

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

*Organized in July, the Second Saturday, 1849*

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**HELD WITH**  
**CALVARY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Kimper, Pike County, Kentucky**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

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Next session convenes with the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church to be held at Columbus Church House, 599 Hillock Road, Columbus, Ohio, starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2018.

**Directions to Columbus Primitive Baptist Church House:**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Hillock Road, travel about one-quarter mile to Columbus Church on the right side of the street at 599 Hillock Road.

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**OFFICERS:**

**Moderator.....Elder Randal Thornsburg**  
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## PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church, 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539.

### FRIDAY MORNING, September 1, 2017:

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

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Ricky Worrix.

Called for the letters from all the churches. The letter from Calvary 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 Jerry Brown serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers. Moved and seconded that Deacons Danny May and Lonnie Collins 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.

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 Hoey Lester, Deacon Frank Edwards. Deacon Fayne Viers, Deacon Everett W. Fleming, Deacon Tommy K. Deel, Elder Curt R. Heath, Elder Roger Rose.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Elder Jerry Brown, Deacon Roby Gullett, Deacon Lowell B. Keaton, Deacon Boyd Keeton, Jr., Elder Jimmy Guess, Elder Emerson Montgomery, Elder John T. Rigby, Elder Doyle L. Keeton.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Elder David Gambill, Elder Joe Stephens, Deacon Norman Jones, Deacon Kenneth Creed.

**WASHINGTON:** Elder Ked Stacy, Elder George Ben Combs, Deacon Oscar Childress, Deacon Clarence Childress, Deacon David Owens, Deacon Paul Matney.

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

**SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY:** David Gambill, Elder Dan Ison, Deacon Troy Gullett, Deacon Derek Howard, Deacon Billy Dunn, Brother Terry Meade.

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

**SAND LICK-VA:** Deacon Darrell O'Quinn, Deacon Roy Stanley, Deacon Carroll Edwards, Goebel Lyall. Clayton Belcher, Brenda Stanley, Lou E. Fleming, Brenda Lester, Diann Owens.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** None

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER** Wanda Jones

**WASHINGTON:** Doris Childress, Peggy Griffith, Virginia Childress, Elsie & Joy Combs, Dorothy G. Owens.

**UNION:** Bonnie Hampton, Jean Adams.

**SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY:** Raine L. Gambill, Winnie C. Begley



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

A. Friday morning at Calvary Church: Corbin Hampton, John Grigsby.

B. Friday afternoon at Calvary Church: Ked Stacy, Greg Moore, Jerry Brown.

C. Friday night at Old Pond Creek Church: Raymond Stanley, Curt Heath, Roger Rose, Jeff Dotson.

D. Friday night at Louisa Church: Jeremy Jacobs, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Roger Blackburn.

E. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Paris Blackburn, Doyle Keeton. Greg Moore, David A. Thacker, J.C. Hager.

F. Saturday morning at Calvary Church: Joe Stephens, Terry Thacker, Curt Heath, Emerson Montgomery.

G. Saturday afternoon at Calvary Church: J.C. Hager, David A. Thacker.

H. Saturday night at Samaria Church: A presbytery was convened to ordain brother Bill Yates to the office of Deacon of Samaria Church. After the ordination service, preaching service as follows: Robert Worrix, Jr., Jeremy Jacobs, J.C. Hager, Randal Thornsby.

I. Sunday Morning at Calvary Church: Robert Worrix, Jr., Curt Heath, Jeff Dotson, David Gambill, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs.

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Mike Bartley, Cecil Hatfield, Larry David Chapman, Lonnie Collins, Floyd Coleman, Larry Mounts, Fonso McIntosh, Harold Abbott, Ricky Worrix, Lawrence Williams, Duke Chapman, Vester Runyon, Arthur Coleman, John Jacobs, Tim Floyd, Jr. Newton, Bill Yates.



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

**SAND LICK – VA:** Friday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September, 2017. Larry Mounts, Noah Slone, Ronald Moore, Larry Chapman, John Jacobs, Gary Thacker, Jeff Dotson, Clifton Preece, Vester Runyon, Walter Rutherford, Jeremy Jacobs.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August, 2018. Tim Smith, Ballard Bryant, Jeremy Jacobs, James Ball, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Walter Rutherford.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September, 2017. David Lee May, James Ball, Larry Mounts, John Jacobs, Clifton Preece, David Jacobs.

**WASHINGTON:** Friday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in June, 2018. Larry Mounts, John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Clifton Preece, Jeremy Jacobs, David Jacobs, Ronald Moore, James Ball, Ricky Worrix.

**UNION:** Friday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June, 2018. James Ball, John Jacobs, Larry Mounts, Jeremy Jacobs, Noah Slone, David Lee May, Jeff Dotson, Clifton Preece.

**SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY:** Friday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September, 2017. James Hackney, Larry Chapman, James Ball, Ballard Bryant, Noah Slone, Jeremy Jacobs, Bernie Newton Jr., John Jacobs.



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

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**Saturday morning September 2, 2017, at Calvary Church House**

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

The Committee met at Calvary Church house, and was called to order by the Moderator. After Prayer by Elder David Hager, the Committee proceeded to business in the following order:

- #1. Recommend that we omit the reading of the letters from all the churches before the committee, except the letter from Calvary Church.
- #2. Recommend that Big Creek Church host the Annual Meeting for 2018.
- #3. Recommend that Columbus Church host the Association for 2018.
- #4. Called for the circular letter written by Deacon Clifton Preece. 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 completion of transcribing the record, and that he will work in the coming year to proof read and diligently compare the transcribed record for accuracy, and to have it bound in a ledger.
- #6 Recommend that we hold indirect correspondence with Mt. Zion Association, through their correspondence with Sandlick Association of Virginia, and Sandlick Association of Kentucky.
- #7. Recommend that the Association charge \$15.00 for obituary in the minutes, and \$20.00 for obituary with picture.
- #8. 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, 2018.



Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and prayer by Elder Robert Worrix, Jr.

1.) Elder Jeff Dotson

2.) Elder David Gambill

3.) Elder Randal Thornsberry

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder David Jacobs.

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 2018 are as follows:

**LOUISA:** 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2018. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Paul Dean Justice, David A Thacker, Jimmy Lee 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, Jimmy Webb, Michael Elswick, Jeremy Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders of the same faith and order.

NOTE: A Memorial Day meeting will be held at the Annie E. Young Cemetery, East Shalbiana, KY, on May 28, 2018.

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

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2018. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Timothy Slone, David A. Thacker, Kenneth Chapman, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., Randal Thornsberry, John Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Estle Hackney, David Jacobs, Noah 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 2018.

**BIG CREEK:** 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2018. Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Kenneth Chapman, J.C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Daniel Jacobs, Roger Blackburn, Timothy Slone, Ricky Worrix, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Robert Worrix Jr., Jeremy Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held Sunday, following the third Saturday in July, 2018.

**RACCOON:** 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2018.

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., Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Daniel Jacobs, 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, 2018. Randal Thornsbury, Steve Kender, Paris Blackburn, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy L. Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Elswick, Shawn Dotson, Barry Thacker, Larry Mounts, David May, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the fourth Saturday in June, 2018.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2018.

Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Argle Kendrick, 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, Jeremy Jacobs, J.C. Hager, Greg Moore.

**LITTLE HOPE:** 76 Left Fork Ball Fork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 2018. 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, Roger Rose, Timothy Slone, Brian Moore, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend.

NOTE: A memorial meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2018.

**GRAPEVINE:** 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2018. John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, J.C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Larry Slone, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Todd Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Barry Thacker, Plennie Coleman, Gary Thacker, Noah Slone, Steve Kender, Justin Blackburn, David Hager, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held on July 1, 2018.

**SAMARIA:** 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2018.



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, Jeremy Jacobs, 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, 2018. Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Jeremy 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 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, 2018.

All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

**CALVARY:** 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539 Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2018. J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, Michael Elswick, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy Lee Smith, Brian Moore, David Jacobs, Kenneth Chapman, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Daniel Jacobs, Larry Mounts, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for deceased members.

**DRY FORK:** 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2018. 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, Daniel Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Sunday in July, 2018, at the church house.



**COLUMBUS:** 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, OH 43207. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2018. Randal Thornsberry, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**DEERFIELD:** 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2018. Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, 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, Corbin Hampton and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited.

NOTE: Our Memorial Meeting is the second weekend in October.

**PLEASANT HILL:** 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078. Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2018. 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, Doyle Keeton, Rick Howard, David Gambill, Rick Holbrook and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders.

NOTE: A Memorial meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October, 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, 2018. Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Randal Thornsberry, 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, Michael Elswick and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are invited.



Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes, and that Elder Barry Thacker 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:** Onis Smith, Carl Coleman, Jr., Blake Williamson, Paul Edwards Skeens, Ray Slone, Sr., Linton Kinder, Grafton Stanley, Alfred Cecil May, Grover Thomas Blackburn, Joey Neal Thacker, Leroy Rife, Carl Berkley Brown. Gene David Hunt.

**SISTERS:** Dixie Smith, America Reed, Hazel Thacker Thornsbury Sturgill, Gladys Sue Hackney, Gladys Ruth Blackburn, Patricia "Patty" B. Stegall, Dollie T. Johnson, Barbara E. Hensley, Delphia Slone Chaney, Kathleen Ramey, Jacquelyn Worrix, Aliene Billiter.

