

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

Organized July, the second Saturday, 1849

Held with the
BIG CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519
October 22nd, 2021

[No Session was held in 2020 due to the
COVID-19 Pandemic]

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, 2022.

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

Moderator.....Elder Randal Thornsby
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Assistant Moderator.....Elder David A. Thacker
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Clerk.....Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield
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Assistant Clerk.....Deacon Lonnie Simpkins
35 Fonso Stanley Road, Canada, KY 41519 Phone: 606-969-6220

Proceedings

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

[Clerk's Note: Due to ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, this session was shortened to one day only, Friday, for conduct of necessary business.]

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 22, 2021:

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. After prayer by Elder Jeremy Jacobs, the Association proceeded to business in the following order:

1st Motion, second, and no objection we agreed to dispense with election of officers, and to retain current officers to next year: Elder Randal Thornsby, Moderator; Elder David A. Thacker, Assistant Moderator; Deacon Leslie Hatfield, Clerk; Deacon Lonnie Simpkins, Assistant Clerk.

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

3rd Newly constituted churches called for. None responded.

4th Motion and second to have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the minutes.

5th The letters from the Burning Springs Association and the Sand Lick Association of Kentucky were read and received.

6th **Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:**

SAND LICK – VIRGINIA: Deacon Fayne Viers.

BURNING SPRINGS: By letter, and Elder Emerson Montgomery, Deacon Roby Gullett, Bro. Timmy L. Smith, Licentiate.

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

WASHINGTON: Elder Ked Stacy, Deacon David Owens.

UNION: Elder Corbin Hampton.

SAND LICK – KENTUCKY: By letter, and Elder David Gambill, Brother Terry Meade.

7th **Welcomed visitors from other Associations and churches:**

SAND LICK -VA: None .

BURNING SPRINGS: None.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: None.

WASHINGTON: Sister Deloris Stacy, Sister Dorothy Owens.

UNION: None.

SAND LICK – KY: None.

8th Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

9th Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Kenneth Slone, Walter Rutherford, David Lee May, Clifton Preece, Randy Kender, Fonso McIntosh, Seth Shortridge, Billy Yates, Timothy Slone, Barry Thacker, Duke Chapman, Brian Moore, Roger Blackburn, John Jacobs, Greg Moore.

10th Messengers to Sister Associations are to remain the same as in the 2019 Minutes, with the exception of those since deceased.

11th. **The Committee on Arrangements then proceeded to business, and agreed to the following.**

#1 After discussion and deliberation, motion was made and seconded, and without objection, it is agreed to break fellowship with Sand Lick Association of Virginia, due to their work in receiving a church whose members have not been orderly baptized and/or ordained.

#2. Agreed to omit the reading of the letters of the Churches.

#3. Recommend that Samaria Church, host the Annual Meeting for 2022.

#4. Recommend that Big Creek Church host the Association for 2022.

#5. Agreed that we dispense with the reading of the financial report, and the Clerk is to print the same in the Minutes,

and to determine the number of Minutes to be printed and distributed.

#6. Called for the circular letter written by Elder Jeremy Jacobs. The letter was read and recommended that it be accepted as written and printed in the Minutes. Elder Robert Worrix, Jr. was chosen to write the Circular Letter for next year.

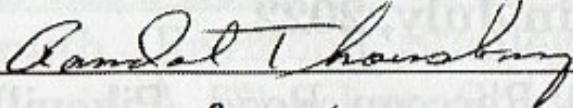
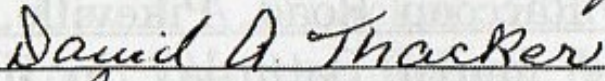
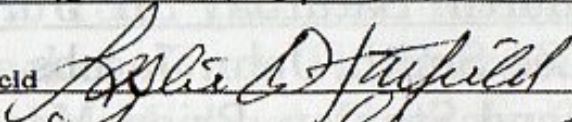
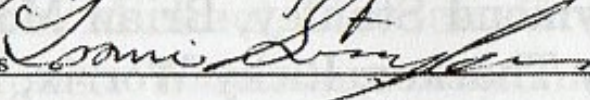
#7. Agreed that Big Creek Church hold the money sent for Association, and apply same to expenses next year.

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

Motion, second and agreed that the Association be adjourned.

#12th Closed with song and prayer by Elder David May.

Signed by:

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

Union meetings and their appointees for 2022 are as follows:

LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY. 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2022 . Paris Blackburn, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, David May, Randal Thornsby, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, J. C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Greg Moore, David Gambill, Daniel Jacobs, Timothy Slone, Roger Blackburn, Dan Ison, Jimmy Webb, Michael Elswick, Jeremy Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptist elders of the same faith and order. **A Memorial Day meeting wil be held at the Annie E. Young Cemetery, East Shelbiana, KY, on May 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

OLD POND : 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514.
Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2022. Michael Elswick, Raymond Stanley, J. C. Hager, Daniel Jacobs, Greg Moore, Shawn Dotson, David Jacobs, Ricky Worrix, Curt Heath, Robert Worrix, Jr. David A. Thacker, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsberry, David May, John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeremy Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Brian Moore, Timothy Slone, David Gambill, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are welcome. **A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2022.**

BIG CREEK: 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2022. Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., J. C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Brian Moore, Jeremy Jacobs, Greg Moore, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Roger Blackburn, Timothy Slone, Gary Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Jeremy Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs. **A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held on Sunday following the third Saturday in July, 2022.**

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2022. Randal Thornsberry, Jimmy Lee Smith, John Jacobs, Michael Elswick, Barry Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, David Jacobs, Todd Thacker, Gary Thacker, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Daniel Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs, Timothy Slone, and we welcome all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th weekend in October, 2022.

