

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred Sixtieth
Annual Session
Of The
ORIGINAL MATES CREEK
DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Organized in 1849

HELD WITH
BIG CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Canada, Pike County, Kentucky
August 31st, September 1st & 2nd, 2012

Next session convenes with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church located at 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553, starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September 2013.

Directions to Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church:
From Pikeville, Kentucky: U.S. 119 North 8 miles to Kimper/Phelps exit; at bottom of exit ramp, turn left, go 8 miles to Jct. KY-632; straight ahead on KY-632 10.4 miles to Peter Creek church house on the right at mouth of Smith Fork. From Williamson, WV: U.S. 119 South 16 miles to Kimper/Phelps exit, follow directions above.

OFFICERS:

Moderator.....Elder Randal Thornsburry
P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514 Ph.: 606-353-9234

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Clerk.....Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield
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PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Canada, Pike County, Kentucky.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 31, 2012:

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder David Jacobs.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Robert Worrix, Jr..

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Big Creek Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder Paris Blackburn serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Brothers Ricky Blair and Danny May serve as Clerks pro-tem for the election of officers.

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

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

Newly constituted churches called for: Washington Association asked for direct correspondence; referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

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

**Correspondence from Sister Associations received and
seated as follows:**

SAND LICK-VA: Jim O'Quinn, Buford Deel, Roger Rose, Terry Thacker, Fayne Viers, Johnny Viers.

BURNING SPRINGS: Roby Gullett, Wayne Hensley, Donnie Lykins, Darrell Nickell, Donnie Finch, Louie Howard, Paul B. Gullett.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Vance Jones

WASHINGTON: James Clyde Ball, George Ben Combs, Ked Stacy, Clarence Childress, Victor Church.

UNION: Roy Adams, William Adams, Gary Adams, Trillis Adams.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: David Gambill, Riley Grigsby.

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

SAND LICK-VA: Jerry M. Stanley, Roy Stanley, Bernard Owens, Pat Viers, Diann Owens, May V. Wofford, Gloria Thacker, Emma Owens.

BURNING SPRINGS: Bill Salyer, Theda Salyer, Peggy Howard, Pauline Howard.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER Eddie Bostic, Betty Bostic.

UNION: Jean Adams, Amanda Adams, Bonnie Hampton.

WASHINGTON: Doris Childress, Lola M. Church, Deloris Stacy, Elsie Combs, Jay Combs, Lillian Cantrell, Conni Cantrell, Peggy A. Griffith, Denise Ramey.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: None

MIAMI PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH DAYTON, OH:
Elder Hesker Gillum, Elder Carmen Gillum.

**ROCK SPRING PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
OWSLEY COUNTY KY:** Gary Chapman, Vonda Chapman.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. All the Deacons from Big Creek Church, together with brothers David May and Carl Coleman to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday afternoon at Big Creek Church: Jim O'Quinn, Garnell Gilbert, David Gambill, George Ben Combs.

B. Friday night at Louisa Church: Daniel Jacobs, George Ben Combs, Greg Moore, David Jacobs, David Coleman, Jr.

C. Friday night at Old Pond Church: Raymond Stanley, Vance Jones, Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsby.

D. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Jimmy Lee Smith, David May, David Allen Thacker.

E. Saturday morning at Big Creek Church: David May, Victor Church, Vance Jones, Paul Varney.

F. Saturday afternoon at Big Creek Church: Carmen Gillum, Jeff Dotson, Jimmy Lee Smith.

G. Saturday night at Samaria Church: Jimmy Lee Smith, Roger Rose, Paris Blackburn, Shawn Dotson.

H. Saturday night at Feds Creek Church: Daniel Jacobs, Greg Moore, David A. Thacker, Ricky Worrix.

I. Saturday night at Little Hope Church: Hesker Gillum, Grafton Stanley, David Jacobs, Michael Elswick.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Ireland Adkins, Walter Rutherford, Clifton Preece, Herschel Stevens, Floyd Coleman, Ronald Moore, Fonso McIntosh, Timothy Slone, Berlin Dotson, Ricky Blair, Plennie Coleman, Duke Chapman, Daren Compton, Arnold Hicks, Paris Blackburn, Harold Blackburn, Ballard Bryant, Larry Slone.

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

SAND LICK-Virginia: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2012. Larry Slone, Noah Slone, Larry Mounts, Timothy Slone, Vester Runyon. Daren Compton, Paul Varney, Paul Goff, James Hackney.

BURNING SPRINGS: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 2013. Noah Slone, Paul Goff, Timothy Slone, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr., Paris Blackburn, Larry Slone, Timothy Smith, Ricky Worrix.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 2012. Larry David Chapman, John Jacobs, David May, Barry Thacker, Michael Elswick, Cecil Hatfield, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Paul Goff.

WASHINGTON: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2012. Randal Thornsburry, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Paul Goff, Vester Runyon, John Jacobs, James Hackney.

UNION: Friday before the 1st Saturday in June, 2013. John Jacobs, Daren Compton, Onis Smith, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Noah Slone, Paul Goff, Ricky Worrix.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 2012. Larry David Chapman, Bernie Newton, Jr., Noah Slone, Paul Goff, Raymond Stanley, Timothy Slone, John Jacobs, Ricky Worrix, Rodney Worrix, Cecil Hatfield, Daren Compton, James Hackney, Timothy Smith, Robert Worrix, Jr.

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

Saturday morning September 1, 2012 at Big Creek 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 Daniel Jacobs. Roll called and absents marked. Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

The Committee met at Big Creek 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 Big Creek Church.

#2. Recommend that we accept the request for direct correspondence from Washington Association, and that we continue to hold to the 1993 agreements.

#3. Recommend that Johns Creek Church host the Annual meeting for 2013.

#4. Recommend that Peter Creek Church host the Association for 2013.

#5. Called for the circular letter written by Elder John Jacobs 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 Johns Creek Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2013.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Michael Elswick.

- 1.) Terry Thacker
- 2.) David Gambill
- 3.) Shawn Dotson
- 4.) Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder Noah Slone

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 2013 are as follows:

LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2013. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A Thacker, Ernest Blair, Jimmy Lee Smith, 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, Greg Moore, David Gambill, Riley Grigsby, Daniel Jacobs, Timothy Slone, 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 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

OLD POND: 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2013. J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Randal Thornsberry, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Kenneth Chapman, John Jacobs, Onis Smith, Estle Hackney, Steve Kender, David May, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Plennie Coleman, Arnold Childress, David Gambill, Frank Ball, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., David Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2013.

BIG CREEK: 394 Meathouse Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2013. 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, J.C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Larry Slone and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held Sunday, following the 3rd Saturday in July, 2013.

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2013. 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, 2013.

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2013. Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsberry, Steve Kender, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Elswick,

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

NOTE: Memorial Meeting fourth Saturday in June, 2013.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620
Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2013. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsby, 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, Timothy Slone, Joe Kinder, 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, 2013. 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 Thornsby, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Michael Elswick, J.C.Hager, Steve Kender, Onis Smith, Roger Rose, Timothy Slone, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend.

NOTE: A memorial meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2013.

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2013. David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, J.C. Hager, Greg Moore, 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, Todd Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Barry Thacker, Plennie Coleman, Larry Mounts, and all orderly Old Regular Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on June 30, 2013.

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2013. Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsby, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, James Clyde Ball, Brian Moore, Vance Jones, Timothy Slone, Plennie Coleman, and we welcome all orderly peace-loving Primitive Baptists to visit with us.

FEDS CREEK: 1854 Feds Creek Road, Feds Creek, KY. Meets the first Saturday in May, 2013. Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr.

