, and Tim (and wife, Lisa) Owens, St. Clair Shores, MI; and there are two - among the many - that she "adopted-by-heart" and always embraced as her very own: Donna and Denny Edwards, Madison Heights, MI; eleven grandchildren: Anita (Owens) Adkins, Lisa (Owens) Charles, Richard Owens, Matthew Lillis, Rose (Plackard) McDonald, Amanda (Davis) Cooper, "J.J." (Jack Jr.) Davis, Jeremy, Joe Jr., Shelby and Jamie Owens; four step-grandchildren Mommy thought of as her very own: Josh, Tiffany and Brandon Barnhill and Joanne (Plackard) Berry; nine great-grandchildren: Joshua and Ethan Adkins, Leanna

Owens, Kyle Elswick, Logan Lillis, Michael and Daniel Cooper, Jessica and Jacob Davis; one step-great-grandson Mommy also thought of her as her own: Mason Charles; four sisters: Sybil (Farmer) Mullins, Green Cove Springs, FL; Cornie Sutherland, Marengo, OH; Ollie Colley, Troy, MI; and Wilma Thomas, Santa Rosa, CA; and one sister-in-law: Mapel Edwards, Haysi, VA. A host of other family members, be it blood-kin, adopted-by-heart, or spiritual because of faith and hope, join those of us left behind as we mourn this great loss of a "true" mother special beyond mere words to each and every heart whose life she touched. Perhaps you only knew her briefly. Then again - maybe you are like those of us in this family, having known her for a long time - you are thankful to God above for the sweet blessing that her light and life have been to you.

It was to Mommy we children always ran with troubles, large or small. We knew she'd help us no matter what - go to battle - even through fire, if she had to. Her kindness and compassion knew no bounds. She loved unconditionally and with great patience. Sometimes in much long suffering would she wait, always trusting, firmly believing, if God's will, at His time, He would surely somehow answer her prayers. We knew Mommy prayed for we often heard her in the stillness of the night. In our minds-eye we could see her - weary at day's end - humbly pleading to God the Father - as loving words filled with deep emotion softly echoed from behind our Mommy's bedroom door.

Her faith was seen in every aspect of her life. She was a devoted daughter, caring sister, wonderful wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, neighbor and friend to all. Every step trod down her journey of life speaks volumes of her worth leaving a legacy behind to loved ones worth far more than silver or gold. Each one of us will miss this woman more than words can say. However, there is a wonderful storehouse to which we can go where many precious memories have been tenderly, lovingly etched by her own gentle hand to live on forever within your heart and mine. Each fond recollection will warm our grieving hearts with the welcome sweetness of her love. She has been a blessing beyond belief to her family and to all that knew her. Just knowing Mommy was to love her.

Mommy was blessed to share fifty-two wonderful years with Daddy before she had to give him up in 1997. While living in and around Sandlick during their younger days, they both united with Sandlick Primitive Baptist Church in the sixties.

Mommy grew up attending this church as had her parents and other family members all down through the years. Torn between our mountain home and the security a better job would provide to their family, our parents would move North many times before settling down. Finally in 1967, they put down roots in Hazel Park after Daddy began working at Ford Motor Company and it was here they lived out their days.

Being so far away from their home church in VA, they weren't able to attend at Sandlick nearly as often as they wanted to, but they came when they could. Missing the Church, they began to search for an Old Baptist Church in MI. God surely heard their prayers for once again they found a church home - one of the same faith and order and in correspondence with Sandlick that offered them a safe haven from the cares of this old world and sweet comfort for their heart and souls. After Daddy died, with much prayer and meditation, Mommy felt led to place her membership with that precious little country church known as Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church in Linden, MI. Here she remained a faithful member, attending as often as she could and her health would permit. When she couldn't go to church, the Elders, Deacons and members would come to see her - be it in the hospital or at home. She was a "Mother" to them too; and her children - they did with love and care flock around her. What a precious, precious blessing the church family has been - not only to Mommy - but to all of us.

