

Minutes
Of the
One Hundred Sixty-Seventh
Annual Session
of the
**ORIGINAL MATES CREEK
DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Organized July, the Second Saturday, 1849

**Held with the
LOUISA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501
August 30th, 31st, & September 1st, 2019**

**The next session convenes with the Big Creek Primitive
Baptist Church, 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519
starting at 10:00 a.m., Friday before the first Sunday
in September, 2020**

Directions to Big Creek Church House :

**From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 15 miles north on U.S. 119 to Sidney
exit (KY 3220); turn right on KY 3220, go 2.6 miles to Meathouse Road
(KY 3154); Right on Meathouse Road 0.4 mile to church house on right
at mouth of Stratton Fork. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 9
miles south on U.S. 119 to 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.**

OFFICERS

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Proceedings

Of the One Hundred Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the Original Mate's Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association held with the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 30, 2019:

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. After prayer by Elder Timothy Slone, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Michael Elswick. The proceeded to business in the following order:

1st Called for letters from all the churches. The letter from Louisa Church was read.

2nd Motion and second that we accept the letters and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the minutes.

3rd Elder David Gambill was appointed to serve as Moderator pro-tem for election of officers.

4th Elder Ricky Worrix and Deacon Randy Kender were appointed to serve as clerks pro-tem for the election of officers.

5th The Association elected the following to serve as officers for the coming year

Elder Randal Thornsburry, Moderator

Elder David A. Thacker, Assistant Moderator

Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk

Brother Lonnie Simpkins, Assistant Clerk

6th Newly constituted churches called for. None responded.

7th Motion and second to have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the minutes.

8th Messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

9th The letters from the Burning Springs Association and the Sand Lick Association of Kentucky were read and received.

10th **Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:**

SAND LICK - VIRGINIA: Elder Joshua Price Viers, Elder Garnell Gilbert, Elder Noah K. Edwards, Elder Jimmy W. Duty, Elder Don Stacy, Deacon Fayne Viers, Deacon Frank Edwards, Deacon Tom E. Gary, Deacon Darrell O'Quinn

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Jerry Brown, Elder Emerson Montgomery, Elder Jimmy D. Guess, Elder John T. Rigsby, Elder Parley Cantrell, Deacon George Price, Deacon Lowell Cantrell, Deacon Roby Gullett, Deacon Boyd Keeton, Bro. Timmy L. Smith, Bro. Bill Salyer, Bro. Leonard Dunn.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Elder David Gambill, Elder Curt Heath, Deacon Norman Jones, Bro. Eddie Bostic.

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

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

SAND LICK - KENTUCKY: Elder David Gambill, Elder Dan Ison, Deacon Troy Gullett, Deacon Derek Howard, Deacon Billy Dunn, Deacon Donald Prater, Bro. Jonathan Dunn, Brother Terry Meade.

11th **Welcomed visitors from other Associations and churches:**

SAND LICK -VA: Elder Terry Thacker, Elder Barrett McGlothlin, Elder Hoey Lester, Mark Colley Lic., Deacon Jerry Deel, Deacon Harold Fuller, Deacon Carroll Edwards, Robert S. Francisco, Nathan Edwards, Randy Ramy, Clayton Belcher, Rox D. Stanley, Johnny Hackney, Tenecia Hackney, Diann Owens, Brenda Sue McGlothlin, Sharon B. Francisco, Mary L. Duty, Stella Gary, Brenda Lester.

BURNING SPRINGS: Larry K. Jenkins, Charles Marshall.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Wanda Jones, Betty Bostic, Pam Williams.

WASHINGTON: Doris Childress, Barbara Boyd, Deloris Stacy, Dorothy G. Owens, Elsie Combs, Joy Combs, Peggy N. Griffith.

UNION: Elder Trillis Adams, Kathy Adams, Connie Adams, Jean Adams.

SAND LICK - KY: None.

OTHER: Rachel Weaver, Berea, KY; Larry L. Robinson, Sandra E. Robinson

12th Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. All the Deacons from Louisa Church, with Elder Ricky Worrix, were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday morning at Louisa Church: Corbin Hampton

B. Friday afternoon at Louisa Church: John Rigsby, Garnell Gilbert.

C. Friday Night at Old Pond Church: Jeff Dotson, Jimmy Guess, Curt Heath, Shawn Dotson, David May.

D. Friday night at Peter Creek Church: Daniel Jacobs, Roger Rose, Jeremy Jacobs, J.C. Hager, Roger Blackburn.

E. Saturday morning at Louisa Church: Hoey Lester, Doyle Keeton, Ked Stacy.

F. Saturday afternoon at Louisa Church: Curt Heath, Emerson Montgomery.

G. Saturday night at Samaria Church: Raymond Stanley, Jeremy Jacobs, Curt Heath, J.C. Hager, Shawn Dotson.

H. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: Roger Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, Daniel Jacobs, Greg Moore.

I. Sunday morning at Louisa Church: Terry Thacker, Jimmy W. Duty, David Gambill, Jerry Brown, Randal Thornsby, Barrett McGlothlin.

13th Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Mike Bartley, Bernie Newton, Jr., Larry David Chapman, Donovan Blackburn, Randy Smith, Fonso McIntosh, Dean Anderson, Jeff Dotson, Ricky Worrix, Duke Chapman, Barry Thacker, John Cooper, Paris Blackburn, Jack Davis, Tim Floyd.

14th **Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations as correspondence are as follows:**

SAND LICK: Virginia: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2019. Greg Moore, John Cooper, Barry Thacker, Jeff

Dotson, Larry Chapman, J.C. Hager, Clifton Preece, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Raymond Stanley, Bernie Newton, Jr., James Hackney.

BURNING SPRINGS: Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, 2020. John Cooper, Clifton Preece, Greg Moore, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ricky Worrix, Paris Blackburn, David Lee May, J.C. Hager, Roger Blackburn, Bernie Newton, Jr.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 2019. Larry David Chapman, Greg Moore, Roger Blackburn, David Lee May, Tim Floyd, Ricky Worrix, Raymond Stanley.

WASHINGTON: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in June, 2020. John Cooper, David Lee May, John Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs, Greg Moore, Ricky Worrix, Clifton Preece.

UNION: Friday before the 1st Sunday in June, 2020. John Jacobs, Larry David Chapman, John Cooper, Jeremy Jacobs, Clifton Preece, David Lee May, Timothy Slone, Ricky Worrix.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: September 13th, 14th, 15th, 2019. Clifton Preece, James Hackney, Bernie Newton, Jr., Jimmy Lee Smith, Ricky Worrix, John Cooper, Tim Floyd, David Lee May.

15th Moved and seconded that the Association be adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning
August 31, 2019
at Louisa Church house.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Hoey Lester. Roll called and absents marked. Committee on Arrangements reported the following: The Committee met Friday afternoon at Louisa church house. After song and prayer by Elder Paris Blackburn, the Committee proceeded to business as follows:

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

#2. Recommend that Samaria Church host the Annual Meeting for 2020.

#3. Recommend that Big Creek Church host the Association for 2020.

#4. Called for the circular letter written by Deacon Kenneth Slone. The letter was read and recommended for approval by the full body of messengers on Saturday morning.

#5. The Clerk read the letter from New Hope Church, disbanding the church, and reported that the balance of their treasury and the books have been turned over to the Association.

#6. Recommend that we carry on our work on Saturday in the usual manner.

Moved and seconded that the committee's work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with Samaria Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2020.

Committee on preaching reported the following for Sunday: Song and prayer by Elder Terry Thacker, Then: 1.) Elder Jimmy W. Duty, 2.) Elder David Gambill, 3.) Elder Jerry Brown, 4.) Elder Randal Thornsby. Elder Barrett McGlothlin, dismiss with song and prayer.

Motion, seconded and agreed 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 2020 are as follows: LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY. 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2020. Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, David May, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, Garnell Gilbert, J.C. Hager, 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, Mivhael Elswick, Jeremy Jacobs, Justin Blackburn, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders of the same faith and order. **A Memorial Day meeting will be held at the Annie E. Young Cemetery, East Shelbiana, KY, on May 25, 2020.**

OLD POND: 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514.
Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2020. J. C. Hager, Estle Hackney, Daniel Jacobs, Greg Moore, Shawn Dotson, David Jacobs, Ricky Worrix, Curt Heath, Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., David A. Thacker, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsbury, Kenneth Chapman, David May, John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeremy Jacobs, Paris Blackburn and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome. **A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2020.**

BIG CREEK: 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519.
Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2020. Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Kenneth Chapman, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., J.C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Brian Moore, Jeremy Jacobs, Greg Moore, Larry Slone, Estle Hackney, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Roger Blackburn, Timothy Slone, Gary Thacker, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Jeremy Jacobs, Corbin Hampton and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders. **A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held on Sunday following the third Saturday in July, 2020.**

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2020. Randal Thornsbury, Noah Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, John Jacobs, Garrell Gilbert, Michael Elswick, Barry Thacker, Estle Hackney, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, David Jacobs, Todd Thacker, Gary Thacker, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Daniel Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th weekend in October.