David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, David Allen Thacker, Gary A. 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, Kimper, KY 41539. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2013. 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 Thornsberry, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Timothy Slone.

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539. Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2013. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Paul Varney, David Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, Onis Smith, Michael Elswick, Raymond Stanley, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Jeff Dotson, Steve Kender, Jimmy Lee Smith, Brian Moore, David Jacobs, Kenneth Chapman, Timothy Slone, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: Memorial Meeting will be held Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 10:00a.m. for deceased members.

DRY FORK: 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2013. Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Brian Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Larry Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, 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, Timothy Slone and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

NOTE: Memorial service for all deceased members will be held on the second Sunday in July, 2013 on Baldwin Mountain at the cemetery.

FRIENDSHIP: Bob's Branch, Thelma, KY 41260. Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 2013. John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsberry, 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, Shawn Dotson, Timothy Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith 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, 2013. 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, 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, Rodney Worrix. All other Mates Creek elders, brothers and sisters are invited to attend.

Our Annual Meeting will be held Saturday October 5, and Sunday, October 6, 2013.

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2013. Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Estle Hackney, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn, Michael Elswick, Onis Smith, John Jacobs, David May, Jeff Dotson, Jonathan Cook, Victor Quick, Robert Thacker, Jim Duty, Hoey Lester, Roger Rose, David Gambill, Paul Varney, David Edwards, Terry Thacker, David May, Rodney Worrix, Timothy Slone, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service to be held the second weekend in October, 2013.

PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078. Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2013. 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, Rodney Worrix, Daniel Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders.

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, 2013. John Jacobs, David Jacobs, 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, Daniel Jacobs, Plennie Coleman, Greg Moore, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix Jr., Argel Kendrick, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are invited. **NOTE: New Hope Church will have no Sunday meetings in April, June, July and August, to give way to communion meetings of Mates Creek sister churches.**

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes, and that Deacon Danny May is to prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 1606 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Edd Hunt, Keith Edward Smith, Daris Kender, William Dewey Dotson, James R. Vipperman, Elmer Thacker, Paul Street, Allen Coleman, Roy Street, Eugene Dotson.

SISTERS: Minnie Blackburn, Alline Varney, Ethel Coleman, Mary Hicks, Barbara Varney, Lois Ann Coleman Slone, Mary Ellen Justus, Nora Mae Hunt, Ester Thacker, Mildred Deskins, Joyce Fleming.

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

The finances were dispensed as follows:

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| <u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND</u> from last year..... | \$3952.27 |
| <u>AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS LAST YEAR:</u> | |
| 1. Donations on Saturday and Sunday | \$433.00 |
| 2. Obituaries | 20.00 |
| TOTAL | \$453.00 |
| <u>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</u> | \$4405.27 |

AMOUNTS PAID OUT since last Association:

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| Paid for the 2014 Minutes | \$1874.34 |
| Gave Moderator | 50.00 |
| Gave Assistant Moderator | 50.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 50.00 |
| Gave Assistant Clerk | 50.00 |
| Reimbursed Columbus Church for portable toilets and tents ... | 365.00 |
| Paid for postage | 45.22 |
| Gave cash to visiting ministers..... | 600.00 |
| Paid for Supplies | 73.64 |

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| <u>TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID OUT</u> | <u>-\$3158.20</u> |
| <u>BALANCE ON HAND Aug. 31, 2012</u> | <u>\$1247.07</u> |
| <u>AMOUNTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR</u> | |
| <u>From the churches August 31, 2012</u> | \$1580.00 |
| <u>For obituaries August 31, 2012</u> | 145.00 |
| <u>Donations and other August 31, 2012</u> | 0.00 |
| <u>TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR</u> | <u>\$1725.00</u> |
| <u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND SEPTEMBER 1, 2012</u> | <u>2972.07</u> |
| <u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</u> | |
| Checkbook balance: | \$1247.07 |
| Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit:..... | <u>1725.00</u> |
| <u>TOTAL FUNDS:</u> | <u>\$2972.07</u> |

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church at 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2013. Elder David Jacobs was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Greg Moore is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Raymond Stanley, 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 Big Creek Church for their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

SUNDAY MORNING September 2, 2012

INTRODUCTION: Elder Michael Elswick introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Terry Thacker
2. David Gambill
3. Shawn Dotson
4. Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder Noah Slone

CIRCULAR LETTER

August 31, 2012

To the Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association:

As I was appointed to write this year's circular letter, I pray to God He will lead my mind to write what has been on my mind since our last sitting together. That has been the peace of the churches and Association and the love of God.

In John 14:27, it says "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," Now, this is the love and peace I felt in my heart when my Lord revealed Himself to me and made me alive in Him. I feel that God's children evermore should live and do as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 13:11 "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." And again in Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith."

In 1993, God blessed me to witness the bringing back together of God's churches. Never have I seen such love in God's people and how they felt towards each other. I was blessed to be there when all the brethren laid down their offenses against each other and were blessed by God to come together in peace, love, and forgiveness.

I could write more on peace but I don't want this letter to be too long. I also have the love of God on my mind. We all know God is love. He loved us so much He sent His only Son to redeem us back to God for we had nothing to pay with. Thank God for His love and mercy for the church and His people. I hope I am thankful for the sweet hope the Lord gave me. For by the blood of Christ, we are saved for Heaven and eternal glory.

I believe if we have the love of God in our hearts and put God before all else, we will have peace in our hearts and the churches and our Associations and sister Associations. I am so thankful old Mates Creek is at peace with other Associations and all our churches.

Written by a sinner in the hope of eternal life in heaven. May

God keep us in love and peace.

Elder John L. Jacobs

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Kenneth Slone, James Nickells, Rodney Worrix.

Alternate: Barry Thacker

OLD POND: Cecil Hatfield, Carl Clark, Walter Rutherford, Michael Elswick.

Alternate: Charles Williamson

BIG CREEK: John Jacobs, Herschel Stevens, Bill Slone, Tim Thacker.

Alternate: Onis Smith

RACCOON: Clifton Preece, Lonnie Collins, Otis Thacker, Donovan Blackburn.

Alternate: David Coleman

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

Alternate: Fonso Hatfield

SULPHUR SPRING: Larry Mounts, Brian Moore, Ronald Moore, Terry Blackburn,

Alternate: Justin Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: David Hackney, Fonso McIntosh, Gennis Smith, Frank J. Ball

Alternate: Millard Whitt

GRAPEVINE: Argel Kendrick, Dean Anderson, Harold Abbott, Timothy Slone.

Alternate: Noah Slone

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

Alternate: Larry Scott

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

Alternate: None

JOHNS CREEK: Plennie Coleman, Jr. Newton, Bernis Newton, II, Carl Coleman.

Alternate: Edward Coleman

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

Alternate: Ricky Ratliff

DRY FORK: Daren Compton, Roger Deel, Vester Runyons, Estle Hackney.

Alternate: Harold Cline

FRIENDSHIP: Arnold Hicks, Troy Wheeler, Troy Wheeler, Jr., David May.

Alternate: Michael Elswick

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

Alternate: Roger Blackburn

DEERFIELD: Harold Blackburn, John Holyfield, Danny May, Steve Tackett.

Alternate: J.C. Hager

PLEASANT HILL: Lenny Boatwrite, Jackie Scott, Ballard Bryant.

