

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

Organized in 1849

HELD WITH
PETER CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Phelps Pike County, Kentucky
August 30th, 31st and September 1st, 2013

Next session convenes with the Little Hope and Old Pond Primitive Baptist Churches to be held at Old Pond Church House, 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514, starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September 2014.

Directions to Old Pond Baptist Church House:

From Pikeville, Kentucky: U.S. 119 North 21 miles to Church House Hollow on the right; right on Church House Hollow about 100 yards; From Williamson, WV: U.S. 119 South 4 miles to Church House Hollow on the left; left on Church House Hollow about 100 yards.

OFFICERS:

Moderator.....Elder Randal Thornsberry
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PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Sixty-first Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Phelps Pike County, Kentucky.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 30, 2013:

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

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder David Jacobs.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Peter 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 Raymond Stanley serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Brothers John Holyfield and Vester Runyon 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: Jim O'Quinn, Roger Rose, Terry Thacker, Fayne Viers, Johnny Viers, Oscar Childers, Wayne Fleming, Brian O'Quinn.

BURNING SPRINGS: Jerry Brown, Roby Gullett, Darrell Nickell, Louie Howard, Paul B. Gullett, Bill Salyer, Frank Hamilton, Herbert Wages, George Price, Chris Howard, M.T. Wireman, Doyle Keaton, Boyd Keaton.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Vance Jones, Walter Taylor, Norman Jones, Eddie Bostic.

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

UNION: Roy Adams, Tommy Adams, Gary Adams, Trillis Adams, Corbin Hampton.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: David Gambill, Riley Grigsby, Terry Meade.

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

SAND LICK-VA: Darrell O'Quinn, J. Carroll Edwards, Diann Owens, Lou E. Fleming, Virginia Childress.

BURNING SPRINGS: Dusty Wages, Hager Arnett, Jr., Mary R. Webb, Peggy Jean Howard.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER Betty Bostic, Pam Williams.

WASHINGTON: Deloris Stacy, Doris Childress, Elsie Combs, Joy Combs, Barbara Boyd.

UNION: Jean Adams, Betty Adams, Bonnie Hampton.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Theda Salyer.

POND MOUNTAIN-VA: Ernest W. Heath

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. All the Deacons from Peter Creek Church, together with brothers Roger Blackburn and Carl Coleman were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

- A. Friday morning at Peter Creek Church: Trillis Adams.
- B. Friday afternoon at Peter Creek Church: Corbin Hampton, David Gambill, Jerry Brown.
- C. Friday night at Louisa Church: David May, Daniel Jacobs, David Jacobs, David A Thacker, John Jacobs.
- D. Friday night at Old Pond Church: Shawn Dotson, Paris Blackburn, Vance Jones, J.C. Hager.
- E. Saturday morning at Peter Creek Church: Terry Thacker, Joe Kinder, Vance Jones, Victor Church.
- F. Saturday afternoon at Peter Creek Church: Jimmy Lee Smith, Doyle Keaton, David A Thacker.
- G. Saturday night at Samaria Church: Roger Rose, Paris Blackburn, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Jimmy Lee Smith.
- H. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: Terry Thacker, Doyle Keaton, Joe Kinder, Daniel Jacobs, David Jacobs.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Ireland Adkins, Walter Rutherford, John Jacobs, Lonnie Collins, Virgil Smith, Brian Moore, Fonso McIntosh, Larry Mounts, Shawn Dotson, Timothy Slone, Bernie Newton, Lawrence Williams, Vester Runyon, David May, Paris Blackburn, John Holyfield, Ballard Bryant, James Hackney.

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

SAND LICK – VA: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2013. Larry Mounts, James Clyde Ball, Brian Moore, Estle Hackney, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, J.C. Hager, Noah Slone, Ronald Moore, John Holyfield, Vester Runyon, John Jacobs, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff.

BURNING SPRINGS: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 2014. Paris Blackburn, Robert Worrix, Jr., James Clyde Ball, Ricky Worrix, J.C. Hager, Brian Moore, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, Paul Goff.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 2013. James Clyde Ball, John Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Ronald Moore, Rodney Worrix, David May, Paul Goff.

WASHINGTON: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in June, 2014. Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Ronald Moore, Vester Runyon, James Clyde Ball, Brian Moore, Timothy Slone, Paul Goff.

UNION: Friday before the 1st Saturday in June, 2014. Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, James Clyde Ball, Paul Goff.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 2013. Larry Chapman, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Rodney Worrix, John Jacobs, Paul Goff.

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

Saturday morning August 31, 2013 at Peter Creek Church house.

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

The Committee met at Peter 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 Peter Creek Church.
- #2. Recommend that Big Creek Church host the Annual Meeting for 2014
- #3. Recommend that Little Hope and Old Pond Churches host the Association for 2014, to be held at the Old Pond Church House.
- #4. Called for the circular letter written by Deacon Danny May. The letter was read and recommended for approval by the full body of messengers on Saturday morning.
- #5. 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 Big Creek Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2014.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Michael Elswick.

- 1.) Greg Moore
- 2.) J.C. Hager
- 3.) Randal Thornsby

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

Moved and Seconded that the preaching committee be discharged after services on Sunday.

Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Union meetings and their appointees for 2014 are as follows:

LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2014. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Paul Dean Justice, David A Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, David May, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, Garnell Gilbert, J.C. Hager, Trillis Adams, Corbin Hampton, David Coleman, Jr., Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Greg Moore, David Gambill, Riley Grigsby, Daniel Jacobs, Timothy Slone, Onis Smith, Terry Thacker, Robert Thacker, Jerry Brown, 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, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2014. J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Randal Thornsby, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Kenneth Chapman, John Jacobs, Onis Smith, Estle Hackney, Steve Kender, David May, Timothy Slone, Plennie Coleman, 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, 2014.

BIG CREEK: 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2014. 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, 2014.

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2014. Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Noah Slone, Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsby, Garnell Gilbert, Brian Moore, John Jacobs, David Lee Jacobs, 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, 2014.

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2014. Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsby, Steve Kender, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Elswick,

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

NOTE: Memorial Meeting will be held the fourth Saturday in June, 2014.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2014. Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, John Jacobs, Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Jr., Jimmy Lee Smith, Steve Kender, Ricky Worrix, James Clyde Ball, Argle Kendrick, Timothy Slone, Joe Kinder, Larry Mounts, 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, 2014. 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, Roger Rose, Timothy Slone, Vance Jones, Brian Moore, Larry Mounts, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend.

NOTE: A memorial meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2014.