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553.
Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2020. Randal Thornsbury, Steve Kender, Paris Blackburn, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Elswick, Shawn Dotson, Barry Thacker, Larry Mounts, David May, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders are welcome. **A Memorial Meeting will be held the fourth Saturday in June, 2020.**

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620.
Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2020 Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Brian Moore, Timothy Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsberry, Raymond Stanley, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Todd Thacker, Barry Thacker, Gary Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy W. Duty, Jeremy Jacobs, Greg Moore, David May, Vester Runyon, Lic., and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are welcome.

LITTLE HOPE: 76 Left Fork Ball Fork Road, Pinsonfork, KY 41555. Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 2020 Paris Blackburn, David Lee Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr. Noah Slone, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Shawn Dotson, J.C. Hager, Jeff Dotson, Roger Rose, Timothy Slone, David May, Brian Moore, Jeremy Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend.

Memorial Meeting is the first weekend in August 2020.

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554.
Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2020. John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, J. C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Jeremy Jacobs, Shawn Dotson, Todd Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr. Ricky Worrix, Barry Thacker, Gary Thacker, Steve Kender, Justin Blackburn, David Hager, Daniel Jacobs, Noah Slone, and all orderly primitive Baptists Elders are welcome. **Our Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be on May 31, 2020.**

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2020. Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Michael Elswick, Kenneth Chapman, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Noah Slone, Estle Hackney, Larry Mounts, Robert Worrix, Jr., Brian Moore, Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, 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 41524 .
Meets the first Saturday in May, 2020. Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Gary

Thacker, Todd Thacker, Estle Hackney, Larry Mounts, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Justin Blackburn, Randal Thornsby, 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, 2020. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome. **A Memorial Meeting will be held for deceased members on March 15, 2020.**

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539.

Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2020. J. C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Noah Slone, Randal Thornsby, Michael Elswick, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy Lee Smith, David Jacobs, Kenneth Chapman, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Daniel Jacobs, Larry Mounts, Brian Moore, Jeff Dotson, David Hager, Jeremy Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome. **A Memorial Meeting will be held Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 for deceased members.**

DRY FORK: 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656. Meets

Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2020. Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Estle Hackney, Noah Slone, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Jeff Dotson, Larry Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsby, David A. Thacker, J. C. Hager, Ked Stacy, Garnell Gilbert, Donald Stacy, Jimmy W. Duty, Jim O'Quinn, Kenneth Chapman, Roger Rose, Larry Mounts, Timothy Slone, Daniel Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs. **A Memorial Meeting will be held the second weekend in July, 2020, at the church house.**

COLUMBUS: 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, OH 43207. Meets

Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2020. Randal Thornsby, Noah Slone, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, David Jacobs, David May, 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, Shawn Dotson, Jeremy Jacobs, Timothy Slone. All other Mates Creek Elders, Brothers and Sisters are invited to attend. **Our Annual Meeting and Memorial Meeting will be held October 3rd and 4th, 2020.**

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June and second Saturday in October, 2020. 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 W. Duty, Robert Thacker, Terry Thacker, David Gambill, Victor Quick, Roger Blackburn, Larry Mounts, Justin Blackburn, Corbin Hampton, Jimmy Lee Smith, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited. **Our Memorial Meeting is the second weekend in October 2020.**

PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078. Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2020 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, David Gambill, Rick Holbrook, Jeremy Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders. **Memorial Meeting: Third weekend in October: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.; Sunday at 10:30 a.m.**

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

Agreed that we have 1240 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following:

BROTHERS: Hursell Stevens, Leon Adkins, Fonso Hatfield, Clifford Hunt, Glenn Woodrow Lee Kendrick, Larry Edward Hatfield, Jimmy Ray Stiltner, Willie Lee Shepherd, Michael W. Coleman, Eugene Deel, Robert (Bob) Evans, Ralph Williamson.

SISTERS: Dorothy Coleman, Maggie Runyon Nichols, Nancy Marie Ratliff, Juanita Rutherford Jarusik, Julia Dotson Stephens, Karen Gail Smith, Zettie Hunt.

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.....**\$7609.82**

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS LAST YEAR:

1. Donations on Saturday and Sunday.....\$442.00

2. Obituaries..... 0.00

3. Other....New Hope Church Treasury Balance....576.00

TOTAL.....\$1018.00

TOTAL FUNDS

AVAILABLE.....**\$8627.82**

AMOUNTS PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2018 Minutes.....-\$1459.30

Reimbursed Columbus Church for tent rental...-\$ 750.00

Paid for postage-\$ 21.00

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

Paid for printing and binding of old minutes.....-\$124.15

TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID OUT-\$2854.45

BEGINNING BALANCE August 30, 2019.....\$5773.37

AMOUNTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR:

From the churches August 30, 2019.....\$2025.00

For obituaries August 30, 2019.....215.00

Donations and other August 30, 2019.....292.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR.....2532.00

BALANCE LEFT ON HAND August 31, 2019.....\$8305.37

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:

Checkbook balance **\$5773.37**

Cash and Checks On Hand to Deposit **\$2532.00**

TOTAL FUNDS: \$ 8305.37

Agreed that our next Association be held with the Big Creek Church at Big Creek Church House, 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519, to begin at 10:00 a.m., Friday before the first Sunday in September, 2020. Elder Timothy Slone was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Todd Thacker is to be his alternate. Minutes read and approved. Closed with prayer by Elder Daniel Jacobs, then adjourned until the time and place of our next Association.

Signed by:

<u>Elder Randal Thornsburv</u>	<u>Randal Thornsburv</u>	<u>Moderator</u>
<u>Elder David A. Thacker</u>	<u>David A. Thacker</u>	<u>Assistant Moderator</u>
<u>Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield</u>	<u>Leslie D. Hatfield</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
<u>Brother Lonnie Simpkins</u>	<u>Lonnie Simpkins</u>	<u>Assistant Clerk</u>

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

Sunday Morning September 1, 2019

Elder Ricky Worrix introduced the service with song and prayer, then:

1. Elder Jimmy W. Duty, 2. Elder David Gambill,
3. Elder Jerry Brown, 4. Elder Randall Thornsburv.

Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder Barrett McGlothlin.

Circular Letter

After much prayer I will attempt to write the Circular Letter for this one hundred sixty-seventh annual session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association.

Since learning I was to write this letter, my mind has been on the "Old Paths" (Jeremiah 6:16): "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls". I believe it is clear from our Articles of Faith, that our forefathers searched for and found these "Paths" when this Association was founded. (Michah 4:2) "And many nations shall come, and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem". These Articles of faith make us who we are and why we are Primitive Baptists. I believe we have been blessed by God to know and preach the whole doctrine of God, not just what is pleasing to the flesh.

We believe in a strong God and a weak and helpless man. Without God we can do nothing, and until He reveals Himself to us, we know nothing about Him.

The Bible is clear that God chose a people before the foundation of the world, and He gave them to Christ. (Ephesians 1:4) "According as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, the we should be holy and without blame before Him in love". When God heard the moanings of Israel and sent Moses to Egypt, He told him to get "my people", not all the slaves that were being held in Egypt. (Exodus 3:10) "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people, the children of Israel.

I believe it is clearly written that God has a people in every nation, kindred, and tongue. (Revelation 7:9) "After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands". (Revelation 7:14) "And, I said unto Him, Sir, thou knowest. And, He said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb".

I believe the Primitive Baptist are a small remnant of this multitude seen by John. I believe we are blessed by God to know the truth as it is in Christ. As it is written (Matthew 22:14) "For many are called, but few are chosen". I pray that this Association will never allow outside influences from the 'world' to cause us to change our beliefs and practices. We should never 'go along to get along'. When these outside influences come along, we need to lean on each other and the 'Old Paths' laid down by our forefathers which were ordained by God.

I have been around 'Old Baptist' since I was a child. Some of my earliest memories are of being in church. I hear the same 'sound' and doctrine today that I heard them. I pray that my grandchildren and their children, and their grandchildren will be blessed to hear the same doctrine that we have preached for hundreds of years. (Acts 2:39) "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call". May God bless you.

