

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred Sixty - Third
Annual Session
of The
ORIGINAL MATES CREEK
DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Organized in 1849

HELD WITH
SAMARIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
at Samaria Church House
Ransom, Pike County, Kentucky
September 4th, 5th & 6th, 2015

Next session convenes with the Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church to be held at Johns Creek Church House, 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September 2016.

Directions to Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church House:
From Pikeville, KY, U.S. 119 North 8 miles to Kimper exit, at bottom of ramp, go left on KY-194; go 10 miles to Jct. Ky-632 at Kimper; go straight 4 miles on KY-632 to CR1758 (Long Fork Road); right on CR1758 2.3 miles to Johns Creek Church house on right. From Williamson WV: U.S. 119 South 16 miles to Kimper exit, follow remaining directions above.

OFFICERS:

Moderator.....Elder Randal Thornsbury
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PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, Kentucky.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 4, 2015:

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Jimmy Lee Smith.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John Jacobs.

Called for the letter from all churches. The letters from Samaria Church were read. The letter from Friendship Church was read and referred to the Committee on Arrangements. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded that Elder Jeff Dotson serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that brothers Randy Kender and Otis Thacker 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>BROTHER 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.

Received the letters from Burning Springs Association and the Sand Lick Association of Kentucky.

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

SAND LICK-VA: Elder Garnell Gilbert, Elder Jim Duty, Deacon Darrell O'Quinn, Deacon Fayne Viers, Deacon Frank Edwards, Elder Roger Rose, Deacon Wayne Fleming.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Jerry Brown, Elder Doyle Keeton, Elder Emerson Montgomery, Deacon Frank Hamilton, brother George Price, Elder Jonathan Rigsby, Deacon Herbert Wages, brother Roby Gullett, brother Donnie Lykins, Deacon Darrell Nickell, brother M.T. Wireman, brother Bill W. Salyer.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Deacon Norman Jones, brother Eddie Bostic.

WASHINGTON: Elder Victor Church, Elder George Ben Combs, Elder Joe Edwards, Elder Ked Stacy, Deacon Clarence Childress, Deacon David Owens, Deacon Paul Matney, Deacon Gerald Lyall, brother Oscar Childress.

UNION: Elder Corbin Hampton, Elder Jimmy Webb, Deacon Gary Adams, Deacon Tommy Adams.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Elder David Gambill, Elder Dan Ison, Elder Riley Grigsby, Deacon Troy Gullett, Deacon Derrick Howard, brother Terry Meade.

Welcomed visitors from other Associations and various churches:

SAND LICK-VA: Diann Owens, Pat Viers, J. Carroll Edwards, Patricia Howard, Lou Ellen Fleming.

BURNING SPRINGS: Greg L. Cole, Deacon Lowell Boyd Keeton, Deacon Boyd Keeton, Hager Arnett, Jr., Douglas Stamper, Glinna Stamper.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER None.

WASHINGTON: Lola M. Church, Elise Combs, Joy Combs.

UNION: Bonnie Hampton, Jean Adams.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Theda Salyer.

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

A. Friday morning at Samaria Church: David Hager.

B. Friday afternoon at Samaria Church: Elders Corbin Hampton, George Ben Combs, Jerry Brown.

C. Friday night at Old Pond Church: Larry Slone, Paris Blackburn, David Gambill, Jeff Dotson, Carmen Gillum.

D. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: David Hager, Doyle Keeton, J.C. Hager, David A. Thacker, brother Timmy Smith.

E. Friday night at Louisa Church: Roger Blackburn, Daniel Jacobs, David Jacobs, Greg Moore, John Jacobs.

F. Saturday morning at Samaria Church: Noah Slone, Roger Rose, David Jacobs, Shawn Dotson.

G. Saturday afternoon at Samaria Church: Greg Moore, David A. Thacker.

H. Saturday night at Little Hope Church: Steve Kender, Roger Rose, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager.

I. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: David Jacobs, Corbin Hampton, David Gambill, Daniel Jacobs.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Noah Slone, Walter Rutherford, Bill Slone, Otis Thacker, Randy Kender, Estle Hackney, Fonso McIntosh, Paul Goff, Ernie Justice, Timothy Slone, Barry Thacker, Glen Wallace Vipperman, Vester Runyon, Roger Blackburn, Jack Davis, Jr., Greg Moore, James Hackney, Lonnie Collins.

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

SAND LICK – VA: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2015. J.C. Hager, John Jacobs, Michael Elswick, Larry Mounts, Paul Goff, Raymond Stanley, Clifton Preece, Noah Slone, Greg Moore, Vester Runyon, Timothy Slone, Barry Thacker, Ronald Moore.

BURNING SPRINGS: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 2016. Clifton Preece, Paul Goff, John Jacobs, Barry Thacker, J.C. Hager, Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Raymond Stanley, Roger Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, David Hager, Daniel Jacobs, Ricky Worrix, Timmy Smith.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 2015. Michael Elswick, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Greg Moore, Clifton Preece, Paul Goff, J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Ricky Worrix.

WASHINGTON: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in June, 2016. Paul Goff, Clifton Preece, Timothy Slone, Ronald Moore, Larry Mounts, Vester Runyon, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, Ricky Worrix.

UNION: Friday before the 1st Saturday in June, 2016. Paul Goff, Clifton Preece, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, John Jacobs, Onis Smith, Roger Blackburn, Ricky Worrix.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 2015. Ricky Worrix, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Randal Thornsberry, Noah Slone, Paul Goff, Clifton Preece, Lonnie Collins, James Hackney, Timmy Smith.

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

Saturday morning September 5, 2015, at Samaria Church House

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

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

- #1. Recommend that we omit the reading of the letter from all the churches before the committee, except the letters from Samaria Church.
- #2. Recommend that Big Creek Church host the Annual Meeting for 2016.
- #3. Recommend that Johns Creek Church host the Association for 2016.
- #4. Called for the circular letter written by Elder Daniel Jacobs. The letter was read and recommended for approval by the full body of messengers on Saturday morning.
- #5 Received the report from the Clerk regarding preservation of the 1849-1902 minutes, recommend the Clerk continue the work and issue a progress report at our next Association.
- #6 Received the letter from Friendship Church dissolving their body. Recommend that we receive it and express our deep appreciation for the many years of fellowship in peace and love we enjoyed with them.
- #7. 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, 2016.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Onis Smith.

- 1.) Elder Jim O'Quinn
- 2.) Elder David Gambill
- 3.) Elder J.C. Hager
- 4.) Elder Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder Paris Blackburn.

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 2016 are as follows:

LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2016. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Paul Dean Justice, David A Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Onis Smith, David May, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Barry Thacker, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, Garnell Gilbert, J.C. Hager, Corbin Hampton, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Greg Moore, David Gambill, Riley Grigsby, Daniel Jacobs, Timothy Slone, Roger Blackburn, Terry Thacker, Robert Thacker, Jerry Brown, Larry Mounts, Dan Ison, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders of the same faith and order.

NOTE: A Memorial Day meeting will be held at Annie Young Cemetery, East Shelbiana, KY on May 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2016. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Timothy Slone, David A. Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Kenneth Chapman, Plennie Coleman, Ricky Worrix, Randal Thornsby, John Jacobs, Frank Ball, Daniel Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Estle Hackney, David Jacobs, Noah Slone, Steve Kender, Larry Slone, Jeff Dotson, David May, Joe Kinder, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: The second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2016 is our Memorial Meeting.