Alternate: Greg Moore

NEW HOPE: Everett Smith, James Hackney, Kenneth Chapman, Larry Slone

Alternate: None

VISITING ELDERS

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| Jim O'Quinn | P.O. Box D, Haysi, VA 24256 |
| Garnell Gilbert | 6431 Hurricane Creek Rd, Vansant, VA 24656 |
| Roger Deel | 413 Contractor's Ln, Haysi, VA 24256 |
| Roger Rose | 1080 Lazaras Br, Haysi, VA 24256 |
| Terry Thacker | 2832 Bogard View Rd, Newport, TN 37821 |
| Wayne Hensley | 1559 Coon Creek Rd, Salyersville, KY 41465 |
| Louie Howard | 1085 Coon Creek Rd, Salyersville, KY 41465 |
| Donovan Finch | HC 62 Box 795, Salyersville, KY 41465 |
| Vance Jones | 3460 Highway 268 East, Pilot, NC 27041 |
| James Clyde Ball | Box 2586, Abingdon, VA 24212 |
| George Ben Combs | P.O. Box 1089, Lebanon, VA 24266 |
| Ked Stacy | P.O. Box 1794, Grundy, VA 24614 |
| Victor N. Church | 8839 Maple Rd, Pound, VA 24279 |
| Roy L. Adams | 110 Dallas Dr, Eolia, KY 40826 |
| William Adams | 379 Hwy, 3415, Eolia, KY 40826 |
| Trillis Adams | 11 Angler Rd, Eolia, KY 40826 |
| David Gambill | 344 Williams Branch Rd, Hazard, KY 41701 |
| Riley Grigsby | 50 Orchard Ln, Ary, KY 41712 |
| Hesker Gillium | 5538 Tallawanda Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014 |
| Carmen Gillum | 1815 Ravenwood Ave, Dayton, OH 45406 |

MATES CREEK CHURCHES

| <u>CHURCH</u> | <u>MODERATOR</u> | <u>COMMUNION</u> |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |
| | Estle Hackney | |
| 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 MATES CREEK MINISTERS

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| Opa Thacker | 2405 St. Rt. 131, Goshen, OH 45122 | 513-625-7705 |
| Lundy Coleman | 14230 Havens Corner Rd, Pataskala, OH 43062 | 740-927-4603 |
| Paul Dean Justice | 4656 Raccoon Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501 | |
| David Coleman | 2497 Lower Pompey Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562 | 606-437-6829 |
| John Jacobs | 16 Thornsbury 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 |

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| 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 Thornsby | P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514 606-353-9234 |
| David A. Thacker | 2865 Stratton Fork Rd., Canada, KY 41519 606-353-9887 |
| Michael Elswick | 106 Stanley Lane, Canada, KY 41519 606-353-4207 |
| Lonnie Worrix | 424 N. Main Street, Hamden, OH 45634 740-855-4559 |
| David Jacobs | 12321 Gage Road, Holly, MI 48442 248-217-0840 |
| Richard Tucker | P.O. Box 141, Racoon, KY 41557 606-437-6015 |
| Kenneth Chapman | P.O. Box 52 Pinsonfork, KY 41555 606-353-9292 |
| Frank J. Ball | 569 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555 606-353-9548 |
| James T. Dotson | 9400 Cowl Rd., DeGraff, OH 43318 937-585-2955 |
| Argle Kendrick | P.O. Box 3334, Pikeville, KY 41502 606-437-0602 |

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| Estle Hackney | 325 Flannery Br. Rd., Mouthcard, KY 41548 | 606-835-0129 |
| Raymond Stanley | 2507 Road Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564 | 606-353-0810 |
| Steve Kender | 86 Cow Branch Rd., Phelps, KY 41553 | 606-456-0947 |
| Robert Worrix Jr. | 1111 Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501 | 606-437-6084 |
| Todd Thacker | 456 Pine Fk. Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562 | 606-437-5320 |
| Jeff Dotson | 2275 Left Fk. Blackberry Rd., Ransom, KY 41558 | 606-427-9066 |
| Shawn Dotson | 2253 Left Fk. Blackberry Rd., Ransom, KY 41558 | 606-427-7274 |
| Brian Moore | 4777 Dismal River Rd. Oakwood, VA 24631 | 276-935-4360 |
| Barry Thacker | 747 Hurricane Rd., Kimper, KY 41539 | 606-595-7374 |
| Ricky Worrix | 201 Left Penhook Rd., Harold, KY 41635 | 606-478-5337 |
| Larry Slone | 1109 Big Blue Springs Rd., Ransom, KY 41558 | 606-427-9160 |
| Gary Thacker | 270 Pine Fork Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562 | 606-437-4180 |
| Grafton Stanley | 42499 East Huron River Dr. , Bellville, MI 48111 | 734-697-2268 |
| Daniel Jacobs | 12321 Gage Road, Holly, MI 48442 | 330-687-0093 |
| Rodney B. Worrix | 230 Clay Ln., Richmond, KY 40475 | 859-619-1549 |
| Larry Mounts | 1104 Big Red Road, Hurley, VA 24620 | 276-566-8878 |
| Timothy Slone | 1509 Biggs Branch, Pikeville, KY 41501 | 606-437-0011 |
| Plennie Coleman | P.O. Box 187, Canada, KY 41519 | 606-969-6627 |

Licentiates: None

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

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| LOUISA | Elder Ricky B. Worrix, Assistant Clerk 201 Left Penhook Road Harold, KY 41635 | 100 |
| OLD POND | Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk P.O. Box 001, Forest Hills, KY 41527 | 60 |
| BIG CREEK | Wade Smith, Clerk 2003 Pigeon Roost Road Canada, KY 41519-8312..... | 150 |
| RACCOON | Jeff Belcher, Clerk 451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562 | 150 |
| PETER CREEK | Randy Kender, Clerk 1095 Ashlick Fork Phelps, KY 41553..... | 75 |
| SULPHUR SPRINGS | Justin Blackburn, Clerk P.O. Box 825, Belfry, KY, 41514..... | 40 |
| LITTLE HOPE | Frank J. Ball, Clerk 569 Ball Fork Road Pinsonfork, KY 41555..... | 60 |
| GRAPEVINE | Timothy Slone, Clerk 1509 Biggs Branch Pikeville, KY 41501 | 50 |
| SAMARIA | Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302..... | 125 |
| FEDS CREEK | Ernest Blair 405 Laurel Fork Road Steele, KY 41566..... | 30 |
| JOHNS CREEK | Carl Coleman, Jr., Clerk 3243 Long Fork Road Kimper, KY 41539 | 65 |
| CALVARY | Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539 | 75 |
| DRY FORK | Daren Compton P.O. Box 948 Hindman, KY 41822 | 75 |

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| FRIENDSHIP | Elder Michael Elswick, Moderator 106 Stanley Lane, Canada, KY 41519..... | 20 |
| COLUMBUS | Sandra Harris, Clerk 14230 Haven's Corner Road Pataskala, OH 43062..... | 75 |
| DEERFIELD | Barbara Holyfield, Clerk 3033 Woodlawn St. Walled Lake, MI 48390 | 75 |
| PLEASANT HILL | Phyllis Moore, Clerk 8881 Canoe Drive Galloway, OH 43119..... | 40 |
| NEW HOPE | Larry Slone, Clerk 1109 Big Blue Springs Rd., Ransom, KY 41558 | 40 |
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENCE

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| UNION | Deacon Jimmy Webb, Clerk 47 Chevy Drive Jenkins, KY 41537..... | 25 |
| BURNING SPRINGS | Elder Jerry Brown, Moderator 11479 Highway 172 West Liberty, KY 41472 | 25 |
| SAND LICK- VA | Deacon Johnny Viers, Clerk 286 Pleasure Drive Haysi, VA 24256 | 25 |
| LITTLE YADKIN RIVER | Elder Vance Jones, Moderator 3460 Highway 268 East Pilot, NC 27041..... | 25 |
| MOUNTAIN | Roy L. Truitt, Clerk 102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333..... | 25 |
| WASHINGTON | Elder Victor Church, Clerk 8839 Maple Rd. Pound, VA 24614 | 25 |
| SAND LICK- KY | Terry Meade, Clerk 9563 Highway 772, West Liberty, KY 41472 | 25 |
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO INDIVIDUALS

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| Moderator | Elder Randal Thornsby P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514 | 25 |
| Asst. Moderator | Elder David A. Thacker 2864 Stratton Fork Road Canada, KY 41519 | 25 |
| Clerk | Deacon Leslie Hatfield 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302 | 50 |
| Asst. Clerk | Deacon Lonnie Simpkins HC 81 Box 40-A, 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 | <u>2</u> |
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TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE..... 1606

ELDER ELMER THACKER



With a shaky hand and a hole in my heart, no one can fill but Jesus. I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband.

