

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred Sixty - Fourth
Annual Session
of the
**ORIGINAL MATES CREEK
DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Organized in 1849

**HELD WITH
JOHNS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky
September 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2016**

Next session convenes with the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church to be held at Calvary Church House, 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2017.

Directions to Calvary Primitive Baptist Church House:
From Pikeville, KY, U.S. 119 North 8 miles to Kimper exit; at bottom of ramp, turn left 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.

OFFICERS:

Moderator.....Elder Randal Thornsburry
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PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 2, 2016:

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Ricky Worrix.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Jimmy Lee Smith.

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from Johns 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 Robert Worrix, Jr. serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Deacons Mitchell Justice and Berlin Dotson serve as Clerks pro-tem for the election of officers.

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

ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY

MODERATOR

ELDER DAVID A. THACKER

ASST. MODERATOR

DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD

CLERK

BROTHER LONNIE SIMPKINS

ASST. CLERK

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.

Read and 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 Roger Rose, Deacon Darrell O'Quinn, Deacon Fayne Viers, Deacon Wayne Fleming, Deacon Bernard Owens, Elder Jim Duty, Elder Jim O'Quinn, Elder Henry Price Viers, David Bryson, Deacon Michael Edwards, Johnny Hackney.

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Jerry Brown, Elder Doyle Keeton, Deacon Frank Hamilton, Elder Emerson Montgomery, Deacon Roby Gullett, Deacon Lowell Keeton, Deacon Boyd Keeton, Brother George Price, Brother Bill Salyers, Deacon Herbert Wages, Elder John Howard, Elder Jerry Howard.

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

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

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

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

Elder Tommy Pack of Mount Zion Association in West Virginia came forward requesting direct correspondence with us. The question was referred to the committee on arrangements.

Welcomed visitors from other Associations and various churches:

SAND LICK-VA: Elder Hoey Lester, Deacon Roy D. Stanley, Deacon Jerry M. Stanley, Ruby Bryson, Brenda Stanley, Tene-cia Hackney, Jerry K. Deel, Helen C. Rose, Carroll Edwards, Diann Owens, Lou Ellen Fleming.

BURNING SPRINGS: Dusty Wages, Pamela K. Howard, Hager I. Arnett.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER Wanda Jones, Pamela Williams, Betty Bostic.

WASHINGTON: Elsie Combs, Joy Combs, Doris Stacy, Doris

Childress, Virginia Childress, Barbara Boyd.

UNION: Connie Adams, Kathy Adams, Bonnie Hampton, Jean Adams.

OTHERS: Elder Tommy Pack, Elder Joseph Blevins, Lonnie C. Mills

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Darrell W. Howard, Regina L. Howard

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. All the Deacons from Johns Creek Church with Elder David May and Elder Raymond Stanley, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday morning at Johns Creek Church: Elder Jimmy Lee Smith.

B. Friday afternoon at Johns Creek Church: Elders Corbin Hampton, Ked Stacy, Jim Duty, David A. Thacker.

C. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Elders David Hager, Roger Rose, Jerry Brown, J.C. Hager, Gary Thacker.

D. Saturday morning at Johns Creek Church: Elders Roger Blackburn, Hoey Lester, Greg Moore, J.C. Hager.

E. Saturday afternoon at Johns Creek Church: Elders Henry Price Viers, Jim O'Quinn.

F. Saturday night at Samaria Church: Elders J.C. Hager, David Hager, Greg Moore, Paris Blackburn.

G. Sunday morning at Johns Creek Church: Elders Shawn Dotson, David Gambil, J.C. Hager, Randal Thornsby, David May.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Kenneth Slone, Walter Rutherford, Larry David Chapman, Clifton Preece, Randy Kender, Larry Mounts, Fonso McIntosh, Harold Abbott, Jeff Dotson, Ricky Worrix, David May, Lawrence Williams, Ronald Moore, Paris Blackburn, Danny May, Greg Moore, Timothy Slone.

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

SAND LICK – VA: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2016. Timothy Slone, Larry Mounts, Noah Slone, Greg Moore, David Hager, Paul Goff, Ronald Moore, Vester Runyon, Clifton Preece.

BURNING SPRINGS: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 2017. Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Timothy Smith, Robert Worrix, Jr., David Hager, John Jacobs, Ricky Worrix, Todd Thacker, Clifton Preece, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, Lonnie Collins.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 2016. Randal Thornsberry, Clifton Preece, David A. Thacker, Jeff Dotson, Robert Worrix, Jr., Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeremy Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, David Lee May, Larry David Chapman.

WASHINGTON: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in June, 2017. John Jacobs, Ricky Worrix, Ronald Moore, Vester Runyon, Timothy Slone, Noah Slone, Clifton Preece, Paul Goff, Larry Mounts, Jimmy Lee Smith.

UNION: Friday before the 1st Sunday in June, 2017. Noah Slone, Clifton Preece, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Jeff Dotson, John Jacobs, Paul Goff, Larry Mounts, Larry David Chapman.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 2016. Greg Moore, Clifton Preece, Paul Goff, Larry David Chapman, Timothy Slone, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix Jr., Lonnie Collins, Noah Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith.

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

Saturday morning September 3, 2016, at Johns Creek Church House

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

The Committee met at Johns Creek Church house, and was called to order by the Moderator. After Prayer by Elder Timothy Slone, the Committee proceeded to business.

#1. Recommend that we omit the reading of the letters from all the churches before the committee, except the letter from Johns Creek Church.

#2. Recommend that Samaria Church host the Annual Meeting for 2017.

#3. Recommend that Calvary Church host the Association for 2017.

#4. Called for the circular letter written by Brother David Lee May. 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, who reported progress, with the expectation of completing the work in the coming year. Recommend the Clerk continue the work report at our next Association.

#6 Heard the request of Mount Zion Association for direct correspondence with us. Recommend that we table the matter for consideration for one year.

#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 Samaria Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2017.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Shawn Dotson.

1.) Elder David Gambill

2.) Elder J.C. Hager

3.) Elder Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder David May.

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 2017 are as follows:

LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2017. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Paul Dean Justice, David A Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Onis Smith, David May, Randal Thornsberry, 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: Meets at 7:00 p.m. on Friday; 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Memorial Day meeting will be held at Annie E. Young Cemetery, East Shalbiana, KY, on May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2017. Roger Blackburn, J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Timothy Slone, David A. Thacker, Kenneth Chapman, Plennie Coleman, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., Randal Thornsberry, John Jacobs, Frank Ball, Daniel Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Onis Smith, Jimmy Lee Smith, Estle Hackney, David Jacobs, Noah Slone, Steve Kender, Larry Slone, Jeff Dotson, David May, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May 2017.

BIG CREEK: 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2017. 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., Estle Hackney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Daniel Jacobs, Roger Blackburn, Timothy Slone, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held Sunday, following the third Saturday in July, 2017.

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2017.

Randal Thornsberry, 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, Robert Worrix, Jr., and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the fourth weekend in October.

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2017. Randal Thornsbury, Steve Kender, Paris Blackburn, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy L. 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, 2017.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2017.