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2014. David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Larry Slone, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Garnell Gilbert, Noah Edwards, Todd Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Barry Thacker, Plennie Coleman, Gary Thacker, Noah Slone, Rodney Worrix, Steve Kender, Jim Duty, David Gambill, and all orderly Old Regular Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2014. Our regular monthly meeting begins on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2014. 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, 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, 2014. Robert Worrix, Jr., David

Coleman, Jr., John Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsby, David A. 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, Kimber, KY 41539. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2014. 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, Onis Smith, Timothy Slone.

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimber, KY 41539. Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2014. 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, Kenneth Chapman, Timothy Slone, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: Memorial Meeting will be held Sunday, November 3, 2013 for deceased members.

DRY FORK: 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2014. Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Brian Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Larry Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, 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, 2014 on Baldwin Mountain at the cemetery.

FRIENDSHIP: Bob's Branch, Thelma, KY 41260. Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 2014. 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, 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, 2014. 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, 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 4, and Sunday, October 5, 2014. A memorial tribute will be part of this meeting to honor deceased members of Columbus Primitive Baptist Church.

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2014. 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, Paul Varney, Terry Thacker, Rodney Worrix, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, David Gambill 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, 2014. J.C. Hager, David Jacobs, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Barry Thacker, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Garnell Gilbert, Ricky Worrix, Daniel Jacobs, David Gambill, Larry Mounts, David A Thacker, 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, and at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

NEW HOPE: 527 Pinsonfork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2014. 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.

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

Agreed that we have 1600 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Ernest Blair, Wade Smith, Lawrence Elswick, Roger Deel, Vernon Napier, Sonny Elswick, Robert Coleman, Everett Smith, Herman Blake Goff, Plenney May, Robert Mitchell Stevens, Willie Woodrow Dotson.

SISTERS: Olivia Eggers, Pluma Vipperman, Dortha Hunt, Pauline Richardson, Shirley Dotson, Artie Adkins, Connie Barnett, Gertrude Blackburn.

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

The finances were dispensed as follows:

BALANCE LEFT ON HAND from last year..... \$2972.07

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS LAST YEAR:

1. Donations on Saturday and Sunday..... \$1165.00

2. Obituaries 00.00

TOTAL..... \$1165.00

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$4137.07

AMOUNTS PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2012 Minutes -\$1694.67

Gave Moderator -50.00

Gave Assistant Moderator -50.00

Gave Clerk -50.00

Gave Assistant Clerk -50.00

Reimbursed -0.00

Paid for postage -16.00

Gave cash to visiting ministers..... -600.00

Paid for Supplies -48.33

<u>TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID OUT</u>	<u>\$2559.10</u>
<u>BALANCE ON HAND Aug. 30, 2013</u>	<u>\$1578.07</u>
<u>AMOUNTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR</u>	
<u>From the churches August 30, 2013</u>	<u>\$1540.00</u>
<u>For obituaries August 30, 2013</u>	<u>160.00</u>
<u>Donations and other August 30, 2013</u>	<u>110.00</u>
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR</u>	<u>\$1810.00</u>
<u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND AUGUST 30, 2013</u>	<u>\$3388.07</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</u>	
Checkbook balance:	<u>\$1578.07</u>
Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit;.....	<u>\$1810.00</u>
<u>TOTAL FUNDS:</u>	<u>\$3388.07</u>

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Little Hope and Old Pond Churches at Old Pond Church House, 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Fri-
day before the first Sunday in September, 2014. Elder J.C. Hager
was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder John
Jacobs is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed
 with prayer by Elder Paul Varney, then adjourned until the time of
 our next Association.

Signed by: Elder Randal 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 Peter Creek Church for
 their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

SUNDAY MORNING September 1, 2013

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

1. Greg Moore
2. J.C. Hager
3. Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder David A. Thacker

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the elders, messengers, brothers and sisters of the 161st Annual session of the original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Brethren, by the request of the brethren of our last association and if it be the Lords will, I will write a letter to honor and glory of God.

Prov. 3-5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." That has been shown to me so many times in my sickness and troubles.

1 Peter 2-9

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praise of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

John 11-25/26

"I am the resurrection, and the life: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And who so ever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." I believe the death, burial, and resurrection is the foundation of the Primitive Baptist Faith. It is my hope and prayer that we be raised a second time to meet King Jesus in the air to go home and live forever.

John 3-16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 14-1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled" Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions." I believe, if the Lord tells you to call - visit - or pray for someone, you should do it for the Lord works on both ends and in the middle. We know that we are kept by the power and mercy of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We should look to him for all our needs, and thank him for all he gives. May Gods peace and love be with us all until we meet again.

Your Brother in Hope
Deacon; Danny L. May

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, James Nickells, Noah Slone, Richard Slone.

Alternate: Rodney Worrix

OLD POND: Cecil Hatfield, Walter Rutherford, Bernie Newton, Jr., Michael Elswick.

Alternate: Raymond Stanley

BIG CREEK: John Jacobs, Herschel Stevens, David Lee may, Larry David Chapman.

Alternate: Bill Slone

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

Alternate: David Coleman

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

Alternate: Jared Kender

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Brian Moore, Ronald Moore, Terry Blackburn, Estle Hackney.

Alternate: Larry Mounts

LITTLE HOPE: Fonso McIntosh, Gennis Smith, Millard Whitt, James Clyde Ball.

Alternate: Raymond Stanley

GRAPEVINE: Argel Kendrick, Larry Mounts, Paul Goff, Leon Adkins.

Alternate: Dean Anderson

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

Alternate: Ray Slone

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

Alternate: None

JOHNS CREEK: Carl Coleman, Plennie Coleman, Bernis Newton, Barry Thacker.

Alternate: Paul Varney

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

Alternate: Barry Thacker

DRY FORK: Vester Runyon, Ronald Moore, Estle Hackney, Brian Moore.

Alternate: Shawn Dotson

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

Alternate: None

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

Alternate: Richard Justice

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

Alternate: Jeremy Jacobs

PLEASANT HILL: Lenny Boatwrite, Ballard Bryant.