Elder Elmer Thacker, passed away September 22, 2011 at his home. He was born June 10, 1924, to the late Landon and Stella Thacker. He was a World War II veteran, retired factory worker and a retired coal miner. He was a faithful member and ordained minister of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church since January 16, 1966, and ordained as a minister September 19, 1971. The church and his family was his life. Survivors include his wife Beatrice Thacker of 65 years, 4 months, and 5 days. One son Timothy Dwayne Thacker, one daughter Mary Ellen West, a son in law Skeeter West who was like a son to him. Four brothers Elder RT Thacker, Jack Thacker, Edgar Thacker, and Sonny Thacker. Two sisters Lena Mae Biesecker and Barbara Leedy. Three grandchildren he dearly loved Amanda Ryan West, Johnathan Russell West, and Nicholas Clayton West. He was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister. We feel our loss is heavens gain. Elmer lived a long life 87 years and did a lot of suffering the last three years of his life. Sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Written by his loving wife of 65 years, 4 months and 5 days.

DARIS KENDER

With much sadness in our hearts, but also many precious memories, I will write the obituary of my husband Daris.

Daris passed away at home with his family by his side November, 2, 2011, at the age of 69, after a short battle with cancer. Also, by his side were Brother David Thacker and Brother Jimmy Lee Smith who was both such a blessing to have with us.

Daris was born December 12, 1941. The son of the late Don Kender and Vada Smith Kender. Besides his parents he was also preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, and two special sister-in-laws, Kaye Kender and Marie Kender whom he loved very much,



Daris is survived by his wife Barbara (Casey) Kender. We were married on July 21, 1962. He is also survived by two sons: Stevie (Penny) Kender and Randy (Jenny) Kender. Four grandchildren: Chris (Delena) Kender, Kayla (Brian) Chapman, Kelsie and Jared Kender. Three great-grandchildren: Jacob and Haley Kender and KayLee Chapman. Pa Daris loved his babies very much. He loved to go hunting with his sons and grandsons when he was well.

He was also survived by five brothers: Linton and Roy Kender, Dallas (Brenda) Kender, Roger (Linda) Kender, Randall (Ernestine) Kender and one sister Judy (David) Griffith.

Daris would sit around many days and talk with David whom he loved like a brother. They talked about things in the Bible often and he really enjoyed those days with him.

Daris loved the church and was always ready to help in any way. He was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church for over 35 years and later became a Deacon of the church. He was also a member of the UMWA and worked in the mines for over 30 years.

We will always have a love in our hearts for Daris. No one could have ever had a better husband, dad, or grandpa than we were blessed to have. But one thing for sure, we believe by the Grace of God and the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ, that we will all be together again, never to part no more.

Written by his wife
Barbara Kender

ROY J. STREET

Roy Julius Street, 84, of Rosedale, Virginia passed away at his home on June 4, 2012 after a long illness. He was born in Buchanan County on January 21, 1928 to the late Harrison and Martha Vandyke Street.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Harrison and Martha Street; one grand-daughter, Tracy Hagy Sprinkle and one grandson, Michael Hyatt.

Roy is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruby Lee Childress Street of Rosedale, Virginia; two sons, Johnny Michael Street, Sr. and wife Betty of Claypool Hill, Virginia and Randall Street and wife, Gail of Pounding Mill, Virginia; two step-sons, Denny F. Coleman and wife Donna of Richlands, Virginia and Ronald D. Coleman and wife Susan of Vansant, Virginia; 4 grandchildren, Andrea, Douglas, Johnny and Jennifer; 11 great-grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Also, surviving is one sister, Mae "Sis" Childress of Abbs Valley, Virginia; three brothers, Paul Street of Vansant, Virginia; Ralph Street and wife, Faye of Vansant, Virginia and Claude Street and wife, Italy, of Claypool Hill, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

Roy began working in the coal industry before the age of 18 at Crystal Block Coal in Buchanan County. He worked for the Red Jacket Coal Company for many years. Roy and his father began R&H Coal Company in Buchanan County and were self-employed coal miners and operators. Some years later R&H Trucking was formed, hauling coal from various deep mines in Buchanan County. He retired in 1977.

Roy worked hard, long hours to provide for his family, taking very little time for himself. Coal mining and trucking was very stressful all those years, however, Roy seemed to enjoy his job. He worked everyday no matter what the weather conditions were. Something always had to be done and he made sure it was taken care of. He was a devoted hard working man.

In 1978, after his retirement, he and Ruby resided and enjoyed farming and gardening in the Thompson Valley Community in Tazewell County for a number of years. He liked for his children and grandchildren to visit and spend time at the farm. In 1993 they moved to Rosedale, Virginia in Russell County to a smaller place, but yet big enough for a garden and

some outdoor space. Roy continued gardening and being outdoors. He looked forward to seeing the family and especially, the great-grandchildren. They will never forget riding the Go-Go (Golf Cart) with Papaw to a neighboring farm and seeing the farm animals. He enjoyed them so much. He always greeted the family with a loving smile and Papaw Roley will be missed greatly.

Roy enjoyed going to church. Since the early 1960's, he supported and was devoted to the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church at Vansant, Virginia. He also visited different churches in the Association. Roy was respected by the church community as a man of great faith. In fact, he never wanted to be late for church and would often arrive much too early. The Dry Fork Church will miss seeing Roy sitting in his favorite spot but will always remember his smiling face, his faithfulness in attending and his devotion to the church.

Roy was known in Buchanan, Tazewell, and Russell counties by many people who considered him as a great friend. He was accommodating to his neighbors and loved ones. He made many visits to the hospitals to see those who were ill and attended many funerals of friends and loved ones.

Funeral services for Roy Street was held on June 6, 2012 with Grundy Funeral Home providing the arrangements. Services were conducted and burial followed at the Baldwin Mountain Cemetery near Vansant, Virginia.

Roy will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His brother, Paul Street, passed away about 2 months after Roy's death.

Written by Donna Coleman and Ruby Street

PAUL STREET

Paul Street was born July 30, 1931 to Harrison and Martha Vandyke Street. He was a good husband, father and son. Daddy had a love for fishing, camping and gardening. He was preceded in death by his parents Harrison and Martha



Vandyke Street, wife Ollie Mae Yates Street and by a brother Roy J. Street. Daddy was survived by one daughter Paula Street Compton (Wayne) and four sons Teddy (Julie) Street, Harrison (Becky) Street, Jeff Street and Keith (Lisa) Street, six grandchildren Ben (Carrie) Compton, Bear (Amanda) Compton, Kacey Street, Andy Paul Street, Andrea Street, and Justin Street, four great grandchildren, Connor Compton, Addison Compton, Kinnley Compton, and Ava Compton. Sister Ida Mae Childress, brothers Ralph (Faye) Street and Claude (Lee) Street.