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553.
Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2022. Randal Thornsberry, Steve Kender, Paris Blackburn, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Michael Elswick, Shawn Dotson, Barry Thacker, David May, Timothy Slone, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are welcome. **A Memorial Meeting will be held the fourth Saturday in June, 2022.**

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620.
Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2022 Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Jimmy Lee Smith, Timothy Slone, J. C. Hager, Brian Moore, Raymond Stanley, Gary Thacker, Barry Thacker, David Lee Jacobs, Todd Thacker, David Hager, 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, 2022 Ricky Worrix, Paris Blackburn, David Lee Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr., David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, J. C. Hager, 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 2022.**

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554.
Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2022. John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, David May, Todd Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Barry Thacker, Gary Thacker, David Hager, Daniel Jacobs, David Jacobs, Michael Elswick, Greg Moore, and all orderly primitive Baptists Elders are welcome. **Our Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be on Sunday, May 1st, 2022.**

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2022. Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Michael Elswick, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Robert Worrix, Jr., Brian Moore, Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Daniel Jacobs, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Roger Blackburn, Jeremy Jacobs, Vester Runyon, 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, 2022. Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Gary Thacker, Todd Thacker, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, 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, 2022. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539 .
Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2022. J. C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsberry, Michael Elswick, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy Lee Smith, David Jacobs, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Daniel Jacobs, Jeff Dotson, David Hager, Jeremy Jacobs. **A Memorial Meeting will be held the first Sunday in November for deceased members.**

DRY FORK: 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2022. Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Vester Runyon, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Jeff Dotson, Larry Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsberry, David A. Thacker, J. C. Hager, Ked Stacy, Timothy Slone, Daniel Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs. **A Memorial Meeting will be held the second weekend in July, 2022, at the church house.**

COLUMBUS: 599 Hilock Road, Columbus, OH 43207. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2022. Randal Thornsberry, John Jacobs, David A. Thacker, David Jacobs, David May, Robert Worrix, Jr., J. C. Hager, Raymond Stanley, Greg Moore, 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 1st and 2nd, 2022.**

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June and second Saturday in October, 2022. Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Michael Elswick, David May, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, David Gambill, Roger Blackburn, Larry Mounts, Corbin Hampton, Jimmy Lee Smith, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited. **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, 2022 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.**

Obituaries to be printed in the Minutes:

BROTHERS: Elder Lundy Coleman, Elder Noah Slone, Elder Estle Hackney, Elder Kenneth Chapman, Elder Larry Mounts, Deacon Larry Scott, Deacon James Hackney, Deacon Ricky Blair, Deacon Millard Whitt, David Hackney, Darrel Harris, Bobby G. Worrix, Herbert Thornbury, Noah Nichols, Marvin Smith, Toby Allen Deel.

SISTERS: Angelia Thornsbury, Margaret Ann Coleman, Vada Charles, Vondell Scott, Emma Jean Blackburn, Lola (Worrix) Barney, Thursie Maverine (Worrix) Bates, Paula Coleman, Ruby Lee Childress Street, Barbara Lynn Smith, Anna Marie Smith-Chapman, Rosemary Slone Thacker.

The Clerk reports finances were dispensed as follows:

BALANCE LEFT ON HAND from 2019.....**\$8305.37**

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS 2019:

1. Donations on Saturday and Sunday.....\$20.00

2. Obituaries.....80.00

3. Other.....50.00

TOTAL.....\$150.00

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**\$8455.37**

AMOUNTS PAID OUT since last Association:

Paid for the 2019 Minutes.....-\$1464.61

Reimbursed Louisa Church for tent rental.....-230.12

Paid for postage- 22.00

Paid to A & B Printing for (16) copies of
1849-1902 Minutes.....- 351.49

Paid for supplies.....- 80.60

TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID OUT**-\$2148.82**

BEGINNING BALANCE **October 22, 2022**.....**\$6306.55**

AMOUNTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR.:

From the churches October 22, , 2021.....\$1965.00

For obituaries October 22, 2021..... 490.00

Donations and other October 22, 2021.....50.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR.....**2505.00**

BALANCE LEFT ON HAND **October 22,**

2021.....**\$8811.55**

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:

Checkbook balance **\$6306.55**

Cash and Checks On Hand to Deposit **\$2505.00**

TOTAL FUNDS: \$ 8811.55

Circular Letter

Unworthily, with no righteousness of my own, I pray the Lord will bless me with His Spirit to write this Circular Letter for the one hundred sixty-eighth annual session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association.

Peace. What is peace? The dictionary defines peace as: freedom from disturbance; tranquility. John 14:27 states: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Order. What is Order? There are many uses of this word but the definition that best suits this topic in its regard is this: a state in which everything is in its correct or appropriate place. 1 Corinthians 14:40 states: Let all things be done decently and in order.

Christ, in giving His life upon the cross to pay a sin debt that we owed, redeeming us back to the Father, and calling us into His Kingdom, has given us a priceless peace that we ought to never take for granted. We should value it, treasure it, and do our best to labor for it; but peace without order is no peace at all. Christ, by his own examples has instructed us to do all things in order regarding His Kingdom. When I write about His Kingdom I am of course referring to Gods Church, Christ being the Chief Cornerstone.

The Old Primitive Baptist people have a long history of doing things in order that dates back all the way to the beginning. I believe this is one of the components to the "old paths" (Jeremiah 6:16) that we have been instructed to try and walk in when we find them. I believe it is our duty to do things in order and to follow the examples left by our forefathers, for I believe these traditions date back all the way to when Christ was here. The rules and traditions we follow were laid out to protect the doctrine, peace, and order that we so often enjoy, that same priceless peace that comes from Christ.