Your brother in Christ,
Deacon Kenneth R. Slone

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA Kenneth Slone, Mike Bartley, Robert Worrix, Jr. ,
David Varney.
Alternate: Todd Thacker

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

BIG CREEK: Larry David Chapman, Troy Wheeler, David Lee
May, Bill Slone.
Alternate: Tim Thacker

RACCOON: Clifton Preece, Lonnie Collins, Otis Thacker,
Donovan Blackburn.
Alternate: None

PETER CREEK: Randy Kender , Floyd Coleman, Randy Smith,
L. C. Coleman.
Alternate: None

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Larry Mounts, Ricky Blair,
Terry Blackburn.
Alternate: Justin Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Fonso McIntosh, James Hackney,
Raymond Stanley.
Alternate: Michael Elswick

GRAPEVINE: Harold Abbott, Dean Anderson, Ricky Blair,
Larry Mounts.
Alternate: Timothy Slone

SAMARIA: Bill Yates, Ernie Justice, Jeff Dotson,
Shawn Dotson.
Alternate: Mitchell Justice

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

JOHNS CREEK: Barry Thacker, Duke Chapman,
David Lee May, Lawrence Williams.
Alternate: David May

CALVARY : Duke Chapman, Wallace Vipperman, Lawrence Williams, Ricky Ratliff
Alternate: Barry Thacker

DRY FORK: Brian Moore, Vester Runyon, Ronald Moore, John Cooper
Alternate: Shawn Dotson

COLUMBUS: Paris Blackbun, Roger Blackburn, Ray Lovely, Arthur Coleman
Alternate: Bob Compton

DEERFIELD: Danny May, John Holyfield, Jack Davis , Jr., Daniel Jacobs
Alternate: Jeremy Jacobs

PLEASANT HILL: Lenny Boatrite, Ballard Bryant, Tim Floyd
Alternate: Greg Moore

VISITING ELDERS

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Garnell Gilbert	Sand Lick-VA	6431 Hurricane Creek Road, Vansant, VA 24656	276-859-2949
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Noah K. Edwards	Sand Lick-VA	7744 Scott Roberson Road, Wise, VA 24293	276-328-4111
Jimmy W. Duty	Sand Lick-VA	351 Elder Lane, Bee, VA 24217	276-859-0499
Don Stacy	Sand Lick-VA	7068 Rich Valley Road, Abingdon, VA 24210	276-944-5986
Terry Thacker	Sand Lick-VA	547 Shellbark Road, Newport, TN 37821	931-374-7041
Barrett McGlothlin	Sand Lick-VA	1441 Springhouse Road, Vansant, VA 24656	276-971-7647
Hoey Lester	Sand Lick-VA	231 Splashdam Road, Haysi, VA 24256	276-865-4519
Jerry Brown	Burning Springs	3 Muddy Branch Road, West Liberty, KY 41472	606-522-4598
Emerson Montgomery	Burning Springs	1139 Pleasant Hill Road, Waverly, OH 45690	740-947-5656
Doyle Keeton	Burning Springs	4450 Highway 1050, Jeffersonville, KY 40337	859-398-3193
John T. Rigsby	Burning Springs	3286 Highway 3236, Martha, KY 41159	606-652-3237
Jimmy D. Guess	Burning Springs	632 William Henry Dixon Blvd., Paintsville, KY 41240	859-494-7832
Parley Cantrell	Burning Springs	4532 Highway 705, West Liberty, KY 41472	606-743-1757
Curt Heath	Little Yadkin River	307 South Shady Ave., Apt. 1, Damascus, VA 24236	276-274-5728
George Ben Combs	Washington	P. O. Box 1089, Lebanon, VA 24266	276-889-5580
Ked Stacy	Washington	P. O. Box 1794, Grundy, VA 24614	276-566-7090
Corbin Hampton	Union	190 Tate Hampton Road, Eolia, KY 40826	606-633-3346
Jimmy Webb	Union	47 Chevy Drive, Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-2467
Trillis Adams	Union	34 Dallas Drive, Eolia, KY 40826	
David Gambill	Sand Lick-KY	344 Williams Branch Road, Hazard, KY 41201	606-378-3591

MATES CREEK CHURCHES

CHURCH

Louisa
Old Pond
Big Creek
Raccoon

MODERATOR

Robert B. Worrix, Jr.
Michael Elswick
Randal Thornsbury
David A. Thacker
David May

COMMUNION

Aug., 2nd Saturday
June, 2nd Saturday
Aug., 3rd Saturday
July, 4th Saturday

MATES CREEK CHURCHES

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs	Larry Mounts	Aug., 1st Saturday
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Timothy Slone	May, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Jeff Dotson	June, 3rd Saturday
	Shawn Dotson	
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	May, 1st Saturday
Johns Creek	David B. May	April, 2nd Saturday
Calvary	David A. Thacker	June, 1st Saturday
	David B. May	
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	May, 2nd Saturday
	Brian Moore	
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April, 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	June, 4th Saturday
	David Jacobs	
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	April, 3rd Saturday

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MATES CREEK MINISTERS

Lundy Coleman	14250 Havens Corner Rd, Pataskala, OH 43062	614-563-5342
Paul Dean Justice	901 Teasel Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660	423-398-5136
Paris Blackburn	13290 Trenton Rd., Galena, OH 43021	740-965-1484
John Jacobs	16 Thornsbury Lane, Canada, KY 41519	606-353-0622
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 Thornsbury	P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514 606-353-9234
David A. Thacker	2865 Stratton Fork Rd., Canada, KY 41519 606-353-9887
Michael Elswick	1452 Stratton Fork Rd., Canada, KY 41519 606-353-4207
Lonnie Worrix	36102 State Route 93, Hamden, OH 45634 740-486-1088
David Jacobs	12321 Gage Road, Holly, MI 48442 248-217-0840
Richard Tucker	P.O. Box 141, Raccoon, KY 41557 606-437-2325
Kenneth Chapman	P.O. Box 52 Pinsonfork, KY 41555 606-353-9292
Frank J. Ball	569 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555 606-353-4409
Estle Hackney	North, KY 41548 270-945-4938
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 B. 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 / 794-2994
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	200 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
Roger Blackburn	6040 Condit Road, Centerburg, OH 43011 614-747-5147
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
Jeremy Jacobs	10273 E. Stanley Road, Davison, MI 48423 810-247-0722

Licentiates:

Vester Runyon	1009 Faith Drive, Vansant, VA 24656 276-859-0907
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

<u>LOUISA</u>	Elder Ricky B. Worrix, Clerk 200 Left Penhook Road Harold, KY 41635.....	<u>100</u>
<u>OLD POND</u>	Shelby Jean Hill, Clerk P.O. Box #1 Forest Hills, KY 41527	<u>40</u>
<u>BIG CREEK</u>	Bill Slone, Clerk 7917 State Hwy. 194E. Kimper, KY 41539.....	<u>100</u>
<u>RACCOON</u>	Jeff Belcher, Clerk 451 Pine Fork, Shalbiana, KY 41562.....	<u>100</u>
<u>PETER CREEK</u>	Randy Kender, Clerk 1095 Ashlick Fork Phelps, KY 41553	<u>40</u>
<u>SULPHUR SPRINGS</u>	Lisa Mounts, Clerk 1104 Big Red Road Hurley, VA 24620.....	<u>25</u>
<u>LITTLE HOPE</u>	Brother Lonnie Simpkins, Clerk 35 Fonso Stanley Road Canada, KY 41519	<u>40</u>
<u>GRAPEVINE</u>	Patricia Abbott, Clerk 2105 Upper Johns Creek Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	<u>50</u>
<u>SAMARIA</u>	Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302	<u>100</u>
<u>FEDS CREEK</u>	Ernest Seth Shortridge, Clerk 300 Laurel Fork Road Steele, KY 41566	<u>25</u>
<u>JOHNS CREEK</u>	Elder Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	<u>30</u>
<u>CALVARY</u>	Elder Barry Thacker, Clerk 747 Hurricane Road Kimper, KY 41539.....	<u>50</u>

<u>DRY FORK</u>	Vester Runyon, Clerk 1009 Faith Dr. Vansant, VA 24656	<u>40</u>
<u>COLUMBUS</u>	Alicia Burchwell, Clerk 3773 Miller Road Ashville, OH 43103	<u>100</u>
<u>DEERFIELD</u>	Barbara Holyfield, Clerk 3033 Woodlawn St. Walled Lake, MI 48390.....	<u>75</u>
<u>PLEASANT HILL</u>	Tim Floyd, Clerk 2822 Bullard-Rutan Road Mechanicsburg, OH 43044.....	<u>35</u>
Total For Churches		<u>950</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENCE

<u>UNION</u>	Elder Jimmy Webb, Clerk 47 Chevy Drive Jenkins, KY 41537	<u>25</u>
<u>BURNING SPRINGS</u>	Deacon Lowell Cantrell, Clerk 6903 Hwy. 705, West Liberty, KY 41472.....	<u>25</u>
<u>SAND LICK- VA</u>	Deacon Darrell O'Quinn, Clerk 8696 Sandlick Road Bee, VA 24217	<u>25</u>
<u>LITTLE YADKIN RIVER</u>	Deacon Norman Jones, Clerk 132 Deerfield Drive Pinnacle, NC 27043.....	<u>25</u>
<u>WASHINGTON</u>	Deacon David Owens, Clerk 2208 Osborne Street, Bristol, VA 24201	<u>25</u>
<u>SAND LICK- KY</u>	Terry Meade, Clerk 9563 Highway 772, West Liberty, KY 41472.....	<u>25</u>
Total to Correspondence		<u>150</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO INDIVIDUALS

Moderator	Elder Randal Thornsby P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514.....	<u>25</u>
Asst. Moderator	Elder David A. Thacker 2865 Stratton Fork Road Canada, KY 41519	<u>25</u>
Clerk	Deacon Leslie Hatfield 8380 State Hwy. 1056 McCarr, KY 41544-8302	<u>76</u>
Asst. Clerk	Brother Lonnie Simpkins 35 Fonso Stanley Road, Canada KY 41519.....	<u>12</u>
	Robert L. Webb The Primitive Baptist Library 416 Main St., Carthage, IL 62321	<u>2</u>
	Total to Individuals	<u>140</u>
<u>TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE.....</u>		<u>1240</u>

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 the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to 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 dis-fellowship all modern and ancient religions 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 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.