Alternate: Jack Scott

NEW HOPE: James Hackney, Kenneth Chapman, Larry Slone

Alternate: None

VISITING ELDERS

Jim O'Quinn	P.O. Box Drawer, Haysi, VA 24256
Roger Rose	1080 Lazarus Br, Haysi, VA 24256
Terry Thacker	2832 Bogard View Rd, Newport, TN 37821
Louie Howard	1085 Coon Creek Rd, Salyersville, KY 41465
Vance Jones	3460 Highway 268 East, Pilot, NC 27041
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
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
Corbin Hampton	190 Tate Hampton Rd, Eolia, KY 40826
Jerry Brown	3 Muddy Branch Rd, West Liberty, KY 41472
Doyle Keaton	4450 Highway 1050, Jeffersonville, KY 40334

MATES CREEK CHURCHES

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Louisa	Robert B. Worrix, Jr.	Aug., 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Randal Thornsbury	Aug., 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	David A. Thacker	July, 4th Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs	Brian Moore	Aug., 1st Saturday
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Estle Hackney	May, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Paul Varney	June, 3rd Saturday
	Jeff Dotson	
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

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	21 Grafton Court, Morehead, KY 40351	606-784-6254
Paris Blackburn	13290 Trenton Rd., Galena, OH 43021	740-965-1484
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
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, Raccoon, 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 Crowl Rd., DeGraff, OH 43318	937-585-2955
Argle Kendrick	P.O. Box 3334, Pikeville, KY 41502	606-437-0602
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	4246 State Hwy., 1056., Ransom, KY 41558 606-427-7274
Brian Moore	4733 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
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Timothy Slone	1509 Biggs Branch, Pikeville, KY 41501 606-437-0011
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OLD POND	Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk P.O. Box 001, Forest Hills, KY 41527	60
BIG CREEK	Bill Slone, Clerk 7917 State Hwy. 194E. Kimper, KY 41539	150
RACCOON	Jeff Belcher, Clerk 451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562	125
PETER CREEK	Randy Kender, Clerk 1095 Ashlick Fork Phelps, KY 41553	75
SULPHUR SPRINGS	Justin Blackburn, Clerk 3340 Old Lesters Creek Fork Rd., Grundy, VA 24614	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	60
SAMARIA	Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302	100
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JOHNS CREEK	Carl Coleman 3243 Long Fork Road Kimper, KY 41539	65
CALVARY	Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539	75
DRY FORK	Vester Runyon, Clerk 1009 Faith Dr. Vansant, VA 24656-7575	65

FRIENDSHIP	Elder Michael Elswick, Moderator 106 Stanley Lane, Canada, KY 41519	20
COLUMBUS	Sandra Harris, Clerk 14230 Haven's Corner Road Pataskala, OH 43062	50
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. <u>40</u>	<u>1230</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENCE

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	<u>25</u>
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO INDIVIDUALS

Moderator	Elder Randal Thornsbury P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514	25
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Clerk	Deacon Leslie Hatfield 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302	101
Asst. Clerk	Deacon Lonnie Simpkins HC 81 Box 40-BC, Matewan, WV 25678.....	12
	JoAnn Napier 6863 Sun Ridge Drive Waynesville, OH 45068	20
	Teresa Smith P.O. Box 375, Owingsville, KY 40360	10
	Mark Green c/o Primitive Baptist Library P.O. Box 334 Booneville, AR 72927	2
		195
	<u>TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE</u>	<u>1600</u>

ERNEST BLAIR

It is with a broken heart that I try to write the obituary of our beloved husband, daddy, and papaw, Ernest Blair of Steele, KY.



Born to the late George Washington and Elizabeth Hackney Blair, April 10 1934, passed away December 31, 2012 at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV, making his stay on Earth 78 years and eight months. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Heather Renee' Justice, five brothers, Lundy, Oliver, Edward, Oscar and Lonzie Blair, three sisters, Lakie Fuller, Callie Miller and Dixie Honaker.

Daddy is survived by his loving wife, Edith Coleman Blair. They were married September 10, 1952, being blessed with 60 years of marriage. Also to mourn his loss are three children., Judy (Mike) Justice, Ricky (Shelia) Blair and Beverly (Frank) Shortridge; four grandchildren, Ashley Justice, LaTosha Blair, Perry Franklin and Ernest Seth (Kari) Shortridge; three great grandchildren, Daycha Shortridge, Brayden Blair and Mason Hamilton all of Steele, one brother-in-law, Phillip Stiltner, one sister-in-law, Dixie Carol Nichols, a special friend, Dan Reynolds, his brothers and sisters in Christ, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Daddy was a retired coal miner and operator. He was also a carpenter along with many other things he was blessed having the knowledge of. Daddy built several houses while also working 2nd shift at the Harmon Mine. He helped with the Little Union Church in 1958 and then helped with the new Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church in 1996. Daddy and Mom lovingly cared for his Mother and brother, Oscar until their passing. He was a member of the Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 54 years, minister for 30, member of the FreeMasons, Shiners, and a member of the UMWA.

One of Daddy's greatest attributes was his love for his family. There is now a void that can never be filled. His family and church will truly miss his presence, but Heaven is surely rejoicing. We will always keep you alive in our hearts and minds with our "precious memories."

Written by his daughter, Beverly Shortridge

DEACON WADE SMITH

With a heavy heart and much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband.

Wade passed away on December 5, 2012 at home with his family by his side.

Wade was a member of Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 27 years and 2 years at Little Hope before moving his letter to Big Creek. He was a deacon for 28 years and clerk approximately 15 years.

Wade was a member of the UMWA and worked over 20 years in the mines, having to retire because of his health.

Wade loved his Church and was a faithful member. He traveled many miles to visit other churches, before his sickness stopped him. He had been unable to attend church since 2009. His battle with cancer was only about 7 weeks. Thank the Lord he didn't suffer: he never complained. He wasn't in any pain.



He was born December 28, 1930 to the late Will and Vada (Chapman) Smith. He was preceded in death by 1 sister Armendia.

Wade was survived by his loving wife of almost 47 years Ellen Sue. Two sons: David (Sherri), Wade II (Pamela), one daughter Karen, 5 grandchildren, Nathan (Alishia), Dereck, Kayla, Zachary and Alexandria. Two Great Granddaughters Haley and Megan. He never called them great, they were only grand to him. He always said he had 7 grandchildren. One brother Frank (Bobbie) and several Nieces, Nephews and grand Nephews. Wade had a host of loving family and friends. His special friend Bill (Patty) Slone, Wade called him Son.

Rogers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. His funeral was held at Bluesprings Church of Ransom, Ky. On December 9th He was laid to rest in the Bluesprings Cemetery.

He had told our family what his arrangements would be and the sons carried them out just as he wished for them to be.

We thank God for the privilege of having him in our lives. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and friend. We will miss him as long as God lets us live. Our loss was Heavens gain. Our hope is by the Grace of God to meet him again.