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

LITTLE HOPE: 76 Left Fork Ball Fork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 2017.

Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Kenneth Chapman, Robert Thacker, Paris Blackburn, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr., Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsbury, 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, 2017.

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2017. John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Randal Thornsbury, 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, Justin Blackburn, David Hager, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2017.

Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsbury, 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, 2017. Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Noah Slone, Gary Thacker, Todd Thacker, Estle Hackney, Larry Mounts, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Justin Blackburn, Randal Thornsberry, David May, Jimmy Lee Smith, Greg Moore, Barry Thacker, David A. Thacker, and all orderly Primitive Baptists of the same faith and order.

NOTE: We will be dismiss 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, 2017.

All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2017. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, Onis Smith, Michael Elswick, Raymond Stanley, 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 6, 2016 for deceased members.

DRY FORK: 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2017. Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Estle Hackney, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Jeff Dotson, Larry Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, J.C. Hager, Ked Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Donald Stacy, Jimmy Duty, Jim O'Quinn, Argle Kendrick, Kenneth Chapman, Roger Rose, Larry Mounts, Timothy Slone.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Sunday in July, 2017, on Baldwin Mountain.

COLUMBUS: 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, OH 43207. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2017. 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, Todd Thacker, Michael Elswick, Steve Kender, Ricky Worrix, Brian Moore, Gary Thacker, Larry Slone, Daniel Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, David Gambill, Jeff Dotson, David Hager. All other Mates Creek Elders, Brothers and Sisters are invited to attend.

Our Annual Meeting and Memorial Meeting will be held October 7th, and 8th, 2017.

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2017. 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, Hoey Lester, Roger Rose, Jim Duty, Robert Thacker, Terry Thacker, David Gambill, Victor Quick, Roger Blackburn, Larry Mounts Justin Blackburn and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited.

NOTE: Our Memorial Meeting is second weekend in October.

PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078. Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2017. J.C. Hager, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, David Hager, Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, David A. Thacker, Emerson Montgomery, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

NOTE: A Memorial service will be held October 15, 2017, Saturday starts at 4:00 p.m.; Sunday starts at 10:30 a.m.

NEW HOPE: 527 Pinsonfork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 2017. Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Onis Smith, Randal Thornsby, David Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, David May, 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 Clifton Preece is to prepare the next one. Agreed that we have 1450 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Elder Paul Varney, Elder James "Tennis" Dotson, Elder Joey "Joe" Kevin Kinder, Deacon Ireland Adkins, James Michael Adkins, George McClellan Hall, Roger Bruce Coleman, Wayne Coleman, Gary D. Justice, Jackie Wayne Davis, Sr., Ricky Dale "Dinky" Dotson, Dennis Lee Chapman, Claire Breeding.

SISTERS: Ruth May Blackburn, Margaret Ann "Annie" Dotson, Frona Coleman, Dixie Vivian Stevens Meade, Jeanette May, Rita Jo Coleman, Myrtle Jackson, Lana Ann Blankenship.

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 **\$2616.98**

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS LAST YEAR:

1. Donations on Saturday and Sunday \$1680.00

2. Obituaries 100.00

TOTAL \$1780.00

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE **\$4396.98**

AMOUNTS PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2015 Minutes -\$1716.80

Gave Moderator 0.00

Gave Assistant Moderator 0.00

Gave Clerk 0.00

Gave Assistant Clerk 0.00

Paid for postage 0.00

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

Paid for Supplies 0.00

TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID OUT..... **-\$2216.80**

BEHINNING BALANCE Sept. 2, 2016..... **\$2180.18**

AMOUNTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR

From the churches Sept. 2, 2016 \$1650.00

For Obituaries Sept. 2, 2016..... 190.00

Donations and other Sept. 2, 2016 50.00

<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR</u>	<u>\$1890.00</u>
<u>BALANCE LEFT ON HAND SEPT 2, 2016</u>	<u>\$4070.18</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</u>	
Checkbook balance:	<u>\$2180.18</u>
Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit:	<u>\$1890.00</u>
<u>TOTAL FUNDS:</u>	<u>\$4070.18</u>

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Calvary Church at 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2017. Elder Ricky Worrix was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder David May is to be his alternate. Minutes read and approved. Closed with prayer by Shawn Dotson, then adjourned until the time and place of our next Association.

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

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

SUNDAY MORNING September 4, 2016

INTRODUCTION: Elder Shawn Dotson introduced the service with song and prayer.

1. Elder David Gambill
2. Elder J.C. Hager
3. Elder Randal Thornsby

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder David May.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association. It is with much fear that I try to write the Circular Letter of the Hundred and sixty-fourth session, held with Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

I feel to be the least among you. In Hebrews 10:31, "It is a fearful thing to fall in the hands of the Living God"; I know that God is able. My mind is on the love of God. God loved us before we thought upon him. Because of his love, he sent his Son to die for our sins on the cross and ascended back to his Father.

One day God will say to his Son, "Go and get my children". There are many examples of God's love for us. God has given us the Church Kingdom as a place to rest and have peace from the trials of life. In John 15:16: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring fourth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you." God has loved us from the beginning. His mercy and love in John chapter 15: 12-15, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends, ye are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you". When we feel we're alone, he is there because he loves us. He has seen fit to bless me to see so many things around me this year, that I haven't been blessed to see before. His love is all around us everyday. In the storms of life, he is there with his love to carry us through, even in our disobedience. It's God's love that we receive the stripes; it shows us that we are his!

So in my closing remarks, I want to say thank you God for your Love and Mercy and for what you have shown me. All honor and glory belongs to our God.

Your Brother in Christ
Deacon David Lee May

**MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER
CHURCHES**

LOUISA: Noah Slone, Kenneth Slone, Todd Thacker, Mike Bartley

Alternate: Gary Thacker

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

Alternate: Michael Elswick

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

Alternate: Troy Wheeler

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

Alternate: Jeff Belcher

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

Alternate: Randy Smith

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Estle Hackney, Larry Mounts, Justin Blackburn, Terry Blackburn

Alternate: Ricky Blair

LITTLE HOPE: Millard Whitt, Fonso McIntosh, Bill Ball, Raymond Stanley

Alternate: Frank Ball

GRAPEVINE: Leon Adkins, Larry Mounts, Paul Goff, Harold Abbott

Alternate: Estel Hackney

SAMARIA: Bill Yates, Jeff Dotson, Berlin Dotson, Mitchell Justice

Alternate: Ernie Justice

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

Alternate: None

JOHNS CREEK: Carl Coleman, Plennie Coleman, David May, Barry Thacker

Alternate: Edward Coleman

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

Alternate: Ricky Ratliff

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

Alternate: Shawn Dotson

COLUMBUS: Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Arthur Coleman

Alternate: None

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

Alternate: Jeremy Jacobs

PLEASANT HILL: Ballard Bryant, Lenny Boartrite, Greg Moore, Jackie Scott

Alternate: None

NEW HOPE: Kenneth Chapman, Timothy Slone, James Hackney

Alternate: None

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Jerry Brown	3 Muddy Branch Road, West Liberty, KY 41472	606-522-4598
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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 Thornsby	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	Jeff Dotson Shawn Dotson	June, 3rd Saturday
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	May, 1st Saturday
Johns Creek	David B. May	April, 2nd Saturday
Calvary	David A. Thacker David B. 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
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman	May, 4th Saturday