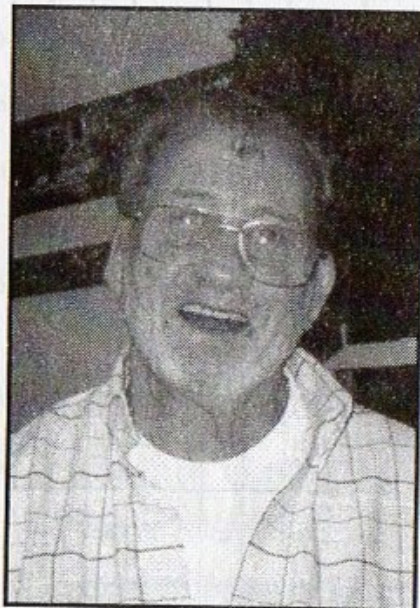
ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON

- 1st Organized by Choosing Moderator and Clerk.
- 2nd Select one to question the candidate.
- 3rd Select one to hold prayer.
- 4th Select one to give the charge.
- 5th Call for the candidate from the spokesman for the church.
- 6th Examine the candidate. Any one of the Presbytery has the 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 MATE'S CREEK DISTRICT REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION													2019
Churches	Moderators	Clerks	Year Established	Saturday of Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Louisa	Robert Worrix, Jr.	Ricky Worrix	1825	2 nd	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	56	\$200.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	2 nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	\$80.00
Big Creek	Randal Thornsberry	Bill Slone	1857	3 rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	48	\$200.00
Raccoon	David A. Thacker	Jeff Belcher	1820	4 th	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	55	\$200.00
Peter Creek	David B. May	Randy Kender	1869	4 th	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-3	56	\$80.00
Sulphur Springs	Jimmy L. Smith	Lisa Mounts	1863	1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	17	\$50.00
Little Hope	Larry Mounts	Lonnie Simpkins	1893	1 st	0	6	0	0	-1	0	0	23	\$60.00
Grapevine	Raymond Stanley	Patricia Abbott	1889	3 rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	17	\$100.00
Samaria	Timothy Slone	Jeff Dotson											
	Shawn Dotson	Leslie D. Hatfield	*1898	3 rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	\$150.00
Feds Creek	Ricky Worrix	Ernest Seth Shorridge	1894	1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	\$50.00
Johns Creek	David B. May	Barry Thacker	1936	2 nd	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-3	16	\$100.00
Calvary	David A. Thacker	Barry Thacker	1951	1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	\$175.00
Dry Fork	David B. May	Vester Runyon	1962	2 nd	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	43	\$80.00
(Friendship)	(Disbanded)	(December 27, 2014)	1925	4 th	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	Alicia Burchwell	1967	4 th	0	1	0	0	0	0	-3	69	\$200.00
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	Barbara Holyfield	1971	4 th	2	0	0	2	0	-2	0	55	\$200.00
Pleasant Hill	David Jacobs	Tim Floyd	1972	1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	\$150.00
New Hope	Greg Moore	(November 25, 2018)	1991	4 th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	\$150.00
16	(Disbanded)				5	10	0	2	-3	-5	-17	641	2075.00

LEON ADKINS

Leon Adkins, age 80, of Steele (Feds Creek), Kentucky, died May 13, 2019 at Pikeville Medical Center. Leon was born January 27, 1939, the son of Thursie and Coonie Adkins of Phyllis, Kentucky. He had five children: three daughters – Diana Adkins Grogen, Lisa Adkins and Stephanie Adkins Justice; two sons – Timothy Adkins and Terry Adkins; Grandchildren - Chelsea Justice, Cory Justice, Skilar Adkins, Dakota Adkins, Casey Adkins, Robert Grogan and Samantha Grogen. He loved his children.

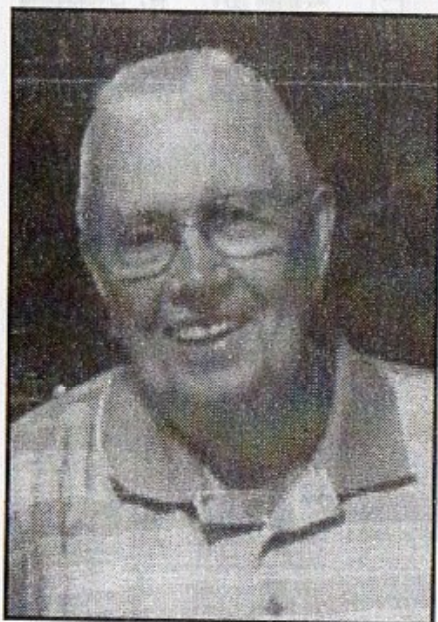


Leon was a coal miner retired from McCoy Elkhorn Coal Company. He was a hard worker. He was a member and Deacon at Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church; he loved to go to church and hear the preaching and singing.

Leon's favorite hobby was horse riding. He loved to ride with his family and friends, until one day it happened that his sickness came along; he never was the same after that, but we know that now he is at peace. We love and miss you.

Written by his loving wife, Jean Adkins.

HURSELL STEVENS



With a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband of 57 years Hursell Stevens, who passed away at Pikeville Medical Center on July 4, 2019, at the age of 78, just a few days short of his 79th birthday.

Hursell was born July 27, 1940, one of sixteen children born to the late Arthur and Virginia (Gibson) Stevens at Owsley, KY. Preceding him in death were his sisters Juanita Baker, Lillian

Young, Ossie Johnson, Anna Sue Stevens and Lillie Marie Stevens; as well as his brothers Douglas Stevens, Howard Stevens, Melvin Stevens, Edgil Stevens, Ballard Stevens, Milford Stevens and Arnold Junior Stevens.

Hursell married Mary Lois Muncy on May 31, 1962 in Clintwood, VA. To their union were born two daughters: Brenda Kay (Kenny) Hatfield, and Tammy Shea Casey. He has two granddaughters: Brittany Nicole Hatfield (Landon Leedy) and Jacklyn Dawn (Kristopher) Steinman; and one very special great-granddaughter, Madison Ann Steinman.

Hursell is also survived by one brother, Eldon Stevens and his wife Debbie of Pikeville, KY, two sisters: Violet Mullins and her husband Kenny of Belcher, KY, and Mary Kent of Pikeville, KY; as well as two sisters-in-law: Sherri Stevens of Pikeville, KY and Helen Stevens of Columbus, OH, and one brother-in-law Sam Baker of Minford, OH.

Hursell was a member of Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon. He loved his church and church family with all his heart, and never missed an opportunity to worship with them when he was able. "Beaver", as his friends called him, was a member of the Stone Lodge #890 for over 50 years; he was a member of Shriners for many years and participated in fundraising activities for the Shriners' Hospital.

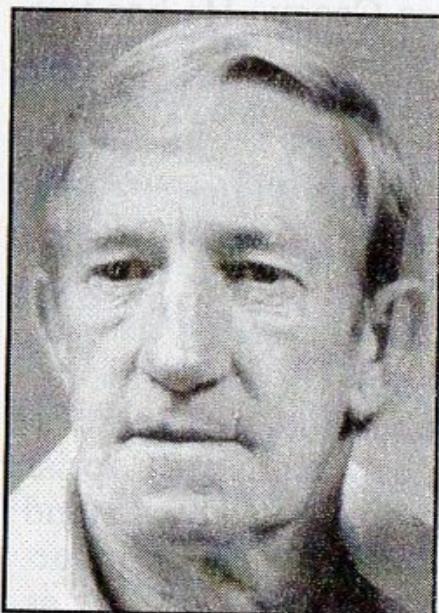
He worked as a tire salesman by trade, his chosen career for many years. One of his favorite past times was sitting on the front porch, reading the paper and watching his humming birds. A man of few words, he spoke volumes if you listened. He always knew what was going on around him, even if he wasn't joining the conversation. Hursell loved watching sports as he got older, but he was very active as a young man. He loved hunting and fishing, and was a member of the local softball team at one time, and played basketball when he was in high school. He enjoyed these activities with his friends, especially his best friend Blake.