Written by his Wife Sue and family

LAWRENCE ELSWICK

Our beloved Father, Grover Lawrence Elswick, Sr. passed away quietly at his home, August 10, 2013. He was surrounded by his loving family. Dad was born September 30, 1922 to



Grover Clarence and Emma Blackburn Elswick Williamson. Dad always said he was born at seven months and only weighed 2 1/2 lbs. He said his Aunt Edna kept him alive by feeding him sugar water. We told him that for someone who came into this world so early he sure decided to stay as long as he could. He told us he was going to live to be 100 years old and he almost made it. He was 90 years and 11 months.

Dad married our mother, Rachel Fuller in 1942 and continued to love her for 65 years, before she passed away on August 15, 2007. During their lives together they faced many hardships, but always managed to get through them.

His faith then was stronger than he knew. They produced six children, 1 son and 5 daughters. From their children came 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. He always said he had been a blessed man.

Dad was in the Army during World War II, where he served and fought in the European Theater. He was wounded during the battle of the Bulge. He still carries a piece of shrapnel in his hip after all these years. He fought in 4 major battles and was awarded many medals. He received The Purple Heart, The Bronze Star, The Combat Infantry Badge and The Presidential Unit Citation ribbon. He considered his service in the Army one of his greatest achievements in life.

When Dad came home from the war he went to work for the gas company and continued to work for them for 38 years. He retired as chief engineer, but continued to work at odd jobs to keep himself busy. He was a man of many talents and a jack of all trades. He was always ready to help anyone who needed it. Dad became involved in politics when he came home from the Army. His father had been elected magistrate in Pike County. His father was killed in a mining accident the day before he was to take office. Dad was always so proud of his father. Dad was a member of The Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, where he was a Deacon. He loved his church and loved to go, but as his illness progressed he didn't have the strength to attend as he would have liked. His church family visited often

and always gave him peace of mind. It pleased him so when his favorite nephew visited and said a prayer for him. He loved Mike as a son and continued to till he died.

Dad's faith in God and his love for the church carried him through his greatest battle. He lost that battle, but he won the war. He's gone home to heaven to join his loved ones and be with his Lord and Savior.

Dad was the patriarch of our family, the last to pass away. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Our fondest wish is that Dad is reunited with our mother and all the family and happy in his new home. He is gone from this world, but he will live on in our hearts and in our prayers.

ROGER GENE DEEL

Roger Gene Deel, age 62, of Prater, Virginia passed away at Buchanan General Hospital on August 26, 2012. He was born in Buchanan County on May 5, 1950 to the late Charlie and Beulah Mullins Deel.

Roger is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Rita Kathy Deel ; two daughters, Louisa Victoria "Vicky" O'Quinn (husband, Michael), Beverly Ann Perkins (husband Robert); four grandchildren: Antonia Paige O'Quinn, Emily Katherine O'Quinn, Robert Paul Perkins Jr., and Patrick Reid Perkins. Also, surviving is one sister, Sandra (Eddie) Charles; four brothers, Billy (Joann) Deel, Toby (Joann) Deel, Jerry (Tonya) Deel, Dean (Grace) Deel. Mother-in-law, Mae O'Quinn.



Dad loved and enjoyed playing with his grandchildren. He was an avid outdoors man, he could not wait for hunting season each year.

Dad loved to go to church and cherished his church family. He was always ready to help out in anyway. He was a member and Deacon of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church. Dad was a Coal Miner. He loved music, I can remember him often playing his guitar and singing.

His death was so unexpected; he had just spent a week in North Carolina enjoying his grandsons. We know that Dad is at home with the Lord where he will suffer no more aches and pains. Dad, we love you and miss you more than any words can say, you will always live in our hearts.

Written by his daughter, Beverly and the Family

VERNON NAPIER

It is with a sad and loving heart that we write of the passing of our Daddy, Vernon Napier. He was a treasured man who leaves behind a loving family and many precious memories.

He was born on November 18, 1923 in Garrett, Kentucky to



Alonzo and Ila Napier. He became an electrician and retired from Monsanto in 1986 after 28 years of service. He attended Samaria Primitive Baptist Church in Ransom, Kentucky and Miami Primitive Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. He passed away at the age of 89 on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the Quaker heights Care Community in Waynesville. Services were held on April 15, 2013 at the Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville, Ohio with brother Carman Gillum officiating. Dad was laid to rest in the Miami Cemetery in Corwin, Ohio, near his

home.

He was a good and honorable husband, dad, grandfather and great grandfather. He was preceded in death by his son, James Vernon Napier; his parents, Ila and Alonzo Napier; two brothers, Claude (his twin) and Greg Napier; six sisters, Dolores Conley, Dale Brown, Pauline Grady, Annette Baldrige, Gladys Brackney and Glenna Chambers. He is survived by his soul mate and love of his life, Joann; two daughters, Sharon Kay (Ray) Wisby and Karen Sue (Doug) Rasey; four grandchildren, Jennny (Paul) Weaver, Jackie (Harry) Amann, Melissa (David) Cabrera, and Jason (Angie) Wright; eight great grandchildren, Audrey and Kelsey Amann, Evie Weaver, Elijah, Gabriella and Caroline Cabrera, and Julian and Adrian Wright; one sister, Erma Gayheart and one brother Elmer (Grecia) Napier. (Sadly, Elmer passed away about two weeks after Dad.) Dad also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, dear friends and neighbors.

When we were little girls we thought our Daddy knew everything. As we got older we realized he didn't know everything but he knew what was important in life. He was good, generous and honest. He loved his family more than anything and he

would have done anything for any of us. He loved working with his hands. He and Mother built three houses together and did almost all the work themselves. Dad loved his home and his big easy chair. He loved to sit out on his sunporch with Mother. He loved his friends and neighbors. He loved his large collection of smoking pipes. He loved children and they loved him. His eight great grandchildren thought their "poppy" was a special guy. He enjoyed buying toys and letting the kids pick out something to take home each time they visited. Most of all Daddy loved our mother. They were married for 63 years and they did everything together. They were devoted to each other.

Dad had a deep faith and belief in God and a heavenly home after his life. He was ready to go but we weren't ready to lose him. His passing has left a huge empty spot in our hearts and our lives. We feel that we were so fortunate to have had him as a Dad. Our hearts are broken but we realize that our loss is Heaven's gain. Rest in peace Daddy until we meet again in a heavenly reunion.