The parable Jesus speaks of in Matthew 20 says the kingdom of heaven is like unto a householder that went out to call laborers into his vineyard. It goes on to say that this householder called them in at different hours of the day. There is much to this scripture that my feeble mind cannot see unless

the Lord blesses me to see it, for this is the same with all scriptures, but I do believe He has blessed me to see that there is labor to be done in his vineyard. These brothers were called from the marketplace where they stood idle until they were called upon. If we have truly been called into His vineyard or His Kingdom, we have work to do. We need him in everything we do and when we're able to make a good step, it is ordered of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 13:11 states: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you". These are all active commands. The writer, through the inspiration of God, is telling us there is labor in these things that we value so much. It is my prayer that the God of all grace blesses us to do that work to his praise honor and glory.

In conclusion: peace is the most priceless treasure we possess in this life, we should labor to keep it, but if we labor without order, we labor in vain.

May we always find ourselves laboring for the peace of Zion

Elder Jeremy Jacobs

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

- LOUISA** Kenneth Slone, Mike Bartley, James Nichols,
Elder Gary Thacker
Alternate: David Varney.
- OLD POND:** Walter Rutherford, Arnold Hicks, Cecil Hatfield,
Bernie Newton, Jr.
Alternate: Gary Stanley.
- BIG CREEK:** Larry David Chapman, Tim Thacker, Troy
Wheeler, David Lee May.
Alternate: Elder Michael Elswick
- RACCOON:** Clifton Preece, Lonnie Collins, Jeffrey Belcher,
Donovan Blackburn
Alternate: Otis Thacker

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

Alternate: Virgil Smith

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Terry Blackburn, Justin Blackburn.

Alternate: None

LITTLE HOPE: Raymond Stanley, Fonso McIntosh, Frank Ball,
Michael Elswick.

Alternate: None

GRAPEVINE: Timothy Slone, Jeremy Jacobs, Harold Abbott,
Seth Shortridge.

Alternate: None.

SAMARIA: Bill Yates, Ernie Justice, Jeffrey Stevens,
Mitchell Justice.

Alternate: Jeff Dotson

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

Alternate: Jeremy Jacobs

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

Alternate: None

CALVARY : Glen Vipperman, Duke Chapman, Barry Thacker,
Lawrence Williams.

Alternate: Ricky Ratliff

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: David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, John Jacobs,
Jack Davis.

Alternate: David Hager

PLEASANT HILL: Greg Moore, Tim Floyd.

Alternate: Ballard Bryant

VISITING ELDERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Emerson Montgomery	Burning Springs	1139 Pleasant Hill Road, Waverly, OH 45690	740-947-5656
Curt Heath	Little Yadkin River	307 South Shady Ave., Apt. 1, Damascus, VA 24236	276-274-5728
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
David Gambill	Sand Lick-KY	344 Williams Branch Road, Hazard, KY 41201	606-378-3591

MATES CREEK CHURCHES

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Louisa	Robert B. Worrix, Jr.	Aug., 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Randal Thornsbury	Aug., 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	David A. Thacker	July, 4th Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Springs		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
	Timothy Slone	
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
Columbus	Paris Blackburn	April, 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J.C. Hager	June, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	April, 3rd Saturday

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MATES CREEK MINISTERS

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
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 Thornsberry	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
Frank J. Ball	569 Ball Fork Rd., Pinsonfork, KY 41555	606-353-4409
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., Kimber, 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
Timothy Slone	1509 Biggs Branch, Pikeville, KY 41501 606-437-0011
Roger Blackburn	6040 Condit Road, Centerburg, OH 43011 614-747-5147
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
Vester Runyon	1009 Faith Drive, Vansant, VA 24656 276-859-0907

Licentiates: None

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

<u>LOUISA</u>	Elder Ricky B. Worrix, Clerk 200 Left Penhook Road Harold, KY 41635 <u>75</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, Kimber, KY 41539..... <u>75</u>
<u>RACCOON</u>	Jeff Belcher, Clerk 451 Pine Fork, Shelbiana, 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 Dotson, Clerk 1104 Big Red Road, Hurley, VA 24620.....	<u>50</u>
<u>LITTLE HOPE</u>	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 4154-8302.....	<u>100</u>
<u>FEDS CREEK</u>	Ernest Seth Shortridge, Clerk 300 Laurel Fork Road, Steele, KY 41566.....	<u>50</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>	Elder Vester Runyon, Clerk 1009 Faith Drive, Vansant, VA 24656.....	<u>35</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>945</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>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>125</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO INDIVIDUALS

Moderator	Elder Randal Thornsburg P.O. Box 1127, Belfry, KY 41514.....	<u>12</u>
Asst. Moderator	Elder David A. Thacker 2865 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519.....	<u>12</u>
Clerk	Deacon Leslie Hatfield 8380 State Hwy. 1056, McCarr, KY 41544-8302.....	<u>24</u>
Asst. Clerk	Deacon Lonnie Simpkins 35 Fonso Stanley Road, Canada, KY 41519.....	<u>10</u>

Robert L. Webb
 The Primitive Baptist Library
 416 Main Street,
 Carthage, IL 62321.....2