Farewell, my love; I will see you soon. Rest easy now, there is no more pain. I know you are smiling, seeing your mommy, brothers and sisters, I can just see her now, opening her arms and saying "Welcome home Baby, Mommy's been waiting".

Written by his loving wife,
Mary Lois Stevens, and family.

In Loving Memory of
FONSO HATFIELD

My darling husband, Fonso Hatfield, age 91, of Phelps, KY, departed this life on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 at his home, after a long illness



Fonso was born January 23, 1928 at Coleman, KY to the late Ward and Ida Coleman Hatfield. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillie Coleman Hatfield, sister Emma Jane, and three brothers: Opa, Granville and Ermal.

As well as being a loving husband, stepfather, grandfather and friend, Fonso was a hard working UMW coal miner, having worked at Kentland Harmon Coal Co. for 37 years, 10 months and 8 days. He was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church since 1977. In his spare time he enjoyed his family friends and his small collection of Volkswagen Beetles.

Survivors left to honor his memory include his loving wife, Glennis C. Hatfield; two daughters: Mary Anne (Ghomer) Prater of Pikeville, KY, and Jessie Doretha (Richard) Phillips of Pendleton, KY; a son, Charlie (Erin) Varney of Silver Springs, FL; five grandchildren: Michael Ray, Sydney Randall, Sammy Prater, Caleb Phillips and Nathan Varney; and a host of other family, neighbors and friends.

You will always be my baby. I love and miss you so much. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

By his wife and family

You made me laugh, you spoiled me rotten, you always tried your best to take care of me. I will always picture you shuffling around the house with your hands behind your back showing off your most recent trade. One of my favorite memories is from a time in Tennessee, when I had gotten in trouble

for sassing and not listening to Mom (surprise, surprise); so my punishment was not being allowed to go with the rest of the family shopping in Gatlinburg the next day. You took me to the flea market and made deals for every little thing I said I wanted. Then you brought me home and made me supper, and we went exploring around the property until everyone got back. This morning, you left this world for something better, and though you will be missed, at least you will not be in pain. Bye Papaw Fonso. We love you!

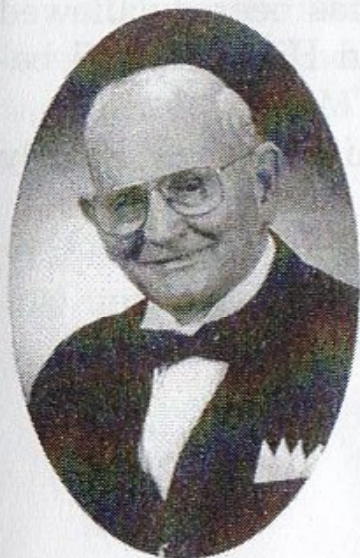
By Sydney Randal, granddaughter

This morning, on this special day, you received the call to some home. Heaven gained one of the greatest men I know. Even though I am sad, I cannot help but to be thankful. You taught me how to do so many things I love. You taught me how to hunt, how to shoot a gun, how to work my way through a flea market, how to fix anything with nothing. You taught me so many of life lessons; however what I am most thankful for is having you as my grandpa. I love you and I will miss you more than I can put into words. Have a good time working on unlimited vehicles in Heaven. Until next time, grandpa.

By Samuel Prater, grandson

CLIFFORD HUNT

Clifford Hunt, age 88, of Gallatin, Tennessee, (formerly of Hardy, KY) entered his eternal rest on March 17, 2019. Clifford was born on December 8, 1930, in Pike County, KY to the late Warren and Ora (Thacker) Hunt. At the age of five, Clifford's mother died, so he spent much of his early life being reared by his beloved grandparents – Perry and Ollie Hunt.



He is survived by his wife, Mary (Scott) Hunt. They were married on March 30, 1953 (almost 66 years ago). They were blessed with two sons, Clifford Steven (Darla) Hunt of Gallatin, TN and Leslie Mark (Agnes) Hunt of Mt. Juliet, TN. Cliff and Mary were also blessed

with five grandchildren – Joshua Hunt, Nathan Hunt, Natalie Hunt, Tasha Gregory, and Lisa Ibay, as well as four great-grandchildren. Clifford had three siblings, Michael Hunt of North Tazewell, VA, and a sister and brother, Lillian Stepp and Ralph Hunt, who preceded him in death.

Clifford, a Korean War veteran, was employed in his early years as a coal miner in the rural Appalachian mountains, as a welder in Williamson, WV, and lastly on the railroad, in the Williamson yard and Grundy, VA locations. Later he served in supervision and management as a general foreman for the Norfolk & Southern Railroad until his retirement in 1987. Cliff was very thankful for his position and employment. Railroading was not only his work, but “his play” as well.

Most importantly, he was a believer in Jesus Christ and rejoiced in his salvation, that he knew was imparted to him by God's Electing Love and Amazing Grace. Clifford served as a deacon at Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Belfry, KY, for many years. While living in Huntington, WV, they often attended Cannonsburg Primitive Baptist Church in Ashland, KY. Upon moving to Tennessee, he became a member of the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Goodlettsville, TN.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, March 23, at the Crestview Funeral Home, located at 1623 Highway 109 North, Gallatin, TN, with Elders Lasserre Bradley, Jr. and Ronald Lawrence officiating. Entombment followed in the Mausoleum at Sumner Memorial Gardens in Gallatin, under the direction of Crestview Funeral Home, with Elder Michael Elswick giving the closing prayer. Death has been swallowed up in victory. Dad is beholding the Lord in His glory, all because of grace and mercy.

Submitted by the Family

GLEN WOODROW LEE KENDRICK



With a broken heart we are writing this obituary in loving memory of Glen Woodrow Lee Kendrick, husband of Opal Thacker Kendrick for 57 years. Glen was born to the late John and Kelsie Kendrick on March 10, 1942. He passed away on September 10, 2018 at his home at the age of 76 years and 6 months, after an illness of many years.

He was the father of five children: Richard Glen Kendrick (Gaylene), Rita Kathy Keene (Jerry), Sharon Diane Bishop (Jerry), Jimmy Lee Kendrick (Vickie), and Johnny Burbon Kendrick (Heather), and the grandfather of seven: Jeremy Wayne Keene (Savannah), Tiffany Nicole Bishop Cox (R. K.), Nikki La'Shae Keene Abbott (Justin), Jordan Lee Kendrick, Johnathan McKenzee Kendrick, Chelsea Brooke Kendrick, Kaleb Makaine Kendrick; and great-grandfather of eight. His family was his life, and he loved and cherished each and every one of them.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, twin sister Linda Kendrick, his baby sister Gail Adams, and three brothers: Phillip, Paul and Elder Argle Kendrick; and one son, Johnny Kendrick.

Glen was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church since July 16, 1995. He loved going to church and being with his brothers and sisters in church, and most of all he loved his Lord and Savior. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the UMWA.

He is, and always will be missed by his family. Our hearts are broken, but we know he is happy and pain free now and someday we will see him and our son, and brother Johnny, but until then we will carry them in our hearts, and have our memories of them to cherish.

Written by his wife Opal and the Family.

LARRY EDWARD HATFIELD

Larry Edward Hatfield was born July 25, 1952 in Williamson, WV. He passed away on March 30, 2019. Larry was the son of Cricket and Edith Kay Hager Hatfield. He was raised at Little Blue Springs, Ransom KY. His father was a coal miner and his mother was a teacher at Blackberry Elementary School.



Larry retired from Eastern Coal Company in 1992. He was a member of the UMW, and was of the Primitive Baptist faith. He enjoyed hunting, gun smithing and spending time with his family and friends. Larry was a very smart man who could fix anything.