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MATES CREEK MINISTERS

Lundy Coleman	14230 Havens Corner Rd, Pataskala, OH 43062	614-855-8902
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John Jacobs	16 Thornsburg Lane, Canada, KY 41519	606-353-0622
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 Thornsburg	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	614-669-8116
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
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., Kimper, 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
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

Licentiates:

None

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

LOUISA	Elder Ricky B. Worrix, Clerk 201 Left Penhook Road Harold, KY 41635.....	125
OLD POND	Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk 1016 Forest Hills Road, Forest Hills, KY 41527	50
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 Hurley, VA 24620.....	35
LITTLE HOPE	Brother Lonnie Simpkins, Clerk 35 Fonso Stanley Lane Canada, KY 41519	60
GRAPEVINE	Elder Timothy Slone, Clerk 1509 Biggs Branch Pikeville, KY 41501.....	50
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	50
COLUMBUS	Sandra Harris, Clerk 14230 Haven's Corner Road S.W. Pataskala, OH 43062	100
DEERFIELD	Barbara Holyfield, Clerk 3033 Woodlawn St. Walled Lake, MI 48390.....	75
PLEASANT HILL	Phyllis Moore, Clerk 8881 Canoe Drive Galloway, OH 43119	80
NEW HOPE	Michelle Harrison, Clerk P.O. Box 52, Pinsonfork, KY 41555.....	<u>40</u>
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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
WASHINGTON	Deacon David Owens, Clerk 2208 Osborne Street, Bristol, VA 24201	25
SAND LICK- KY	Terry Meade, Clerk 9563 Highway 772, West Liberty, KY 41472.....	<u>25</u>
		150

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	41
Asst. Clerk	Brother Lonnie Simpkins 35 Fonso Stanley Lane, Canada KY 41519.....	12
	Robert L. Webb The Primitive Baptist Library 416 Main St., Carthage, IL 62321	2
		100

TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE..... 1450

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 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												2016
CHURCHES	MODERATORS	CLERKS	Year Established	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RELATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	Contributions of each Church
Louisa	Robert Worrix, Jr.	Ricky Worrix	1825	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	60	\$150.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	\$60.00
Big Creek	Randal Thornsby	Bill Stone	1857	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	56	\$150.00
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	Jeff Belcher	1820	2	0	0	0	0	0	-2	57	\$125.00
Peter Creek	David A. Thacker	Randy Kender	1869	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	63	\$75.00
Sulphur Springs	Jimmy Lee Smith	Lisa Mounts	1863	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	\$45.00
Little Hope	Estle Hackney	Lonnie Simpkins	1893	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	41	\$70.00
Grapevine	Raymond Stanley	Timothy Stone	1889	1	0	0	0	0	-6	0	20	\$75.00
Samaria	Estle Hackney	Jeff Dotson										
	Shawn Dotson	Leslie D. Hatfield	*1898	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	106	\$150.00
Feds Creek	Ricky Worrix	Ernest Seth Shortridge	1894	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	\$35.00
Johns Creek	David B. May	Carl Coleman, Jr.	1936	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	22	\$100.00
Calvary	David A. Thacker	Barry Thacker	1951	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	\$100.00
Dry Fork	David B. May	Vester Runyon	1962	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	\$65.00
Friendship	Shawn Dotson	(Disbanded)	1925									
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	Sandra Harris	1967	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	69	\$100.00
Deerfield	J. C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	1971	0	0	0	1	0	-1	-3	54	\$150.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	Phyllis Moore	1972	0	0	1	0	0	0	-1	32	\$150.00
New Hope	Kenneth Chapman	Michelle Harrison	1991	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	6	\$60.00
17				5	0	1	1	-1	-7	-16	704	\$1,650.00

*Corrected per original Association Minutes

NIGHT, ODD SUNDAY AND OTHER MEETINGS

LOUISA: Odd Sunday.

OLD POND: First Wednesday night, 6:00 p.m. Fourth Sunday night, 6:00 p.m. Odd Sunday, New Year's Eve night.

BIG CREEK: First Saturday night, 6:30 p.m.

RACCOON: None.

PETER CREEK: None.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Fifth Saturday night, 6:30 p.m.; New Year's Eve 7:00 p.m.

LITTLE HOPE: Third Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

GRAPEVINE: Fifth Sunday.

SAMARIA: None.

FEDS CREEK: None.

JOHNS CREEK: None.

CALVARY: None.

DRY FORK: Fifth Sunday, New Year's Eve 7:00 p.m.

COLUMBUS: None.

DEERFIELD: None.

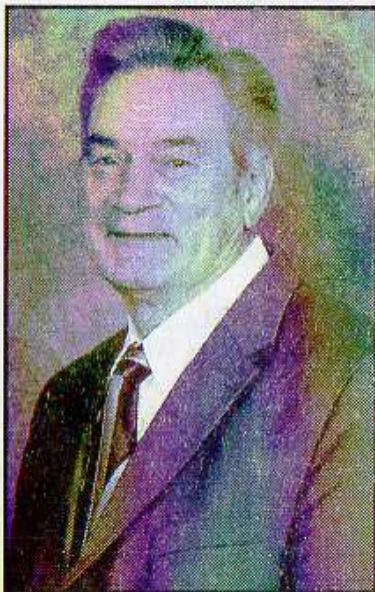
PLEASANT HILL: None.

NEW HOPE: NOTE: None.

ELDER PAUL WILLIAM VARNEY

Paul William Varney, 71 of Pikeville, KY, passed away Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at Pikeville Medical Center. He was born April 27, 1944 at Ransom, KY, to the late Rudolph and Thelma Hager Varney. Also preceding him in death were two brothers; Paris Rufus Varney and Engling Varney.

He was a retired coal miner, a member of the U.M.W.A., a veteran of the U.S. Army and Moderator of Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Ransom, Kentucky and Johns Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Kimper, Kentucky.



Paul is survived by his sons: Paul William (Ummi) Varney Jr., of Piano, TX, Ronald Bruce (Drucilla Ann) Varney of Fairmount, IN, Mitchell Kevin (Brenda J.) Varney of Lexington, KY, and Michael Keith Varney of Huntington, IN; two brothers: Rudolph (Helen Varney) Varney Jr., of Elkhorn City, KY, and Bobby Leon (Diana) Varney of Huntington, IN, as well as two grandchildren: Paul William Varney III and Mia Elizabeth Varney and a host of loving family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 AM Saturday January 30, 2016 at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, KY with burial following at Varney Cemetery, Kimper, KY. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Military graveside services were conducted by Belfry Chapter #141 Disabled American Veterans.