BIG CREEK: 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2016. Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Larry Slone, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Paul Varney, Estle Hackney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Daniel Jacobs, Roger Blackburn, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held Sunday, following the 3rd Saturday in July, 2016.

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2016.

Randal Thornsby, Noah Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, John Jacobs, Garnell Gilbert, Michael Elswick, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, David Jacobs, Argle Kendrick, Todd Thacker, Gary Thacker, Ricky Worrix, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th weekend in October, 2016.

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2016. Paris Blackburn, Randal Thornsberry, Steve Kender, Paul Varney, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Elswick, Shawn Dotson, Joe Kinder, Barry Thacker, Larry Mounts, David May, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders are welcome.

NOTE: Memorial Meeting will be held the fourth Saturday in June, 2016.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2016.

Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Argle Kendrick, Joe Kinder, Steve Kender, Brian Moore, Jimmy Lee Smith, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Larry Slone, Randal Thornsberry Raymond Stanley, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Paul Varney, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Todd Thacker, Barry Thacker, Gary Thacker, Paris Blackburn, 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, 2016.

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, Shawn Dotson, Michael Elswick, J.C.Hager, Jeff Dotson, Steve Kender, Onis Smith, Roger Rose, Timothy Slone, 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, 2016.

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2016. 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, Steve Kender, Jim Duty, David Gambill, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2016.

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2016.

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, Robert Worrix, Jr., Brian Moore, Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone,

Plennie Coleman, Daniel Jacobs, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Roger Blackburn, 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, 2016. Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, John Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Gary Thacker, Estle Hackney, Larry Mounts, Brian Moore, and all orderly Primitive Baptists of the same faith and order.

NOTE: We will be dismissing our Sunday meetings during the union communion meetings of Calvary Church in June, Little Hope Church in July, and Sulphur Springs Church in August.

JOHNS CREEK: 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2016.

All Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2016. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Paul Varney, 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, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Daniel Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held Sunday, November 8, 2015 for deceased members.

DRY FORK: 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2016. Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Paul Varney, Brian Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Larry Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Ked Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Donald Stacy, Jimmy Duty, Jim O'Quinn, Shawn Dotson, Estle Hackney, Ricky Worrix, Argle Kendrick, Kenneth Chapman, Roger Rose, Larry Mounts, Timothy Slone and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

NOTE: No church second weekend in September.

COLUMBUS: 599 Hillock Road, Columbus, OH 43207. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2016. Randal Thornsby, 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, Joshua Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Curt Heath, James T. Dotson, Todd Thacker, Michael Elswick, Steve Kender, Ricky Worrix, Brian Moore, Gary Thacker, Larry Slone, Daniel Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, David Gambill, All other Mates Creek elders, brothers and sisters are invited to attend.

Our Annual Meeting will be held October 1st, and 2nd, 2016.

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2016. Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Onis Smith, Michael Elswick, David May, Raymond Stanley, Estle Hackney, Paris Blackburn, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Paul Varney, Hoey Lester, Roger Rose, Jimmy Duty, Robert Thacker, Terry Thacker, David Gambill, Jonathan Cook, Victor Quick, Roger Blackburn, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service to be held the second weekend in October, 2015.

PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078. Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2016. J.C. Hager, Roger Blackburn, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Paris Blackburn, David A. Thacker, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders.

NOTE: A Memorial service will be held the third Saturday of October 2015.

NEW HOPE: 527 Pinsonfork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2016. Noah Slone, Timothy Slone, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, David May, Paul Varney, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Brian Moore, Larry Mounts, Plennie Coleman, Greg Moore, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., Argle Kendrick, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are invited.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes, and that Deacon David Lee May is to prepare the next one. Agreed that we have 1430 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Elder Vance Jones, Elder Hesker Gillum, Vint Thomas "Buster" Varney, Arnold Lee Turnmire, Robert Harold Cline, Leo Coleman, Timothy Joseph Coleman, Sidney Ray Fleming, Wilkie "Wig" Scott, Nicholas Fields.

SISTERS: Mary "Mag"aline Hatfield Dotson, Susie B. Dotson, Mary Magdalene Varney, Olen J. May, Goldie Alice Worrix McIntosh, Lillian Lois Hackney, Cesterine Marie Slone, Matilda Thacker, Tammy Jo (Slone) Thacker, Brandi Fields.

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..... \$3277.41

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS LAST YEAR:

1. Friendship Church, treasury balance..... \$91.00

2. Obituaries 175.00

TOTAL \$266.00

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$3543.41

AMOUNTS PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2014 Minutes -\$1850.95

Gave Moderator -50.00

Gave Assistant Moderator -50.00

Gave Clerk -50.00

Gave Assistant Clerk -50.00

Reimbursed Old Pond Church for portable toilets -200.00

Paid for postage and copies -26.30

Gave cash to visiting ministers..... -500.00

Paid for Supplies -54.18

TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID OUT..... -\$2831.43

BALANCE ON HAND Sept. 4, 2015..... \$711.98

AMOUNTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR

From the churches Sept. 4, 2015 \$1600.00

For obituaries Sept. 4, 2015.....	135.00
Donations and other Sept. 4, 2015.....	170.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR</u>	<u>\$1905.00</u>
<u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND SEPT 4, 2015</u>	<u>\$2616.98</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</u>	
Checkbook balance:	\$711.98
Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit:.....	\$1905.00
TOTAL FUNDS:	<u>\$2616.98</u>

Agreed that our next Association be held with Johns Creek Church at 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2016. Elder Jimmy Lee Smith was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Ricky Worrix is to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Michael Elswick, 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 Samaria Church for their hard work and love in their hosting of the Association.

SUNDAY MORNING September 6, 2015

INTRODUCTION: Elder Onis Smith introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Elder Jim O'Quinn
2. Elder David Gambill
3. Elder J.C. Hager
4. Elder Randall Thronsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder Paris Blackburn.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters after the last association time the lot of writing this letter had fallen upon myself. With deep humility, and fear throughout this past year I have prayed that the Good Lord would direct me on what I would write. So I write this letter to the 163rd Annual session of the Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association. Held with the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church.

The Lord knows exactly what all of his children stand in need of. The Lord has blessed us with the faith in him. That we look unto him for all things. In Matthew chapter 6 verse 33 the Lord said "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." The Lord has always provided for his children. I believe that as long as we continue to be willing and obedient unto him, he will continue to bless us. Over in chapter 28 of Matthew versus 19-20 the Lord said "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Through the obedience of doing that which he has commanded us to do we are blessed to feel that spirit from time to time.

While we are along this life's pilgrimage our faith will be tested from time to time. Yet, do not give up hope for he is with us always. Our hope might get low sometimes, but like Paul and Silas they were about the Lord's will. Then the leaders of the world grew jealous, and threw them in prison. Still they did not give up hope knowing the Lord was with them. In the 16th chapter of Acts versus 25-26 "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that foundation of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed." The Lord is able to bless us when we are in our lowest pits, and shake that very foundation that we are standing upon, and renew our strength. Like it says in the 40th chapter of Isaiah verse 31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint." So know that the Lord is able to bring us through all things. As so did the church when Peter was put into prison, In the 12th chapter of Acts verse 5 it says "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for

him." The Lord heard all of their prayers, and they were answered. Peter was asleep in the prison with a soldier on each side of him, and also outside the door. Then in versus 7-8 "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he said unto him, cast thy garment about thee, and follow me." Then Peter was found with the very ones that were praying for him. Like Peter, and so many others there were these three Hebrew brothers that the Lord was with. The king commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter, and threw the three into the furnace. In the book of Daniel chapter three versus 22-25 "therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." The Lord has been with us from the very beginning, and he will be with us till the very end. Just like these other brothers the Lord is with us all still. He is looking over his flock for he is the Good Shepherd. For he tends unto his flock, because he has an amazing love for his children. He loves us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to die for us upon the cross. Though we will go through many valleys and peaks he is there with us. Like those brothers of old he will bring us through those valleys. So as the church, let's cease not from praying for all of our Brothers and Sisters for we are all in need, and the Lord knows what we stand in need of.