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.....**\$4070.18**

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS LAST YEAR:

1. Donations on Saturday and Sunday ..... \$330.00

2. Obituaries ..... 40.00

**TOTAL ..... \$370.00**

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE .....**\$4440.18**

AMOUNTS PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2016 Minutes ..... -\$1801.98

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.....-\$2301.98**

BEHINNING BALANCE Sept. 1, 2017.....\$2138.20

AMOUNTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR

From the churches Sept. 1, 2017 ..... \$2210.00

For Obituaries Sept. 1, 2017..... 290.00



Donations and other Sept. 1, 2017.....70.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR** ..... **\$2570.00**

**BALANCE LEFT ON HAND SEPT 1, 2017** ..... **\$4708.20**

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:**

Checkbook balance: ..... **\$2138.20**

Cash and Checks to On Hand to Deposit: ..... **\$2570.00**

**TOTAL FUNDS:** ..... **\$4708.20**

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Columbus Church at Columbus Church House, 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, Ohio to begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2018. Elder David May was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Michael Elswick is to be his alternate. Minutes read and approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Argel Kendrick, then adjourned until the time and place of our next Association.

Elder Randal Thornsbur Randal Thornsbur Moderator

Signed by: Elder David A. Thacker David A. Thacker Assistant Moderator

Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield Leslie D. Hatfield Clerk

Brother Lonnie Simpkins Lonnie Simpkins Assistant Clerk

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

**SUNDAY MORNING September 3, 2017**

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

1. Elder Jeff Dotson
2. Elder David Gambill
3. Elder Randal Thornsbur

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder David Jacobs.



## CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren,

I pray that God will bless me as I attempt to write the Circular Letter for the 165th session of the Original Mates Creek Primitive Baptist Association. I am honored to have been chosen, for I truly feel to be the least among my brethren.

My thoughts for a while have been on Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Grace through faith, what does this mean?

By the scriptures we understand that grace means "forgiveness or mercy". 1 Corinthians 15:10 states "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which he bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" and Hebrews 4:16 "let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need".

By the scriptures we also understand that faith means "believing or belief". Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the subject of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". Where does faith come from? Romans 10:17 answers this "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God".

Brethren, we know that our eternal salvation was taken care of by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" and 2 Timothy 1:9 "Who hath saved us, and called us with an Holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began".

Our eternal salvation being taken care of by One who cannot lie and cannot fail, we look at our earthly salvation and faith in Ephesians 2:8 through the following scriptures. Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" 2 Thessalonians 3:2 "And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men hath



not faith" Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him". We should be of all people the most thankful for what we have received and should show forth the faith that has been given us! Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in Heaven". James 2:17 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" 1 Peter 2:9 "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"

"Grace by Faith": Brethren, we have all made mistakes, come short in many things, and sin daily; but God can give rest to a weary soul, mend a broken heart, and calm a raging storm! We must believe that He is Lord and has all power. We all have a duty to do, whether we be Elders, deacons or lay members. We need to be about our Father's business. Don't put your candle under a bushel, forsake not to assemble yourselves together, and do that which the Lord bids you to do. By doing these things, we can partake in the joys of His salvation.

I pray that God will bless us to remain in peace and love until the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your brother in Hope of eternal life.

Deacon Clifton Preece



**MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER  
CHURCHES**

**LOUISA:** Noah Slone, Kenneth Slone, Mike Bartley, Gary Thacker  
Alternate: Robert Worrix, Jr.

**OLD POND:** Bernie Newsome, Cecil Hatfield, Arnold Hicks, Walter Rutherford  
Alternate: Tommy Blackburn

**BIG CREEK:** Hershel Stevens, Troy Wheeler, Larry David Chapman,  
David Lee May  
Alternate: Bill Slone

**RACCOON:** Clifton Preece, Lonnie Collins, Otis Thacker, Joe Belcher  
Alternate: Jeff Belcher

**PETER CREEK:** Floyd Coleman, L.C. Coleman, Randy Smith, Randy  
Kender  
Alternate: Jimmy Lee Smith

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Estle Hackney, Larry Mounts, Terry  
Blackburn, Justin Blackburn  
Alternate: None

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

**GRAPEVINE:** Leon Adkins, Harold Abbott, Argle Kendrick, Larry  
Mounts  
Alternate: Paul Goff

**SAMARIA:** Bill Yates, Jeff Dotson, Berlin Dotson, Mitchell Justice  
Alternate: Ernie Justice

**FEDS CREEK:** Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Ernest Seth Shortridge  
Ricky Blair  
Alternate: Larry Mounts

**JOHNS CREEK:** David May, Barry Thacker  
Alternate: None

**CALVARY:** Lawrence Williams, Duke Chapman, Wallace Vipperman,  
Ricky Ratliff  
Alternate: None

**DRY FORK:** Vester Runyon, Ronald Moore, Estle Hackney, Brian  
Moore  
Alternate: Shawn Dotson

**COLUMBUS:** Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Arthur Coleman, Paul  
Coleman  
Alternate: Ray Lovely

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

**PLEASANT HILL:** Carmen Gillum, Ballard Byrant, Tim Floyd  
Alternate: Ted Ball

**NEW HOPE:** Kenneth Chapman, Timothy Slone, James Hackney, Larry  
Mounts  
Alternate: Bernie Newton



## **VISITING ELDERS**

Roger Rose	1081 Lazarus Br, Haysi, VA 24256	276-870-5099
George Ben Combs	P.O. Box 1089, Lebanon, VA 24266	276-889-5580
David Gambill	344 Williams Branch Rd, Hazard, KY 41701	606-378-3591
Corbin Hampton	190 Tate Hampton Rd, Eolia, KY 40826	606-633-3346
Jerry Brown	3 Muddy Branch Road, West Liberty, KY 41472	606-522-4598
Doyle Keeton	4450 Highway 1050, Jeffersonville, KY 40337	859-398-3193
Garnell Gilbert	6431 Hurricane Creek Road, Vansant, VA 24656	276-859-2949
Hoey Lester	P.O. Box 33, Davenport, VA 24239	276-926-2355
Jimmy Webb	47 Chevy Drive, Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-2467
Curt Heath	21605 Monore Road, Damascus, VA 24236	276-698-7421
Ked Stacy	P.O. Box 1794, Grundy, VA 24614	276-566-7090
John T. Rigsby	3286 Highway 1715, Martha, KY 41159	606-652-3237
Jimmy D. Guess	632 William Henry Dixon, Paintsville, KY 41240	606-789-4725
Emerson Montgomery	1139 Pleasant Hill Road, Waverly, OH 45690	740-947-5656
Joe Stephens	234 Showcase Lane, Hillsville, VA 24343	276-728-2648

## **MATES CREEK CHURCHES**

<u><b>CHURCH</b></u>	<u><b>MODERATOR</b></u>	<u><b>COMMUNION</b></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	July, 4th Saturday
	David A. Thacker	
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs	Estle Hackney	Aug., 1st Saturday
	Larry Mounts	
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Estle Hackney	May, 3rd Saturday
	Timothy Slone	
Samaria	Jeff Dotson	June, 3rd Saturday
	Shawn Dotson	
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	May, 1st Saturday
Johns Creek	David B. May	April, 2nd Saturday
	Barry Thacker	
Calvary	David A. Thacker	June, 1st Saturday
	David B. May	
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
Paul Dean Justice	901 Teasel Drive, Kingsport, TN 37661	423-398-5136
John Jacobs	16 Thornsby 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
Randal Thornsby	P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514	606-353-9234
David A. Thacker	2865 Stratton Fork Rd., Canada, KY 41519	606-353-9887
Michael Elswick	106 Stanley Lane, Canada, KY 41519	606-353-4207
Lonnie Worrix	64 Buckeye Circle, Columbus, OH 43217	614-669-8186
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 / 424-7196
Todd Thacker	456 Pine Fk. Rd., Shelbiana, KY 41562 606-437-5320 / 796-2994
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 606-595-8168
Ricky B. Worrix	201 Left Penhook Rd., Harold, KY 41635 606-478-5337 / 253-0650
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 / 794-1881
Daniel Jacobs	10289 E. Stanley Road, Davison, MI 48423 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
Carmen Gillum	1815 Ravenswood Ave., Dayton, OH 45406 937-270-2054
Roger Blackburn	6040 Condit Road, Centerburg, OH 43011 502-545-0803
Justin Blackburn	2497 Slate Creek Road, Apt. #2 Grundy, VA 24614 276-971-6749
David Hager	7275 Bennett Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430 810-735-5028
James C. Ball	P.O. Box 2586, Abingdon, VA 24212 276-525-5222

**Licentiates:**

Jeremy Jacobs	10273 E. Stanley Road, Davisin, MI 48423 810-247-0722
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## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

<b>LOUISA</b>	Elder Ricky B. Worrix, Clerk 201 Left Penhook Road Harold, KY 41635.....	125
<b>OLD POND</b>	Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk P.O. Box #1 1016 Forest Hills Road, Forest Hills, KY 41527 .....	60
<b>BIG CREEK</b>	Bill Slone, Clerk 7917 State Hwy. 194E. Kimper, KY 41539.....	150
<b>RACCOON</b>	Jeff Belcher, Clerk 451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562.....	100
<b>PETER CREEK</b>	Randy Kender, Clerk 1095 Ashlick Fork Phelps, KY 41553 .....	50
<b>SULPHUR SPRINGS</b>	Lisa Mounts, Clerk 1104 Big Red Road Hurley, VA 24620.....	30
<b>LITTLE HOPE</b>	Brother Lonnie Simpkins, Clerk 35 Fonso Stanley Lane Canada, KY 41519 .....	40
<b>GRAPEVINE</b>	Elder Timothy Slone, Clerk 1509 Biggs Branch Pikeville, KY 41501.....	50
<b>SAMARIA</b>	Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302 .....	100
<b>FEDS CREEK</b>	Ernest Seth Shortridge, Clerk 300 Laurel Fork Road Steele, KY 41566 .....	20
<b>JOHNS CREEK</b>	Elder Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	60
<b>CALVARY</b>	Elder Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	75