The Owens family cannot begin to thank Deerfield and Sandlick Churches, the Elders, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers enough for all the love, concern, support, encouragement, many prayers and loving fellowship shown to our parents, us children and the grandchildren throughout Mommy and Daddy's lifetime. You've always "been there" for us - giving generously, unselfishly - going the distance - sharing not only our blessed joys - but our deepest sorrows too. We are "one" in a family forever bound by the God - given gifts of faith, hope and Christian love.

Written by Diann Owens

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 young girl, but she talked to him often. The second was Papa Dave Coleman and she also talked of 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 (Dorothy), Elder David Jr. Coleman (Faye), Perry Coleman (Maxine), and Paul Coleman (Janice). Four sisters Darcus Ova 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 loved by the Grace of God.

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

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Regular 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												2011
CHURCHES	MODERATOR	CLERKS	Year Established	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RELATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	Contributions of each Church
Louisa	Robert B. Worrix, Jr.	Ricky B. Worrix	1825	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	67 2nd	\$100.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	0	2	0	0	-1	-9	-2	26 2nd	\$75.00
Big Creek	Randal Thornsby	Wade Smith	1857	0	1	0	0	0	0	-2	59 3rd	\$150.00
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	Jeff Belcher	1820	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	61 4th	\$150.00
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	Randy Kender	1869	2	0	0	2	-2	-1	-4	62 4th	\$100.00
Sulphur Springs	Brian Moore	Ronald Moore	1863	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	29 1st	\$50.00
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	Frank Ball	1893	1	1	0	0	0	-4	0	44 1st	\$60.00
Grapevine	Noah Slone	Timothy A. Slone	1889	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	25 3rd	\$50.00
Samaria	Paul Varney	Leslie D. Hatfield	1890	0	0	0	1	-2	-6	-2	111 3rd	\$150.00
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	Ernest Seth Shortridge	1894	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10 1st	\$65.00
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	Carl Coleman	1936	6	0	0	0	-1	-5	0	28 2nd	\$100.00
Calvary	David A. Thacker	Barry Thacker	1951	0	0	0	2	-1	-4	0	29 1st	\$100.00
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	Daren Compton	1962	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	46 2nd	\$75.00
Friendship	David B. May	Gwynda Travis	1925	1	0	0	0	0	-10	0	9 4th	\$25.00
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	Sandra Harris	1967	3	0	0	0	0	0	-1	74 4th	\$125.00
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	1971	1	0	0	1	0	0	-2	66 4th	\$125.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	Phyllis Moore	1972	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	33 1st	\$75.00
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman,	William Dotson	1991	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	12 4th	\$50.00
18				14	5	0	6	-7	-39	-22	791	\$1,625.00

NIGHT, ODD SUNDAY AND OTHER MEETINGS

LOUISA: Odd Sunday.

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

BIG CREEK: First Saturday night.

RACCOON: 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.



**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.



**OLD POND
CHURCH HOUSE
167 Church House Hollow.
Belfry, KY 41514
SITE OF 2012
Annual Meeting**

Directions to Old Pond Church House: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 119 South approx. 21 miles to Church House Hollow on the right; right on Church House Hollow approx. 1/4 mile. From Williamson, WV take U.S. 119 North approx. 4 miles to Church House Hollow on the left. Left on Church House Hollow approx. 1/4 mile.



**BIG CREEK
CHURCH HOUSE
394 Meathouse Rd.
Canada, KY 41519
SITE OF 2012
Annual Meeting**

Directions to Big Creek Church House: From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 15 miles north on U.S. 119 to Sidney exit (KY 3220); turn right on KY 3220, go 2.6 miles to Meathouse Road (KY3154); Right on Meathouse Road 0.4 miles to church house on left...From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 9 miles south on U.S. 119 to Sidney exit; at the bottom of the off-ramp, turn left on old U.S. 119, go 1.5 miles to Meathouse Road on the right, follow directions above.