James Tennis Dotson



James "Tennis" Dotson, age 91, of DeGraff, Ohio went home to be with his Lord and Savoir on Tuesday October 6, 2015. He was born on September 24, 1924 in Ransom, KY. He was the son of the late Nelson and Grace (George) Dotson. He married Wamena Scott on April 8, 1941 and she preceded him in death on October 31, 1985. He also was preceded in death by two daughters, Lois Moore and Margeret Dotson, two granddaughters, Teresa Dotson and Sherry Moore, and seven sisters and six brothers and one son-in-law, Jerry Miller.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Kimberly (Spellman) Dotson whom he married on May 2, 1986; five sons: James (Jane) Dotson, of DeGraff, Earmel (Cathy) Dotson of DeGraff, Timothy (Cynthia) Dotson of Tipp City, Steve (Debbie) Dotson of Degraff, and David (Ernestine) Dotson of Johns Creek, Kentucky; four daughters: Patty Miller of DeGraff, Diane (Dennis) Casey of Huber Heights, Debbie (Bill) Samuels of Vandalia, and Nellie (Doug) Hoff of Tipp City, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Geraldine Tilfer of Michigan and two brothers: Ray (Mary) Dotson of Monticello, KY, and Paul (Fay) Dotson of Michigan, and many nieces and nephews.

Tennis was a very loving, kind, and devoted husband and father. He also was very devoted to his church "Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church" in Urbana, Ohio, where he served as Moderator for many years. He truly loved all of his brothers and sisters in Christ.

He retired from Red Jacket Coal Co. in Matewan, West Virginia after working 32 years in the coal mines of West Virginia and Kentucky. He served as the President of the local union during this time. He also retired from Stolle Corp., West Troy Tool and Machine, Milmar Century and Lawn Tenders. His hobbies were horseback riding, camping, hunting, bowling, gardening, and most of all going to church and serving our Lord and Savoir. He will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. He will remain in our hearts forever. Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church Urbana, Ohio with Elder Greg Moore and Elder J.C. Hager officiating the service. With the burial following at Riverside Cemetery Troy, Ohio.

ELDER JOEY "JOE" KINDER

Elder Joey "Joe" Kevin Kinder, 43, of Lewisburg, TN, passed away Sunday, September 19, 2016 at his residence. Born March 20, 1973 in Pike County, KY, he was the son of Roger & Linda Cantrell Kinder. Joe worked for General Motors and was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was an Elder and member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Phelps, KY. He was also a Mason, being a member of Dillahunty Lodge #112 F&AM, Lewisburg, TN. Joe was vice president of the Republican Party of Marshall County, member of the United Auto Workers 1853, United Boiler Makers, TN Wildlife Resources Agency, and the NRA.. Joe was one who loved conversation with his friends & family; In his pastime, he enjoyed farming, hunting, & practice shooting, and he loved spending time with his kids.

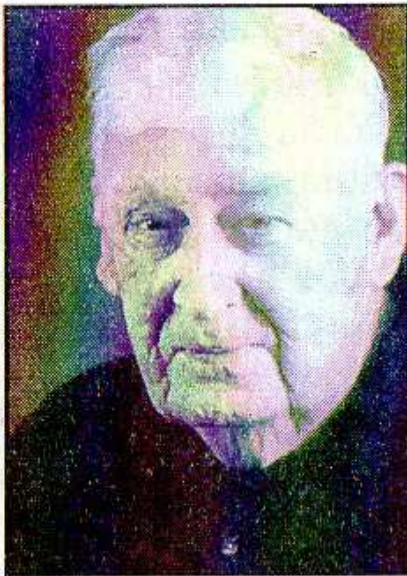


Survivors include his wife: Kimberly Dawn Kinder; parents: Roger & Linda Kinder; children: Christian Blake Kinder, Sierra Cheyenne Kinder, Kaleb Blayne Clark, Kamie Rayne Clark, Mikayla Gayle Henderson, all of Lewisburg; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins & family to cherish his memory.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Phelps, KY, with Elders David Allen Thacker, Mike Elswick, Jimmy Lee Smith, Raymond Stanley and J.C. Hager officiating. Brother Joe was laid to rest in the Kinder family cemetery at Phelps, KY.

DEACON IRELAND ADKINS

With a sad and broken heart we will try to write the obituary of our Husband and Dad. Ireland Adkins was born October 30, 1927 and passed from this life on May 5, 2016 at his home. His stay here on earth was 88 years, 7 months, and 5 days. Ireland was the son of Mary Dixie Collins and Jim Adkins who both preceded him in death. Ireland was married for 50 years to Opal Slone, who also preceded him in death. To this union were born 13 children: 8 girls and 5 boys. Ireland was preceded in death by one son, Russell Adkins and one granddaughter, Tabitha Varney. He is survived by 8 daughters: Phyllis Smith, Wanda Sue Thompson, Bonnie Lou May, Mitzi Anetta Rowe, Mary Ellen Brown, Martha Doreen Compton,



Marquetta Thacker, and Betty Ruth Mullins. He is survived by 4 boys: Ronald Dean Adkins, Harold Gene Adkins, James Michael Adkins (deceased 8/3/2016) and Tony Lee Adkins.

Ireland is also survived by his 2nd wife of 17 years, Kathleen West Adkins, and 3 step children: Karen Ratliff, Roger West, and John Paul West and 1 sister, Lurlie Tetzlaff. He is survived by 34 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Ireland became a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on September 26, 1976 and he became a deacon of the church on August 12, 1979.

Ireland loved going to church and he loved talking about the Bible and our Lord. He always loved going to visit with the sick. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. We know our loss is Heaven's gain and We hope to meet him there someday.

Written by his Broken Hearted Wife,
Kathleen Adkins and Children

JAMES MICHEAL ADKINS

It is with great sorrow and pain that I sit here to write about the life of my husband of 38 years, James Michael Adkins. I can say that his life on this earth was way too short. He was born February 11, 1959 and was struck down with multiple sclerosis at the age of 30. He suffered 27 years with this disease. It destroyed his body, but not his spirit or his faith. He always had a joke or something funny to say whether he was well or very sick in the hospital.



Mike was guided in the life he led by his parents, Ireland and Opal (Slone) Adkins, both deceased and his step mother Kathleen Adkins. Mike loved his Primitive Baptist church family and was a member for nearly 30 years. He went to church as often as his illness would allow. Every Sunday when Ireland came to visit, Mike always wanted to know who preached and how big the crowd was.

Mike and I were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Tabatha Jo Adkins Varney and Leslie Michelle Adkins. They gave us 6 of the most beautiful grandchildren that God could bless anyone with: Abigail Varney, Lilli Varney, Gloria Spears, Charlie Mike Leedy, Laci Adkins and Emma Adkins. These children were so special to Mike and he enjoyed having them near us. Mike was sick in the hospital for several months and his wish was to come home to be with them and he did.