<b>DRY FORK</b>	Vester Runyon, Clerk 1009 Faith Dr. Vansant, VA 24656 .....	50
<b>COLUMBUS</b>	Sandra Harris, Clerk 14230 Haven's Corner Road S.W. Pataskala, OH 43062 .....	100
<b>DEERFIELD</b>	Barbara Holyfield, Clerk 3033 Woodlawn St. Walled Lake, MI 48390.....	100
<b>PLEASANT HILL</b>	Phyllis Moore, Clerk 8881 Canoe Drive Galloway, OH 43119 .....	45
<b>NEW HOPE</b>	Michelle Harrison, Clerk P.O. Box 52, Pinsonfork, KY 41555.....	30
<b>Total For Churches</b>		<b><u>1185</u></b>

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>UNION</b>	Elder Jimmy Webb, Clerk 47 Chevy Drive Jenkins, KY 41537 .....	25
<b>BURNING SPRINGS</b>	Deacon Lowell Cantrell, Clerk 69003 Hwy. 705, West Liberty, KY 41472.....	25
<b>SAND LICK- VA</b>	Deacon Darrell O'Quinn, Clerk 8696 Sandlick Road Bee, VA 24217 .....	25
<b>LITTLE YADKIN RIVER</b>	Deacon Norman Jones, Clerk 132 Deerfield Drive Pinnacle, NC 27043.....	25
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	Deacon David Owens, Clerk 2208 Osborne Street, Bristol, VA 24201 .....	25
<b>SAND LICK- KY</b>	Terry Meade, Clerk 9563 Highway 772, West Liberty, KY 41472.....	25
<b>Total to Correspondence</b>		<b><u>150</u></b>



## **DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO INDIVIDUALS**

<b>Moderator</b>	Elder Randal Thornsby P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514.....	15
<b>Asst. Moderator</b>	Elder David A. Thacker 2864 Stratton Fork Road Canada, KY 41519 .....	15
<b>Clerk</b>	Deacon Leslie Hatfield 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302 .....	25
<b>Asst. Clerk</b>	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
	Mrs. Joann Napier 6863 Sunridge Drive, Waynesville, OH 45068.....	6
	Elder Larry Mounts 1104 Big Red Road, Hurley, VA 24620.....	10
	Ms. Loretta Varney 1168 Meathouse Fork, Canada, KY 41519.....	30
	Total to Individuals .....	115
<b><u>TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE .....</u></b>		<b><u>1450</u></b>



## 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												2017
CHURCHES	MODERATORS	CLERKS	YEAR ESTABLISHED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	SATURDAY OF MEETING	Contributions
Louisa	Robert Worrix, Jr.	Ricky Worrix	1825	0	0	0	0	0	-1	59	2nd	\$150.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	2nd	\$120.00
Big Creek	Randal Thornsberry	Bill Slone	1857	0	0	0	0	0	-5	51	3rd	\$300.00
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	Jeff Belcher	1820	0	0	0	0	0	-3	55	4th	\$200.00
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	Randy Kender	1869	0	0	0	0	0	-2	62	4th	\$75.00
Sulphur Springs	Estle Hackney	Lisa Mounts	1863	0	0	0	0	0	-1	18	1st	\$45.00
Little Hope	Larry Mounts	Lonnie Simpkins	1893	0	0	0	0	-1	0	20	1st	\$60.00
Grapevine	Raymond Stanley	Timothy Slone	1889	2	0	0	0	0	-2	20	3rd	\$75.00
Samaria	Estle Hackney	Leslie D. Hatfield	**1898	0	0	0	0	0	-1	107	3rd	\$200.00
Feds Creek	Shawn Dotson	Ernest Seth Shortridge	1894	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1st	\$50.00
Johns Creek	Ricky Worrix	Barry Thacker	1936	0	0	0	0	0	-2	20	2nd	\$125.00
Calvary	David May	Barry Thacker	1951	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	27	1st	\$175.00
Dry Fork	Barry Thacker	Vester Runyon	1962	0	0	0	0	-1	0	41	2nd	\$75.00
Friendship	Shawn Dotson	December 27, 2014	1925	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	---	4th	-----
Columbus	Brian Moore	Sandra K. Harris	1967	5	0	0	0	0	-2	72	4th	\$150.00
Deerfield	Lundy Coleman	Barbara Holyfield	1971	2	0	0	0	-2	-3	51	4th	\$200.00
Pleasant Hill	J. C. Hager	Tim Floyd	1972	5	0	0	0	0	-1	27	1st	\$150.00
New Hope	Greg Moore	Michelle Harrison	1991	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4th	\$60.00
	Kenneth Chapman			14	0	0	0	-5	-25	680		\$2,210.00
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\*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 10:00 a.m., New Year's Eve night, 6:30 p.m.

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

**RACCOON:** None.

**PETER CREEK:** None.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** None

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

**GRAPEVINE:** Sunday after the 5th Saturday.

**SAMARIA:** None.

**FEDS CREEK:** None. Sunday meetings dismissed in June, July and August to attend union meetings of Calvary, Little Hope and Sulphur Springs Churches.

**JOHNS CREEK:** None.

**CALVARY:** None.

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

**COLUMBUS:** None.

**DEERFIELD:** None.

**PLEASANT HILL:** None.

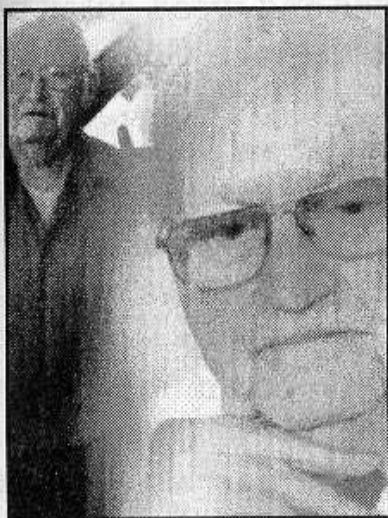
**NEW HOPE: NOTE:** None.



## CARL COLEMAN, JR.

As I attempt to write the obituary of my precious Brother in Christ, knowing I'm not worthy of this task nor to pen words of this remarkable man. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, a prayer heart I'll fulfill Brother Carl's request.

Carl Coleman Jr. was born July 28, 1936 one of twelve children of the late Elder Paris and Missouri Coleman. Departing this life on October 19, 2016, his stay on earth God's great foot stool eighty years, two months, nineteen days. We are blessed to have church service at his home on his birthday this year, family and friends preparing his favorite meal.



Also preceding Brother Carl in death were brothers Arnold, Arvil, Frank, Don, Harvey, Ralph and Larry, sisters Daisy Miller, Gracie Newton and two grandchildren Brianne and Cheyanne Varney,

Surviving is his wife Margaret Ann Vipperman whom he wed on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1969. They were blessed to have four daughters Sadrena - David May of Canada, Ky., Jennifer - Arthur (Bobbie T) Blankenship, Carolyne - Maynard Coleman and Tori Varney all of Kimper, Ky., one brother Elder Plenie - Vicky Coleman of Canada, Ky., sister Faye Coleman of Louisville, Ky., four grandchildren Keagan - Sara May, James and Bill Coleman.

Carl joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1973 at the Racon Church, placing his letter with the Johns Creek Church. Ordained a Deacon in 1975, he served the church faithfully until Our Lord called him home. He also served the Calvary Church as a borrow Deacon. Brother Carl along with his natural brothers worked extensively raising this church building from its original foundation and putting the basement under it. His love, dedication to all of the churches of the Mates Creek Association will long be remembered. I know when we built the new building at Big Creek his generosity was without measure he gave money, time and effort soliciting donations, selling hot dogs or whatever. I believe he wanted the new building as much as we did.



Not only did my faithful Brother give freely to the churches we will never know how many people he helped in difficult times of their lives. We are taught in God's word about a new birth where Our Heavenly Father takes out of us a stoney heart and gives us a heart of love. Carl certainly had love. We are known by the fruit we bare, he bore good fruit. In my opinion his heart was as big as the oceans.

Brother Carl was a coal miner for several years. No longer able to work in the mines, he with his family moved to Florida in 1988 where he established a lawn care business M.C. Lawn Services. Starting with a single push mower and weed eater he worked tirelessly growing the business. He through God's Providence grew the business extensively.

Missing his home church and family he moved back to Johns Creek in 1993. Once again he worked hard to establish the lawn care business in this area, starting with a push mower and weed eater he was blessed to grow the business to what it is today.

Once again giving himself he served his community as a volunteer fire fighter, serving on the board of the department and as the captain he worked raising funds to purchase trucks and equipment for the department and the new building.

Brother Carl was an avid supporter of the Explorer Program for kids. He also served on the board of elections for fifteen years and was a Kentucky Colonel. He certainly cared for his community and fellow man. Again his service of love will be missed.

I know this is a long obituary, please bear with me. Thinking of the things he done for others, what words can a lowly servant of a gracious King could I pen down worthy of this precious brother.

Love for his family and friends, faithful never wavering from his principals and trust in God. Dedication never giving up working tirelessly to complete the work. Generosity giving of his resources and himself expecting nothing but love in return stead fastness he wasn't swayed nor carried about by every wind of doctrine neither was he enticed by corruptible things as silver and gold just a poor sinner saved by grace.

I close in saying rest my precious Brother, you have fought a good fight kept the faith there is a crown awaiting you. Your



good deeds and works will surely follow you. Brother Carl touched so many lives, long will his name be remembered. I told Brother Carl before his surgery I was praying for him. Our God would take care of him, he replied it will be alright either way. Yes, it is alright, his spirit is with his Father. Sleep the peaceful sleep until Our Precious Savior comes to awake thee. Then we all shall be called up to meet Our Lord in the clouds in our new bodies and dwell with Him forever.