God say he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around him
And whispered "Come with me".
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly.
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Submitted by his daughters, Sharon Kay Napier Wisby and
Karen Sue Napier Rasey

SONNY ELSWICK

Sonny departed this life on January 9, 2013. Sonny was born April 22, 1936 at Canada Ky. to the late Emma (Blackburn) and Grover Clarence (Coffesack) Elswick.



Left to mourn his loss are his wife, Phyllis Ann (Maynard) Elswick to whom he was married 54 years and 25 days. Three sons; Robert Neal, Alan Dale, and Sonny Meredith. Four grandchildren; Dalton, Kayla, Anna and Stephen. Two great-grandchildren; Chloe and Caleb.

Three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death and two brothers survived him.

Sonny was the most kind and generous person I've ever known. His priority in this life were little children.

Sonny came home one day telling me he too a voluntary layoff from work. When I asked why his reply was "that young man working beside me had a baby and wife to feed. He's got to keep his job. We will get by somehow."

Memories like this are how I cope with losing Sonny, the husband I loved from the moment we met.

Your loving wife,
Phyllis

ROBERT C COLEMAN

Here it is Association time again 2013. Last year in 2012 Robert and I were so happy going to Big Creek Church and Brother Mike Elswick parked our car and helped Robert get out of the car, we both rejoiced at the meeting.



April of 2013 my life had a complete turn around as Robert was called to what we hope was his eternal Home. It is still so hard to realize he is no longer with me. In sickness and health we both took our marriage vows serious. We were so happy in our 59 years of marriage. We were blessed with three wonderful children, Carolyn Duncan (Bruce husband), Randy, and Charles (wife Vivian), four beautiful grandchildren, Matthew, Adam, Josh and Sarah.

Robert was the oldest son of Nathaniel and Sarah Hall Coleman. He has one brother Samm Coleman (wife Bethel) and several nieces and nephews and cousins. Those who knew Robert could quickly see he was a hard working family man. He was a Veteran of the Korean conflict and a life member of Johns Creek D.A.V.

He worked 40 years for KY. W.VA. Gas Company and after retirement enjoyed wood working, making small crafts and being home with family and friends.

During his sickness he told everyone he was of the Primitive Baptist Church and rejoiced when the Brothers and Sisters visited him. When in pain he called on the Lord many times. When he would holler Out we asked him who he was calling for and he said "the Lord" and I don't believe God turns a begger person away. I know he is no longer in pain, but I miss him so much. While he was so sick I asked the Lord to give me strength to take care of him, now I ask the Lord to guide me and help me bear the hurt and loneliness.

If you have your loved one cherish them, for life is so short and uncertain.

Thank you church and friends for keeping us in your prayers
Rose Coleman
Wife

EVERETT SMITH JR.

With a sad heart and tears in my eyes, I will try to write the obituary of my husband.

Everett Smith Jr., age 78 of Owingsville, Ky., formerly of Pinsonfork, Ky., passed away Monday May 13, 2013 at home from Pancreatic cancer.

He was born at Ransom, Ky., March 22, 1935 the son of the late Virgil Smith and Esta (Hatfield) Smith.

He was a retired coal miner from Eastern Coal Company. Everett was a member of the New Hope Primitive Baptist at Pinsonfork, KY.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother Virgil Smith Jr., one sister Marie Annalou and one grandson Kenneth Lee Bell; one step grandson Braxton Eli Yates.

He is survived by his wife Teresa (Tucker) Smith; one son Robert (Rhonda) Smith of Olympia, Ky.; two daughters Janice (Jim) Nelson of Zephyrhills, FL., and Martha Smith of Lexington, Ky.; three step daughters Brittany Jones of Melvin, Ky., Carrie Jones of Owingsville, Ky., and Krista (Shawn) Robinson of Pikeville, Ky.; four brothers Ervin Smith, James (Pat) Smith, Fred Smith and Stewart Marvin Smith, all of Ohio; one sister Madge Helvey of McAndrews, Ky., and six grandchildren; Nathan (Christy) Smith of Olympia, Ky., Angie and Mitchell Stroud both of Lexington, Ky., Jordan and Elijah Yates of Melvin, Ky., and Makinley Robinson of Pikeville, Ky.

Funeral Services were held at noon on Friday, May 17 at the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Raymond Stanley, Kenny Chapman, Estle Hackney and others officiating. Everett was laid to rest in the Annie E. Young Cemetery at Shelbyana, Ky. Arrangements were under direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home Pikeville, Ky.



Next time we meet will be at Heavens door, when I see you standing there. I won't cry anymore; I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face, then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.

Written by his loving wife,
Teresa

HERMAN BLAKE GOFF

It is with a saddened heart that I try to write the obituary of my nephew and friend. Herman Blake "Bub" Goff. Bub was the son of Vernon Gene and Elesia (Thacker) Goff. He was born May 10, 1975 and left us to rest in the arms of Jesus on December 16, 2008. Making his stay on earth thirty-three years, seven months and six days.

"Bub" leaves to grieve his passing, three wonderful daughters: Brittany Chanteau, Bre Anna Blake, and Brandi Elizabeth all of Raccoon. Two sisters; Marian Jeanette Gibson and Jolene Mandy Abott of Brushy Fork Rd. Two aunts; Colene Blevins and Brenda Gail May, one uncle Paul Blake of Raccoon. Also one great aunt Lona Varney of Raccoon.

'Bub' was preceded in death by his dad, Vernon Gene, and by one brother Vernon Atherton, three uncles Elmer Lloyd, Carnes Edward, and Johnny Atherton.

I know we're not to question the mind of the Lord, but makes us wonder why one so young would use the filth of this world to punish themselves and their loved ones to end their lives. The Lord said, "I give them breath and they live, I take their breath and they do die", Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Bub was always happy and cheerful. I don't think he ever met a stranger. He was always doing odd jobs around home and for others in the neighborhood.



Bub will be sadly missed by his family and friends and all those who knew him. Rest on Bub for a while till the Lord calls for you and on that day you will meet Him face to face. By the grace of Him that died on the cross, live in a place where we'll never die anymore.

In Loving Memory
Uncle Paul

PLENNEY MAY

It is with a sad and broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my husband, mate and friend Plenney May.

Plenney was the son of the late Arnold and Ersie (Thacker) May of Millard, Ky. Plenney was born May 15, 1946 and went to sleep in the arms of Jesus Sunday morning about two o'clock July 28, 2013, making his stay on God's footstool sixty-seven years two months and thirteen days.