So for my closing remarks I want to repeat what the Lord said while he was still here upon the earth. Luke chapter 12 verse 32 "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Brothers and Sisters we are now dwelling in that beautiful kingdom. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is the one that is looking over all of us. So Brothers and Sisters I would like to add one more last thing. Proverbs chapter three versus 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."

I love you all, your brother in the faith
Elder Daniel Miles Jacobs

**MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER
CHURCHES**

LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Noah Slone, Mike Bartley, Kenneth Slone.

Alternate: Gary Thacker

OLD POND: Cecil Hatfield, Walter Rutherford, Bernie Newton, Arnold Hicks

Alternate: Michael Elswick

BIG CREEK: Bill Slone, Herschel Stevens, David Lee May, Larry David Chapman.

Alternate: Tim Thacker

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

Alternate: Jeff Belcher

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

Alternate: Jared Kender

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Estle Hackney, Larry Mounts, Terry Blackburn, Ronald Moore

Alternate: Justin Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Fonso McIntosh, Gennis Smith, Bill Ball, Frank Ball.

Alternate: Raymond Stanley

GRAPEVINE: Harold Abbott, Larry Mounts, Paul Goff, Dean Anderson

Alternate: Timothy Slone

SAMARIA: Berlin Dotson, Mitchell Justice, Dave Dotson, Ernie Justice

Alternate: Bill Yates

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

Alternate: None

JOHNS CREEK: Paul Varney, Barry Thacker, Plennie Coleman, Carl Coleman

Alternate: Jordan Chapman

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

Alternate: Barry Thacker

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

Alternate: Shawn Dotson

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

Alternate: Richard Justice

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

Alternate: David Hager

PLEASANT HILL: Greg Moore, Carmen Gillum

Alternate: Ballard Bryant

NEW HOPE: James Hackney, Kenneth Chapman, Larry Slone

Alternate: None

VISITING ELDERS

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Jerry Brown	3 Muddy Branch Road, West Liberty, KY 41472	606-522-4598
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Ked Stacy	P.O. Box 1794, Grundy, VA 24614	276-566-7090
Joe Edwards	659 Newberry Ridge, Clintwood, VA 24228	276-835-9143
Riley Grigsby	50 Orchard Lane, Ary, KY 41712	606-251-3951

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 Thornsberry	Aug., 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice David A. Thacker	July, 4th Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs	Estle Hackney	Aug., 1st Saturday
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Estle Hackney	May, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Paul Varney Jeff Dotson	June, 3rd Saturday
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	May, 1st Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	April, 2nd Saturday
Calvary	David A. Thacker David May	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	May, 2nd 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

Lundy Coleman 14230 Havens Corner Rd, Pataskala, OH 43062
740-927-4603

Paul Dean Justice 901 Teasel Dr. Kingsport, TN 37660

John Jacobs 16 Thornsbury Lane, Canada, KY 41519
606-353-0622

Paul Varney P.O. Box 2421, Pikeville, KY 41502
606-434-0288

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
606-653-7186

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	1724 Pine Street, Columbus, OH 43217	614-654-2215
David Jacobs	12321 Gage Road, Holly, MI 48442	248-217-0840
Richard Tucker	P.O. Box 141, Raccoon, KY 41557	606-437-6829
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 Highway 1056, Ransom, KY 41558	606-427-7274

Brian Moore 4733 Dismal River Rd. Oakwood, VA 24631
276-935-4360

Barry Thacker 747 Hurricane Rd., Kimber, KY 41539
606-595-7374

Ricky B. 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 404 Pine Fork Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562
606-437-5675

Daniel Jacobs 12321 Gage Road, Holly, MI 48442
330-687-0093

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

Joe Kinder 3300 Mooresville Hwy., Lewisburg, TN 37091
931-652-0314

Carmen Gillum 1815 Ravenswood Ave., Dayton, OH 45406
937-270-2054

Roger Blackburn 185 Choctaw Drive, Dry Creek, KY 41035
502-545-0803

Licentiates:

Justin Blackburn 3340 Old Lester Fork Road, Grundy, VA 24614
276-566-7573

David Hager 7275 Bennett Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430
810-735-5028

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

LOUISA	Elder Ricky B. Worrix, Clerk 201 Left Penhook Road Harold, KY 41635.....	100
OLD POND	Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk P.O. Box 001, Forest Hills, KY 41527.....	75
BIG CREEK	Bill Slone, Clerk 7917 State Hwy. 194E. Kimper, KY 41539.....	120
RACCOON	Jeff Belcher, Clerk 451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562.....	100
PETER CREEK	Randy Kender, Clerk 1095 Ashlick Fork Phelps, KY 41553.....	50
SULPHUR SPRINGS	Lisa Mounts, Clerk 1104 Big Red Road Grundy, VA 24620.....	25
LITTLE HOPE	Elder Frank J. Ball, Clerk 569 Ball Fork Road Pinsonfork, KY 41555.....	60
GRAPEVINE	Elder Timothy Slone, Clerk 1509 Biggs Branch Pikeville, KY 41501.....	60
SAMARIA	Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302.....	100
FEDS CREEK	Ernest Seth Shortridge, Clerk 300 Laurel Fork Road Steele, KY 41566.....	25
JOHNS CREEK	Carl Coleman, Clerk 3243 Long Fork Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	60
CALVARY	Elder Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	75
DRY FORK	Vester Runyon, Clerk 1009 Faith Dr. Vansant, VA 24656-7575.....	50

COLUMBUS	Sandra Harris, Clerk 14250 Haven's Corner Road Pataskala, OH 43062.....	100
DEERFIELD	Barbara Holyfield, Clerk 3033 Woodlawn St. Walled Lake, MI 48390.....	60
PLEASANT HILL	Phyllis Moore, Clerk 8881 Canoe Drive Galloway, OH 43119	60
NEW HOPE	Elder Larry Slone, Clerk 1109 Big Blue Springs Rd., Ransom, KY 41558. <u>40</u>	<u>1160</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENCE

UNION	Elder Jimmy Webb, Clerk 47 Chevy Drive Jenkins, KY 41537.....	25
BURNING SPRINGS	Elder Jerry Brown, Moderator 3 Muddy Branch West Liberty, KY 41472.....	25
SAND LICK- VA	Darrell O'Quinn, Clerk 8696 Sandlick Road Bee, VA 24217	25
LITTLE YADKIN RIVER	Deacon Norman Jones, Clerk 132 Deerfield Drive Pinnacle, NC 27043.....	25
MOUNTAIN	Roy L. Truitt, Clerk 102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333	25
WASHINGTON	Elder Victor Church, Clerk 8839 Maple Rd. Pound, VA 24279.....	25
SAND LICK- KY	Terry Meade, Clerk 9563 Highway 772, West Liberty, KY 41472.....	<u>25</u>
		175

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO INDIVIDUALS

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	25
Asst. Clerk	Brother Lonnie Simpkins 35 Fonso Stanley Rd, Canada KY 41519.....	12
	JoAnn Napier 6863 Sun Ridge Drive Waynesville, OH 45068.....	6
	Robert L. Webb The Primitive Baptist Library 416 Main St., Carthage, IL 62321	2
		95

TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE..... 1430

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 reprovod by the Association as they think proper.

ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON

(Work of the Presbytery)

- 1st Organized by choosing Moderator and Clerk.
- 2nd Select one to question candidate.
- 3rd Select one to hold 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													2015
CHURCHES	MODERATORS	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 Worrix, Jr.	Ricky Worrix	1825	3	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	62	2nd	\$150.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	2nd	\$100.00
Big Creek	Randal Thornsberry Paul Dean Justice David A. Thacker	Bill Stone	1857	4	3	0	0	0	-1	-1	57	3rd	\$120.00
Raccoon	Jeff Belcher	Jeff Belcher	1820	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	57	4th	\$100.00
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	Randy Kendler	1859	2	2	0	0	0	0	-1	64	4th	\$75.00
Sulphur Springs	Estle Hackney	Lisa Mounts	1853	0	0	0	0	-3	-1	0	17	1st	\$30.00
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	Frank J. Ball	1893	0	2	0	0	-1	-1	-1	42	1st	\$60.00
Grapevine	Estle Hackney	Timothy Stone	1889	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	25	3rd	\$70.00
Samarita	Paul Varney Jeff Dotson	Leslie D. Hatfield	*1898	3	0	0	0	0	0	-4	108	3rd	\$150.00
Feds Creek	Ricky Worrix	Ernest Seth Shortridge	1894	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	7	1st	\$35.00
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	Carl Coleman, Jr.	1936	0	0	1	0	0	-1	0	23	2nd	\$100.00
Calvary	David A. Thacker David May	Barry Thacker	1851	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1st	\$100.00
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	Vester Runyon	1962	1	3	0	0	0	0	-1	43	2nd	\$60.00
*Friendship	(Disbanded)	December 27, 2014	1825	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4th	-
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	Sandra Harris	1867	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	70	4th	\$100.00
Deerfield	J. C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	1871	3	0	0	0	-2	-9	0	57	4th	\$150.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore James T. Dotson	Phyllis Moore	1872	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1st	\$150.00
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman	Larry Stone	1991	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4th	\$50.00
17				22	11	1	0	-7	-15	-15	723		\$1,600.00

*Corrected per original Association Minutes

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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.

COLUMBUS: None.

DEERFIELD: None.

PLEASANT HILL: None.

NEW HOPE: NOTE: None.

ELDER VANCE ROOSEVELT JONES

February 27, 1933 - May 4, 2015 (age 82)

Elder Vance Jones, age 82, of Pilot Mountain, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2015 after an extended illness to go be with his Lord and Savior. Vance had devoted his life serving God's people. He loved people and had never met a stranger. He loved children, his family and his church family. Vance loved giving his church buddies Hulda's canned garden vegetables, jellies, and sausage and he expected all visitors to have a meal with him at his table. For many years Vance traveled hundreds of



miles participating in church services in Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Florida. Up until Vance's death he pastored the churches at Cedar Hill Primitive Church (where he was a member), Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church and was moderator for the Little Yadkin River Primitive Baptist Association. Also, he had established the church of Old Orchard Primitive Baptist Church and pastored the church for 30 plus years. Vance retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

He was born on February 27, 1933, Stokes County, North Carolina to the late Johnnie Jones and Margie Norman Jones.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Ruby Prater Jones; two sons, Norman Gray Jones and wife, Wanda, Wesley Davis Jones and wife, Laura; one daughter, Cathy Jones Pace and husband, Chris; four granddaughters, Jessica Simmons and husband, Yancy, Jennifer Logan and husband, Adrian, Ashley Pace Reavis and husband, Gray and Meredith Pace; five great-grandchildren, Abby Simmons, Cassidy Simmons, Sawyer Simmons, Madison Jordan, Dale Logan and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife of 60 years, Hulda Sisk Jones; two brothers, Wayne Jones and J.T. Jones and one sister, Caldonia Lawson.

HESKER B. GILLUM



Hesker B. Gillum, 88, of Fairfield, Ohio passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2014 at Mercy Hospital of Fairfield. He was born in Ashland, Kentucky on November 6, 1926 to the late John and Zetta Gillum. He was educated in the Ashland, Kentucky schools and attended Marshall University. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He retired from General Electric after 33 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Shirley Gillum and Minnie Lee Hesling and brother Dallas Gillum. He leaves two sisters, Loretta Johnson and Rose Jean Hesling, and one brother, Carmen Gillum. He is survived by his wife, Betty, whom he married in 1955. To that union was born two daughters, Donna (John) Saxton and Kathy Dees, four grandchildren, Justin Dees, Ben Dees, Amanda (Chad) Minnich, and Chrissy (Chad) Donner, and five great-grandchildren, Aidan, Lia, and Jacob Minnich, Jacob Dees, and Carson Donner.

Since July 1990 he had been Moderator of the Miami Primitive Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. During his life time, he travelled to many of the Primitive Baptist Associations where he enjoyed the fellowship and singing with his brothers and sisters in Christ and was enjoyed by many who met him. He loved the Lord and loved to tell of Jesus's coming again as being "the loudest day." He also believed and stated many times that "if God doesn't know it...it doesn't exist." His enthusiasm for sharing God's word and giving praise through song will be surely missed.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, January 2, 2015 at the Paul R. Young Funeral Home in Hamilton, Ohio with Elders Paris Blackburn, Greg Moore, and Emerson Montgomery officiating. Burial with Military Honors was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hamilton, Ohio.

VINT THOMAS VARNEY **"BUSTER"**

Vint Thomas Varney age 80 of Abingdon, Va. Formerly of Phyllis, Ky., passed on July 26, 2005 in Abingdon, Va. He was a coal miner. He worked at Kentland Elkhorn Coal Company and was a member of Grapevine Church. He as born in Pike County, Ky. to the late John B. and Dixie Deskins Varney. There were 8 children in the family: 5 boys and 3 girls.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Magdalene Justice Varney, one Daughter, Helen Deloris Varney Hunt, and one son, James Thomas Varney. He had 3 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. He is survived by one daughter-in-law, Opal Varney of Winchester, Ky.

Written by Mae Justice

ARNOLD LEE TURNMIRE



Arnold Lee Turnmire, 69 of Kimper, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014 at Pikeville Medical Center. He was born in Pike County, April 9, 1944 the son of the late Robie Turnmire and Maxie Chapman Turnmire. He was a coal miner.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Timothy Turnmire, six brothers, Roosevelt Turnmire, Walter Turnmire, Ray Turnmire, Gene Turnmire, Kenneth Turnmire, and James Turnmire, and one grandson, Timothy Michael Turnmire.

He is survived by his wife, Vernie Ward Turnmire, three children, Keith Turnmire (Sandy), Cindy Turnmire and Shelby Turnmire, all of Kimper, five siblings, David Turnmire and Adala Turnmire, both of Kimper, Mae Justice of Phyllis, Sue Hackney of Mouthcard and Edith Hackney of Walled Lake Michigan; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and Robert Ward, who was like a brother, and his special friend, Troy Hunt. He leaves a host of nieces and nephews to mourn his passing, and he was a good friend to all. He would help anybody that was in need.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 28 in the Community Funeral Home of Zebulon. Burial followed in the Ward family Cemetery, Kimper.