God Bless this Family  
Your servant in Christ  
Elder Michael Elswick

Dad, You've loved me, encouraged me, cheered for me, believed in me. You've been my teacher, my mentor, my example, my guide. There are those who have a special dad and those who have a treasured friend. I count myself double BLESSED for I have both in you.

Love, Sedrena, Jennifer,Carolyn, & Tori

**BLAKE WILLIAMSON**  
**(June 6, 1939 - June 16, 2017)**

Blake Williamson, age 78, passed away Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Pikeville Medical Center. Blake was born on June 6, 1939 to his parents, the late John Williamson and Dora Varney Williamson. Blake was the husband of JoAnn Fraley Williamson. He was a barber, and a member of the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Along with his parents, Blake was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

In addition to his wife, Blake is survived by one daughter, Debroah (Rhonda) Decker, five step children: Kimberly (Artie) Dotson, Chad Hubbard, Bobby (Sheila) Young, Barry (Laura) Young, Bruce (Aleen) Young; one sister, Gracie Jean Williamson; three brothers: Paul Deen Williamson, Luther (Helen) Williamson, Ralph (Jean) Williamson; twelve grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and a host of loving family



and friends.

Visitation was held at 6 p.m. at the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Church, with services Monday at 7:00 p.m. The funeral followed on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, with Mike Elswick officiating, Burial followed in the Williamson Family Cemetery.

### **PAUL EDWARDS SKEENS**

It's with a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear friend, and brother in Christ. Paul worked many



years, as a coal miner when his health made him give up that job, he took another job as a security guard for Crammer Security stationed at Wellmore 7 & 8 pre plant, where he and I became close friends. He worked there several years before his health made it impossible to continue that position. At the age of seventy four the Lord called him home, on Monday March 20th, 2017. Surrounded by friends and family, he went to sleep in the arms of Jesus. He was the son of the late Johnny and Edna Anderson Skeens.

He was a life long resident of Buchanan County, and was a member of Sulphur Spring Old Regular Primitive Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grand father. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, spending time with his family and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son Edward Allen Skeens, and one daughter Kathy Tester, and one grandson and one brother Carl Skeens and one sister Donna Dutch.

Also those left to cherish his memory includes his wife of 24 years, Delorise (Lester) Skeens, three daughters Miranda (Chris) Arflin, Melissa Forrester and Paula Russell, two sons John Edward Skeens, and Jimmie (Jennifer) Smith. One brother Earl Skeens, three sisters Joyce (Tommy) Hall, Eula (Bob) Freeman and Brenda (David) Grizzle, one son in law Larry



James Tester. Paul is also survived by several grandchildren, great grand children, nieces and nephews.

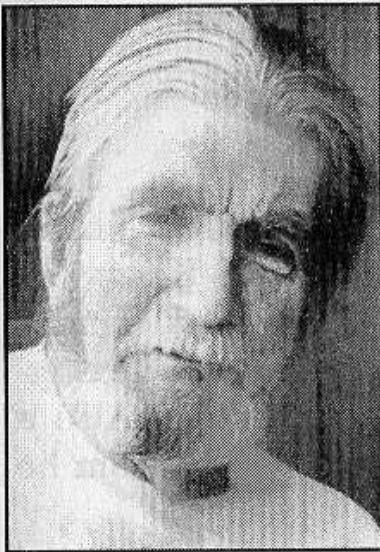
My heart goes out to his family, but I pray that they always remember the love that he had for them. And now he sleeps waiting on the call of the Lord to take him Home. We know that our loss will be heaven's gain.

Written by Elder Larry Mounts & Sister Lisa Mounts

### **RAY SLONE, SR.**

Ray Slone Sr., McCarr, KY, passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at his residence. He was born July 3, 1940, at McCarr, KY, to the late Wes Hughes Slone and Gladys Hatfield Slone. He was also preceded in death by his wife Edna Maynard Slone; one son, Ray Slone Jr., and his brother, Chester Slone. He was disabled coal miner, member of the UMWA and a Deacon at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Ricky (Kim) Slone of McCarr, KY; five daughters, Myrtle Hager, Tina (Ronnie) Edwards, Tressia Prater and Sharon (Wayne) Whitt all of McCarr, KY, and Susan (Jamie) Trout of Louisa, KY, one brother Joe (Viola) Slone of Louisa KY; two sisters, Ruth Daughtery of McCarr, KY, and Jean (Mike) Coleman of Ransom, KY; 17 grandchildren: Gary Hager II, Kashina Hager, Ronnie "Boomer" Edwards, William "Bub" Prater, Kaylann Prater, Ricky Joe Slone Jr., Kierah



Slone, Tim McCoy, Alyssa McCoy, Victoria McCoy, John Abe Skeans, Wesley Whitt, Tiffany Whitt, Kasey Rae Maynard, Shirley Mounts, Josh Trout, and Jasmine Trout; great grandchildren, Rheanna, Harry and Paige Hager, Destiny Childers, Isaiah Whitt and Ryman Trout, another great grandchild expected to be born any day; one great great grandchild, Nevaeh Hager; a very special friend, Brenda Smith and a host of other family and friends.

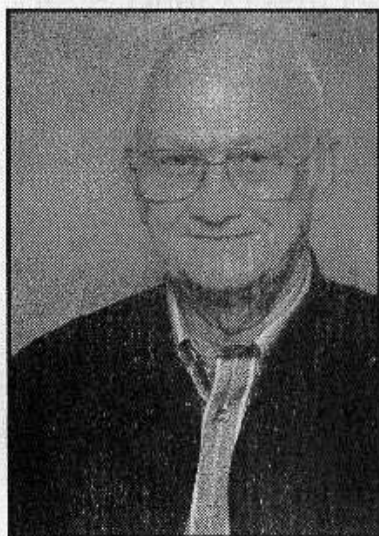


Visitation was held from 6-9 PM, Wednesday and Thursday at R. E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel where special services were held both nights at 7 PM. Funeral services were Friday, June 30, 2017 beginning at 11 AM at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church with Primitive Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Maynard Family Cemetery, McCarr, KY, with grandsons serving as pallbearers.

### **LINTON KINDER**

With wonderful memories and love in our hearts we write the obituary of our precious brother Linton Kinder. He was born in Phelps, Kentucky, Sept. 21, 1938, the son of the late Don and Vada Smith Kinder.

He was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church of Phelps. He was a retired coal miner having worked for Kentland Elkhorn Coal Company and was a member of the United Mine Workers of America. He went home to be with the Lord April 8, 2017. He enjoyed going to flea markets and work-



ing on lawnmowers in his spare time. Most of all he cherished spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving and precious wife Marie Hackney Kinder; four brothers, Don, Wayne, Willie and Daris; two sisters Vada Marie Kinder and Pricey Casey.

He is survived by one sister, Judy Griffith (David) of Phelps; four brothers, Dallas Kinder (Brenda) of Knoxville, Tenn., Roger Kinder (Linda) of Lewisburg, Tenn., Roy Kender (Geneva) of Phelps and Randall Kinder (Ernestine) of Lexington; a special sister-in-law Barbara Kender of Phelps. Also a host of nieces and nephews and his little dog Buster whom he loved.



Funeral services were held on April 10th, at the church and burial followed in the Hatfield Cemetery at Phelps with nephews serving as pallbearers.

Even though Linton is no longer with us on Earth, he will always live within our hearts. Always Missed and Forever Loved,

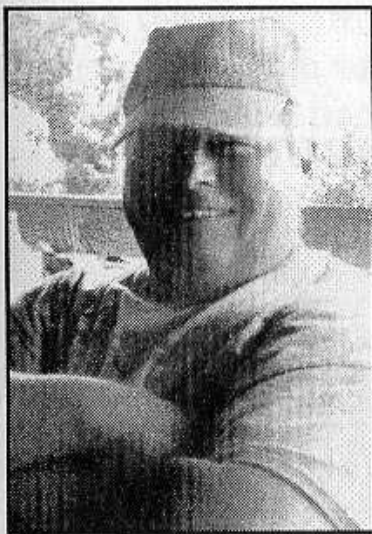
The Kinder Family

### **GRAFTON STANLEY**

Grafton Stanley, age 71, of Bellville, Michigan died peacefully with his family by his side at his residence on Saturday afternoon May 27, 2017.

Grafton the beloved father of Suzanne Herndon of Canton, Michigan and Shawn (Kim) Stanley of Bellville; cherished brother Carl (Laura) Stanley of Kentucky, Jemina (Johnny) Hall of Kentucky, Larry (Peggy) Stanley of Kentucky and Wanda (The late Henry) Turner of Indiana. Mr. Stanley is also survived by seven grandchildren and many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Michelle Beard (d.2014) and brother Darrell Stanley (d.2012).

Born on April 16, 1946 to Quincey & Bessie Stanley in Kentucky. Grafton was a longtime General Motors employee, ultimately retiring from GM. He was a proud US Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. Mr. Stanley also enjoyed fishing, golfing and spending time with his family.



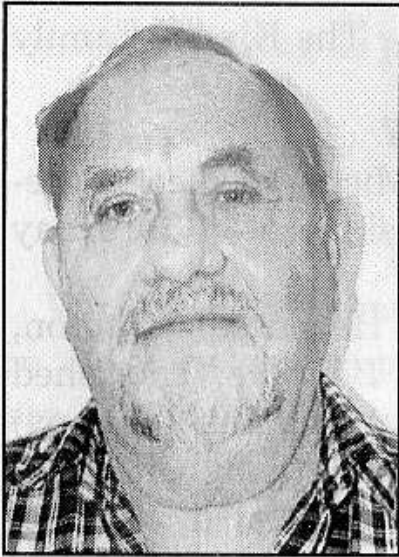
A memorial service with the military honors was held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, May 30th in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home. Elder J.C. Hager of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church of Linden, Michigan led the prayers. Thank you for keeping the Stanley family in your thoughts and prayers.