Plenney was united in marriage to Brenda Gail (Goff) May



of Raccoon. They were devoted to each other for forty-six years. To this union were born three children; Mark Lowell, which preceded him in death July 5, 1999, Shannon Denise (David) Burgess, Plenney Doyle (Lindsay) all of home. Plenney was also preceded in death by five brothers; Denney, Freddie, Phillip, Benney and Eddie and by three sisters; Augustina Adkins, Karen Sue Bertrand and Connie Elaine Charles, and by one granddaughter Sharonda Gaille.

Plenney is survived by his wife Brenda Gail, one son Plenney Doyle, and by one daughter Shannon Denise, three grandsons; Robert (Robbie), Phillip, and Noah and by one sister Deborah Haye Hill.

After school, Plenney entered into the military service where he worked as a mess sergeant for almost seven years. He spent tours in Germany and Korea during the Vietnam war. After his discharge from service he went to work for Flavorich Dairies in 1970, which moved from Pike County. He then went to work for B & B Distributors till his sickness. He spent forty-three years making sure we had milk and ice cream in the stores.

Plenney was a quiet man, the same everytime you met him. He had that gift of radiant love that seemed to burst out when he greeted you. He loved his work, but he loved his family most of all.

Plenney will be missed by all those who knew him. He leaves a void which only God can fill. He was not a member of

any church, but we feel in our hearts he believed in a greater power and there is a day coming when all of God's children will be together to bask around the throne of God, never to have pain, sickness or sorrow and to never die anymore.

So we say, sleep on Penney and take that peaceful rest that God promised, and by the grace of Him that died on the cross, we will meet again.

Written by
His Loving Wife
Brenda Gail and
brother-in-law
Paul Goff

ROBERT MITCHELL STEPHENS



Robert Mitchell Stephens was born on December 4, 1940 in Columbus, Ohio.

Robert was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Columbus Ohio.

Robert entered into rest on July 15, 2013

He is missed by his loving wife Julia of 5 years, children, sibling and many family, friends and co-workers.

The Lord giveth and the Lord giveth away.

I loved him very much! Written by his Wife
Julia Stephens

WILLIE WOODROW DOTSON

Willie Woodrow Dotson, 74, of Williamson, WV, went home to be with the Lord, Monday, June 17, 2013 at Williamson Memorial Hospital. He was born October 15, 1938, at Woodman, KY to the late Clarence and Easley Prater Dotson. He is also preceded in death by one brother; Johnny Dotson and two sisters; Irene Goodman and Ethel C. Lowe.

He was retired from the US Army and a deacon at the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years; Lalor Ann Dotson, sons; Michael (Cindy) Dotson of Williamson, WV, John



(Maggie) Dotson of Williamson, WV., and Willie (Laura) Dotson Jr. of Martin County, KY step daughters; Darlene Daniels of OH, and Deborah Bailey of Louisa, KY, brothers; Brady (Joyce) Dotson of Panesville, OH, Alfred (Peggy) Dotson of Panesville, Oh, sister-in-law; Laura Dotson of Panesville, OH, nine grandchildren, eleven step grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 AM Friday June 21, 2013 at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home with Primitive Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed at Mt. View Memory Gardens, Maher, WV, with John Dotson, Willie Dotson Jr., Michael Dotson, Mike May, Brian Hockenberry and Gary Childers serving as pallbearers.

OLIVIA ANN EGGERS

In Loving Memory of:
Olivia Ann Eggers
Born July 22, 1992
Columbus, Ohio

Olivia left us all too soon December 26, 2012. Columbus Ohio. She belonged to Columbus, Ohio Primitive Baptist Church of 10 or 11 years.



Olivia you were my shining star. I miss your beautiful smile and your good morning grandma phone calls every morning.

I feel my heart shall never mend. But I know that you are in Heaven with your Daddy, that you missed so very much here on earth. That gives Grandma comfort. I am so thankful that the Lord let me borrow you for as long as he did. No one on earth will take your place. As much as Grandma loved you and still does the Lord loved you more. That is why he called my Rose home to heaven, Grandma will soon join you someday along with the family. We'll go hand in hand rejoicing and praising the Lord, all thru eternity.

A memory

God gave me a memory,
A rose so rare,
So be it winter, spring, summer or fall.
I'll always have Roses everywhere

God gave me a memory,
No matter where I roam.
You'll always be beside me,
My darling Olivia I'll never walk alone.

Written by Grandma Revine Eggers, Colline E.

PLUMA C. VIPPERMAN

and

DORTHA VIPPERMAN HUNT

Pluma Catherine Vipperman age 93 of Kimper, KY passed away Tuesday, October 16, 2012.



She was a retired general housekeeper for the Canada Coal Co. She was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church at Kimper.

She was born on July 19, 1919 in Pike County, KY the daughter of the late Abner and Liza Jane Maynard Justice. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Vipperman in 2004 and also by two sons, John Taylor and James Robert and one daughter, Tilda Frances. She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and three sisters and two great-grandchildren.

Pluma is survived by two sons, Glenn Wallace (Beverly Kai) Vipperman of Raccoon, KY and James R. "Robbie" (Trish) Vipperman of Ocala, FL and three daughters, Dortha (Andrew) Hunt and Margaret Ann (Carl) Coleman both of Kimper, KY and Glennis C. (Fonso) Hatfield of Phelps, KY and one daughter-in-law Brenda Vipperman of Dorton, KY. Mom is also survived by sixteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

As we remember Mom, this her last day on earth, no one in the world could have been more peaceful and look at us so calmly and quietly, while still touching out hearts with such powerful love. Even without her soft uplifting word, her smile and eyes said it all.

She loved all of her children and was extremely proud of each of us.

Whether it was helping us with our



spelling homework or preparing a favorite treat which we would sometimes request of her. Mom did it all as if it was her purpose for living and the highlight of her day.

Cooking and taking care of the Church and her family was her blessing and purpose in life. This gift of hospitality has been passed to her daughters and on down to her granddaughters.

We will always remember the many family celebrations and those wonderful holiday dinners or breakfasts spent at her home. We will miss her standing at the kitchen table making biscuits on Christmas mornings. She was kept busy trying to keep us from stealing the biscuits as fast as they came out of the oven.

Her effort to make sure the family had Sunday dinners available and those special family holidays will always be an example to us on how to build and keep strong families.

She was a wonderful mixture of fire and gentle grace. She passed that fire to her daughters and one precious son and the gentle grace was passed on by two precious sons.