Lee is sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Written by his sister, Mae Justice

ROBERT HAROLD CLINE



Robert Harold Cline of Vansant, Virginia passed from this life on November 25, 2014. He was born on December 25, 1930 to the late Scott and Lydia Perry Cline. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Inez "Sug" Vandyke Cline; three brothers, Earl, Cecil and Scott, Jr.; six sisters, Julia, Evelyn, Lula, Edith, Janice and Elma. He is survived by his two sons, Robert Gene and Calvin Roy Cline; two sisters Elizabeth Matney and Betty Lue O'Quinn; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Harold was a resident of Buchanan County, Virginia for 80 years. He graduated from Grundy High School in 1947. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. Harold retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Harold loved his family and talked about them often. He enjoyed hunting and being outdoors. He was an outstanding gardener. He loved sharing the fruits of his labor with his loved ones and friends.

Brother Harold was a faithful and caring member of the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church. He respectfully served as a Deacon to the church for many years. He was always there for the church with a helping hand in time of need. He most often arrived first to open our church doors and left last closing the doors.

Our church family misses Brother Harold and Sister Sug. They always greeted everyone with their loving smiles and sweet handshakes. They will never be forgotten in our church, our minds, our hearts and our memories.

Written by: Sister Lucille Pendell

LEO COLEMAN

Our beloved Dad Leo Coleman passed away January 22, 2015 at ARH. He was surrounded by his family. Dad was born October 8, 1919 in Coleman, KY to the late Wade and Gustavia (Dotson) Coleman.



Dad always said he was going to live to be 100 years old and he almost made it; he was 95 years old. Dad was a U.S. Army Veteran, a retired coal miner and a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Dad was preceded in death by his wife Mae (Dotson) Coleman; son Ricky Darrell and one daughter Gwendolyn Kaye McCarty; Brothers Cleo and Wayne Coleman; Sisters Polly and Lizzie Dotson; two infant brothers and sisters.

Dad is survived by Tommy (Brenda) Coleman, Kenneth Leo (Elaine) Coleman, Betty (JR) Compton, Glenna (Floyd) Coleman, Karen (Chester) Adams, Shelia Coleman. Two Sisters Mary Hatfield and Ruby Estep, One Brother Freddie Coleman. Twelve Grandchildren and fourteen Great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were conducted at Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church on January 26th, 2015, with Primitive Baptist Elders Officiating. Burial followed at the Coleman-Dotson Cemetery at Calloway. Dad will be missed and never forgotten. Dad suffered so long in his last few years; he is sleeping now and will suffer no more.

Written by his daughter Glenna Coleman

TIMOTHY JOSEPH COLEMAN

Timothy Joseph Coleman, 53, died January 14, 2015 at Fort Sanders Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee. Timmy was born February 7, 1961. He was the second son of the late Robert Bernard Coleman and Janice Coleman Coleman. He is survived by his wife, Alvoretta Scalf Pinion Coleman, his step-son, Dan Raven Pinion, his daughter, Bobbi-Jo Coleman all of Lexington, Kentucky; his brothers, Robert Dean Coleman and Jeffery Douglas Coleman of Kodak, Tennessee; his sisters, Karen Lee Coleman May of Raccoon, Kentucky and Nancy Lynn Coleman of Grethel, Kentucky, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Timmy was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Church. Timmy loved the church and talking about the Bible. He loved people and never met a stranger. He was a loving husband, father, brother and son. Timmy was laid to rest at the Coleman Cemetery at Slone's Branch, Raccoon, Kentucky. A special thank you to the members of the Raccoon Primitive Church for their kindness and support during our time of need. And a thank you for all the family and friends who helped us during this sad time in our lives. Timmy will be greatly missed by all those who loved him.

Written by his sister, Karen Lee

SIDNEY RAY FLEMING

Sidney Ray Fleming, 83, of Canada, KY, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center.

He was born August 13, 1930 at Haysi, VA, to the late William Leonard Fleming and Hattie Custis Fleming Edwards.

He was also preceded in death by his wife; Joyce Fleming, step-father: Garland Bruce Edwards and daughter; Sindie Fleming.

He was retired from General Motors, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a Deacon of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Lisa (Larry) Dotson of Phelps, KY, and Sunda Fleming of Dayton, OH; stepsons, Larry (Gaynelle) Thornsberry of Canada, KY, Randal (Angelia) Thornsberry of Huddy, KY, and Donnie Thornsberry

of Canada, KY; two sisters, Vicki Newberry of Peoria, AZ and Nada (Jack) Johnson of Englewood, OH; three brothers, Wayne (Lou) Fleming of Abingdon, VA, Bobby Fleming of Englewood, OH and Gary (Harriet) Edwards of Huber Heights, OH; eleven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and a host of loving family and friends.

WILKIE (WIG) SCOTT

He was born December 11, 1935 and passed from this life May 31, 2013, making his stay here 78 years. He was the son of Woodrow and Virgie Scott. He was the loving husband of Olijean



Scott, they were married on January 25, 1986. He was the father of 1 son and 1 daughter, had 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, whom he loved dearly. He was 1 of 9 children who grew up in the mountains of Kentucky.

His wife misses him so much. He went through much illness before passing from this life. When he was able, he attended Pleasant Hill Church with his brother, Jackie Scott. He was a dear friend to me. He did not join the church but you could see how much he enjoyed the meetings.

I felt it an honor when Bro. Jackie asked me to write this. Death can only take the physical touch and the sound of a voice. Although with this being said, memories stay with us. Another gift from GOD. So to the family, I say, my God keep his ever loving arms around you and comfort you is my prayer.

Your brother in hope,
Elder Greg Moore

MARY "MAG" ALINE HATFIELD DOTSON

Our Sweet Mommy was born on October 18, 1918; however, she celebrated her birthday on November



12. We were blessed that she was born to the late Albert and Elzie Hatfield also of Ransom, KY. She was preceded in death by 4 brothers and 5 sisters. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Dennis Dotson, whom she loved so very much and celebrated 68 years together; her sons, infant son, Larry Gilford, Charles "BoJo", Wendell "Wilkie" and Eugene Dotson; her daughter in law, Shirley West Dotson, whom she thought of as her own, and her grandson, Clinton "Little Butch" McCoy. She is survived by her sons, Burl (Glenna Mae) and Dwight (Kelley) Dotson of Ransom, KY; her

daughters, Helen Dotson, Lola Mae McCoy, Gail (Eugene) Gibbs all of Ransom, KY and Janet Flo (Larry) Scott of Whitesburg, KY; her grandson, Joey Dotson, made his home with her and she thought of him as her own, her "Joe"; her daughters-in-law, Martha Dotson of Ransom, KY; and Margaret "Annie" Dotson of Bristol, TN. She had 21 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly. She thought of all of them as her own. She is also survived by her sister, Beatrice Hager of Ransom, KY.

It's with our utmost broken hearts that we write this tribute of our dear sweet mommy, also known to all that loved her as "Ma, Ma Mag" and "Big Ma." Our parents, Dennis and Mag, were faithful members of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church. They were mentors to everyone that knew them. Mommy and daddy would show their respect by attending many funeral services of family, friends, and even people they didn't know. That is what they lived for, showing so much love to everybody. In mommy's final days she was blessed to see things that only GOD could show her. These are precious memories that will remain on our hearts forever. Her death was so peaceful; she just simply went to sleep. We prayed for this many times because she suffered so much. Her service was beautiful and so was she. Her daughters fixed her hair and makeup for the services and did a wonderful job, just as Mommy would have wanted it. Special Thanks to Rogers Funeral Home, Elders Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Paul Varney, Raymond

Stanley, Larry Slone, Randall Thornsberry, and Daniel Jacobs for a beautiful service.