Daddy had a very special care giver and that was his son Jeff and a very special sister-in-law, Faye Street.

WILLIAM DEWEY DOTSON

With heavy hearts we are trying to write this obituary of our dearly departed brother and husband who went to be with Jesus on April 16, 2012. William was born on December 13, 1942 to the late Dewey and Bessie Hazel (Wolford) Dotson. He was also preceded in death by four brothers, one sister, a mother-in-law and father-in-law Walter and Opal Sullivan.



He is survived by his wife Phyllis (Sullivan) Dotson of 50 years. Two sons Ricky Dale Dotson and Eric (Samantha) Kenyon and five grandchildren, two brothers Boyd (Betty) Dotson, Darrell (Gretta) Dotson, one sister Freda (Raymond) Stanley a host of sister and brother-in-laws, nieces and nephews,

3 great nephews and one great niece.

William was retired from the Williamson ARH Pharmacy and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 48 years and a deacon for 22 years.

William was a very humble man and loved everyone. He always had a smile and a kind word for everybody. He loved the Lord and loved going to church.

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

Written with sad hearts by his sister, Freda K. Stanley
and wife Phyllis Dotson

EDD HUNT

Edd Hunt, age 90, of Pikeville, KY, formerly of Kimper, KY, went home to be with the Lord on April 7, 2012. He was born April 27, 1921 at Kimper, KY. He was the son of the late Tom and Callie Dotson Hunt.

Edd worked in the coal mines for almost 37 years. He was a member of the Johns Creek Primitive Church for 30 years. He was baptized on February 28, 1982.



He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He leaves to honor his memory and mourn his passing: his wife of 69 years, Mae Bostic Hunt; his son Freddie (Mary Alice); two grandsons; Patrick (Jill), and Ben (Rasmi); two great granddaughters; Emma and Maggie Hunt; a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He taught us to love and be good to one another. He was thoughtful, caring, good, and a great friend. He was the best and we miss everything about him. Just learn from him and "love and be good to one another."

Written by the family

KEITH EDWARD SMITH

This is with a heart of sadness and a lot of precious memories that I try to write the obituary of my son Keith Edward Smith. He departed life at an early age of 43, December 8, 2011. He was of the Primitive Baptist faith and a resident of Pikeville, KY.



Keith was born on September 7, 1968. He was preceded in death by his dad Elder Harrison Smith who passed away September 25, 2007 and one brother Kermit Smith who passed away July 23, 2004. Left to mourn his passing is his mother, Virginia (Oscar) Childress and his sweet sister Ellena Lynn Smith and host of friends.

Rest on Keith and I will hold you in my heart forever. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you in some way. One day I pray we will meet again.

Written by his mother,
Virginia Smith Childress

JAMES R. VIPPERMAN

James R. Vipperman, 64 of Shelby Gap, KY passed away Saturday, December 17, 2011 at his residence. James was born July 7, 1947 in Pike County, KY to Pluma Justice Vipperman of Kimper and the late Glen Vipperman.



He is survived by his wife, Brenda Belcher Vipperman, two sons, James Robert Vipperman, Jr. of Ocala, FL and Ronald Arland Vipperman of Jenkins, KY and one daughter, Christy Lynn Damron of Shelby Gap.

He is also survived by one brother, Glen Wallace Vipperman of Raccoon and three sisters, Glennis Hatfield of Phelps, Margaret Ann Coleman and Dorothy Hunt both of Kimper and five grandchildren.

James will be missed by all those who knew him

Written by his loving wife and children

ALLEN COLEMAN

Allen Coleman age 72, of 175 Slone Branch, Raccoon. KY was born on March 10, 1939 The son of David and Pearl Coleman. He passed from this earthly life on February 16, 2012.



He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Flossie Coleman, and four children: Sharon Kay Coleman, Jessie Allen Coleman, Mary Pearl Justice and Jonathan (Rebecca) Coleman. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, one brother Riley Coleman of Florida, four sisters Marie Coleman of Raccoon, Eathel Slone of Lowes Branch-Pikeville, Blanche Sanders of Alabama and June Anderson of Minnesota.

Allen was preceded in death by: his

parents, one great grandchild Zackery Allen Coleman, two sisters: Faye Allison and Shirley Mae Coleman, three brothers: David Coleman, Roy Coleman and John Corbin Coleman.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and served from 1957-1959. He worked as a coal miner until he became disabled. Daddy was one of those people that could be counted on when others were in need to help without expecting anything in return. He was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends, but we know that his trails are now over and as he said many times, we that are left behind still have ours to run.

Written by his wife Flossie and children

RAYMOND "EUGENE" DOTSON

July 9, 1944– August 3, 2012

In loving memory of Raymond "Eugene" Dotson, a beloved husband, father, son, brother and friend to all who knew him. Eugene was 68 years old when he passed away on Friday, August 3, 2012, at Pikeville Medical Center, surrounded by family and friends.

He lived at Old House Branch of Ransom KY. Born in Pike County, July 9, 1944, the son of Mary Magdaline (Hatfield) Dotson of Ransom and the late Dennis Dotson.



He made a living as a coal miner for 28 years. He loved his job and enjoyed the company of the coal miners that worked by his side throughout the years. He took so much pride in coal mining and providing for his family. He loved the Lord and was of the Baptist faith.

He loved his family and friends. He always had a smile on his face and loved making others smile too.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry Gilford and Charles "Brother" Dotson, and one

nephew, Clinton "Butchie" McCoy.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Shirley (West) Dotson; one son, Chad (Jeannie) Dotson of Ransom; one daughter, Eugenia (Brian) Whitt of Ransom; three brothers, Burl (Glenna) Dotson and Dwight (Kelli) Dotson, both of Ransom, Wendell (Annie) Dotson of Sullivan County, Tennessee; four sisters, Helen Dotson, Gail (Eugene) Gibbs and Lola McCoy, all of Ransom, Janet Flo (Larry) Scott of Hardy; and two granddaughters, Briona Whitt and Chasity Whitt.

Funeral Services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, August 5, in the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Shawn Dotson and Jeff Dotson officiating. Burial followed in the Willie Jake Hager Cemetery, Ransom. Arrangements were under direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

We thank God for the privilege and the honor of having such an amazing man as a husband and a dad. We miss him every minute of everyday. His love for us and our love for him will forever be in our hearts.

Written by his wife, Shirley Dotson, daughter Eugenia Whitt
and son, Chad Dotson

MINTIE NICHOLS BLACKBURN

How appropriate is it that my mother be mentioned in the minutes of this year's Mates Creek Association, since she prided herself in collecting them. She was a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church and Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church for 55 years. She also loved to work on genealogy, and I suspect it is because she was always looking to expand her family and bring another member in to love.



My mother loved to sing, and she wanted everyone that visited her to sing to her or with her. She had such a beautiful voice that people would often ask her to sing, and her love of God shown through in every note. Her life was making a simple and loving home for her

family, teaching her children right from wrong through her example of honesty, hard work, and respect of others. As we reflect on our upbringing, we remember mother as a devoted Christian lady who loved to read her Bible, who doted on her husband and children, and who was a loving neighbor who made everyone who came through her door feel welcome and a part of her family.

She was a very wise and caring person who taught the essential skills of homemaking, cooking, sewing, gardening, canning, cleaning, and so forth, not just to her children, but to anyone who expressed an interest in learning them. She felt she was teaching life skills, and her students were from many generations. She demanded and expected that we always do our best, and we heard throughout our lives that if a job is worth doing, it is worth doing right, and that there is a place for everything, and that everything should be in its place. She taught us how to make a life, as well as make a living.