Though she will be sorely missed, the memories of her will bring smiles to our faces even through our tears. The many blessings this family has experienced was because the love that mom showed us.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing will seem the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Serving as acting Pallbearers was her grandsons and great grandchildren, Charlie Varney, Rocky Hunt, Ron Vipperman, Alex Vipperman, Charles Wallace Vipperman, Keegan May and Steve Bryant.

Honorary Pallbearers was, David Allen Thacker, David May, Barry Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsbury, David Lee May and Mike Elswick.

It is with much sadness and a broken heart that we will try to write the obituary of our sister, Dortha Vipperman Hunt. Dortha was blessed to live with us for 70 years. She was like a mother to us, when mom and dad got to work she stayed and took care of us. Dortha was like a mother hen taking care of everyone our children would call her mama Dort. Dortha was always ready to help cook, clean and do anything that needed to be done. Dortha lived a very short life after she was diagnosed with cancer. Dortha was a hard working lady that would stay and take care of people, she loved her parents, brothers, sisters, her children, grandchildren and her great grandchildren, there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for them.

Dortha was born on August 26, 1942 and went home to be with Jesus on December 26, 2012. She was married to Andrew Hunt for 53 years. They had three children, Rocky Clay Hunt, Mona Irene (Ricky) Collins and Andrea "Kitty" (Steve) Kennard, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Dortha was survived by two sisters Margaret Ann Coleman and Glennis Hatfield two brothers Glenn Wallace Vipperman, James Robert "Robbie" Vipperman Jr.

Dortha was preceded in death by her parents Glenn and Pluma Vipperman one sister Tilda Francis and two brothers John Taylor and James Robert Vipperman.

Dortha was a dear precious sister we miss going to visit her, drinking a cup of coffee, talking and laughing with her. She could always make us laugh and we always said that we loved each other.

Mom and Dortha both had their 1st birthday in Heaven and mom's granddaughter Tori found this poem and thought of Mom and Dortha. Everyone of us misses them so much .

Pluma C. Vipperman
and
Dortha Vipperman Hunt

Our First Birthday in Heaven

I see the tears you are crying
And the pain that's in your eyes
But please don't be sad, I'm still with you
Because love never dies.

And though you can't feel me hold you
Or give you a quick little kiss
The sound of my voice and the touch of my hand
Are the simple things you miss.

So please celebrate my birthday
Filled with memories and love
Just close your eyes and realize
I am celebrating in Heaven above.

And when the sorrow overwhelms you
Just pray and He will help you be strong
And you will find the peace He alone can give
Knowing I'm home where I belong.

These obituaries were written by
Pluma Vipperman children

PAULINE RICHARDSON

Pauline Richardson, 92 of Canada, Ky., passed away Thursday, March 7, 2013 at her home.

She was born July 12, 1920 at Stone, Ky., the daughter of the late Wayne and Bessie Chapman Blackburn. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James B. Richardson and a sister, Mary Francis Brown.

She was a retired LPN from the Williamson Memorial Hospital and a member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Jo Parks of Canada, Ky.; sons, James B. (Pamela) Richardson Jr., of Speedwell, TN and Larry E. (Pauline) Richardson of Fort Wayne, IN; brother, Ivan Edward Blackburn of Pikeville, Ky.; five grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 PM Sunday, March 10, 2013 in the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Raymond Stanley officiating. Burial followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, Ky. with Bruce Blackburn, Charles Blackburn, Keith Blackburn, Rick Parks, Larry Wayne Richardson, Michael Smith and Bryan DeHart serving as pallbearers.

Visitation was held after 6 PM Saturday, March 9, 2013 in the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

SHIRLEY FAYE DOTSON

Shirley Faye Dotson, 65 of Ransom, Ky. passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by loved ones, Sunday, January 20, 2013 after battling pancreatic cancer for several months.

She was born on July 30, 1947 in Pike County, Ky., the daughter of the late Ireland and Minnie West. In 1967 she married the love of her life, Raymond "Eugene" Dotson. He preceded her in death on August 3, 2012 after 45 years of marriage. Our parents were the perfect example of what the bible reads in Mark 10:8 - and the two will become one flesh: so they are no longer two, but one flesh, NIV.

She was a retired/disabled employee of the Pike County Board of Education, where she worked as an instructional assistant at Blackberry Grade School during her years of employment. In addition to raising her two kids and helping with her grandchildren, she was a caretaker to many throughout her life and always eager to help someone in need. She was the heart of her family. A wonderful wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister and friend to all. She was a dedicated member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. Her unwavering faith in the Lord and strength was an inspiration to everyone around her. Shirley was known for entertaining guest with delightful conversation, coffee and snacks. She won the hearts of many with her nurturing love and faith. Her gift of joy, compassion for others, constant smiling and joking around will never be forgotten. It was very important to her that "everyone" knew she

loved them. Our mom always lived by the golden rule - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." She is sadly missed by so many people, especially her family.

In addition to her parents and husband she was also preceded in death by brothers, Ralph West and Ireland Vernon West; twin sister, Sharon Kaye West and nephews, James West and Greg West.

Survivors include a daughter, Eugenia (Brian) Whitt of Ransom, Ky.; son, Chad (Jeannie) Dotson of Ransom, Ky.; brother, Terry West of Aflex, Ky.; sisters Helen



(Rick) Becker of Dublin, Ohio and Paula (Patrick) Olivia of Oviedo, FL; grandchildren, Briona Paige Whitt and Chasity Dawn Whitt and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 AM in the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Paul Varney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson and Raymond Stanley officiating. Burrial followed in the Willie Jake Hager Cemetery, Ransom, Ky. with Brandon Scott, Charles Patrick Reed, Cheyenne West, Dakota West, Andy Bowling, Danny Joe West, J.B. Dotson and Dale Whitt serving as pallbearers. Visitation was held after 6 PM Tuesday in the Funeral Home Chapel with a special singing service at 7 PM. R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry was in charge of the arrangements.

ARTIE ADKINS

It is with a sad and aching heart we will write the obituary of our mother, Artie Newsome Adkins. Mom was born on December 2, 1927 to the late John and Virgie Roberts Newsome. Other than her parents, Mom was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, three brothers, Harvey, Dave, and Daniel Newsome and four sisters, Lue Vernie Shores, Alice Little, Martha Hamilton, and Katie Hamilton.