Mommy was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for 65 years and the oldest active senior at the Blackberry/McCarr Senior Citizens. She loved going to church and seeing all her church family and worshipping the Lord. She loved her Jesus. She lived everyday of her life to visit her friends and family at the senior center. She looked forward to going each week. She participated until 2014 in the Senior Games and won several gold medals. She also loved her family and anyone that came to visit her; she made sure that you were fed before you left. She was famous for her Soup Beans and Cornbread and fed many children that lived around her and considered them all as her own. She always said she LOVES everybody and that was what it was all about; LOVE; and it showed because lots of people would call her their second mommy. Her baby boy, Dwight, describes her as the "Bestest Mommy in the Whole World." She raised her children the right way and she knew that she raised good kids and grandkids because she always said to be good to everyone and she did just that. She will truly be missed by all that knew her. We want to thank everyone for all you have done for us but most of all, we want to thank you Lord for blessing us with such a wonderful mommy to LOVE.

Love, All of your Family

SUSIE B. DOTSON



It is with much sadness and grief, we write a memorial to the life of our precious mother, Susie B. Dotson. She was born March 1, 1930 to the parents of Leonard and Gladys (Runyon) Smith. She passed away December 25, 2014. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by five sisters and four brothers. She was also preceded in death by her husband Bud Dotson, a son, Roger Dotson, and a son-in-law, Larry Whitt.

Susie is survived by her sons, Darryl (Linda), Gary (Pat), Dave, Darnell (Janet), Bud, Jr. (Sherry), Jeff (Libby),

and Shawn (Lori) Dotson. Her daughters, Nina (Roger), Glenna, Annette (Bill), and Angie (Brian), 22 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; and one brother George (Phylada) Smith.

Mommy was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, KY for 48 years. She loved her church and her church family. She received many blessings hearing the Word of God and His great love and mercy toward her.

As the family she left behind we find comfort knowing she is with her Lord and Savior, but as it is written on her tomb marker, "forever in our hearts, always on our minds."

Mommy left behind a life time of memories and countless words of wisdom and encouragement. She wrote a letter to all her children, "Be good to each other, trust in God for He is all. Look to Him for answers He will show you. He is the answer to all good and no bad" She also wrote testifying to her hope, faith, and belief in Jesus Christ. "When I am gone don't worry about me, I will be well. I believe I have a better home." So until we meet again rest from your labor and troubles of life, sleep in Jesus, blessed sleep.

MARY MAGALENE VARNEY

Mary Magalene Varney, age 86, of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, formerly of Phyllis, KY, passed Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Mt. Sterling.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church since 1956.

She was born in Pike County, Kentucky on May 5, 1926, the daughter of the late John Thomas and Rachel Caroline Blackburn Justice.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Vint Thomas "Buster" Varney. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Hellen Deloris Hunt and six brothers and four sisters: Otis Justice, Arnold Justice, Homer Justice, Oscar Justice, Phillip Andrew Justice, Wilson Justice, Faye Blackburn, Okrey Justice Thacker, Mindy Chapman and Marie Justice.

She is survived by one son: James Thomas Varney and his wife, Opal of Winchester, Ky.

She is also survived by three Grandchildren: Kirby Varney; Bertena Varney, and Kimberly Hunt and five great-grandchildren, Tré Hunt, Kaden Varney, Kenny Hunt, Cheyenne Hunt and Braden Hunt.

Written by your friend Mae Justice

OLEN J. MAY

Olen J. May of Phyllis, Ky. Was born Mar. 26, 1911 to J.H. and Sarah E. Justice. She passed this life on Mar. 15, 2015, just 11 days short of her 104th birthday.



She was married to John W. May for 73 years. This marriage was blessed with three children; one son, J.P. May of Phyllis, Ky.; two daughters, Ruby Jean Belcher of Phyllis, Ky. and Donna Lynn Abels of Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two brothers, Julius P. and James T. Justice; one sister, Janie Justice.

She was a teacher for 54 years. She was a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

My mother lived the example of love, as shown in I Cor. 13:4-8. "Love suffers long and is kind." She was patient, gentle and kind with family, friends, children she taught, and anyone in need. "Love does not envy, not puffed up." She was always glad when others succeeded, humble, giving of herself to help others. "Love is not provoked." She was not easily angered, willing to discuss problems and work through them.

"Love rejoices in the truth." She studied her Bible, prayed, loved going to church, sharing and living the truth. She always taught us to hold to the truth and do what was right.

Truly "love never fails." We will cherish the love she lived and gave until we meet again.

by Ruby Jean Belcher

GOLDIE ALICE WORRIX McINTOSH



Goldie Alice Worrix McIntosh, was born June 4, 1920 to George Alexander Worrix and Dorthula Thacker Worrix. She departed this life December 28th, 2014, making her stay on earth 94 years, 6 months and 27 days. She was united in marriage to Matthew McIntosh on November 18, 1950 in Bowling Green Kentucky, and to this union two children were born. Their first child, Bobby was born and died, January 20th, 1960. The second child, Charlene, was born October 31, 1961 and survives her mom and dad. In addition to her parents and son, she was preceded in death by brothers; Irvin

Worrix, Calvin Worrix, Erman Wade Worrix, George Worrix, Jr., Everett Robert Worrix, Gene Worrix, Bobby Joe Worrix, Alvin Worrix, Alvis Worrix and sisters: Josie Worrix Collins Pinson, Maggie Worrix, and Jeanette Worrix Edmonds. She is survived by her daughter; Charlene Stanley, her loving son-in-law, Trimble Stanley, 3 grandchildren; Matthew Stanley, James W. Stanley and Deborah Stanley, great grandchildren; James T. Stanley, Anna Adkins, Michael Foster, Amber Stanley, Haliagh Stanley, Rick Stanley, Scott Stanley and Isaac Stanley, 4 great, great grand children and by siblings; Eathel Worrix Coleman, William Worrix and Jettie Worrix Combs, as well as a host of family and friends.

Goldie faced many trials and tribulations in her life, but seemed to conquer them all with courage and a smile and most importantly, with the strength from her Lord, Jesus Christ. Her mother passed away when she was only 6 years old and her father remarried, but she stayed with her grandparents a lot growing up. She had to work in the fields and was only able to complete school up the 8th grade. As an adult, she lost a dear aunt to suicide, lost a baby the day it was born, and saw her sister and brother in law leave this world so suddenly in a tragic car accident, among many other trials. Even amongst these trials, however, she never seemed to lose her faith, love of life or that smile. She never did anything halfway

and was always open to new adventures. She told stories of riding a blind mule at top speed across a narrow bridge to get to the general store, and of leaving home at a young age with her brother to go with him to Detroit, Michigan and get a job working in a factory. She would literally try just about anything from sushi and Indian food to taking her first airplane ride at age 90. And of course, she loved her rides in the convertible.

Goldie was a wonderful mother and homemaker and mostly stayed at home to care for her family, although she was the "Avon Lady" for a number of years. She also began to go to an exercise spa with her niece around 1985 and started to enjoy running. She began to run longer and longer distances and ran in several 7K runs, where she took first place in her age group, which was 65 and over. Goldie was an amazing cook, which is evidenced by all those who would cross miles for her gravy and biscuits, her turkey dressing, chocolate pie and her cornbread.

With all of these attributes, the most important to her was her faith. She attended and loved the Primitive Baptist church since her childhood and has been a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist church for 28 years. She loved to visit all the churches, but had a special love for her church family in Michigan and was always ready for that trip when we would bring it up.