Mike passed from his earthly home to his heavenly home surrounded by his family on August 3, 2016. It's not what he took with his passing but what he left behind. We hope his joy of life, no matter what, will be an example for our grandchildren. Besides Mike's parents, he was preceded in death by our daughter Tabatha Jo Adkins Varney and one brother Russell Adkins. Mike is survived by his wife Charlotte Blevins Adkins, one daughter Leslie Michelle Adkins, three brothers Harold Adkins (Deanna), Ronald Adkins (Jodi), and Tony Adkins (Kathy), eight sisters Phyllis Smith (Johnny), Sue Thompson (Johnny) Bonnie May (Arnold), Mitzi Rowe (Sam), Mary Brown

(Mark) Doreen Compton, (Jeff), Marquetta Thacker (Chris) Betty Mullins (Scott) two stepbrothers Johnny West (Claire) Roger West (Pam) and one step-sister Karen Ratliff and his stepmother Kathleen Adkins.

Those who knew him are saddened to see him go but rejoice that his suffering has ended.

Mike, your funny spirit now dwells in the presence of God and you can stand and raise your arms and voice to honor Him. Thank God for letting him stay with me as long as he did. I will love you forever. Rest now til we can meet again.

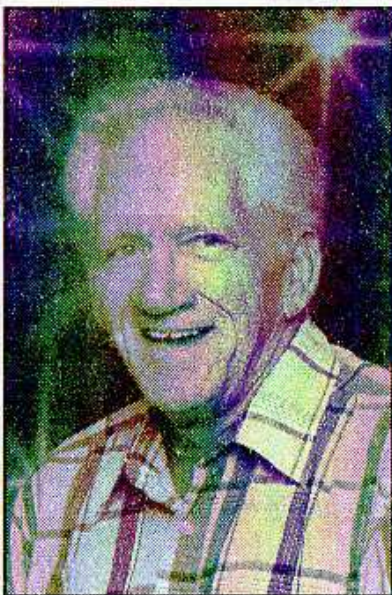
Written by a loving wife
Charlotte Adkins

GEORGE McCLELLAN HALL

It is with a very sad heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my sweet husband, George McClellan Hall.

Born on October 2, 1932 in McCarr, KY., to the late George and Florence (Fields) Hall. George departed this earth on July 19, 2015, making his stay on Gods foot stool 82 years 9 months and 17 days.

George was a retiree of Ford Motor Co. in Brookpark, Ohio, having worked there for 26 years. He loved the outdoors; hunting, fishing and gardening were just a few of his favorites. He



loved life; nothing was going to keep him down.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years; Edith Sue (Coleman) Hall, daughters from a previous marriage, Desiree Pack, Brittney Bryant and Sherry Stacey, all from Ohio; 7 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. A host of family and friends that will surely miss him. A very special granddaughter Faith Stevens, they had a special bond.

He was preceded in death by his parents-in-laws: Arnold and Mary Coleman; Brother Arville Hall and sister-in-law Eva Hall. 3 nephews, Richard Hall, Elvis Vaught and Mac Vaught.

George you were and always will be my greatest adventure.

To the world you were just one person, but to me you were the world.

Sadly Missed by your wife Edie Sue
with the help of your #1 sister-in-law

Marie Stevens

ROGER BRUCE COLEMAN

With a heavy heart I will write this obituary for Our Father, Roger Bruce Coleman. He leaves a wife of 57 years and during this marriage they had 8 (eight) children: Roger Dale, Sandra Emma, Jonathan Riley, Mary Frances, Sheila Ann,



Pansy Darlene, Bernice Gaye, and Willard Dean. Our Daddy was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

Our Father will be sadly missed by a host of family and friends.

WAYNE COLEMAN

It is with much sadness and the help of the Lord, family and friends that I attempt to write this memorial of my dear husband, Wayne Coleman.

Wayne Coleman, was born June 14, 1959, the son of the late Allen Coleman and Marie Coleman. He passed from this life into that peaceful rest around the paradise of God on June 2, 2016, making his stay here on earth, 56 years 11 months and 19 days. Wayne always said he had two birthdays. On November 6, 2002 he was a recipient of a kidney/pancreas transplant which with the blessings of God was able to have a new lease on life. There was not a day that went by that he wasn't so thankful for his organ donor and that family. That is why Wayne would worry so when he heard of family or anyone having diabetes, kidney disease or any other illness; he would encourage them to take care of their health. Although he never complained because of his health, he never wanted anyone else to go through what he had experienced. Wayne was a believer in the birth, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He



had great faith in prayer and the promises of God. Wayne shared his testimony of faith and belief in Jesus Christ with those who visited him. So he now has the right to claim three birthdays!

Wayne was a 1977 graduate of Johns Creek High School. He joined the United States Army in the same year and proudly served his country until 1980. Upon his discharge from the Army, he worked in retail management for many years. This is where Wayne would have to tell you the story of how we met and the first time he laid eyes on what he called a skinny, red headed girl. It took me awhile to persuade him that I was the one who had my eye on him. This was in the early 1980s'. Wayne and I married September 1, 1990.

Wayne wanted to have his own business, so he opened and

managed P C Electronics at Sidney, KY until the time came that his health would not allow him to work.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Denise Coleman and Carol Coleman Thompson and his mother and father-in-law, Charlie and Greetis Stanley.

Wayne is survived by his mother Marie Coleman whom he loved dearly and his four brothers, Irvin (Bernie) Coleman, Ronald (Emoline) Coleman, Frank (Joyce) Coleman and Gary (Pamela) Coleman, several nieces and nephews and a host of other family, friends and loved ones. Wayne had many friends as they were well represented at his services, and he would have loved to have greeted each of you, but you'll have your chance, just meet him in Heaven.

Wayne had a great interest in the young people, he wanted them to have strong work ethic and he wanted them to do well and he was proud of his family. Wayne enjoyed collecting photos, music, stories, and learning the history of his family. He not only enjoyed collecting these things, he made it his mission that every member of the family or anyone that expressed an interest (and some that didn't) had their own copy whether it was by way of CD or DVD. Wayne wanted everyone to experience the joy of knowing and being a part of a family. He enjoyed and treasured every minute he spent with each of you in collecting all this information. Won't it be wonderful that he will need no visual aid when he finally gets where he is going. Many of his family and friends, he had never seen only through description or maybe by touching your face, I am sure in Heaven you'll need no introduction. His goal was that every Coleman and Stanley family member, whether it was brother, sister, niece, nephew, cousin, etc would get to know one another and always remember family.

Wayne was a walking testimony of faith, and he believed that all things were possible and he believed that if you were diligent you could complete any task and overcome any obstacle. Wayne overcame his only enemy, death, and now there awaits for him a glad tomorrow. Now he rests around the throne of God, just waiting for the glorious dawn when both soul and body will reunite and then he will be "Satisfied."

Written with love and devotion forever,
Your Wife Patsy

GARY D. JUSTICE "GERBIES"

In loving memory of Gary D. Justice (Gerbies). He was born



April 21st, 1958 in Stockton, California and passed from this life Wednesday, December 16, 2015, making his stay here on Earth 57 years. He was married to the late Mary M. Dotson for 25 years. Gary joined the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church in November of 1990, and was a faithful member. He loved everybody. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and lived most of his life in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by 3 sisters, 2 brothers, step-mother, and a host of relatives. He will be sadly missed by his family, and by all who

knew and loved him.