She was very proud of her first job, which was delivering mail on horseback. She traveled 36 miles each day, which is a job that many of us younger people couldn't do today. She learned to sew, embroider, and quilt as a little girl, and she quilted up until the last weeks of her life. Giving her quilts and embroidered items as gifts to her friends and family were like giving a little piece of her heart, something that she poured her time, her skill, her love, and her very soul into. Through these gifts, my mother's love lives on.

A golden heart has stopped beating. Mintie Blackburn has completed her journey to heaven, passing from this earth on February 15, 2012, surrounded by family and friends.

Mintie was born October 10, 1924, in Thomas, KY, the daughter of the late Johnny and Trixie L. Nichols. She was the faithful wife of the late Pem Blackburn, and mother to LaGrand Parsons (deceased), Pamela Blackburn of Belfry, Ky. and George Carey Blackburn of San Antonio, Texas and was the adopted Mother to many. Other survivors include two brothers, Bill (Hazel) Nichols of Winchester, Ky. and Wilburn (Brenda) Nichols of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Mary Frona Justice of Pikeville, Ky.; Daughter-in-law, Sharon Parsons, Akron, Ohio; two grandchildren, Deborah (Ron) Webb and Kim Osborne, and three great grandchildren, Paige and Ashley Webb and Joshua Osborne.

Mintie was retired having worked at Deacon Cleaners, Runyon Elementary School, Mary Helen Coal Company, and McDonald's. She was a member of the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church. Little Hope Church will sadly miss her as well as congregations in several area churches. She loved to hear beautiful singing and sincere prayers.

Burial was in the Apple Orchard Cemetery, Brushy Creek, Ky. with Terry Kinzer, Dustin Maynard, Nicholas Hall, Calvin Stapleton, Michael Hall, Clayton Stanley, Craig Staton, Ed Hanson, Ron Webb, and Josh Osborne serving as pallbearers.

Thank you Lord for my mother, Your loving children
Pamela and George Carey

ALLINE VARNEY 1914-2011

Alline Varney, 97 of Lillydale, WV departed this life to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, October 30, 2011 in Logan Regional Medical Center, Logan, WV.

Alline had fallen and broken bones which would not heal. The last time she fell and injured herself very badly in October and this led to her death.

She was born January 16, 1914 at Stone, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Ellis and Mariah Blackburn. Alline became a member of Old Pond Church in 1941. She and her husband moved to West Virginia to find work for him early in life and made Oceana, WV their home. Her husband was



Ballard Varney. He was a member at Old Pond Church, too. He often came to the associations and thoroughly enjoyed them.

Preceding her in death was her husband Ballard Varney; four children Lula Belle Varney, Patsy Vint, Randy and Bob Varney, a grandson Darrell Vint; six sisters Virginia, Pauline, Cleo, Yvonne, Mary and Emogene; three brothers Woodrow, Fonso and Mayo. Those left to cherish her memories include three sons; Roger, David and Gayle Varney. She left several grandchildren and great grandchildren to mourn her loss. Alline left four sisters; Theola Williamson, Corrine Neace, Clarine Justice and Della Wilson, and a brother, Roscoe Blackburn.

Alline had to care for two of her sons who were practically blind and they depended on her very much. She always made sure their clothes were clean and their meals were on time.

Alline loved the Lord with all of her heart. She enjoyed reading the Bible and Brother Michael Smith's letters. She loved to quilt and make things for her home. Alline will be missed by family and friends who dearly loved her, but we know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by one who loved her, Her niece, Shelly Hill

ETHEL HUNT COLEMAN

Ethel Hunt Coleman, of Kipmer, KY, went to be with the Lord on March 7, 2012.



She was 94 years old (born February 28, 1918), the daughter of Frank and Cenia Plymale Thornsbury. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Thomas Hunt and her second husband, Bailey T. Coleman and one son, Thomas Dewey "Jackie" Hunt.

She is survived by 4 sons; Lee Roy Hunt, of Vinton, OH, Andrew, Billy, and Earl of Kimper, and one daughter, Ocie "Susie" Abbott of Kimper.

Ethel was known for her hard work and cleanliness. She loved to make quilts and work in her yard.

She leaves a host of friends and family.

She will be sadly missed and thought of everyday by her loving family.

Written by her family

MARY C. HICKS

1936-2012

Mary C. Hicks shared her life with us for 75 years, 5 months and 28 days. She passed away Thursday, March 22nd, 2012 at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, KY.



Mary was born September 23rd, 1936 in Pike County, KY. She is the daughter of the late Andy and Roxie Stump Casey. On July 9th, 1955 she was united in marriage to her loving husband, Arnold Hicks who survives. To this union were born two daughters, Marlean Hicks Miller and husband, William of Paintsville, KY and Avalene Hicks Stiltner and husband Dennis of Kimper, KY. Six brothers survive; Frank of Phelps, KY; Western of Wittensville, KY; Perry of Georgetown, KY; Everette and Russell both of Chicago, IL; and Phillip Casey of Kimper, KY. Four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren also survive.

Sharing some special childhood memories;

Above all my Mary loved the Lord, she grew up in a holler in Pike County, KY; she was the only girl in a family with seven brothers, she loved every one of them. She fell deeply in love with a man named Arnold Hicks. They dated for a very short time and were united in marriage that has lasted for the last 55 years. They both took their marriage vows seriously and have honored them always. She loved and supported him as he worked in the mines. After she became ill Arnold would say, "she took care of me, now it's time for me to take care of her". To her children she has been the best mother in the world. She

and dad always taught us right from wrong and good work ethics. She is a grandmother to four young men and great grandmother to eight children. She wanted to be at the hospital for every birth but her health did not allow it, she was there in spirit. Each one of them was always in her thoughts and prayers everyday. You see, my mother was a very faithful person. She always attended church and knew how important it was that her children would know God. Church was the center of her life. She loved the Lord with all her heart, soul and mind. She loved others and God took care of the rest for her.

Mom loved helping others, loved to give to others. She would make crafts using only one hand, just to have something to give people she would encounter. It was her way of showing that she loved you. When she met you, she began not with like, but with love. As she got to know you, she adopted you as part of her family. She spread this love, even though bedfast by calling others and with the help of her church, solicited donations to help the nursing home at Phelps and Venture Home here in Paintsville. For Easter and Christmas she would speak of the residents and say "they need me", they need to know someone cares about them. She was a person of faith and lived her life serving others. This is not the end, but the beginning of a new journey for Mary. She leaves behind an extended family of friends and loved ones.

She will be sadly missed, but will never be forgotten.

We the family, feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

BARBARA VARNEY

Barbara Sue Varney 68, of Canada, Ky., passed away Monday, July 30, 2012, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital Emergency Room.

She was born December 13, 1943, at Williamson, to the late Landon and Pricey Jane May Stanley.

She was retired from the Pike County Board of Education and a member of the Bluesprings Freewill Baptist Church.



She is survived by her husband, Emery Varney of Canada; one son, Emery Keith Varney of Canada; four daughters, Lisa Marie (George) Kidd of Harold Ky., Pamela Sue (Brian) Harlow of Williamson, Rhonda Lynn Varney of Huddy, Ky., and Ashley Jane Varney of Canada; one sister Drema (Michael) Elswick of Canada; eight grandchildren, Emery Keith Varney Jr., Allison Jane Williamson, Melinda Sue Adams, Meggan Michelle Varney, James Emery Hackney, Trista Nicole Williamson, Broderick Matthew Hackney and Lindsay Jade Harlow; 16 great-grandchildren and a

host of loving family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 4 at Bluesprings Freewill Baptist Church with Larry Hubbard and others officiating. Burial will follow at Bluesprings Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery at Ransom, Ky., with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation was after 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday night with special services both nights at 7 p.m.