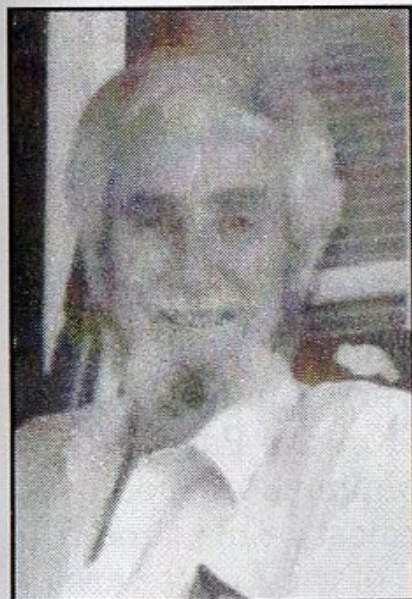
Larry had one brother, James Dewey Hatfield. He married Lassie Coleman Hatfield on February 5, 1972; they were married for forty-seven years. He is survived by his loving wife and his two children: Larry Shawn (Betty) Hatfield, and Christopher Shane (Carrie) Hatfield. He had two grandsons, Cody Ryan Hatfield and Logan Shawn Hatfield, whom he adored dearly. They were his life; he would do anything for his boys. He was an uncle to Amanda (Justin) Mayhorn, Dusty (Shasta) Coleman, Lori (Shawn) Dotson and Roger Kelly Coleman, whom he treated as his own. He also had a special great-niece, Kylee Sipple, and a special great-nephew, Asher Mayhorn, whom he loved very much. He had two stepsons: Eric and Arron (Courtney) Thacker, and one great-stepgrandson, Carson Thacker. He had a special dog Rusty, that was always by his side.

Larry is missed dearly by all his family and friends. He will live forever in our hearts.

Written by his daughter-in-law,
Carrie Hatfield

JIMMY RAY STILTNER

With overwhelming sadness, we say good-bye to our beloved Jimmy Ray Stiltner. Jim was born April 5, 1940 in Pike county, KY, one of eight children born to Myrtle and Ballard Stiltner. On November 13, 2018, Jim took his place on Heaven's Country Porch.



Jim was a U. S. Veteran, a heavy equipment operator and mechanic; he also worked on laying of the Alaskan Pipeline. He was also a very active member of the Shriners and Free Masons. Jim found his grace in God at the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church, where he received his baptism before his family and friends.

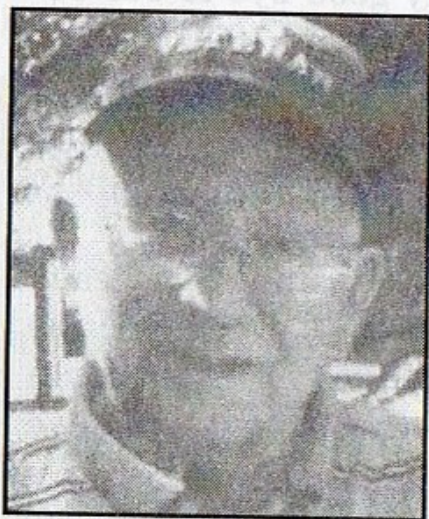
You could always find Jim working away in his garden, or in his woodshed working on masterpieces that he often made for family and friends. And when the sun would set, you could always find him on someone's front porch.

Missing him deeply are his wife Eloise Stiltner, three sons: Jimmy Williamson, Jeremy Stiltner and Robert Curtis Stiltner; a daughter, Heather Kernaghan; his brother Jack Stiltner; two sisters Barbara Sue Estep and Brenda Spears; eight grandchildren: Cody Heizer, Doran Williamson, Gordon Leach, Sidnee Slone, Tristan Sallee, Emily Stiltner, Annie Kernaghan Kelly Kernaghan, and Keegan Kernaghan; and two great-grandchildren, twins Alexis and Aleigha Heizer.

By the family

WILLIE LEE SHEPPARD

October 16, 1927 – August 22, 2019



Willie Lee “Billy” Sheppard, 91, of Lenore, WV, passed away August 22, 2019 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. He was born October 16, 1927 at Trace Creek, WV, the son of the late Watt and Catherine Sheppard. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife Merle Blair Sheppard, brothers and sisters Drewie Sheppard, Jackie Sheppard, Ernestine Short, Anna Mae Porter and Alberta Lumpkin.

Billy was a very proud Veteran, having served in the US Navy during WWII in the Pacific. He was also a lifetime member of the DAV Chapter 3 at Henlawson, WV. In his retirement days, he spent most of his time repairing washing machines and dryers for all of the Lenore area. He loved helping his neighbors and meeting people and talking to them at Cheech's Restaurant.

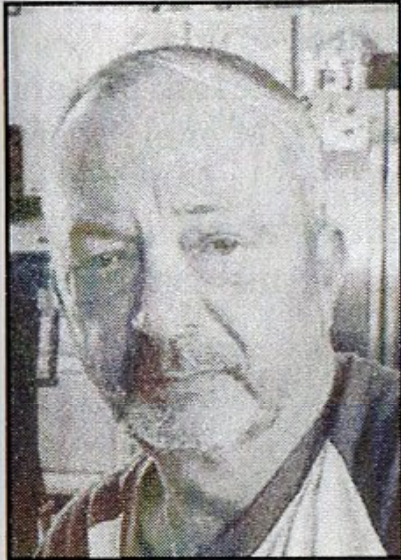
Billy will be sadly missed by his children: H. W. “Buzz” Sheppard, Darice Akers Vance, Beverly Adkins and husband Robert, Special Companion Nadine May, brothers: Jimmy “Coolaid” Sheppard, Danny Joe and wife Rose Sheppard and Raymond Perry and wife Judy Sheppard; sisters: Ida Clark, Bonnie Hicks and Linda Sue Metzger. He also leaves behind grandchildren: Randy (Karen) Akers, Melissa (Aaron) Taylor, Renee (Eric) Sartin, Coty (Kim) Sheppard, Missy Young, Naylin Carver and Regina (Dave) Evans; great-grandchildren: Chris (Paige) Akers, Casy (Caitlyn) Akers, Caylee Akers, Ciley Akers, Logan Harris, Mattox Sartin, Lyrix Sartin, Eli Sheppard, Reed Sheppard, Emma Sheppard, Saylor Carver, Aly Young and Mya Young. He was blessed to live long enough to see his great-great grandchild, Canryn Akers.

Visitation and evening service were held Sunday evening, with Elder Albert Cable officiating. Funeral services were held at the Little Dove United Baptist Church on Monday, August 26, 2019, 1:00 p.m., with Elders Jimmy Maynard and Chris Ooten officiating. Burial followed in the Sheppard Cemetery at Trace Creek, WV.

MICHAEL WAYNE COLEMAN

(December 27, 1927 – May 29, 2019)

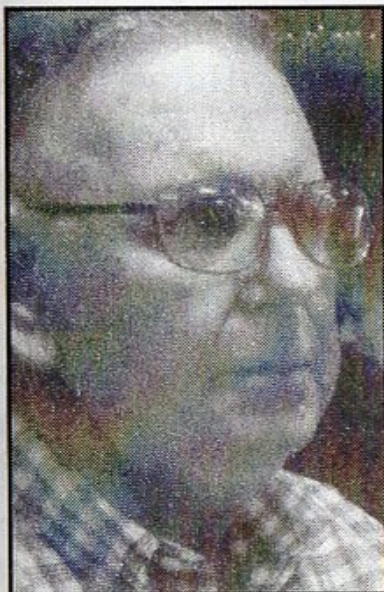
Michael Wayne Coleman, age 61, of Pikeville, KY, passed away Wednesday, May 29, 2019. He was born December 27, 1957 in Pikeville, KY to the late Jack and Sarah (Tackett) Coleman. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Jeffrey Jack Coleman.



Michael is survived by his special friend Patty Blankenship; two daughters, Candice Michelle (Tommy) Chapman and Amanda Dawn Coleman; three sisters: Judy (Roger) Coleman, Shelia Thompson and Susie (Patrick) Bowling; four grandchildren: Mason Coleman, Jayson Chapman, Riley Coleman and Emily Adkins; and one great-grandchild Parker Coleman. Michael will be deeply missed by all that knew him and loved him.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 2 at Thacker Memorial Chapel, with Primitive Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed at the James Family Cemetery on Johns Creek.

EUGENE DEEL



Eugene Deel, 81, of Enon, OH, passed away on Easter Sunday, April, 20, 2014. He was born April 4, 1933 in Murphy, VA, the son of the late John Henry Deel and Carrie Deel. Eugene was one of eight children, and grew up in a small coal mining community in southwest Virginia. He married Betty (Mullins) Deel on October 27, 1952, and eventually they moved to New Carlisle, and later to Enon, Ohio. Eugene and Betty were happily married and devoted to each other for 61 years. Eugene dedicated his life to loving and caring for his

wife, three children, seven grandchildren and two great-

grandchildren.

Eugene was a United States Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. He worked for 35 years as a machinist and a quality control inspector at Harris Graphics in Dayton, Ohio before retiring. Throughout his life he was a devoted Christian, and served as a deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church. He loved the Primitive Baptist Church, and attending church and worshipping our God.

Eugene was survived by his loving wife Betty Deel, sons Tim Deel and Dennis Deel (Peggy), and daughter Mary Wells (Scott). He was also survived by seven grandchildren: Natalie Nelson (Zach), Jacob Deel, Adam Deel (Olivia), Michel Moore, Cori Deel, Sean Wells, and Kyle Wells; and four great-grandchildren: Zoe Deel, Maggie Nelson, Lucy Nelson and Theodore Nelson. He also left behind two siblings: his sister Maxine Jones and brother Bryan Deel.