Written by his step-mom,
Julia Justice
(Miss you, Gary)

JACKIE WAYNE DAVIS, SR.

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015, God smiled down with mercy and compassion setting free another of His children from the sufferings of this old world, tenderly calling his sweet spirit

Home to be with Him. Jackie Wayne Davis, Sr., was born July 3, 1950, making his time with us just 65 years, 5 months, and 12 days.



Jack was the youngest son of George and Lorene (Gibbs) Davis of Madison Heights, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Billy Davis, George Davis, (known as Sonny) and Thomas (Tommy) Davis; and one sister: Patricia (Patty) Davis Brooks, all four of Madison Heights. Survivors include his devoted wife and gentle loving caregiver: Brenda Lea (Owens) Davis, Warren MI; one daughter Amanda and husband Greg Cooper, also of Warren, MI; one son: Jackie Wayne Davis, Jr., and wife Jenny of

Clinton Township, MI; six grandchildren: Michael, Danny, and Jimmy Cooper, and Jessica, Jacob, and Joshua Davis; two sisters: Bonnie (Davis) and husband Robert Phipps, and Linda (Davis) and husband David VanWormer, both of Madison Heights, MI; and one brother: James Davis of Georgia. Also surviving are many caring nieces and nephews.

Jack Sr., grew up in Madison Heights and graduated high school with the class of 1970. While in that area, he worked at Madison Heights DPW, Madison Heights Police Reserve, and Ford Motor Co.

On September 17, 1976, Jack married the girl of his dreams, Brenda Lea Owens. To the delight of this blessed union came two beautiful children: daughter, Amanda Star, and son, Jackie Wayne, Jr., (or J.J. as the family called him). Amanda and J.J. were Jack and Brenda's pride and joy. Having moved to the city of Warren in the early '80s, this became home for their little family. Jack and Brenda took great pleasure in being parents as they watched each child grow from an adorable baby to a mature, self-sufficient adult with families of their own and their pride grew even more with each new addition to the family. After Jack retired in 2004, he and Brenda spent many hours caring for their precious grandchildren while the young parents worked. The little ones were so like their own, in more ways than one. Jack and Brenda held each one lovingly to their heart, taking each on by their little hand, all the while teaching them to walk, talk, learn their ABCs or nursery rhymes savoring these moments in their grandchildren's lives knowing all too well how swiftly time would pass (and sadly, how swiftly life can change).

As Father and Daughter, none could have been closer than Amanda and Jack. Amanda loved sports, especially wrestling. So did her Daddy. They would spend many a night sharing the excitement of a good match on television. Amanda was like a little kid at Christmas when she'd go to buy tickets for special sporting events in the Detroit area for her Daddy and her to see the wrestlers - in person. It was a fun-time that she shared with Daddy, "their thing," she would say.

When J.J. got older and wanted to deer hunt, in the Fall, up North they'd go, Father and Son, with their friends, bonding as men do in the thrill of the hunt and a few nights getaway. Both

Jack and J.J. were car buffs and were often taking in a car show or taking in the Woodward Dream Cruise. The guys were also motorcycle enthusiasts loving to ride whenever they had a chance, just not as often as they may have liked due to J.J.'s heavy work schedule. We all have our own special time with those we love and how blessed we are to have them. For each and every memory keeps that love alive, our ties forever bound by the bond that we have shared.

Jack united with Pontiac Primitive Baptist Church on April 18, 1982 and was baptized on May 16, 1982. On June 23, 1994, he placed his membership at Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church faithfully attending as long as he was able. He loved that Church and was a strong believer in the sovereign free and unmerited Grace of God and the Articles of Faith on which old Baptists base their belief. Jack always looked forward to going to Mates Creek Annual Meeting in march and Mates Creek Association in September trying hard to go every time that he could. At Deerfield Church, Jack was known as the "candy man." The reason for this being, that he would bring a bag of candy every Sunday for the children. I've seen him running late for service and still he would take time to stop at a store and spend his last dollars for candy. Jack had a heart that cared for the little ones. I've thought so many times how blessed Jack and Brenda were to have both of their children with them in church. What a blessing as a parent to share your faith and be able to worship the Lord together. Oh, children, this is a gift - a gift to treasure. You not only got to share it with Dad and Mom - so did your children. Though young - they too may recall this sweet memory. Perhaps it was playing at Grandpa's feet or maybe even holding a song book and trying to sing along. We don't know, but God does. Just as He speaks to you and me, He can speak to a child. Those tender young ears may have heard more than we may ever imagine. Someday, this might be just what draws them back to the roots that were sown in their youth. Brenda, how thankful you and the children must be to have been able to spend your last Sunday with Jack in Church. God blessed you all that day - not just to be together - but to be with your Church family - in His House praising His dear name. You told me on Sunday evening what a wonderful day you all had had, then there was the Christmas Dinner, my heart rejoiced for you - for all the love that was shown from you both that day. Knowing

not what the future held - Brothers and Sisters gathered round - even following you to the car as you were leaving. Should it be - would it be - for the last time - they reached out arms of love and comfort to you. God doesn't only supply our needs - there are times, I think, He supplies, oh, so much more.

During Jack's illness, Brenda really appreciated her neighbors in the complex showing caring concern by checking on them, sending prayer cards, and bringing in food. On behalf of Brenda and the family, a special thank you to Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church, its Elders, the Brothers, and Sisters for all that they had done to help this family in their time of need. The prayers, the songs, the sermons, the fellowship, the visits, the telephone calls, the contributions, the food, in countless ways every gesture has made this tragic time more bearable and has given them added strength for their daily struggles. No matter how little the gift may have seemed to you - it has meant the world to them. Their spirits have been lifted by every act of kindness - their hearts so deeply touched - mere words cannot express. So from their grateful hearts to yours, "Thank you!" and "May God bless you for every single thing you've done!" If you have time - in spite of the holiday rush - and have a mind to pray, please remember the Davis Family in prayer as they face a lonely Christmas - and life itself - one day at a time - without their beloved - Husband, Daddy, Grandpa, Brother and Uncle.

Written with much sorry and sadness by his Sister-in-law
Diann Owens

RICKY DALE DOTSON

It's with great sadness that I try to write the obituary of a wonderful husband, father, PopPaw, son, son in law, brother in Christ and friend. Ricky loved his family, his friends, his precious brothers and sisters in Christ, but above all he loved his Lord and savior Jesus Christ. He believed that he had a better home waiting on him: I believe that too. Rick drove a truck most of his life; he loved it and worked hard. He met a lot of people out on the road, and they called him Dinky. He was fun loving and easy going. Loved to laugh and make everyone around him laugh with him. He worked hard to take care of his family. He is missed by many. He was a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He was only in church a few years, and hadn't ever seen a Union and Communion service. But after his first time taking part, he wanted to go to them all. He got such joy from his church, his church family, and praising the Lord. We will miss him.