Total to Individuals.....60

TOTAL MINUTES TO DISTRIBUTE.....1130

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 2021

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	51	\$150.00
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	Shelby Jean Hill	1843	2 nd	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	\$80.00
Big Creek	Randal Thornsberry	Bill Slone	1857	3 rd	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	47	\$150.00
Raccoon	David A. Thacker David B. May	Jeff Belcher	1820	4 th	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	53	\$100.00
Peter Creek	Jimmy L. Smith	Randy Kender	1869	4 th	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10	46	\$80.00
Sulphur Springs	(None)	Lisa Mounts	1863	1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	16	\$100.00
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	Lonnie Simpkins	1893	1 st	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-3	18	\$60.00
Grapevine	Timothy Slone	Patricia Abbott	1889	3 rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	15	\$100.00
Samaria	Jeff Dotson Shawn Dotson	Leslie D. Hatfield	*1898	3 rd	2	0	0	0	0	0	-3	107	\$200.00
Feds Creek	Ricky Worrix	Ernest Seth Shortridge	1894	1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	6	\$100.00
Johns Creek	David B. May	Barry Thacker	1936	2 nd	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	14	\$100.00
Calvary	David A. Thacker David B. May	Barry Thacker	1951	1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	25	\$175.00
Dry Fork	Shawn Dotson	Vester Runyon	1962	2 nd	2	0	0	0	0	0	-4	38	\$70.00
(Friendship)	(Disbanded)	(December 27, 2014)	1925										
Columbus	Paris Blackburn	Alicia Burchwell	1967	4 th	0	0	0	0	0	0	-15	54	\$200.00
Deerfield	J. C. Hager David Jacobs	Barbara Holyfield	1971	4 th	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	\$200.00
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	Tim Floyd	1972	1 st	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	26	\$150.00
New Hope	(Disbanded)	(November 25, 2018)	1991	4 th									
16					6	1	0	0	-3	0	-48	590	\$2,015.00

In Loving Memory of
ELDER LUNDY COLEMAN

Dad passed away on January 5, 2021. He was born on January 1 1927, in Pikeville, Kentucky to the late David and Cora Coleman. Dad was preceded in death by his parents, several siblings, one grandson (Robert) and his wife of 65 years,



Dorothy. He is survived by his children, Marylynn Saunders, Richard Justice, Sandra Harris, David (Monica) Coleman; grandchildren, Jason (Peggy) Harris, Samantha (Eric) Parrish, Angela Ostrom, Jonathan Ostrom, Alexandra Coleman; great-grandchildren, Gavin, Bryce, Kaitlin, Ava, Anna, Amber, Andrea, Hunter, and Aarionna; siblings, Paul (Janice) Coleman, Ova Thacker and many nieces and nephews.

Dad was a faithful member and pastor of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church, serving as the Moderator since 1963. Serving God, his congregation, family, and friends was his life. He was a proud WWII Veteran, employee of North American Aviation, and school bus driver. He enjoyed spending his time gardening, golfing, watching Buckeye basketball, and loving every minute of our family reunions.

Dad was a calm guiding force in the lives of so many people. His joyful sound resonated in the sermons he delivered and hymns he sang. He spoke often of Apostle Paul in his sermons; "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another". Dad was steadfast in his faith and committed to the respect, appreciation and love we all desire in our lifetime. Over the years, I watched my Dad connect to people through the twinkle in his eyes, a corny joke, a story of family or a message of faith.

"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love."

Our lives are richly blessed by these moments shared with my Dad. He will remain in our hearts and minds forever - until we meet again.

ELDER NOAH SLONE

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my sweet Dad. Elder Noah Slone was born February 17, 1933



to the late Hibbard and Cora Blackburn Slone of Fishtrap, KY. He passed on November 23, 2019. Also preceding him in death were his wife Holly Justice Slone; daughters Cora, Sharon Kay and Rosemary Slone Thacker on October 20, 2020; and by his 12 brothers and sisters.

Left to mourn his passing are his sons: Noah Jr. (Sarah), Timothy (Veronica), and Hibbard Gary; granddaughters: Sheryl, Bertha, Samantha, Noel, Misti and Angela; grandsons: Tarlis, Timothy Jr and Keith; and by many great-grandchildren who will miss their Pap dearly.

Elder Noah was baptized in the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church in 1973, where he was ordained and Elder; he later moved his letter to Grapevine Church, where he was a member for 23 years, and served as Moderator. When his health began to decline, he moved his letter back to Louisa Church.

Dad loved the church, saying it was where he got his meat and drink. He always believed his gift was in holding prayer, and was always willing to pray for God's children any time day or night. No matter how many miles he and I were blessed to travel, he was always ready to go to the next service. I thank God for blessing me with that time.

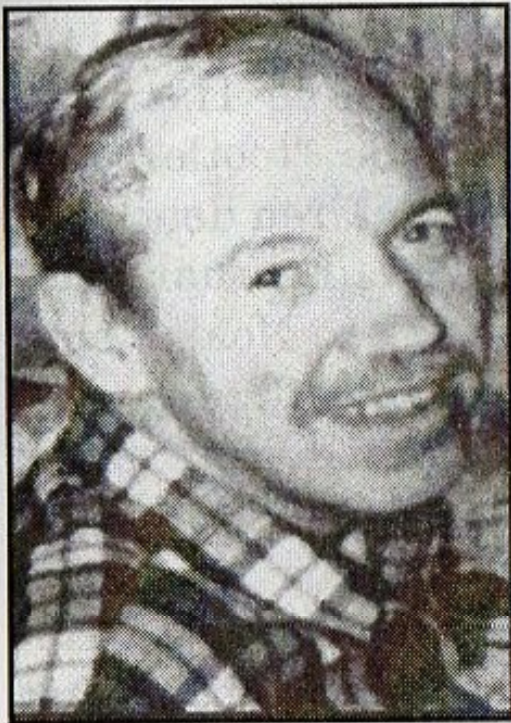
His son Noah, Jr. took time each day to spend with Dad, no matter how busy he was; he lived beside Dad, and after Dad became so sick, Noah was always there for him. Noah and I often speak of Dad, and it brings back memories of the things we were able to do with and for Dad. Sleep on Dad; I hope to see you in the morning.