Although she is gone from us, her light still shines in those she loved and she has left a good example for us.

"Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10.

We know you are smiling today, Goldie, so enjoy your well-deserved rest, sweet sister, until we meet again.

LILLIAN LOIS HACKNEY



Lillian Lois Hackney, 88 of McAndrews, KY, passed away Wednesday February 4, 2015, at her residence.

Lillian was born January 18, 1927 at McAndrews, KY. She is the daughter of the late Charlie G. and Myrdia May Helms. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles J. and Kenneth Helms and two sisters, Clara Bow Blackburn and Brenda Joyce Gray.

Lillian was a homemaker and a member of the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church.

Lillian is survived by her loving husband, David Hackney of McAndrews, KY; four sons, Ronald David (Lori) Hackney of Florida, Donald Lee (Ginger) Hackney of Alabama, Randolph "Randy" (Kathy) Hackney of McAndrews, KY, Ricky Lester Hackney of Texas; two brothers, Howard (Grace) Helms and Dennis (Karen) Helms of Louisville, KY; nine grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 7, 2015 at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Brothers Raymond Stanley and Mike Elswick officiating. Burial followed at the Mountain View Memory Gardens in Huddy, KY., with David, Keaton and Ethan Hackney, Brent Lee and Derrek Thacker serving as pallbearers.

Lillian loved and was loved by her family, friends and her church. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Written by her granddaughter Kristi Hackney Lee

CESTERINE MARIE SLONE

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved Mother (Mommy).

Cesterine Marie Slone was born February 10, 1932 to the late Lonnie B. Worrix and Thursie J. Worrix. Mom went to sleep in Jesus' arms July 24, 2015 making her stay on earth 83 years, 5 months and 14 days. Mom was a beautiful, loving, smart, funny, strong and a hard-working woman, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, teacher and friend. She enjoyed life to the fullest.



Mom was united in marriage to the late Linton Blackburn June 29, 1961. Her father married her and Daddy at her family home. They were blessed with 29 years of love and happiness and three loving girls: Kathy and her husband Gary Bevins, Linette and her husband Robert Lee Hopkins, Lana and her husband Shannon Mulkey. Eight grandchildren: Misti Hill, Kristi Prater and her husband Aaron Prater, Robert Lee Hopkins II and his wife Rebecca, Jeremy Hopkins and his wife Shondale, Mark Hopkins, Sarah Beth Hopkins, Matthew Harrison and his wife Renee, Clay Land and his wife Nikki. Twelve great-grandchildren and one on the way: DeAnna and Kaytlin Coleman, Keagan Hill, Ashton Prater, Marshall Linton, Maelyn, Samantha, Solomon, and Jonah Hopkins, Aiden and Ava Harrison, Gracie Land and Baby Land, and one great-great granddaughter Sadie Marie named after Mom. Mom loved her family very much.

After Daddy died, Mom met Joseph Slone and they were married. Mom and Joe loved to go to church, visit the sick and travel. They many good years together. Joe passed away in 2007.

Besides her parents, Daddy and Joe, Mom was preceded in death by one sone, Joseph Keene, two sisters, Lottie Elizabeth and Lacy Zinnia Worrix and her twin brother, Lonzo Clinton Worrix.

Mom was a very brilliant and smart lady. She graduated from Hellier High School, Pikeville College, Morehead State University. She had a degree in Elementary Education. Mom taught school for 34 years. She loved her students, parents, and co-workers. She was from the old school where the students knew how to act and her students knew the look when she was disappointed. Mom's passion was Science. She loved teaching and helping the students do their projects and helping them design and make them. She was proud of her students and the work that they did. Mom won numerous awards in Science. After she retired in 1991, she still substituted for years. She really loved teaching.

Mom joined Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on June 9, 1985. She was a member for 30 years. She loved going to church, seeing her friends and members. She loved singing the old Baptist songs and the new ones. If I got it wrong she would tell me and if I sung it right she would say "Now I knew that you could sing." The night before Mom went home to be with the Lord she wanted us to sing songs and pray. She had a blessed and wonderful day.

Mom enjoyed life. She loved to joke and laugh with people. Mom never met a stranger. She would talk and have them laughing. Mom had a bubbling personality always smiling. Mom never learned how to swim, but she loved to baptize us whenever we went swimming. She said that she never learned to swim because she was afraid of water. Mom was one of a kind.

Mom loved to shop and go places. I remember her getting ready for school and I thought that she was the prettiest teacher. She always matched her shoes and pocketbooks with her clothes. Mom was a classic lady. She loved to go places. She loved to go to Columbus every year to decorate Lonzo's grave. She loved her brother and missed him every day.

Mom had a stroke on October 4, 2011. The stroke affected her walking and she was bed-ridden, but Mom was still Mom. She laughed, talked, argued, and had a good sense of humor. The last two years and one month she was in Parkview Nursing Home. She liked it there; she called the nurses her girls. If she was sick and had to go to the hospital she always wanted to go back where the girls were. They loved Mom and she loved them. They all tell me that they miss Mom and her personality. She always had them laughing. Whenever I left her to go home I always told her "I love you to the moon and back and beyond"

and her reply was "I love you more," and we blew each other air kisses together.

Mom will be missed by her family, friends, and many more. We will always remember her laughter, her sense of humor, her knowledge, her strength, her wisdom, her everything and most of all her love.

We still miss you
as the days and months pass

We still miss you
as the pain of grief softens

We still miss you
as new memories are made

We still miss you
as we smile and laugh

We still miss you
Today and everyday

We still miss you

The day Mom left was the hardest day of my life. She was my rock, but I know in my heart she's sleeping in the arms of Jesus and we will meet again someday. I will never forget my mom and her beautiful smile.

Written by her daughter,
Kathy Ann and her family

MATILDA THACKER

With a heavy heart and much sadness I try to write the obituary of my loving mother, Matilda Thacker. Mom passed away at PMC on July 26, 2014.



Mom was a homemaker and she was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church. She wasn't able to get out and go to church the last several years of her life due to her health, but she was always listening to her gospel music, which she loved.

She was born on March 3, 1934 to the late Bud and Vernie Chapman. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Clarence Thacker, one daughter

Evelyn and a son David.

Mom and Dad married April 2, 1953 and were blessed with 7 girls: Dolores (Bruce) Williamson, Diann (Steve) Burnette, Ruth Darlene (Gene) Thacker, Donna (Robert) Sullivan, Debra (Gary) Plymale, Melissa (Bobby) Williamson and Laverne (Tim) Thacker. They were also blessed with many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

In the last days of her life, I try to find comfort in her telling me she saw Daddy and he was holding their two babies. I feel in my heart she is at rest in the arms of Jesus. No more suffering and no more pain.

Even though our hearts are filled with sadness, I know she is only gone away with a friend.

Love & miss her dearly,
Laverne Thacker

TAMMY JO (SLONE) THACKER

August 14, 1974 - April 2, 2015

Tonight with a blank sheet of paper we are made to realize that there are not enough adjectives or nouns to describe the



intense love that we have felt for this loved one. No handkerchiefs could hold the tears and no volume of books could contain the memories that she left for us to cherish. Tammy belonged to Church and loved to go when she felt like it. She loved her Savior Jesus Christ. She was a friend to everyone she met. My baby Tammy Jo (Slone) Thacker was 40 years old when she passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington, KY.