## **ALFRED CECIL MAY**

1930-2017

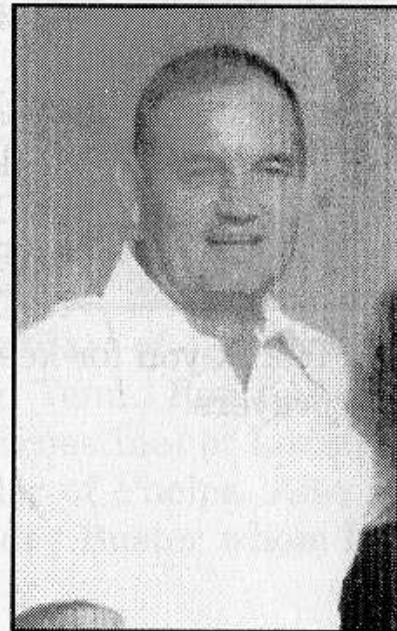
Alfred Cecil May, age 86, of Fenton, MI, died May 29, 2017. Alfred was born August 5, 1930 in Hurley, VA, the son of Paris and Lara (Estep) May. He worked in the GM-



Chevrolet V-8 Plant. Alfred enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with grandchildren. He is survived by his children, Ricky (Darla) May, Tammy May Foster, Billy (Vicki) May; grandchildren, Jon, Eli Terry, Dana, and Ronnie; siblings, Henry May, Troy May, Charles May, Leroy May, Ethel Hurley, and Shirley Burridge. Alfred was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

## **GROVER THOMAS BLACKBURN**

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of one of the best men I have ever known, my father-in-law, Grover Thomas Blackburn, 86 years of age, of Hurley, VA. He passed away on Oct. 8, 2016 at the Pikeville Medical Center following an extended illness. He was the son of the late John Henry and Marah Wolford Blackburn (preacher Johnny Blackburn of the Primitive Baptist Church.) Grover served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a heavy equipment operator and a foreman at United Coal Company.





In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by four brothers Albert, Chester, Junior, and Charles; also an infant brother and sister. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 63 years Lillian (Allen) Blackburn of Hurley, VA two sons Leroy (Charlotte) Rife of Fenton, MI., Danny (Maryann) Blackburn of Hurley, VA., one brother Harold (Mabel) Blackburn of Fenton, MI. He is also survived by five grandchildren and six great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and friends.

Grover was such a loving and humble man. He loved his Lord and his family. He loved and cherished his wife so much that he did whatever she wanted to make her happy. He loved being a father and grandfather. I remember many trips from Michigan to Virginia and Grover would be waiting for our kids to play in the creek and catch crawdads. Just one of many many precious memories. Leroy, myself, and our children loved and cherished this godly, wonderful man.

My brother Grover was blessed to have a loving smile on his face most all times throughout his illness. Many times we would visit him at the nursing home and he would be singing or humming precious memories. As he would sing any song he would show joy and pat his foot on the floor. When we went to see Grover he would always kiss our hands and always reaching to touch us. My son-in-law, Elder David Hager would always sing to him and when he sat down, Grover looked around for him to come back to sing. I would ask him if he had been to church and he always said "all day." Grover loved his family and friends and you could see it on his face. But most of all he loved and praised his Saviour Lord for what his Saviour had done for him. My Dad Elder John Blackburn was blessed to baptize all six of his sons. Grover is resting and we miss him so dearly, but we know he is with our Lord.

Written by: Charlotte Rife, daughter-in-law  
and Harold Blackburn, brother



## LEROY RIFE

In loving memory

December 25, 1947 - April 15, 2017

With a broken and crushed heart, I will write the obituary of my beloved husband.

Leroy was born on Christmas Day 1947 in Hurley, Virginia. The son of Edmond and Lillian (Allen) Rife. He was raised by his beloved step-father and mother, Grover and Lillian Blackburn. Leroy went to be with the Lord on Saturday April 15, 2017, Easter weekend.

Leroy married Charlotte Matney on December 9, 1967 at Sulphur Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Hurley, Virginia. A marriage of 49 years and 4 months and 6 days.

Leroy graduated from Hurley High School in 1967. He enjoyed sports and played football during his high school years at Hurley. He enjoyed hot rods, classic cars, and drag racing.

Leroy was an Entrepreneur who built and owned several Car Wash businesses in VA, TN, and NC. He was the owner of Rife Trucking. He had been Operations Manager at Ace Asphalt, Flint MI. He had also been an employee at the GM Proving Grounds in Milford MI., as a test driver and technician.



Leroy loved his family so much. He helped his mother and dad anyway he could. If they needed anything and he knew about it he wouldn't let them pay for it, he did. He had one brother that he loved very much and helped him out in many, many ways, because he loved him.

He loved his children and grandchildren. We have so many happy and precious memories. He was a kind, caring person and had many friends all over this country.

He is survived by his beloved wife Charlotte; 3 children, Ryan Rife, Brad (Samantha) Rife, and Robyn Tibbitts; 3 grandchildren, Zakk, Nick, and Jessica; his mother, Lillian Blackburn, brother Danny (Mary) Blackburn, one half sister, four half brothers. Leroy was preceded in death by his father and his step father and one half brother.



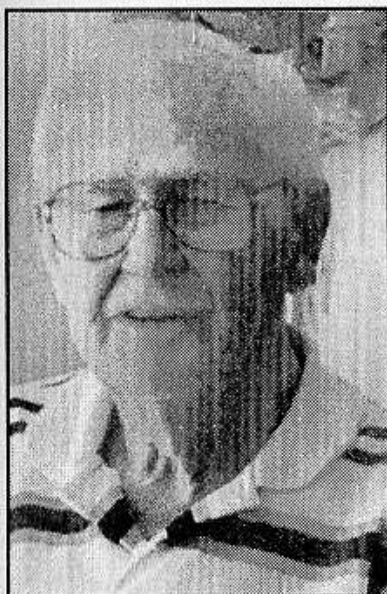
The most painful tears are not the ones that fall from your eyes and cover your face. They're the ones that fall from your heart and cover your soul.

We love and miss you so much. Love Charlotte

### **CARL BERKLEY BROWN**

Carl Berkley Brown, 86 of Colonial Beach, Virginia departed this life on July 10, 2017 at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was born on February 22, 1931 at Drill, Virginia. He was the son of the late William Arthur and Martha Annie Nuckels Brown.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Thelma Inice Brown Street; four brothers, Elder Elmer Brown, Herbert McKinley Brown, Garland Edith Brown and Henry Earl Brown; two brothers-in-law, Arthur Pendell and Virgil Street; and two sisters-in-law, Draper Irene Hess Brown and Pauline Ratliff Brown. Survivors are his loving wife of 60 years Ann Bragg Brown of Colonial Beach, Virginia; three sons,



Randy Brown of King George, Virginia; Dean Brown of Stafford, Virginia, and Dale Brown and wife Sue of Stafford, Virginia; one daughter Patty Brown Ricker and husband Eric of Alexandria Virginia; two brothers, Emory Ferrill Brown and wife Ruth of Spotsylvania, Virginia and Richard Nelson Brown and wife Nancy of Bluff City, Tennessee; one sister Lucille Brown Pendell of Bristol, Virginia; one special nephew Kermit Street and wife Wanda of Bristol, Virginia; four grandsons; two great-grandsons and several nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

Carl was a veteran who served in the United States Marines during the Korean War. He wore his uniform proudly and was honored to have served his country.



He settled in Alexandria, Virginia and raised his family there. He worked for Fruit Growers Express and CSX Railroads for a total of 38 years.

Carl was a loving son, husband, brother, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He enjoyed the outdoors-hunting, fishing, and gardening. Most of all he enjoyed playing his banjo. Bluegrass music was one of his greatest joys in his life. He also loved Gospel music. He played with various bands throughout the Washington, D.C. area. He was loved by all who knew him.

Carl had been sick for sometime. On his last visit to see me he said, "Sis, I won't see you again. Take care of yourself. I have made my journey. There is nothing in my way. Pray God will take me home. Pray we will all meet again where no pain or sorrow will enter there."

So as I write this I feel....The Garden Gate stood open. He saw you needed rest. God's ways and love are so special. He gave you peace and rest. Through the storm and through the night. Lead him on through his flight. Take his hand precious Lord and lead him home.

Written by his loving sister,  
Lucille Brown Pendell



## GENE DAVID HUNT

Age 62

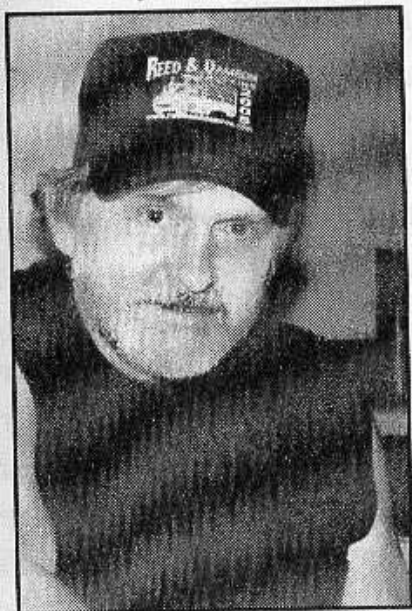
Gene David Hunt was born December 20, 1954 to Nora Francis Coleman Hunt and the late Andy Hunt, Sr., at Pikeville, Ky. Preceded in death by Miles and Katherine Coleman, Frank and Octavia Hunt, grandparents.

Gene grew up in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and had a great love of family, his job as a coal miner, hunting, fishing, bluegrass and gospel music. The bond with Gene's siblings was unbreakable. Brothers include Andy Jr (Brenda) Hunt of Kimper, Ky, and Jimmy D. (Kim) Hunt of Cana, Va., Sisters: Cora (Randall) Hatfield and Becky (Darrell) Maggard both of Kimper, Ky.