Written By: Veronica and Tim Slone

ELDER ESTLE HACKNEY

Estle Ferrell Hackney, 75, of Mouthcard, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, at Garfield.

He was born in West Virginia, May 18, 1944, a son of the late Finnis and Merdie Varney Hackney.



Estle retired from Ford Motor Company and was a member of the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church, and was an ordained Elder of the church..

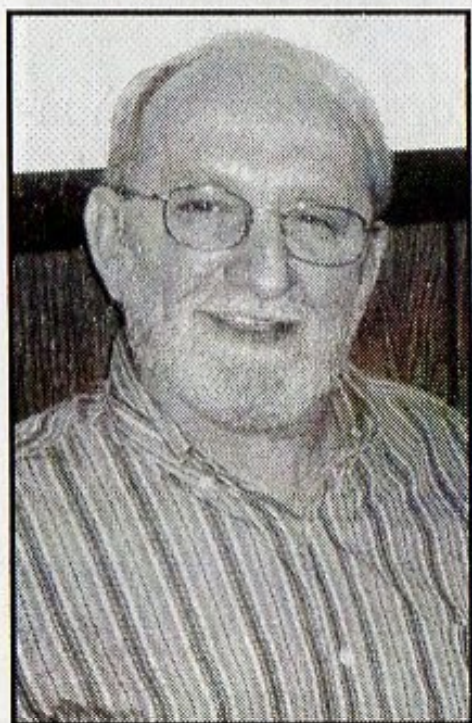
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Sue Hackney; and two brothers, Clifton and Clinton Hackney. He is survived by one son, Randy Hackney (Dawn), of Garfield; one daughter, Teresa Fee (Donald), of Gregory, MI.; two brothers, Carl Hackney and Charlie

Hackney, both of Mouthcard; two sisters, Jewelfaye French and Judymae Hackney, both of Mouthcard; four grandchildren, Kayla Hensley (Johnathon), Kelsey Hackney, Hunter Fee and Ian Fee; two great-grandchildren, Hayley Hensley and Jayden Hensley; and host of other dear family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, at the Community Funeral Home Chapel, Zebulon, KY, with Raymond Stanley, Brian Moore, Jim Duty and J.C. Hager officiating. Burial followed at the Turnmire Cemetery.

ELDER KENNETH “KENNIE” CHAPMAN

It is with a sad heart that we write this obituary of my husband and wonderful father and grandfather. I was blessed to have him for 50 years. He leaves behind, in addition to his



wife Brenda, two children: Kenneth (Pedro) Chapman and Michelle (Jerry) Harrison; two grandchildren, Jerry “Jay” Harrison and Presley Nicole Harrison, whom he called his little “tootle bug”. Kennie loved his grandchildren dearly.

Kennie was born February 18, 1950 in Pike County, KY, to Noah Chapman and Irene Slone. My Dad was a member of New Hope Church for 28 years, Moderating the church a long time until his sickness. Dad loved going to church. He had a special bother in Christ, Tim

Slone, and a lot of special people whom he talked about that would visit him, whether it be at home or in the hospital, and we want to thank each of you for that. There is also a special sister in Christ, whom he loved dearly, and she shared her love for him: Shelby Hill. Kennie had a wonderful son-in-law, Jerry Harrison, whom he loved like his son, and Jerry loves and misses him dearly. He also had a special sister-in-law, Janet Sullivan, and a lot of loving friends.

Kennie passed away on March 22, 2020. He was 70 years old; he lived a long sweet life, and now he is resting in Heaven until we meet again. We love you and miss you more than words could say. Just wish we could have one more talk to say our good-byes. Love you much.

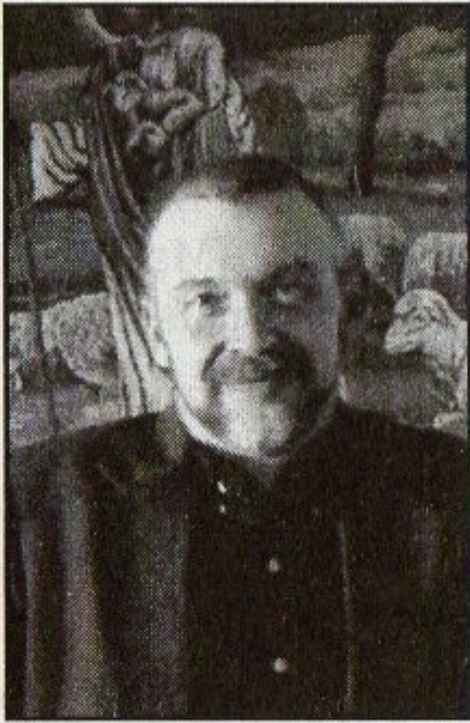
Written by: your daughter, Michelle, wife Brenda
and son, Pedro

Written By: Veronica and Tim Slone

ELDER LARRY MELVIN MOUNTS

10/25/1964 – 10/21/2020

With a heavy heart I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband. What can I say about this wonderful man: our



life was filled with wonderful memories, some good and some bad? But the good out numbered the bad in many ways. Larry grew up knowing about the Primitive Baptists, and as a young man would always help around Sulphur Springs Church whenever asked, not knowing that later in life he would serve that church.