Tammy Jo was born August 14, 1974 in Pike County, Ky to Rosalie (Thacker) Slone and the late Joe Michael Slone. She is survived by her loving husband,

Ronnie Dean Thacker of Shelbiana, KY, her mother Rosalie (Thacker) Slone of Shelbiana, Ky, one brother Shawn Dewayne (Tima) Slone of Millard and one sister Tonya (Steve) Thacker of Shelbiana, KY, one nephew Brandon Taegan Slone of Shelbiana, Ky, one niece Destiny Hope Slone of Pikeville, KY, and all of her

baby pups Coco, Kiki, Jasper, Chloe and Little Bit.

Tammy Jo will be missed by all who knew her. She was a blessing to her family and will be forever missed. We all love you, Tammy Jo, rest for a little while.

Written by her husband Ronnie Dean Thacker
and her mom Rosalie Slone

NICK AND BRANDI FIELDS

It is with sadness and heart-felt emotion that I write this obituary of my two precious children: Nick and Brandi Fields.



Nicholas Fields was born at ARH Hospital in South Williamson, KY to Randy Fields and Lana Blankenship October 14, 1979. He was called home on March 4, 2005. He was a mechanic at Fast-Lane in South Williamson, KY. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Martha A. Smith of Ransom, KY, and grandparents Chester and Frances Fields of McCarr. He was survived by his mother Lana Blankenship and step-father Rich Blankenship, father Randy Fields, sister Brandi Fields, nephew Tyler, daughter Kacie Fields of Phelps, KY, grandfather Landon (Kaye) Smith, and a host of aunts and uncles.

Brandi Fields of Ransom, KY left this earth to go home July 15, 2011. She was born February 18, 1978 to Randy Fields and Lana Blankenship. She was a homemaker and mother to her son Tyler Fields. She was preceded in death by her brother Nicholas Fields, grandmother Martha A. Smith, grandparents Chester and Frances Fields, and is survived by her son Tyler, father Randy Fields, mother Lana Blankenship, grandfather Landon (Kaye) Smith, niece Kacie Fields, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. My prayer to God is that one day I will see them both again.

Written by: Mother, Lana Blankenship

DIRECTIONS TO MATES CREEK CHURCHES

Directions to Louisa Church House, 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY. 41501: From U.S. 460 14 miles east from Pikeville, KY, exit on KY-1441 at Millard; go 0.8 miles to Jct. KY-1789; right on KY-1789, go 0.1 miles to Rocky Road; left on Rocky Road, go 1/2 mile to Louisa Church house on left.

Directions to Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church House, 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514: From Pikeville, Ky: U.S. 119 North 21 miles thru Belfry 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.

Directions to Big Creek Church House, 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519: From Pikeville, Ky 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 miles to church house on right at mouth of Stratton Fork. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 9 miles south on U.S. 119 to first 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.

Directions to Raccoon Church House, 5174 Raccoon Rd., Pikeville, KY 41501: From Pikeville, Ky., travel 5 miles north on Old U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-1441 (Raccoon Road); turn right on KY-1441, go approx. 5.1 miles to Raccoon Church house on the left.

Directions to Peter Creek Church House, 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553: From Pikeville Kentucky, travel 8 miles north on U.S. 119 to Kimper exit; at bottom of ramp go left KY-194E, travel 10 miles to Junction of KY-632 at Kimper, go straight on KY-632, 10.5 miles to Smith Fork Road (KY-3419) on the right. Turn right across the bridge to Peter Creek Church House. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 19 miles south on U.S. 119 to Junction of KY-194E at Meta. Turn left on KY194E, and follow directions above.

Directions to Sulphur Springs Church House, 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 460 East 35 miles to Big Rock, VA, just past KY/VA border, left on VA State Route 645, take VA-645 approx. 12 miles to church house on left.

Directions to Little Hope Church House, 76 Left Fork Ball Fork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555: From Pikeville, KY take U.S. 119 North 23 miles to Jct. KY-199 on right; take KY-199, go 3.4 miles to Jct. KY-1056 on left; left on 1056, go .2 miles to Ball Fork Road on right, take Ball Fork Road approx. .5 miles to forks of the road, bear left to church house. From Williamson, WV: take U.S. 119 South 6 miles to Jct. KY-199 on left; left on KY-199, follow directions above.

Directions to Grapevine Church House, 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554: From Pikeville, KY, U.S. 119 North 9.1 miles to Jct. KY-194 at Meta; right on KY-194, go 10 miles to Jct. KY-194/632 at Kimper; right on KY-194, go 7.7 miles to Grapevine Church on the right. From Williamson, WV, take U.S. 119 South 16 miles to Kimper exit, follow directions above.

Directions to Samaria Church House, 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, Ky 41558: From Pikeville, Ky travel 23 miles north on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-319, at Toler; right on Ky-319, go 7 miles to Jct. KY-1056 at McCarr, right on KY-1056, go 4 miles to Left Fork of Blackberry Rd.; turn left go 1.7 miles to the church house on the left at the mouth of Old House Branch. From Williamson, West Virginia , travel 3 miles south on U.S. 119 to Jct. KY-319; left on KY-319 follow remaining directions above.

Directions to Feds Creek Church House, 1854 Feds Creek Rd, Feds Creek KY: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 23 South to U.S.460 East; take U.S. 460 East approx. 25 miles to Ky 1499 at Mouthcard; left on KY 1499, go 2 miles to KY 366; go right on KY 366 2 miles to church house on right.

Directions to Johns Creek Church House, 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimper KY 41539: From Pikeville, KY, U.S. 119 North 8 miles to Kimper exit, at bottom of ramp, go left on KY-194; go 10 miles to Jct. KY-632 at Kimper; go straight 4 miles on KY - 632 to CR1758 (Long Fork Road); right on CR1758 2.3 miles to Johns Creek Church House on right. From Williamson WV: U.S. 119 South 16 miles to Kimper exit, follow remaining directions above.

Directions to Calvary Church House, 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539: From Pikeville, KY, take U.S. 119 North 8

miles to Kimper exit; at bottom of ramp go right on KY-194, go 8.2 miles to Varney Branch Road on the left; take Varney Branch Road 0.3 miles, bear left, go another 0.2 miles to the church house on the right. From Williamson, WV, take U.S. 119 South 16 miles to Kimper exit, follow directions above.

Directions to Dry Fork Church House, 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant VA 24656: From U.S. 460 at Vansant, VA, take State Route 83 (Lover's Gap Road) approx. 1 mile to State Route 627 (Dry Fork Road); left on 627, go 3 miles to church house on right.

Directions to Columbus Church House, 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, OH 43207: From the Junction of I-270 and U.S. 23 travel north on U.S. 23 (which is South High Street), just over one mile to the 5th stop light. Turn right on East Williams road, travel one-half mile to the first stop light; turn left on Parsons Avenue, travel about one-quarter mile to the first street on the right. Turn right on Hilock Road, travel about one-quarter mile to Columbus Church on the right side of the street at 599 Hilock Road.

Directions to Deerfield Church House, 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451: From U.S. 23, turn left on Center Road, go 5 miles to church house, next to Deerfield Township Hall.

Directions to Pleasant Hill Church House, 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078: From intersection of U.S. 68 and U.S. 36 (Monument Square), take U.S. 36 West (Miami Street) approx. 1 mile to N. Oakland Street; right on N. Oakland Street approx. 1/2 mile to church house.

Directions to New Hope Church House, 527 Pinsonfork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555: From Pikeville, Ky, take U.S. 119 North 23 miles to KY-199 at Huddy; right on Ky-199, go 2.6 miles to Pinsonfork Road; right on Pinsonfork Road 1/2 mile to church house on right.