Married to Caroline Koni Hunt on July 27, 1974 and had two sons: Drs. Jason (Stacy Taylor) Hunt of Lutz, Fl., Jesse (Tina Proctor) Hunt of Ashland, Ky., one daughter: Rachel (Joshua) Adams of Mt. Sterling, Ky., grandchildren include Kylee Marie Hunt, Bella Kate Hunt, Maxwell Russell Hunt, Jayla Raine Hunt, Caleb Neil Adams, Norah Kay Hunt, Lauren Elizabeth Adams, Hailey Proctor, Cameron Proctor, and Grant Proctor.

Gene's first job as a coal miner at a young age was at Kentland Coal Co., with his father. Illness forced Gene to retire as an electrician from McCoy Elkhorn Coal Company in 2003.

Family received friends and relatives at Lucas and Son Funeral Home on July 30, 31, 2017. Funeral Services were conducted by Dave Hager and David Allen Thacker at Lucas and Son Funeral Home was Aug 1, 2017 at 1pm.



Burial was at the Coleman Family Cemetery, Long Fork of Johns Creek at Kimper, Ky.

A host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends attended services followed by dinner provided by neighbors and relatives at the home of Nora, Becky and Darrell Maggard.

Written by Caroline Koni Hunt



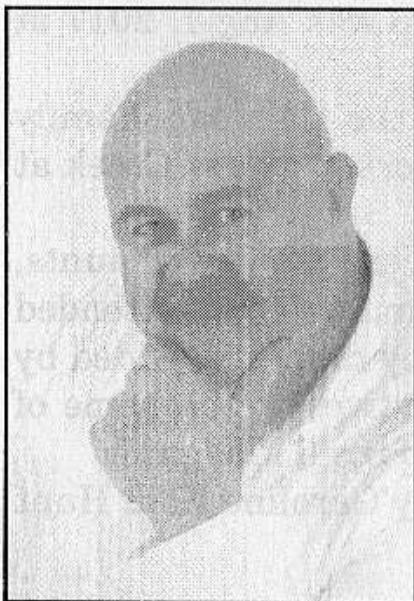
## JOEY NEAL THACKER

It is with much sadness and a grieving heart, I'll attempt to write the obituary of my beloved son. Joey Neal Thacker was born July 2, 1969 and went to sleep in the arms of the good Lord, April 22, 2017 making his stay on this earth 47 years, nine months, and twenty days. Joey was the only son of Wanda N. May Simpkins and the late Garry Neal Thacker. Joe was also preceded in death by his loving sister, Denita Marie Thacker, a paternal grandfather J.B. Thacker, and maternal grand parents Deaton May and Mary Lee Stanley.

Besides his mom and step-dad, Lonnie Simpkins, Joe is survived by his 11 year old son, Zepheniah Neal Teron Thacker., Joe is also survived by two precious sisters, Carolyn (Dave) Branham and Mariruth (Jacob) Morris, a niece, Adyson Grace Marie Young, two nephews, Christopher Matney, and Deacon Morris and a great-grandma, Juanita Jarusik, along with a host of loving family and friends.

Joe proudly served his country in the United States Army for four years and eleven months. Part of this time, he spent in Germany and Colorado. Joe served as a minister in Colorado and at the Greater New Hope Church in Georgetown, Ky., where he was a member. Joe believed in serving God, to give council, and to help those in need. Joe worked for Toyota of Georgetown, Ky., as an assembly line worker. Joe worked tirelessly to provide for his son from infancy and through all the 11 years. Joe loved his son so much.

Dear Lord as a mommy, we want to believe it's another



nightmare and just wake up and it's not true...but the stabbing pain is still in my heart and I know...it is. As a mom, I feel I should go before my sweet children but I know God's will, will be done. I have not the words to describe, it's so difficult to let go, to mourn, to grieve, and at times my heart won't cry for fear it will break into tiny pieces. Oh! Dear Lord only you can hold my heart and me together. Lord, thank you for the precious time I have been blessed to have with my dear son, for without you



I would not have had the gift of him at all. Lord, I know you love him even more than me, his mom, for you sent your son to die for your children. Oh! Lord you are my strength, my hope, my all in all, please keep holding me in your amazing, loving, merciful and all-powerful hands and continue to carry me through another heartache. Lord, you have always been there to lean on, my rock whenever I felt alone and couldn't take another step. I know I am blessed beyond measure.

Thank you, Lord for your loving grace and mercies.

Wanda N. Simpkins

"Two of my precious angels"

I was given this poem with my daughter, Denita and now it is on my heart with my son, Joey

*Dear Lord, my mind does ask why, so young did he have to die?  
I know your will and not mine, my precious child was first thine.  
I know you loved him even more than me, but in a mom's heart I wonder how,  
could that be?*

*My precious, child how I wish to hear your laughter, see your sweet smile, to  
tell you "I love you" and to talk with you a little while.  
Oh to see you with all your charms, and to feel a warm hug from your arms.  
The forty-seven short years God gave you to me, I've been truly blessed, to have  
everyday, every hour...I'm thankful as I could be.  
Your short life had joy; but also much pain. I know my deepest loss is your  
wonderful gain. Heaven!*

*The deepest pain...the deepest heart cry; is when I had to tell you Good-bye! To  
see you lying Oh! so still...and saying, This....is God's will.  
The Lord wanted another one of his saints, He looked down and knew you so  
well. He said, "Let his suffering be o'er, and his spirit joined God's peaceful  
shore.*

*Joe, you now have that happiness you've longed for, you'll never have to  
endure pain anymore.  
Even though I have a mom's heartache and pain, and there is no answer when  
I call your name.  
I know that day when the Lord did call your name.."Joe" (his) my precious  
angel for you Joe that said it all.  
For you were happy to go to this peaceful rest, and to be in God's everlasting  
happiness.*

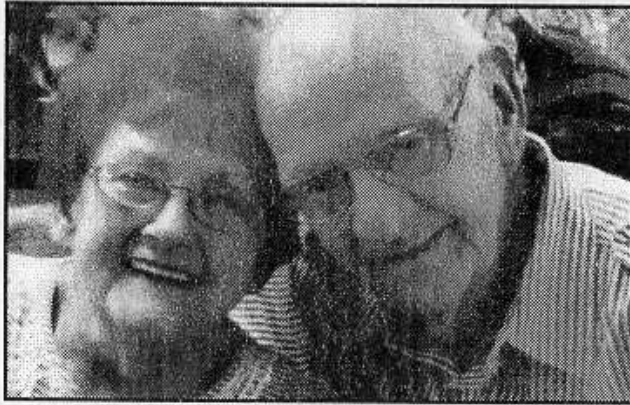
*Son, I'll not ask you to come back to me, I'll patiently wait for the day..when  
with God, you, your sister, and all of God's children. I (hope) to be.  
My precious son, you'll always be in my heart, I'll treasure our time we had  
together, and the thought I'll meet him again some sweet day.*

*Joe, my precious, precious son, Oh! Lord cradle him in your arms, I pray.  
"The sun's coming up in the morning, every tear will be wiped from my eyes..  
Thank you Lord, for blessing one of your angels to touch my life and be my  
dear son, Joey. I will always Love you, son. Your mom, Wanda N. Simpkins*



## **ELDER ONIS SMITH and SISTER DIXIE SMITH**

It is with a sad and loving heart that we write of the passing of our parents, Elder Onis Smith and Dixie Smith. We were blessed to have them as our parents and they leave behind a loving family and many wonderful memories.



Dixie Smith was born January 17, 1937 in Canada, Kentucky to Elder Joe and Ethel Thacker. She passed away on August 31, 2016 at the age of 79. Dad followed her just 15 days later.

Onis Smith was born February 6, 1932 in Sidney, Kentucky to Omar and Fannie Smith. He passed away on September 15, 2016 at the age of 84.

They both had a deep faith and love for God and the church. Dad and mom joined the Big Creek Primitive Baptist church together and Dad became an elder in the church. They always put God first in their lives and were devoted members for many years. They were wonderful, loving parents and we have many precious memories of our lives with them.

They were preceded in death by one son, Mark Joseph Smith and their parents and several sisters and brothers.

They leave behind three children; Sherry (Arthur) Hallock, Michael (Sharon) Smith and Vicki (Bruce) Hatfield. Eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mom and Dad died just 15 days apart. We are comforted to know they spent very little time apart and are now resting in Heaven with their son, Mark. Until we meet again Mom and Dad we love you and miss you.

Written by your children, Sherry, Mike and Vicki



## JACQUELINE "GRANNY" GRAY WORRIX

On December 13, 1931, God blessed this world with the most sweet and loving soul to bring love to so many. On September 8, 2016, He blessed that sweet lady with the most peaceful heavenly sleep. This lady went by many wonderful names over her lifetime.

She was born Jacqueline Gray, the first born child of the late Richard and Daisy Compton Gray in Weeksbury, KY. They called her "Jackie: and due to her parents passing away, Jackie became a mother prior to her teenage years, to her siblings who all preceded her in death. One sister Emma Grace Brewer, four brothers, James "Jimmy" Gray, Chester Gray, Richard "Elmer" Gray, and Richard Lee Gray. Our Aunt and Uncles always showed respect and love to their older sister because of the love and sacrifice Jackie showed to them growing up.



On February 19th, 1955, this lady was united in marriage to the Late Elder Robert B. Worrix. Bob referred to this sweet lady as "Jack". Our house still echoes with the phrase "Hey Jack" from our father needing to find something or just wanting her to sit with him and sing some old songs. Bob and Jackie were faithful members of Louisa Primitive Baptist Church since joining together in 1967. If you listen closely, you can probably still hear them singing "Had It Not Been".