In addition to his parents, John Henry and Carrie Deel, Eugene was preceded in death by his brothers John Henry Deel, Jr., Raymond Deel, Garmon Deel, and Barnum Deel, and his sister Blanche Turner. He was interred at Enon Cemetery in Enon, Ohio.

In Loving Memory of
ROBERT (BOB) EVANS



With a sad and heavy heart I write the obituary of my husband, who passed away last month. He was born May 4th 1938, in North Matewan, W. Va., to the late Luther and Pauline (Browning) Evans, and departed this life to be with the Lord on July 21, 2019 at the age of 81.

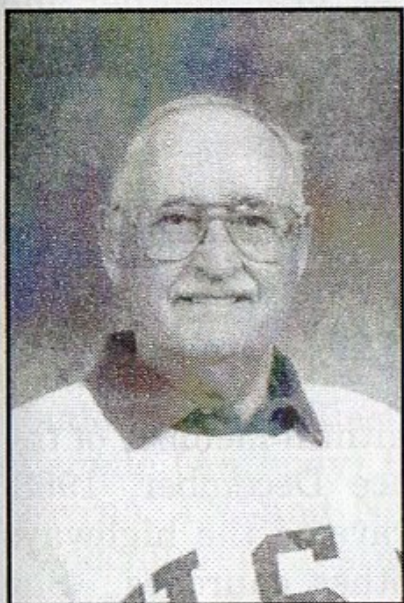
In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his brothers Jimmy Lee, Jerry, Larry, Harold and Bill Evans, and sisters Josephine Swanner, and Edith and Betty Jo Evans. He was the last of his siblings to pass.

Left to mourn and honor his memory are his wife Patty Coleman Evans, two stepsons: Richard and Mark Coleman; six grandchildren: Michael, Jordan, Alyssa, Kayla and McKenna Coleman, and Hayley Collins; one great-grandson, Aiden Coleman, and his little dog "Bob", which helped him through some rough times

Bob loved going to church. He attended Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He loved his Lord God, and his family. He will be missed by all who know him. "Rest in peace" Papaw.

Written by his loving wife,
Patty Ann Coleman Evans

RALPH WILLIAMSON



Ralph was born on January 14, 1929, and left this world to be with the Lord on Saturday May 14, 2019, making him 90 years and 5 months old. He was the son of the late John and Dora Williamson of Canada, Kentucky. He had five brothers and three sisters; three of his brothers and two of his sisters preceded him in death

Ralph was a Korean War Veteran, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant, as well as serving as a field medic, serving from 1950 – 1953, with many achievements. He then continued to serve in the Maryland Army National Guard. Ralph was married to Jean (Blackburn) Williamson for 67 years. They lived a happy and comfortable life in Maryland, after leaving Kentucky when he was 22 years old.

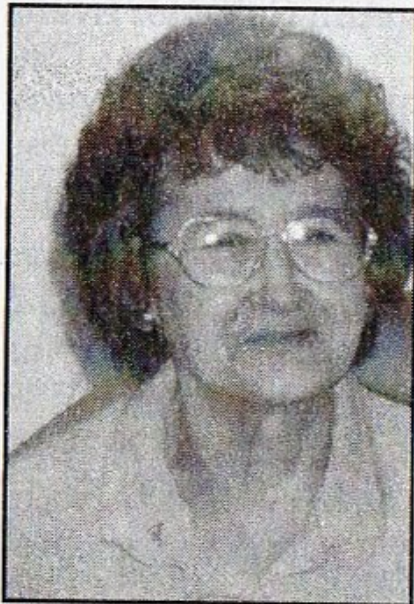
Ralph leaves behind his wife Jean, one daughter Judi and son-in-law Greg Seltzer, one son, Jerry Williamson, three grandchildren: Aaron Seltzer, Heidi Seltzer and Jason Williamson; and one great-grandchild, Max Seltzer. He cared deeply for his family; they were the love of his life. He also leaves behind not only his two brothers and one sister, but a host of

brothers- and sisters-in-law, as well as many nieces and nephews whom he always held special in his heart.

Ralph was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, cherishing his baptism into the faith, with his membership be held in Columbus, Ohio.

Written by his loving wife, Jean, with all my love for my wonderful husband and best friend. He will be sadly missed by his loving family forever.

In Loving Memory of
DOROTHY COLEMAN



Mom passed away on February 8, 2019. She was born in Paintsville, Kentucky on July 6, 1928, to the late James and Louise Boggs. Mom was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved being a homemaker. She enjoyed working as a cook for Bexley Schools, because, again she was taking care of the "kids". The students called her "Mom", and would stand in line for her famous sub sandwiches, served with a healthy portion of "Motherly" advice.

She was a faithful member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church since December, 1963. Mom was always at Dad's side as they traveled the highways with their church companions, visiting other churches. She was blessed to enjoy many sermons, and she loved her "favorite" songs.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Eileen, Harold and Earlene, and one grandson, Robert. Dad has lost his "Girl", the love of his life, and we have lost a guiding force in our lives that loved us with all her heart. Mom, we know you have gone to rest high on the Mountain, because your work here was done, but you remain in our hearts and minds forever – until we meet again.

All Our Love: Elder Lundy Coleman (husband of 65 years), children: Marylynn Saunders, Richard Justice, Sandra Harris and David (Monica) Coleman; grandchildren: Angela Ostrom,

Jonathan Ostrom, Alexandra Coleman, Jason Harris and Samantha (Eric) Parish; great-grandchildren: Bryce, Gavin, Kaitlin, Hunter, Ava, Anna, Amber and Andrea.

ZETTIE HUNT



With much sadness I write the obituary of my Mamaw. Zettie Hunt, age 87, passed away Saturday May 18, 2019. She was born May 25, 1931 in Pike County, Ky., to the late Miles Coleman and Katherine (Smith) Coleman. She was a teacher aide and cook for the Pike County Board of Education for many years, and then worked for the United States Postal Service as Postmaster until she retired.

Zettie was the wife of the late Dave Hunt, and a faithful member of the John's Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She is survived by two sons, Douglas Hunt (Marlene) of Morehead, Ky. and Paul Hunt (Wilma) of Prestonsburg, Ky. Also surviving are two brothers: Burlin (Sally) Coleman of Pikeville, Ky. and Amos (Sue) Coleman of Kimper, KY; two sisters: Nora Hunt of Kimper, Ky. and Mable (Harold) Blackburn of Fenton MI; three grandchildren: Michelle (Anthony) Bevins of Raccoon, Ky., Amanda Hunt of Smyrna, TN, and Nathan Hunt of Morehead, Ky.; two great-grandchildren, Justin and Macie Bevins, as well as a host of family and friends.

Zettie was much more than the titles of her employment positions. She was a Godly woman and lived her life in accordance to God's will, and passed those morals, values and lessons on to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and any children she worked with. She was a true blessing to all of us, and her generosity, thoughtfulness and caring characteristics will be extremely missed. She was most certainly a Special Lady, and her memory and lessons will be passed on to future generations. She will be missed by many. We can rest knowing that her passing is merely a short separation, and we will be able to be together again one day.

In Loving Memory of Zettie Hunt, written by her granddaughter, Michelle Bevins.

MAGGIE RUNYON NICHOLS



Maggie Runyon Nichols, age 89, of Pikeville, Kentucky, passed from this life Sunday, June 2, 2019. Maggie was born March 15, 1930 in Pikeville, Kentucky, to the late Calvary and Myrtle "Sammons" Runyon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Avonelle Slone, sister-in-law Anna Runyon, and two brothers: Bud and James Floyd Runyon.

Maggie is survived by her loving husband, Noah Nichols, four sons: Kenneth Slone (Janice), Bill Slone (Karen), Lloyd Nichols (Shelia), and James Nichols; Grandchildren: Bradley Slone (Catrena), Kenneth Slone Rose, Stacie Elliott (Todd), Daniel Slone, Noah Thornbury, Adam Thornbury, Tyler Holbrooks, Devan Nichols, Camelia Nichols and Emma Nichols; great-grandchildren: Caleb Slone, Joshua Slone, Elijah Rose, Dawson Rose, Andrew Elliott, Kyle Elliott, Maggie Elliott and Sam Elliott; one sister, Patty Justice; four brothers: Willie Runyon, Cal Runyon (Sandy), Gene Runyon (Dorothy), Tommy Runyon (Glenda); and one sister-in-law, Camella Runyon.