R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Ky., was in charge of arrangements.

LOIS ANN COLEMAN SLONE

It is with great love and deep admiration that we write this obituary of our loving mother, Lois Ann Coleman Slone. Momma was born on August 16, 1948 to the late David and Darcus Thacker Coleman. The Lord called her home on September 8, 2011, making her stay on earth 63 years and 23 days. Momma became a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church in October of 1967. She was a retired medical transcriptionist.

Momma had a huge heart that overflowed with love, kindness, and compassion. One of her greatest attributes was her deep abiding love for her family. If her smile that brightened her face didn't draw you in, her love of life, radiant personality, beauty, and contagious laughter would. Momma brought a joy to each and everyone that came in contact with her.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands: Paul R. Damron and Matt Greenie Slone, nine brothers: Steve, Danville, Russell, Rexall, John Jesse, William Austin, Granville, Carl, and Clyde, and four sisters: Emolene Worrix Click, Utha Thacker, Avonell Wardrup, and Darcus Thacker.



She is survived by her three children: Jennifer Biedenharn of Cincinnati, OH, Gary Coleman, Jr. of Shelbiana, KY, and Melinda Jones of Little Creek Road, KY, two granddaughters: Bethany Jones of Little Creek Road, KY, and Keely Coleman of Shelbiana, KY, four brothers: David, Jr. of Shelbiana, KY, Lundy (Dorothy) of Pataskala, OH, Perry (Maxie) of Gahanna, OH and Paul (Jan) of Ashville, OH, three sisters: Ova Thacker of Shelbiana, KY, Ledna Mae Presley of Louisa, KY, and Lucy Pearl Justice of Florida, two sisters-in-heart: Fay Coleman of Shelbiana, KY and Debbie Coleman of Columbus,

OH, and many, many nieces, nephews, cousins, sister-in-laws, and friends.

We are left here in this world to mourn our beautiful mother. Her absence has left a void in our hearts that can never be filled. We are very thankful that the Good Lord above blessed us with her. Her memory will live on in us (her children), grandchildren, family, and friends forever more. Although we miss her deeply, it is a great comfort to know that Momma is at peace sleeping in the arms of Jesus.

Written by her loving children

MARY ELLEN YOUNG JUSTUS

1947-2012

With much sadness and with great honor, I will with the Lords help write the obituary of my dear friend, sister in the church. Mary was a very kind and precious friend.

Mary loved her family, and children, and her church family. She had a special place in her heart for Elder Shawn Dotson,



they were close friends, and picked at one another all the time. Which Mary loved. She was a gentle and kind person and was loved by all who knew her. She never met a stranger, and greeted everyone with a smile and a handshake.

Mary was the daughter of the late Roosevelt and Virgie May Young. Born August 2, 1947, and departed to go home to be with the Lord on March 13, 2012, after a long battle with cancer. She fought as long as she could, and I feel that the Lord was sitting right by her side on the morning that he took her home. We all cried that day, because she was gone, but

I think we all cried tears of joy because her pain was gone.

Mary leaves behind to mourn her passing her husband Harold Dean Justus, and one daughter Sandy Sawyer, and two

sons Ricky and Thomas Hurley. Mary also leaves three loving sister's Shirley Brown, Perlle Deel, and Rosie Blankenship, and one brother Robert Young.

Mary also leaves behind 9 grandchildren, and is also preceeded in death by one brother James Arthur Young. And her first husband Thomas Jack Hurley.

Mary was a member of the Sulphur Spring Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church, that she loved dearly. Mary suffered greatly in the past few years, but now her suffering is over and she is now at rest, waiting the second coming of the Lord. Our little church is a little smaller now but heaven has one more angel.

While Mary is gone, she is definitely not forgotten. Precious memories and cherished photographs remain with us. She will be sadly missed by many in the Matescreek Association.

Written by Sister Lisa Mounts

NONA MAE HUNT

It is with a sad heart that we write the obituary of Nona Mae Adkins Thacker Hunt. Nona was born at Milliard in Pike County on May 1, 1926. She fell to sleep in the arms of Jesus on January 12, 2012, making her stay on His footstool 85 years 8 months and 11 days. She was a daughter of the late Greenville and Molly Hopkins Adkins.



She was a homemaker and caretaker, for not only her family but for many elderly and sick people. When her neighbors grew too old or were unable to cook for themselves, she cooked for them and carried it to their homes. She sat with many people in their homes and in hospitals when, without her, they would have had to live in a nursing home. She cleaned houses, ironed, babysat and worked wherever she could to raise her children after the death of her first husband in 1972. She worked hard, but would gladly share whatever she had with anyone in need.

She loved to crochet! She made an array of items such as: flat and ruffled doilies, tablecloths, toys, baby clothes, dolls, afghans, pillows, bedspreads. If she could see a photo of something, chances were that she could crochet it for you. She sold some items, but many she made and gave freely to family and friends. In 2006, the News Express did an article about her crocheting.

Nona loved the Lord and gospel singing. She joined the Louisa Church on November 11, 1979.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ertle Hunt; her first husband, Otis Thacker; one son, Otis Gary Thacker; one stepson, Vanis Bevins; four brothers, Harry B. Adkins, Carmel Adkins, Elster Adkins and Earnest Adkins; and two sisters, Leona Bevins and Ermal Adkins.

She is survived by one son, Larry E. Thacker (Sharon) of Millard; two daughters, Anna Lyvone Thacker (Roy) of Racoon and Mollie Jean Williams (Cheyenne) of Louisa; seven grandchildren, Sherry Goodridge, Rhonda Thacker, Allen Abshire, Tracy Thacker, Julie Marcum, Beverly Compton and Austin Williams; and eight great-grandchildren, Summer, Jasmine, Stormy May, Tyler, Troy, Keaton, Jagger and Allen Jr.; three sisters, Loraine Coleman, Betty Coleman (Bill) and Alice Fay Coleman (David Jr.) all of Lower Pompey.

We are left to mourn a loving and giving family member. Her generosity will long be remembered by our family the families of those she cared for. She ended the interview in the Newspaper article with this; "I've had heart problems, real bad lungs, and I've had breast cancer, so you name it, I've had it. I've worn my body out, but my mind is good. I'm going to stay here until the Lord gets ready to take me away....and then I'm ready to go!" Though, in nature, we weren't ready for her to go, we have a blessed hope that we will meet her in the air one glorious morning!

Written by her loving family

ESTER THACKER

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my sister in law and sister in Christ. We were together for 65 years.

Ester Hecker Thacker was born October 21, 1929 in Charleston, South Carolina. The daughter of the late William and Ester Hecker. Sister Ester was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She was a faithful member of Big Creek Primitive Baptist for over 52 years.



She passed this life August 13, 2011 at her home. I feel she filled her place in the flower garden in heaven.

She is survived by her loving husband Elder RT Thacker of over 65 years. Two daughters Judy Taylor of Morehead, Kentucky and JoAnn Meece of Marrow, Ohio. Three grandchildren Donald Roland Meece, the late Ryan Craig Meece and Travis Paul Meece. Three great grandchildren Jonathon Craig Meece, Ally Meece and Andrew Meece. I feel our big loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her sister in Christ, Beatrice Thacker

MILDRED DESKINS



Mildred Deskins 81, of Canada, Ky., passed away Thursday October 27, 2011 at Pikeville Medical Center. She was born January 6, 1930 at Pinsonfork, Ky to the late General and Nancy Varney Chapman. She is also preceded in death by her husband Orville Deskins; three brothers James Chapman, Alvin Chapman, and Don Chapman, and three sisters, Helen Chapman Johnson, Alma Chapman and Christlene Chapman. She was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sisters; Marie (Herbert) Thornbury of Canada, Ky, and Mable Donathan of Michigan, five brothers; Tom (Ruby) Chapman of Canada, Ky, Elster Chapman of Ohio, Denver (Anna) Chapman of Ohio, Doug (Flo) Chapman of Canada, Ky, and Dee (Jennie) Chapman of Indiana and a host of loving family and friends.