Ricky Dale Dotson 51, went to sleep in Jesus on March 1, 2016 in Pikeville Medical Center. Surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 25, 1964, he left behind his beloved wife, 2 daughters Tylin and Kerigan Dotson, his mother Phyllis Dotson, a mother in law Beatrice Thacker, a little boy Noah Kenyon who called him PopPaw, that Rick loved like his very own, a very special Aunt Jane and Uncle John Bowersmith and a



host of family and friends. We all miss him everyday. He was preceded in death by his loving father William Dewey Dotson. The morning of March 1, 2016 he left this world with a beautiful smile on his face. He's gone away with a friend and one sweet day we'll see him again.

Written by his beloved wife and sister
in Christ, Mary Dotson Varney

DENNIS LEE CHAPMAN

Dennis Lee Chapman, 74, of Stone, KY, passed away Sunday, May 22, 2016, at St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead, KY.

He was born June 7, 1941, at Stone, KY, the son of the late William Woodrow and Lena Mae Trout Chapman.

He was a member of the New Hope Primitive Baptist Church.

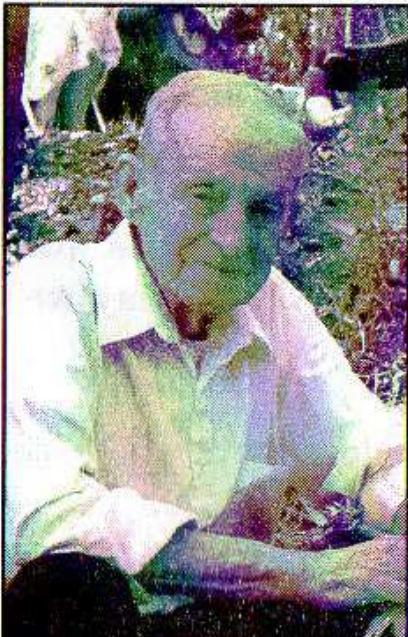
He is survived by a brother, Michael Paul (Connie) Chapman of Canada, KY, and many friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 27 2016 at 11 AM at R. E. Rogers Funeral Home with Raymond Stanley officiating. Burial followed in the Chapman Cemetery, Canada, KY.

CLAIRE BREEDING

Our beloved Brother in Christ Claire Breeding, 84 of Holly MI., passed from this life Saturday December 5th 2015. Claire was born July 2nd 1931 in Davenport, Virginia. Claire was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the US Army as a chemical expert, heavy equipment operator and sharpshooter. He was retired from General Motors Spring and Bumper plant and also worked as a greeter at Meijer's. Surviving are his son Kevin (Tracy) Breeding of Holly; 2 grandchildren, Ashley and Taylor; great grandchildren Charlie and Harper Moon; Brothers Larry and Victor, and sister Sheila all of Virginia. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Mae.

Brother Claire was Baptized into the Pontiac Primitive Baptist Church April 14th 1968. He was later ordained as Deacon and remained a strong and faithful Deacon at Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church until his death. He also was a member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church and Breeding Primitive Baptist Church. Claire loved his family and his church and gardening. He never stopped missing his wife Mae and would speak very often of her and their life together traveling to the different churches and associations down south, her favorite hymn was Dear



Redeemer #321 in the Goble and we would sing it nearly every Sunday. It was always emotional for him and the rest of us also. He was a wonderful member and a fine example to us all. Many times he would come to church when he didn't feel up to it. For the last few years I had the great honor to pick him up and take him to church and he told me many times he loved his family but was looking so forward to meeting the Lord. We at Deerfield will miss Brother Claire, he left a good report.

Written by your brother in Christ, Deacon John Jacobs

RUTH MAY BLACKBURN

Ruth May Blackburn, 85, of Pinsonfork, KY, passed away Tuesday February 23, 2016, at the Williamson Memorial Hospital.

She was born March 17, 1930, at Pinsonfork, KY, to the late Williamson Jefferson May and Nancy Ball May. She is also preceded in death by her sisters, Maude Gent, Pricey Stanley and Gertrude Blackburn and her brothers, William Jefferson May Jr., Willard May, Rarry May, Kelly May, Walter May and Bud May.

She was a cook for the Pike County Board of Education and a member of the Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church for 63 years.

She is survived by her sons, Chester Douglas (Daryl) Blackburn of Ransom, KY, and Larry Keith Blackburn of Pinsonfork, KY; one brother, Harold May of Canada, KY, and one sister, Jeanette May of Pinsonfork, KY; her grandchildren, Shawn Douglas Blackburn of Pinsonfork, KY, and Geri Dawn Williamson of Pinsonfork, KY, and great grandchildren, Jami (Chris) Williamson, Samantha Williamson and Vonda Grace Williamson and a host of loving family and friends.



Funeral services were conducted at 1 PM Friday February 26, 2016, at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home with Primitive Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed at May Cemetery, Pinsonfork, KY, with Family and Friends serving as pallbearers.

MARGARET ANN "ANNIE" DOTSON

Margaret Ann "Annie" Dotson, 71 of Bristol, TN formerly of



Ransom, KY, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2016 at Pikeville Medical Center. She was born November 27, 1944, at Ransom, KY, the daughter of the late Ver and Nellie Whitt of Ransom, KY.

Annie was married to the love of her life for 54 years the late Wendell Wilkie Dotson. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Larry Whitt, and father and mother-in-law, Dennis and Mag Dotson. Annie was a loving Mother, Grandmother, and Wife and will be missed dearly by her family and loved ones.

She was known best for her fried chicken, homemade gingerbread and she loved playing bingo. She was a former cook for the Pike County Board of Education and of the Baptist Faith.

Left to mourn her loss are her children, Teresa (Michael) New of Ransom, KY, Denise "Bernie" Dotson of Bristol, TN and Duane "Unch" Dotson of Ransom, KY; grandchildren, John (Michelle) Dotson of Bluff City, TN and Kendra "Baby Durl" Dotson of Bristol, TN; sister, Elva Jean (Tommy) Hatfield of Ransom, KY; brothers, Charles "Bucky" (Linda Lou) Whitt of Ransom, KY and Elmer Ray (Christine) Whitt of Hardy, KY; sister-in-law, Glenna "Pig" Whitt of Ransom, KY; special neighbor, Ruby Asbury of Bristol, TN and a host of other loving and family and friends. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 10, 2016, at 11 AM at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church with Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Larry Slone and others officiating. Burial followed in the Willie Jake Hager Cemetery, Ransom,

KY with Greg "Tug" Whitt, Brian Whitt, Dale Whitt, Chris Whitt, Keith Whitt and David Hatfield serving as pallbearers.

Written by Children

God's Garden

God looked around His garden,
And found an empty space.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never,
Get well on this earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be thine".
It broke out hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you Home.

How God Created Mother

God took the fragrance of a flower
The Majesty of a tree
The gentleness of morning dew
The calm of a quiet sea

The beauty of a twilight hour
The soul of a starry night
The laughter of the rippling brook
The grace of a bird in flight

Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other
And when His masterpiece was through
He called it simply...MOTHER.

Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away
her journey's just begun.
Life hold so many facets,
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting,
from the sorrow and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and no years.

Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched,
for nothing loved is ever lost,
and she was loved so much.

FRONA COLEMAN

It is with much sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our dead mother Frona Coleman.

Frona was born on January 11, 1933 to Lucy Pearl (Coleman) and Riley Coleman. On September 10, 1954 she married David Coleman son of Dave and Pearl Coleman. Frona was a true military wife; while David served in the United States Navy. She took care of the home and children while living in Ohio and then in Virginia. When David was deployed on ships and in the Vietnam she became both mom and dad until he returned home.



Once David retired from the Navy, the family returned home to Raccoon, Kentucky where he went to work in the coal mines. Frona continued to work as a homemaker but also tried to help in the community in any way she could. One of the things that she did was to help at the Coon Creek Fire Department and raise money for their equipment. They also enjoyed going to the Primitive Baptist Church in Raccoon and went every chance they got. After David retired from the coal mines they decided to move to Tennessee to be near their children and grandchildren.

In Tennessee they enjoyed family life and Frona had several hobbies including quilting, her flowers and her garden. On February 19, 2007 after 52 years of marriage David Coleman passed away. After David's passing Frona continued to work on her hobbies as her health allowed however she mentioned often that she was prepared to go home and be with her husband again. Frona passed away on September 1, 2015.

She was preceded in death by her parents Riley and Lucy Pearl Coleman along with eight brothers (Jonathan, Alva, Alvin, Allen, Luther, Irvin, Allison, and Baby) and two sisters (Sarah Coleman and Sylvia Thacker).

Left to mourn her passing is one sister (Flossie Coleman) and five sister-in-laws: Eathel Coleman, Marie Coleman, Ethel Slone, Blanche Sanders, June (Andy) Anderson. Three sons David Coleman, William (Cathy) Coleman, Paul (Anita) Coleman and two daughters Shirley (Bud) Tackett and Julia Coleman along with fifteen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren,

five great great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Frona will be truly missed by those that were a part of her life and remembered by many. Go rest high on that mountain.

In loving memory:

Julia Coleman, David Coleman, Shirley (Bud Tackett),
William (Cathy) Coleman and Paul (Anita) Coleman

DIXIE VIVIAN STEPHENS MEADE

Dixie Vivian Stephens Meade passed August 14, 2016 at her home. She was born in Pike County, Kentucky on July 31, 1927, the daughter of Albert and Mary Compton Stephens.

She was a former teacher, receptionist, and worked for Shurtliffs Laundry and Dry Cleaning until she was eighty-four years of age. She was a member of the Coon Creek Primitive Baptist Church, which she joined in the early 80;s.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Shearlie Edward Meade. She was also preceded in death by three brothers: Albert Junior, Raymond and John Lee, and one sisters, Arvetta Eggers.



She is survived by one daughter, Jennifer Carleen Meade Fuller; son-in-law, Randy Fuller; one granddaughter, Ashley Lashawn Fuller Ratliff; grandson-in-law, Evan Ratliff, and two great-grandchildren, Bayleigh Jo Fuller and Silas Blake Ratliff.

JEANETTE MAY

Jeanette May, 89, of McAndrews, KY, passed away Friday February 26, 2016, at her residence.

She was born February 3, 1927, at Pinsonfork, KY, to the late William Jefferson May and Nancy Ball May. She is also preceded in death by her husband, David May and her son and daughter, William Hatfield and Wanda Bowens. She is also preceded in death by her sisters, Maude Gent, Pricey Stanley and Gertrude Blackburn and her brothers, William Jefferson May Jr., Willard May, Rarry May, Kelly May, Walter May and Bud May.

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

She is survived by her grandchildren, Rhonda Waterman of McAndrews, Ky., and David (Kim) Leedy of Ypsilanti, MI. One brother, Harold May of Canada, KY, five great grandchildren, Chris Leedy, Benjamin Leedy, Allen Leedy, Britney Leedy, Summer Leedy and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 P.M. Tuesday March 1, 2016, at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home with Raymond Stanley officiating. Burial followed at the Family Cemetery, Pinsonfork, KY, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

RITA JO COLEMAN

Rita Jo Coleman Jewell, 60, of Chattaroy, WV, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2016, at her residence.



She was born November 19, 1955, in Williamson, WV, to the late Andy "Peanut" Coleman and Kansas Marie Hatfield Coleman.

She worked as a nursing aide at Mingo Manor Nursing Home and was of the Primitive Baptist Faith.

Rita Jo is survived by her brother, Roger (Linda) Coleman of Ransom KY, two sisters, Lassie (Larry) Hatfield of Ransom, KY, and Charlotte Coleman of Pikeville, Ky. She is also survived by two nieces, Lori Dotson and Amanda

Mayhorn, four nephews, Shawn Hatfield, Shane Hatfield, Kelly Coleman and Dusty Coleman. Four great nephews, Blake Dotson, Asher Mayhorn, Cody Hatfield and Logan Hatfield, three great nieces: Shawnda Whitt, Hannah Dotson and Kylee Sipple, one great-great nephew, Isaiah Whitt, a little boy, Christian, who called her Granny and a host of loving family and friends at Chattaroy, WV.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 PM Sunday, January 17, 2016, at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church with Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson and others officiating. Burial followed at the Family Cemetery, Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

MYRTLE A. JACKSON

Myrtle A. Jackson, age 92, of Fenton, Michigan, died September 25, 2015. Myrtle was born May 22, 1923 in Manchester, KY, the daughter of Ben and Mary (Bowling) Allen. She was a member of Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church for many years. Surviving are her children, David Junior (Cora) Jackson, Nannie (Charles J.) Phillips, Terry Jackson; daughter-in-law, Lois Jackson; special grandson Charles Phillips; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; brother, Sherman Allen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Jackson; daughter, Jessie Gates; son, Donnie Wayne Jackson; granddaughter, Mary Sally Diggs; son-in-law, William Franklin Diggs; nine brothers and a sister.



Funeral services were held 11 AM Monday, September 28, 2015 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, Elder JC. Hager officiated. She was buried in Allen Bowling Cemetery, Hector, KY.

LANA ANN BLANKENSHIP

Lana Ann Blankenship, 54, of Ransom, Kentucky, passed from this life on August 22, 2016. She was born June 21, 1961, the daughter of Landon and the late Martha Smith. In addition to her mother she was preceded in death by her son Nicholas Fields and daughter Brandi Fields.

Surviving are her husband, Ricky Paul Blankenship, grandchildren Tyler and Kacie fields, father and step-mother Landon and Kaye Smith; sisters Tammi (Jim) Scott and Susan (Dean) Coleman, and brother Chad (Sarah) Smith, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Primitive Baptist ministers at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Ransom, KY. Interment followed at Alley Cemetery, Ransom, KY.

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 mile 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 16 miles south on U.S. 119 to Phelps/Meta exit. At bottom of ramp 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 right.

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 mile to Ball Fork Road on right, take Ball Fork Road approx. .5 mile 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 8 miles to Kimper exit. At bottom of ramp, turn left 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 John 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 left 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.