On May 27th, 1956, this lady took on the name "MOM" for the first time when her blessed union with Bob begat daughter Diana Ruth (Tommy) Elswick. Soon after, they were blessed with the births of another Daughter Teresa Eileen (Jim) Anthony, and sons, Robert B. (Joyce) Worrix, Jr, Ricky Bradley (Pamela) Worrix, and Rodney Byron (Cristal) Worrix. She was preceded in death by one child, son Ronnie Blake Worrix who only spent 3 hours with MOM, but left an everlasting impact on the whole family. Long after we all left the house and began to start our own families, there was nothing that compared to that before bed time phone call, where you would answer the phone with "Hello" and to hear the sweetest voice God ever



created on the other end responding "WELL, HIDY". At that moment, you couldn't help but smile and forget your troubles for a little while.

Now we come to the name of what this lady was meant to be called from birth, on April 9th, 1976 it became official to the world that this lady would forever be known as "GRANNY" and oh boy, did those grandbabies love their "GRANNY". Those blessed to be called her Grandkids are: Brandon (Melanie) Smallwood, Jeremiah (Meredith) Elswick, Aaron Smallwood, Shannon Worrix, Jamie (Tonya) Anthony, Bobbie (Andrea) Worrix, Sunshine Anthony, Lora Beth (Derek) Coleman, Jason (Natalie) Worrix, Nick Worrix, Ryan Worrix and Brady Worrix. She was preceded in death by one grandchild James Elswick. The oldest is now in his 40's and the youngest just became a teenager, but they all will tell you, their favorite place to go in the world was Granny's House. They knew there would be love, laughter, comfort and most of all food. You never left Granny's on an empty stomach or an empty heart, and sometimes even your pockets were filled with "Granny Love". It didn't matter if you were family or not, if you walked in her house, sat at the dinner table and got a hug on the way out, from that point on, you referred to her as "GRANNY" and loved her too.

Now comes the Great Grandchildren, they called her "Gran-Gran" and her love still strives strongly with them, even from the oldest to the youngest and the yet to be. From Austin, Adrian, Hayden, Grace, Brenden, Hannah, Adam, Isaac, Will, Landon, Lilly, Camden, Miah, and Merebeth, the love of and for "Gran-Gran" will always remain with them. Since her passing, another Great Granddaughter Ariel Marie was born and someday will feel the love of her Gran-Gran from the love Granny instilled in her Parents.

We would be remised if we didn't share a name only one person had the blessing to call her. Her nephew Richard Anthony Gray III called her "MY ANIE". The bond between Tony and ANIE was in separable. He wrote "When I was hopeless you were there, you picked me up, you showed me care. Without the love you had for me, God only knows where I would be" as a tribute to MY ANIE. He is our brother and forever will be.

Mom had a child-like spirit for life that was contagious. She would be in the middle of the yard with her Grandbabies rough



housing and jumping rope, making the entire family laugh and giggle. Also, there was nothing like her getting excited and hiving her hands exclaiming "Hot Dog". She also loved to have her family stay with her, so she could ensure that you've been eat'n good and always enjoyed an intense game of Rook. She was the only person to BID 180 without the Rook and believed with all her heart she could make it. If you played against her and trumped one of her cards, she would call you a stern 2 word phrase, with love, but just to let you know she meant business.

Now, you knew you were pushing her to her limits, she would start calling your name, or anything close to your name and then bring her hand to her mouth so she could bite her forefinger to keep from saying swear words!! Some of us may have caused her to bite her hand more than others.

God called this lady His Child, with that he blessed her with the biggest, strongest, most forgiving heart ever. She loved all who came in contact with her. Hate and anger could never dim the light of LOVE in her heart and she was always first to forgive.

We all feel in our heart that when the Lord comes to call her from her peaceful sleep, without a doubt, Granny's first words will be "WELL HIDY".

Honorably Written by her Baby Boy  
With Love and Support of all Her Children,  
Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who he called according to his purpose"



## AMERICA REED

America Reed (whom the family and her dear friends fondly refer to as "Merky") was born October 1, 1923. On Monday morning, July 24, 2017, she (at the age of 93) was called peacefully from her earthly dwelling in Lexington, KY to her eternal home.

America was the daughter of the late Ransom and Martha (Coleman) Scott. She is survived by two daughters. Phyllis (Don) Hill of Naples, FL., and Sadie Reed Chapman of Lexington, KY. America was preceded in death by her late husband, Woodrow Reed and a dearly beloved daughter, Elizabeth Reed Hunt.



She is survived by a brother, Earl Scott of Georgetown, KY, and two sisters, Mary Hunt and Betty Scott of Nashville, TN. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Djuna Alderuccio, Naples, FL, Craig Chapman, Columbus, OH, Kelly (Ruth Ann) Chapman and Carol Bobb, Nashville, TN, and three step-grandchildren: Tim (Sherry) Hill, of Carlisle, OH, Todd (Mary) Hill, of Parkersburg, WV, and Jodi (Jim) Free, of Cary, NC. Three loving grandchildren preceded her in death: Shannon and Barry Chapman and Jimmy Hunt. Two brothers, Burl Scott and Dave Scott, as well as one sister, Juanita Bennett also preceded her in death. Four of her siblings, Charles, Jackie, Ethel, and Martha died in infancy.

America is survived by seventeen great-grandchildren and thirteen great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

In lieu-of flowers the family requested expressions of sympathy be made to the charity of choice. America was laid to rest at Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY.

The family rests in the comforting thought and stronghold of Psalm 115:16-Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints, and Romans 8,18th verse...For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.



America's death has been swallowed up in victory, and because of His saving grace and mercy, she is in His presence. God has our "Merky" in His arms, and we'll always have her in our hearts.

Submitted by Steve Hunt

**HAZEL THACKER THORNSBURY STURGILL**  
**(1932-2016)**

Hazel Thacker Thornsberry Sturgill, 84 of Canada, KY, passed away at 4:10 A.M. Friday, December 2, 2016, at her residence. She was born May 13, 1932 on a Friday at Canada, KY, the eldest daughter of the late Joe B. and Ethel Fuller Thacker. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Bobby Lee Thornsberry and her second husband, William "Bill" Sturgill; a daughter, Jenny Lynn Booth; a son, Powell Vincent Sturgill; a great grandson, Christopher Kolby Varney; three brothers, J.B. Harold, and Clifford Thacker and three sisters, Joyce Fleming, Polly Bishop, and Dixie Smith.

Hazel was a homemaker and was blessed to be a stay at home "Mommy." Her entire life was spent taking care of others. She said "her life's job was as a tender" as she tended to others old and young alike. She lovingly cared for each person selflessly. Countless hours were spent cooking and cleaning as she did her daily chores. She always put everyone ahead of her own needs. Hazel loved to read and never threw a book away. She was very wise and gave sound advice when you needed it. She



was an avid animal lover and took in every stray cat people dropped off. She loved watching the birds at her feeder. Hazel was a gardener and enjoyed freezing and canning the rewards of her gardening. She later enjoyed cooking and serving the fruits of her labor. She was an excellent cook and served delicious meals as long as she was able. Hazel always cooked something special for Church Dinners. She loved the Primitive Baptist Church and attended faithfully but never joined. She



said, "I am not worthy to be a member." If Hazel wasn't worthy to be a Church Member, then I would think that none of us are. She was honest, kind, gentle, generous, thoughtful and loving to everyone. She worked hard all of her life and never complained about how hard her life was. Hazel mothered many children besides her own seven children, even helping to raise several grandchildren. She was an inspiration to all that knew her. She was a highly respected lady in the community. She believed in following the rules and the laws even if she personally disagreed. She was never too busy or tired to send food when families suffered a death in their family. Hazel always considered her daughters-in-law and sons-in-law the same as her own children. She loved them equally in every respect. Her grandchildren were always the light of her life.

Survivors include her children, Loretta (Larry) Varney, Carletta (Woody) Robinette, Joseph (Brenda) Thornsburg, and Marianne (Robert) Goff all of Canada, KY and Bobby (Gwen) Thornsburg of Matewan, WV; her sister Marie (John) Jacobs of Canada, KY; 21 grandchildren, Dawnetta Marcum, Chris Varney, Roy "Blue Bogar, Bethany Varney, Mark William Bogar, Kim Varney, Jonathan Paul Bogar, Susanne Bogar, Ricky Thornsburg, LeeAnn Wolford, Bobby Lee Thornsburg Jr., Dart Phillips, Aaron Thacker, Rebekah Booth, Megan Thornsburg, Matt Thornsburg, Jalyn Goff, Brady Goff, Brandon Goff, Kristy Baars and Tonya Messer; 32 great-grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Lovingly written by her daughters ,  
Loretta T. Varney and Carletta T. Robinette



## GLADY SUE HACKNEY

It's with great sadness that I write the obituary of a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She passed away October 16th, 2016 at her home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Gladys Sue Hackney (Turnmire), was born June 4th 1949 to the late Maxie (Chapman) and Robie Turnmire.

She was married to the love of her life, Estle Ferrel Hackney March 25th 1967 in Grundy, VA. Left to mourn her death are her husband of almost fifty years Ferrel of Mouthcard KY,



one son Randy Hackney (Dawn) of Garfield, KY, one daughter Teresa Fee (Don) of Gregory MI; four grandchildren: Kayla, Kelsey, Hunter and Ian; two great grandchildren Haley and Jayden; two sisters Mae Justice of Phyllis, KY, and Edith Hackney of Walled lake MI; two brothers David Turnmire and Adle Turnmire of Kimper, KY.

Sue was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member for thirty-five years. She was an avid sewer and was a member of the Elkhorn women's sewing club. My mom loved everyone and she always had a smile that would light up the room. She always saw the good in everyone and always wanted to make everyone happy. She is going to be missed beyond words. Mom I think of you everyday.