Larry and I were joined in marriage on October 27, 1987. To that union we had two sons, Joseph Melvin and James Matthew. As the years passed and the kids grew, Larry always tried to spend as much time as he could with them, either camping, hunting, or fishing which he enjoyed. Later, Larry was injured in an accident at work, that was where the Lord came to him, and he always said that was the most blessed day of his life. After coming home from hospital and getting able to be put in a wheelchair, he attended Sulphur Spring church. After several months he asked for a home in the church. Later, he was asked to be set aside as a Deacon for the little church; and not much longer he was asked to be an Elder, which he accepted; he knew that was what the Lord had planned for him. From that time on he served the church and traveled to the sister Associations as a delegate. Larry later was set aside as the Moderator of Sulphur Springs church, and after moving membership to Grapevine he was asked to be the Assistant Moderator there. Larry served the church with honor and respect, always putting the church before anything else.

Larry went to be with the Lord, October 21, 2020, at Bristol Hospital with his family by his side. He was the son of Elsie Spencer Mounts and the late Druey Mounts. He was a

lifelong resident of Buchanan County and was a loving husband, father, grand-father, and worked as assistant foreman and mechanic with Metinvest/United Coal Company. Larry enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, shooting and collecting guns and spending time with his grand babies. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by an infant sister Diane Jackson.

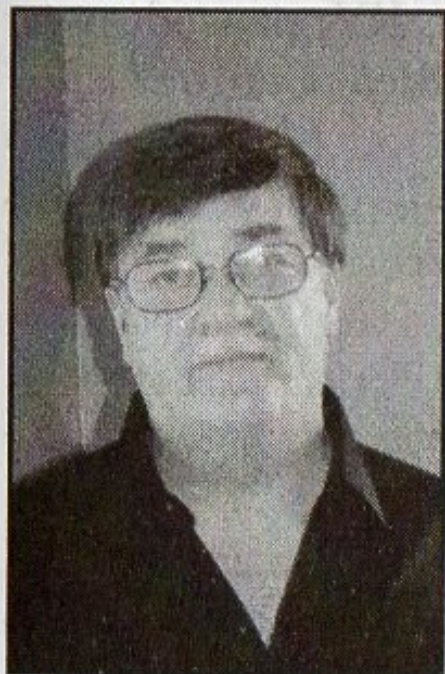
Those left to cherish his memories include his wife Nancy Melissa (Lisa) Mounts, his mother Elsie Mounts, his children Joseph Melvin (Tammy) Mounts and James Matthew Mounts and William Jacob Murray (that he helped raise); his grandchildren: Devin, Elijah, Landon, Kelly, Jessie, Julie, Aleeza, Katelyn, Kyra, Kristen, Rayann, Vidalia, Destiny, and Charlie, who came after his passing; his sister Rebecca (Jeff) Allen, and brothers Randy (Louise) Jackson, Mack (Andrea) Lester, Travis (Amy) Lester, Isaac (Rebecca) Lester, Andy (Emily) Gates. And survived by his special friends Timothy Slone and Steve Clevinger and several nieces and nephews.

Larry is missed not only by family members but also by many in the church community. I know that he is now resting in the arms of the Lord until some day we will all be together again.

Written By: Lisa Mounts and family

RICKY BLAIR

It is with much sadness and a grieving heart that I try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Dad and Popaw, Ricky Blair, of Steele, KY. He was born August 21, 1957 to the late Ernest and Edith Blair, and at the age of 63, he left this earth for his heavenly home on October 14, 2020.



Left to mourn his loss are his wife of 44 years, Shelia, loving daughter LaTosha Paige Blair, and precious grandson Brayden Allen Blair; two sisters: Judy Justice and Beverly Shortridge, both of Steele, KY, along with a host of family and friends.

Ricky joined church February 9, 1983 at the Feds Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He loved going to church and serving his Lord. He had a heart of gold, always willing to help anyone in need.

Ricky was the owner of Blair Coal Co. He worked 47 years and worked tirelessly to provide for his family. He fought a hard battle, but now can rest in the arms of the Lord.

Written by his loving wife, Shelia Blair

He Only Takes The Best

God saw you were getting tired, and a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you, and whispered:

"Come with Me".

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer,
and saw you fade away;

Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands to rest,

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He Only Takes The Best.

In Loving Memory
of
LARRY DAVID SCOTT
May 18, 1950-March 20, 2021.

Larry David Scott, 70, of Whitesburg, KY, passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Pikeville Medical Center.



Larry was born on May 18, 1950 in Williamson, WV, the son of the late Alex Edward "Ed" Scott and Vondell Maynard Scott. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Tommy Scott, his sister Vicki Jude and his nephew, Darby Reed.

Before retirement, Larry worked as a coal miner and later as a State Mine Inspector. He was a member and Deacon of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, Ransom, KY.

Survivors include his loving wife, Janet Flo Scott of Whitesburg, KY; his children, David Mitchell (Cassie) Scott of Kingsport, TN and Shannon Larissa (Bart) Webb of Whitesburg, KY; his siblings, Gary Scott, Danny (Nedra) Scott, Rodney Scott and Judy (Eddie) Martin all of Hardy, KY; his brother-in-law, Tommy Jude of Versailles, KY; his sister-in-law, Bonnie Scott of Hardy, KY; his grandchildren, Madalin Scott, Natalie Scott, Mason Webb and Nathan Webb. Larry also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Sadly missed by your loving family, until we meet again.