Maggie was blessed with many gifts and talents that she shared with those around her. She had the gift of hospitality, making people feel welcomed and loved. She had a smile that lit up a room! In our family we hug, and she would be sure to give you a hug when you came in, and another when you left. She was an excellent cook, best known for her apple stack cakes, butterscotch pies and chicken and dumplings. She loved to cook for her family; if she knew your favorite meal, you knew to show up hungry, because it would be hot and ready when you arrived. That wonderful smell of a home-cooked meal would greet you at the door. She was an accomplished seamstress, and she crocheted many beautiful afghans. She also had an incredible green thumb. She would stick a little twig in a crawdad hole, and the next time you saw it, it would be a flourishing plant or flower.

Nature was another passion of hers. She and Noah loved to go camping, and took the grandkids along every chance

they got. She loved to watch the birds outside her kitchen window. Each grandchild and great-grandchild grew up looking out that window as she told them what kinds of birds they saw. Cardinals were her favorite bird, but when it came to basketball, preferred Cats: Wildcats, that is! We gathered together as family many times and watched games, but even without the crowd, she rarely missed a game.

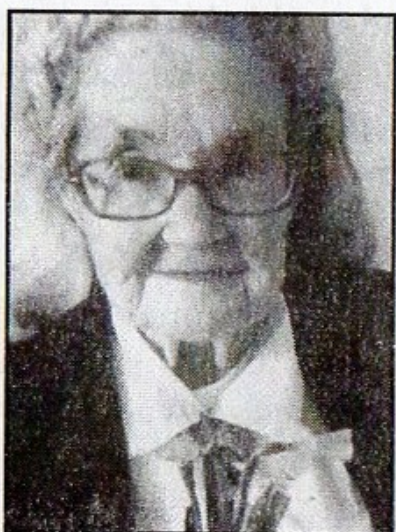
Maggie and Noah had a marriage that inspired others. They were married 62 years, but it wasn't just the quantity of years, it was the quality. They displayed that quality through physical touch: holding hands, a pat on the back, a warm embrace. Others saw them and wanted that same kind of marriage.

Maggie was a devoted and beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. Nothing was more important to her than family. She always looked forward to calls and visits. As a family we would gather for holidays and birthdays; we often ended up in the kitchen, coffee in hand, telling stories, and laughing for hours. Those moments brought Maggie great joy. One of her favorite times was going to the Runyon Family Reunion each fall, where she had the chance to see family and friends she hadn't seen since the last reunion.

Maggie was a woman of faith. On October 22, 1978, she was baptized into the church. She always considered her brothers and sisters in the church part of her family. She especially enjoyed singing and worshipping the Lord with her church family. Our precious grandmother will be missed always.

Written by her grandchildren.

JUANITA RUTHERFORD JARUSIK



In much sadness I write the obituary of my grandmother and sister in Christ, Juanita Rutherford Jarusik, 92, of Newport, TN, formerly of Huddy KY, who passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2019.

Juanita was born October 8, 1926, the daughter of the late Landon and Ladona Blackburn Rutherford. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Jarusik, and one son, Gary Neal Thacker. She had seven brothers: Charlie Glen, Garland, Autumn, Irvin, John Opa, Link and Rex Desota Rutherford; four sisters: Opal Scott, Audrey Murphy, Dixie Edith Rutherford and Dozena "Dean" Kelker; and two grandchildren: Joey Thacker and Denita Kelker.

Juanita was survived by her two sons: Terry (Gloria) Thacker of Newport, TN, and Brian (Lisa) Thacker of Radcliff, KY; by her grandchildren: Robert Thacker, Barry (Denise) Thacker, Rebecca (Rusty) Stewart, Carolyn (Dave) Branham, Mariruth (Jacob) Morris, Bianca Thacker, Ruthia Thacker and Andrew Thacker. She leaves behind sixteen great-grandchildren.

Juanita was a member of Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, which she joined in August, 1956. She was a faithful servant to the church until she became ill. Juanita loved the church with all her heart. She loved taking pictures of things that God created, always admiring its beauty. She touched so many lives as she lived here. We grandchildren will never forget the summers we spent there. We will always have a special place in our hearts of the love she showed us all. We love and miss her.

JULIA DOTSON STEPHENS



Lonely and broken hearted, I will try to write the obituary of my sweet sister, Julia Dotson Stephens. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church on Hilock Road in Columbus, Ohio. She passed away on December 3, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Stephens, her parents Joe and Myrtle Dotson, and many nephews and nieces, friends and acquaintances. She will be sorely missed by all. She couldn't stay with us any longer; she is resting now by the side of the River of Life that flows with milk and honey, with her Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. I miss her very much.

Written by her sister, Corrine Eggers.

NANCY MARIE RATLIFF



It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my beloved mother. Nancy Marie Ratliff, Age 74, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was born on May 17, 1942 to the late Lora Slone and Viola Varney Slone. She was the wife of Will D. Ratliff, a homemaker, and a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church on Varney Branch of Johns Creek, Pike County, KY. She was a loving mother grandmother and great-grandmother.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by three brothers: Clayton, Corbett and Freddy Slone. She is survived by her husband, one son, Ricky Ratliff; two daughters: Donna Coleman and Rhonda Gilman; one brother, Garland Slone; two sisters: Barbara Sue Lock and Vesta Justice, and five grand-children: Angel, Lydia, Michael, Heather and Donovan; three great-grandchildren: Lukas, Elijah and Johnnie, and a host of loving family and friends.

KAREN GAIL "HATFIELD" SMITH

Karen Gail "Hatfield" Smith, 65, of Phelps, KY went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. She was born on March 20, 1954 at Williamson, WV, a daughter of the late Ermal and Ruth Hackney Hatfield. In addition to her



parents, she was preceded in death by a grand-daughter, Isabella Grace Smith.

In addition to being a homemaker, Karen was a devoted mother, granny, sister, neighbor and friend. Survivors include daughters Stephanie Mullins (Bobby) of Hardy, KY and Shannon Dotson (Tom) of Hardy, KY. ; sister Janet Hunt (Gary) of Phelps, KY; grandchildren: Jayden Mullins, Makaylee Smith, Payton Mullins(Caitlin) , Andrew Mullins, Abby Dotson, and other family, neighbors and friends.

Honoring services were held at Peter Creek Presbyterian Church, Phelps, KY on Saturday April 27, 2019, Kelly Baldrige and Clarence Smith officiating. Interment followed in the Ermal Hatfield Cemetery, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

MEETING TIMES OF THE CHURCHES

LOUISA: 2nd Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:30a.m.; Odd Sunday.

OLD POND: 2nd Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.; 4th Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Odd Sunday 10:00 a.m.; New Year's Eve night, 6:30 p.m.

BIG CREEK: 3rd Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m..

RACCOON: 4th Saturday 6:00 p.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.

PETER CREEK: 4th Saturday 6:30 p.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 1st Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.; 5th Saturday 6:00 p.m.

LITTLE HOPE: 1st Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.

GRAPEVINE: 3rd Saturday 6:30 p.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Sunday after the 5th Saturday 10:00 a.m.

SAMARIA: 3rd Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.

FEDS CREEK: 1st Saturday 6:30 p.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Sunday meetings dismissed in June, July and August to attend union meetings of Calvary, Little Hope and Sulphur Springs churches.

JOHNS CREEK: 2nd Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.

CALVARY: 1st Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.

DRY FORK: 2nd Saturday 6:30 p.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.; 5th Sunday, 10:30a.m.; New Year's Eve 7:00 p.m. No meeting the second weekend in September. Giving way for Sandlick Association.

COLUMBUS: Sundays weekly 10:30 a.m.; 4th Saturday 10:30 a.m.

DEERFIELD: Sundays weekly 10:30 a.m.; 4th Saturday 4:00 p.m.

PLEASANT HILL: 1st and 3rd Sundays 10:30 a.m.

DIRECTIONS TO MATES CREEK CHURCHES

LOUISA: 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.

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

BIG CREEK: 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519 : From Pikeville, Kentucky travel 15 miles north on U.S. 119 to Sidney exit (KY 3220); turn right on KY 3220, go 2.6 miles to Meathouse Road (KY 3154); Right on Meathouse Road 0.4 mile to church house on right at mouth of Stratton Fork. From Williamson, West Virginia, travel 9 miles south on U.S. 119 to 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.

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, 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.

PETER CREEK: 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.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 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.

LITTLE HOPE: 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.

GRAPEVINE: 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.

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558: From Pikeville, Kentucky 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 Road; 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.

FEDS CREEK: 1854 Feds Creek Road, 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.

JOHNS CREEK: 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.

CALVARY: 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.

DRY FORK: 782 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.

COLUMBUS: 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.

DEERFIELD: 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.

PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078 : From intersection of U.S.68 and U.S36 (Monument Square), take U.S 36 West (Miami Street) approx. one mile to N. Oakland Street; right on N. Oakland Street approx. ½ mile to church house,