Written by loving Son and Daughter



## GLADYS RUTH BLACKBURN

Gladys Ruth Blackburn, age 88 of Linden, died June 12, 2017. Gladys was born September 24, 1928 in Ira, VA. She was married to Chester Blackburn August 1, 1946: he preceded her in death December 29, 1998. She graduated from U of M Flint in 1966 and taught at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School until she retired in 1987. She was an active member of Primitive Baptist Church. She also volunteered at Genesys Hospital and Sloan Museum. Surviving are her children, Chester (Pamela) Blackburn, John (Julie) Blackburn, Steven (Deborah) Blackburn,



Les Ann Blackburn Holth, Linda (Richard) Tinker, Diane (Joseph) Smotherman; brother, Joe (Clara) Dotson; sister, Pearl Jackson; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 3 great great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents. Green and Lucy Dotson; brother, John Dotson.

### For Mom

When I sat down to write the words I wanted to use to describe my mother I struggled where to start and I almost just gave up, but she wouldn't like me giving up because she never did. I thought about words I would use to describe her: Determined, kind, genuine, loyal, loving, passionate, faithful, proud. I could go on for a long time about each of these characteristics, and could tell countless stories of how she displayed them - how she pushed herself to get her education, how she made each and every one of us feel special in some way. How she was true and real, her commitment to her husband, family, and friends, how generously she loved and her undying faith. Her travels, her volunteer work...But instead I'll keep it simple, and short - she loved her Lord above all else - in her final days we would often hear her whispering - "precious Lord, blessed Saviour - thank you for helping me, thank you for being with me". She never gave up on him, even in the darkest hours of her illness.

She loved her family - she wanted nothing more than to be with us - to hear us laughing - there are so many beautiful



stories I could tell - but instead I'll just say simply that she loved us and how blessed we are that we were hers and she ours. She loved my Dad - she remained loyal to him her entire life. They had an amazing love affair and friendship - they were true to one another in a way that I don't think exists that much anymore. She loved life - she embraced it - she learned, she loved, she traveled, she made new friends everywhere she went. Even at Caretel in her final days she won the hearts of the staff and other patients. She made the most of each day. She used to say to me "each day is just so good" - "get out there and DO something". She took nothing for granted. She lived a beautiful life - simple, yet exquisite - and remarkable. She was "Gad" to her Aunts, she was Gladys to my Dad and friends, she was Mrs. Blackburn to her 3rd graders, she was Mother, Mom, Ma, Momma, Mommy Gladys, Grandma, Gram Grammie, Big Grandma, Cookie Grandma, and GG - she was everything to us and we will miss her. But she wouldn't want us to live in our grief. She would want us to go just what she did - live each day to the absolute fullest - do your best, count your blessings, love your family and you friends, love your Lord, be kind, ride the camel, walk the great wall.

She found good in everything - she told me a few weeks before she died that something good had come of her illness - it had brought her family closer together. She was right - I saw so many glimpses of her in the people that surrounded her in the final months of her life - I saw genuine love, compassion, kindness - I saw her, over and over, in everyone of us - and that makes me so proud and happy that I got to call her Momma. We love you Momma - and we will see you again - go dance with Dad now and rest in the arms of our Saviour.

Written by:  
Lesa Blackburn Holth  
Gladys's Daughter



### **PATRICIA "PATTY" G. STEGALL**

Patricia "Patty" G. Stegall, age 69, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 4, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio. Retired from BWC, Patty was a devoted mother, grandmother, daughter,



sister and wife. Patty was a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church for many years with a great singing voice. Preceded in death by her parents, Deacon Ervin and Myrtle Adkins and husband, Jerry R. Stegall.

Survived are her sons, Timothy R. (Jill) Stegall and Jerry A. (Shelby) Stegall; grandchildren Caleb, Noah, and Silas; sister Connie (Warren) Cox; brother Ronnie L. (Diane) Adkins; many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services were held at O.R. Woodyard South Chapel on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 1 PM with elder Paris Blackburn officiating. She was buried in Fernwood Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. Patty will be sadly missed by her family, the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church, and many friends.

### **DOLLIE T. JOHNSON**

With much sadness in our heart we will try to write the obituary of a Dear Mother-In-Law and a wonderful Sister and Friend in Christ Dollie T. Johnson of Rochester Hills, Mi.



Dollie was born in Flat Gap "Pound" Va., to the late Pat and Mary "Boggs" Church on October 4th, 1925 and entered Eternal Life June 17, 2017 at the age of 91 years old. Dollie married Brother William "Bill" Johnson Sr., September 5th, 1959 who preceded her in death November 15th, 2008. She was blessed with three children: daughter Theadosa "Docie" Marchand, two sons Danny and Bill Jr. Danny also



preceded her in death. Dollie leaves two daughters-in-law, Betty Sue and Veronica, 9 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, many great great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and many friends. Dollie was a member in the old Primitive Baptist Church for many years and loved being with her brothers and sisters in the old Church. Dollie was a retiree from Jay Bil Circuit Company of Madison Hgts., Mi. Dollie was loved by all who knew her; she had a kind and generous heart and will be missed in this life, but with hope in Christ our Lord and Saviour we will meet again on that great and glorious morning when God calls for us to meet him. Sister Dollie would say "That will be a great and glorious day".

Written by Daughter-In-Law  
Betty Sue and Brother  
and Sister with hope in Christ  
Danny & Ernie May

### **BARBARA E. HENSLEY**

Barbara E. Hensley, age 85, passed away Saturday, August 19, 2017. She was born July 20, 1932 in Pinsonfork, KY, the daughter of Robert H. and Ortha (May) Stoots. She married John C. Hensley in Stone, KY and he preceded her in death February 15, 2004. She was an assembler for an electronics company.

Survivors include: four sons, James (Kathie) Hensley of Milan, Thomas (Carol) Hensley of Ypsilanti, Billy Hensley of Ann Arbor and John C. (Deidra) Hensley Jr. of Gladwin; four grandchildren: Jennie Hensley, John Henry Hensley, Jessica Hensley and Tiffany (Brad) Shankin; six great grandchildren: Ernest Wallace, Daniel Wallace, Aliahna Dameron, Karley Lynn Shankin, Avayah Dameron and Aubrey Nichole Shankin; one sister, Mary H. Ball of Pinsonfork, KY; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Sharon Hensley, two brothers, Marchel Justice and Buster Stoots and one sister Hazel Hager.



## DELPHIA (SLONE) CHANEY

With so much sadness in my heart, but love beyond no means I will try with the help of our Lord to write the obituary of my beautiful loving natural sister Delphia Chaney of London, KY who was born August 21, 1938 to the Elder Joe Jr. Slone and Eddust (Harris) Slone of Pike County KY. Delphia passed from this life to a better home with Jesus, March 29, 2017. Delphia married John H. Chaney November 5, 1955 to this union were born three children: John Roger Chaney; Billy Chaney and wife Barbara, one daughter Della Chaney White and husband David. She leaves behind one granddaughter Francis Jean "Jeannie" and husband John Griffie, two great grandsons Logan and Camron Griffie. She leaves to mourn her passing one sister Eracie (Slone) May and husband Danny May of Dearborn Hts. MI, two brothers: Joe G. Slone and wife Mary of Mouthcard, KY, Ned Slone and wife Ruth of Nicholasville, KY. Many nieces and nephews and a host of friends especially her bowling friends from London, KY. Delphia was a great fan for bowling. She bowled on many leagues and had a wall of trophies; to say the least bowling was her passion in the nineties and early two thousand until her health declined. Delphia belonged to a Baptist Church in London, KY but she always told me "it is not Old Primitive Baptist like we grew-up-in". She believed in the old way of the Primitive Baptist singing and Doctrine. She loved to visit the Association with my husband Danny and I. She would talk to me about the good meeting we had and loved and got a lot out of especially the night services. Sis



you are at rest in Jesus and my hope is to meet you one day again when Jesus will wrap his arms around me and take me to meet you again in heaven and to see him in all glory on that golden shore. I won't have to miss you then we can walk with him on those golden streets together.

Written with much love by Eracie May



### **KATHLEEN RAMEY**

Kathleen Ramey, 94, of Lexington, KY, formerly of Stone, KY, passed away Thursday February 2, 2017 at Lexington Country Place. She was born February 26, 1922 at Stone, KY, to the late Lee and Clemmie Chapman. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Ramey; two brothers and three sisters. She was a homemaker, an employee of Food City for 16 years and a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

Kathleen is survived by her daughter, Diana (John) Kowynia of Lexington, KY, and by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home, and funeral services followed at 11:00 a.m. Burial at Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY., with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

### **ALIENE (SMITH) BILLITER**

It is with MUCH love that I attempt to write this remembrance for our precious Mother, Aliene (Smith) Billiter. Mom lived to have 94 birthdays! She was born January 12th, 1923 to Willie and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Smith. Unfortunately Will died in



an auto accident on the old Coeburn Mountain when Mom was only 6 months old! Her Mother, Lizzie later re-married to James Billiter, who gave Mom 2 brothers: Joe Edward Billiter and surviving brother, Bobby Ray Billiter and 2 sisters, Margaret Ann and Bonnie Jean. Mom married her best friend and love, Burgess Billiter on November 16, 1940. To this union 3 daughters were born. Barbara Ann Baldrige, Brenda Jean Varney and Deborah Kay Stanley.

Mom worked very hard most of her life, but she lived a GOOD life always setting good examples for us to follow. She was baptized into membership on August 14th 2001 placing her membership at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church. A lot of people thought she was already a member,



which made her feel good. She LOVED her church and her church family very much. Her health began to fail and was unable to attend for about the last 4-5 months, but the brethren came to her and she LOVED that! Sleep on Mommy, until we meet again!

Written with LOVE,  
Aliene's Girls



## **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.