"MISS ME - BUT LET ME GO"

When I come to the end of the road, And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room., Why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little - but not too long, And not with head bowed low.
Remember the love that was once shared, Miss me - But let me go.
For this is a journey we must all take, And each must go along
It is all apart of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of Heart, Go to Friends we know
And bury your sorrows in, Doing good deeds
Miss me - But let me go.

MILLARD WHITT

(February 26, 1927 - August 27, 2021)

Millard Whitt, 94, of Lenore, WV, passed away Friday, August 27, 2021, at his residence. He was born February 26,



1927, at Ransom, KY, the son of the late Roland and Vicie Smith Whitt. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Betty Dehart Whitt, one son, Roger Lee Whitt and a great granddaughter, Grace Stafford, 6 brothers: Clarence Whitt, Wheeler Whitt, Lawrence Whitt, Elder Charlie Whitt, George (G.W.) Whitt, Sr., and Amos Whitt; 3 sisters: Maudie (Delmer) Church, Tiny Ferrell Scott, and Buena Ratliff. He was a retired

coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America, and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, where he loved to worship.

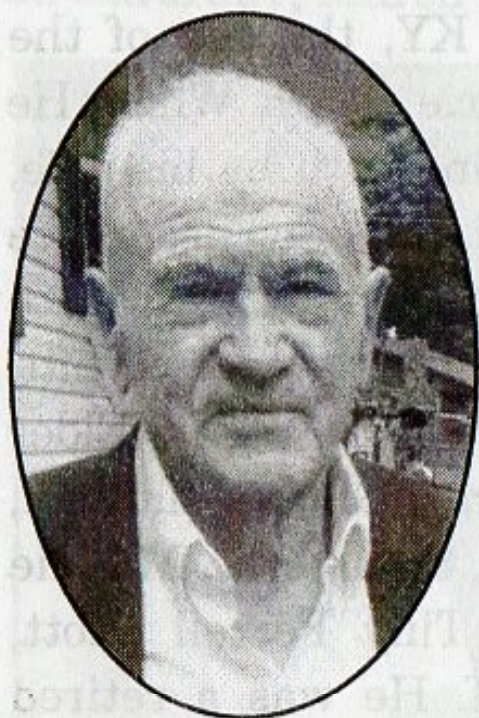
Millard was blessed to have six children, Larry (Mae) Whitt of Delbarton, WV, Nina Ward and Dean Wills of Louisa, KY, Daryl (Duke) Johnson of Lenore, WV, Sandra (Bob) Scott of Argillite, KY, and Deborah (Mark) Barnett of Lucasville, Ohio; daughter-in-law, Mary Whitt of Lenore, WV; fifteen grandchildren, twenty seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, which he loved very much, and a special friend: Ernie Justice.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 1 PM in the R. E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Michael Elswick and Raymond Stanley officiating. Burial followed in the Alley Cemetery, Ransom, KY. Pallbearers were grandsons, Brandon Barnett, Josh Barnett, Chris Hall, great grandson, Dawson Lackey and Ryan Spriggs and Tommy Lackey.

DAVID HACKNEY

(November 15, 1924 - February 22, 2020)

David Hackney, 95, of McAndrews, KY, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2020, at his residence. He was born November 15, 1924, in Pike County, KY, the son of the late Whetsel and Plena Hackney. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Lois Hackney; brothers, Tennis Hackney, Quinton "Brud" Hackney and Kenny Hackney and sisters Victoria Bay Jones and Sunday Faye Hackney.



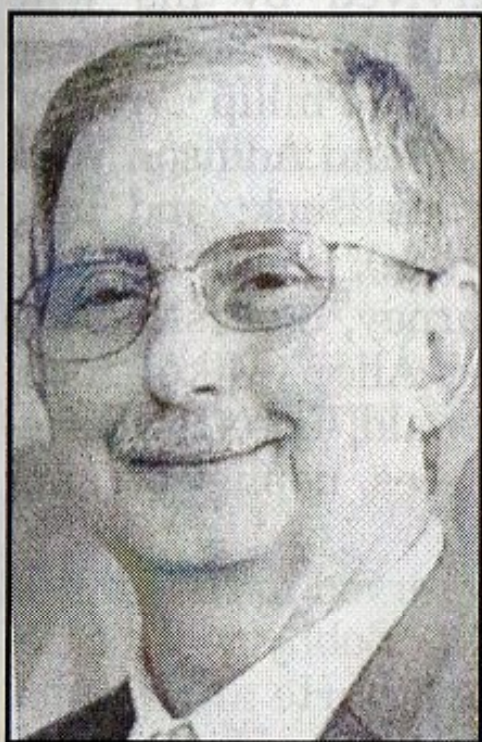
David was a retired coal miner, member of the UMWA and Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church. He also served his country in World War II with the U.S. Army where he was a POW.

Survivors include his children, Ronald David (Lori) Hackney of Florida, Donald Lee (Ginger) Hackney of Alabama, Randolph "Randy" (Kathy) Hackney of McAndrews, KY and Ricky Lester Hackney of Georgia; nine grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren and many friends.

Funeral services were Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 11 AM in the R. E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel with Primitive Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY. Pallbearers were: Dave Hackney, Keaton Hackney, Ethan Hackney, Brent Lee, Derek Thacker and Dean Andler. Honorary pallbearer was Okey Smith. Belfry Chapter #141 conducted military graveside services.

In Memory of
DARREL HARRIS

His unexpected passing filled many hearts with sadness, but during his lifetime Darrel filled countless hearts with kindness and love. He was born on May 13, 1951 in Pike County Kentucky to the late Junis and Ocie Harris. Although he left



his hometown as a young adult to start a life in Columbus, Ohio, Darrel always kept Kentucky close to his heart. He wore Kentucky blue proudly while cheering on the UK Wildcats every basketball season. Darrel was also an avid fan of the Cleveland Browns and continued to believe the team would win the Super Bowl...eventually.