On May 29, 1948, Mom married the love of her life, Joe Adkins, in Williamson, West Virginia. Mom and Dad lived a happy life. They worked long and hard to raise two sons, Ronnie (Dian) of Tram, Ky., and Jonah (Brenda) of Marrowbone, Ky. Mom loved her family dearly, we were her pride and joy. Mom would always say, "Blood is thicker than water." Not only was she a wonderful mother, but her grandchildren knew they were loved. Not many grandmothers would ride to school with their granddaughter everyday, or cosign for a grandson a truck. But that was the love she had for her grandchildren.



She worked many different jobs to help raise her family. She sold Kirby

Vacuums, cleaned homes, washed hair, had yard sales, and was a nurse aide at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. If something was needed she could always find a way. She taught us to give a honest days work for a honest wage.

Mom joined the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church in April 1953. She loved singing and going to church. She was a faithful member, as long as her health allowed. After falling and breaking her hip in 2005, she could no longer attend her church, but she enjoyed the other churches that came to the Parkview Nursing Home. As mom's memory began to fail her, and she could no longer remember names or faces, she could still remember the words to her favorite hymns.

In late 2012, Mom's health was getting worse day by day and we were spending many days and nights at the hospital. She could no longer eat because food was getting into her lungs, and a feeding tube was needed. Then early Tuesday morning, February 5, 2013, Mom passed away at the Pikeville Medical Center with her family by her side. Mom is buried beside Dad on Annie E. Young Cemetery on Chloe Road, Pikeville, Kentucky.

She leaves behind one sister, Arizona Charles of Zebulon, Kentucky, her two sons and their wives, six grandchildren, Johnny Joe, Frankie Lee, Tammy, Ronnie Dean, and Kalton Joe Adkins, and Stacy Elizabeth Conley, six great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews to mourn her passing.

Mom will be sadly missed, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her Heart Broken Family

CONNIE SUE BARNETT

Connie Sue Barnett, 60 years of age of Grundy, VA passed away Saturday, March 16, 2013 at her home on Slate Creek, following an extended illness. Born in McAndrews, KY, she was the daughter of Ruth Irene Blackburn Maynard of Grundy, VA and the late Ferrell Maynard. She was a member of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church. Connie was employed for 27 years as a purchasing agent for United Coal Company and retired from Buchanan County Social Services after 13 years, where she was an eligibility clerk. Connie was a loving mother and grandmother and wonderful homemaker.

She is survived by two sons: Gregory Scott (wife Bonnie) Barnett, Grundy VA, Christopher William Barnett, Grundy, VA, two grandsons: Thomas Robert Aaron Barnett, Grundy, VA, Brandon Scott Barnett, Grundy, VA, two brothers: Larry Phillip Maynard, Lubbock, TX, Rev. Andy Ferrell (wife Linda Kaye) Maynard, Grundy, VA. Also she is survived by her cat Maggie.

Funeral Services were conducted Tuesday, March 19, 2013



at the Grundy Funeral Home Chapel with Elders Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Ked Stacy, and Jeff Dotson officiating with burial followed in Green Hills Memory Gardens, Claypool Hill, VA.

Active Pallbearers: Daren Compton, Vester Runyon, Keith Boyd, Bill Cook, Denny Coleman and Elmer Stiltner.

GERTRUDE BLACKBURN

Gertrude Blackburn, 87, of Pinsonfork, Ky., passed away Saturday February 16, 2013 at her residence. She was born May 3, 1925 at Pike County, Ky., the daughter of the late William Jefferson and Nancy Ball May. She was also preceded in death by her husband Willie Estil Blackburn; brothers William Jefferson May Sr., Willard May, Rarry May, Kelly May, Walter May and Bud May and sisters, Maude Gent and Pricey Stanley.

Gertrude was a retired cook from the Pike County Board of Education and a member of the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church. She will be sadly missed by the members of Little Hope and sister churches of Mates Creek Association. Survivors include her foster son, Robert (Brenda J.) Varney of Hager Hill, Ky.; brother, Harold May of Canada, Ky.; sisters, Jeanette May and Ruth May Blackburn both of Pinsonfork, Ky.; eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 11 AM in the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Raymond Stanley, Frank Ball and Michael Elswick officiating. Burial followed in the Blackburn Family Cemetery, Pinsonfork, Ky., with Christopher Williamson, Shawn Blackburn, Darren Varney and Hank Varney serving as pallbearers.



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													2013
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	1	2	0	0	0	0	-1	87	2nd	\$100.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	0	3	0	0	0	0	-2	23	2nd	\$60.00
Big Creek	Randal Thomsbury	Bill Slone	1857	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	53	3rd	\$150.00
Raccoon	David A. Thacker	Jeff Belcher	1820	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	58	4th	\$125.00
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	Randy Kender	1869	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	60	4th	\$100.00
Sulphur Springs	Brian Moore	Justin Blackburn	1863	0	0	0	0	-2	-7	0	21	1st	\$50.00
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	Frank J. Ball	1893	0	1	0	0	0	0	-2	43	1st	\$60.00
Grapevine	Estle Hackney	Timothy A. Slone	1889	1	2	0	0	-2	0	0	25	3rd	\$60.00
Samaria	Paul Varney Jeff Dotson	Leslie D. Hatfield	1890	3	0	0	0	0	-1	-3	112	3rd	\$150.00
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	Ernest Seth Shortridge	1894	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	8	1st	\$50.00
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	Bernis Newton	1936	1	0	0	0	-3	0	0	26	2nd	\$100.00
Calvary	David A. Thacker	Barry Thacker	1951	0	0	1	1	0	0	-2	30	1st	\$100.00
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson Estle Hackney	Vester Runyon	1952	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	41	2nd	\$65.00
Friendship	David B. May	Gwynda Travis	1925	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4th	\$20.00
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	Sandra Harris	1967	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	69	4th	\$75.00
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	1971	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	65	4th	\$150.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore James T. Dotson	Phyllis Moore	1972	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	31	1st	\$75.00
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman	Larry Slone	1991	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	8	4th	\$50.00
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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: None.

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.



OLD POND CHURCH HOUSE SITE OF 2014 ASSOCIATION

167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514

(Co-hosted by Little Hope Church and Old Pond Church)

Directions to Old Pond Church House: From Pikeville, Kentucky: U.S. 119 North 21 miles to Church House Hollow on the right; right on Church House Hollow about 100 yards; From Williamson, WV: U.S. 119 South 4 miles to Church House Hollow on the left; left on Church House Hollow about 100 yards.



BIG CREEK CHURCH HOUSE SITE OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

21 Stratton Fork Rd, Canada, KY 41519

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 (KY 3154); Right on Meathouse Road 0.4 mile to church house on right at mouth of Stratton Fork. 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.