The first time I saw Mildred was when some of us had gone to the hospital to see Nancy, Mildred's Mother. I think the best way to describe Mildred was like a young rosebud with its petals drawn up tight and trying so hard to turn deep down within. It was obvious to all of us that Mildred was troubled about something. But just as a rosebud slowly starts to open, each visit with Nancy brought a visible change in Mildred and it wasn't long until she asked for a home with Big Creek Church and we gained a rose of beauty.

Mildred loved her church beyond all earthly gains. She and Orville were at the church every time the door was opened; and together, they became examples of how we should love the church, treat one another, and be ready to stand for what is right. After Mildred became too sick to go to church, she would worry about not filling her seat and she would send messages to her brothers and sisters to explain her condition.

Most of us know that Mildred and Orville were never blessed to have any children of their own; but joining church seemed to ease that pain for them. Mildred became a mother-like figure to many of us. She was a constant encouragement and we all knew that there was nothing that we could have asked that she and Orville would not have done for us if at all possible.

It would be remiss not to say that with Orville's passing, a special part of Mildred left also. Most of us realized that she would never be the same. She had lost her best earthly friend and for the next 15 years, Mildred suffered a void that made her life incomplete.

In the last few months of her life, Mildred had a strong desire to be with Jesus. She would ask "Is it wrong to want to die?" What can you say when you look into the tired face of a child of God except to say, "no, its not wrong to want to be with Jesus."

Hush your crying, dry your tears,
For today she is complete.
No more suffering, nor more sorrow,
She now dwells at Jesus' feet.
We have truly lost a rose.

JOYCE FLEMING

It is with a sad and broken heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear, beloved mother, Joyce Fleming.

Joyce Thacker Thornsburg Fleming. 78, of Lucasville, Ohio, formerly of Canada, Ky., passed away Thursday evening, November 3, 2011, in the Hospice Medical Center, Portsmouth, Ohio. She suffered many years with Dementia.

She was born on August 4, 1933, in Pike County, Ky., the daughter of the late Elder Joe and Ethel Fuller Thacker. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Claude V. Thornsburg; and three brothers, J.B. Thacker, Harold Thacker and Clifford Thacker.

Joyce was a homemaker and a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She loved the church dearly and did anything she could to help her church and her fellow sisters and brothers.

Survivors include three sons, Larry (Gaynelle) Thornsburg of Canada, Randal (Angelia) Thornsburg of Huddy, Ky., and Donnie Thornsburg of Canada; one daughter, Lisa (Larry) Dotson of Paw Paw, Ky., four sisters, Hazel Sturgill, Dixie (Onis) Smith and Marie (John) Jacobs all of Canada, and Polly Ann Bishop of Michigan; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.



My mother was the most kind, generous, and loving mother that anyone could be. She will be forever in my heart. I find comfort in the belief that she is in the arms of Jesus and is suffering no more. My life will never be the same without her.

Written with love by her daughter Lisa Dotson

Mommy Dearest
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Mommy Dearest you will always be
My mother so loving and so loved by me
For God has taken you to be by his side
Now in Heaven is where you will reside
You have blessed my life in so many ways
I will cherish our memories until the end of my days
You left me too soon and this was not part of our plan
But God's wishes always come before those of man
Without you I must travel the path alone
No longer my guide, the way you had shown
Your mind may have been weak, but you were strong
For your loving embrace I will always long
God sent you to me as a special gift from above
To teach me life's lessons and shower me with your love
I will always remember your beautiful and smiling face
In my heart you will always have a very special place
A special bond we shared like no other
For this is possible for only Daughter and Mother
I thanked God for each day were able to share
But without you in my life it is too difficult to bear
Being with God, I hope you will find joy and peace
In this I can find comfort and some happiness at least
For Mommy Dearest you will always be
My Mother so loving and so loved by me

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.

| 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 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 65 | 2nd | \$100.00 |
| Old Pond | Michael Elswick | Shelby Jean Hill | 1843 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3 | 0 | -1 | 22 | 2nd | \$60.00 |
| Big Creek | Randal Thomsbury | Wade Smith | 1857 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -3 | 56 | 3rd | \$150.00 |
| Raccoon | Paul Dean Justice | Jeff Belcher | 1820 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 59 | 4th | \$150.00 |
| Peter Creek | Jimmy Lee Smith | Randy Kender | 1869 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 60 | 4th | \$100.00 |
| Sulphur Springs | Brian Moore | Justin Blackburn | 1863 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 30 | 1st | \$50.00 |
| Little Hope | Raymond Stanley | Frank J. Ball | 1893 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 44 | 1st | \$60.00 |
| Grapevine | Noah Slone | Timothy A. Slone | 1889 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 24 | 3rd | \$50.00 |
| Samaria | Paul Varney | Leslie D. Hatfield | 1890 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 113 | 3rd | \$150.00 |
| Feds Creek | Ricky B. Worrix | Ernest Seth Shortridge | 1894 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 9 | 1st | \$65.00 |
| Johns Creek | Paul Varney | Carl Coleman | 1936 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 26 | 2nd | \$100.00 |
| Calvary | David A. Thacker | Barry Thacker | 1951 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 1st | \$100.00 |
| Dry Fork | Shawn Dotson | Daren Compton | 1962 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 44 | 2nd | \$75.00 |
| Friendship | Estle Hackney | Gwinda Travis | 1925 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 8 | 4th | \$20.00 |
| Columbus | David B. May | Sandra Harris | 1967 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | -2 | 72 | 4th | \$100.00 |
| Deerfield | Lundy Coleman | Barbara Holyfield | 1971 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 4th | \$150.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | J.C. Hager | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Greg Moore | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | James T. Dotson | Phyllis Moore | 1972 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 1st | \$50.00 |
| New Hope | Kenneth Chapman | Larry Slone | 1991 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 10 | 4th | \$50.00 |
| 18 | | | | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -5 | -5 | -21 | 772 | | \$1,580.00 |

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: New Hope Church will have no Sunday meetings in April, June, July and August, to give way to the communion meetings of Mates Creek sister churches.



PETER CREEK CHURCH HOUSE SITE OF 2013 ASSOCIATION

Directions to Peter Creek Church House: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 119 North approximately 8 miles to the Kimper/Phelps exit; take exit, turn left at bottom of exit ramp on KY-194, go approximately 8 miles to Jct. KY-632. Go straight on KY-632 approximately 10 miles to Peter Creek Church on the right at the mouth of Smith Fork Road. From Williamson, WV, take U.S. 119 South 16 miles to Kimper/Phelps exit, follow directions above.



JOHNS CREEK CHURCH HOUSE SITE OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Directions to Johns Creek Church House: From Pikeville, KY: Take U.S. 119 North approximately 8 miles to Kimper/Phelps exit; take exit, turn left on KY-194, go approximately 8 miles to Jct. KY-632; go straight on KY-632 four miles to Long Fork Road (CR-1758); turn right onto Long Fork Road, go 2.3 miles to Johns Creek Church house on the right. From Williamson, WV: take U.S. 119 South 16 miles to Kimper/Phelps exit, follow directions above.