Darrel was a jack of all trades, who mastered pretty much all of them too. His ability to build and repair everything was just as remarkable as his collection of tools. Darrel loved to put his skills to work for others. For many family and friends, Darrel was the first person to call after discovering the air conditioner wasn't running, electric needed rewiring, or something just wasn't working right. Darrel was there to help anyone who needed him.

He was devoted to his family. Darrel enjoyed traveling with his children and grandchildren, especially to his hometown to celebrate Hillbilly Days. He leaves a legacy of kindness and generosity to be carried on by those he loved.

All Our Love:

Children: Jason (Peggy) Harris and Samantha (Eric) Parrish

Grandchildren: Gavin, Bryce, Hunter, Aarionna

BOBBY GENE WORRIX
Nov.29, 1946 - June 8, 2019

Bobby G. Worrix at the age of 72 passed away June 8, 2019 at his home. Preceding him in death were his parents, John and Hettie Worrix; four brothers John, William, Bradley and Arthur Worrix; and one sister who died at birth.



Bobby is survived by his wife Beverly of 50 years; his three Sons: Greg (Amanda), Shawn and Phillip Worrix; Grandchildren: Delaney and Addison Worrix, Clayton and Haylee Buck; and nine siblings: Harold (Patricia), Lonnie Worrix, Polly Pierce, Lola Barney, Thursie (Jim) Bates, Evelyn Worrix, Alice (Mike) Richardson, Leah (Dan) Ewald, Loretta (Dave) Bradley, and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Bobby proudly served in the United States Army. He retired from Yellow Freight. Bobby will be remembered for his big bright smile and joy for life. He always put family first and loved spending time with them. He enjoyed telling stories and sharing memories. He had a presence that pulled people to him and he made everyone feel special. Bobby would want us to have a cup of coffee while sharing stories about him and how he brought joy to our lives. All who were blessed to be a part of his life will miss him.

HERBERT THORNBURY

With a sad and broken heart, I try to write an obituary for my loving husband of 65 years, Herbert Thornbury.



Herbert Thornbury, 83, passed away at his home on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. He was born October 24, 1937 to the late John and Zetta (Thacker) Thornsbury. He was the oldest of nine children.

Herb was a dedicated husband, loving father, and an amazing, doting PawPaw. Herbert joined the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church on October 22, 1995. He served faithfully until his

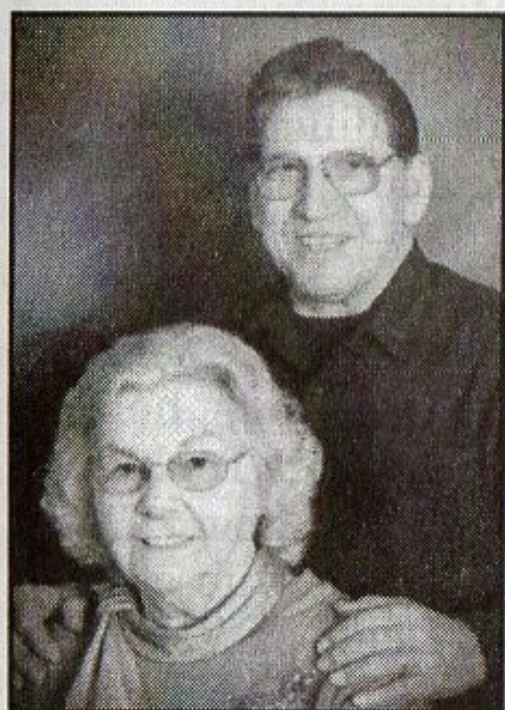
death. Herb also took great pride in being an honored member of the Masonic Lodge for 58 years, and was also a Shriner.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Marie (Chapman) Thornbury; three sons: Stephen Herbert (Angie) Thornbury, Timothy (Teresa) Thornbury, and Mark (Jeanetta) Thornbury; his beloved grandkids: Shannon (Kelli) Dotson, Meghan (Joshua) Cobb, Ryan (Cydney) Thornbury, Brandon (Audrey) Thornbury, Amy (Daniel) Martin, and Eric (Megan) Thornbury; and his most treasured grandbabies: Kamdon, Kenzie, Brody, Kyndel, Caroline, Blaine, Scout and Kambrya.

Written by his loving wife Marie Thornbury,
and loving granddaughter, Amy Martin.

NOAH NICHOLS

Noah was born in Pike County, KY. on August 10, 1936, to the late Alfred Nichols and Viola "Justice" Simpkins. Noah



passed away December 9, 2019, just six months after his precious wife. Besides both parents, Noah is preceded in death by his wife: Maggie "Runyon" Nichols, 3 sisters: Rosetta Williamson, Luvetta Goff, and Christiann Fleming. He is survived by his loving children: Lloyd (Shelia) Nichols, James Nichols, Bill (Karen) Slone, and Kenneth (Janice) Slone. Noah is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Bradley (Catrena) Slone, Stacie (Todd) Elliot, Kenetha Rose, Daniel Slone, Tyler Holbrooks, Devan Nichols, Camelia Nichols, Emma Nichols, Noah Thornbury, and Adam Thornbury; and 8 great-grandchildren: Caleb, Josh,

Eli, Dawson, Kyle, Andrew, Maggie, and Sam; 2 sisters Seigel (Brad) May, Elizabeth Hamilton, and 1 brother David (Linda) Nichols, two brothers-in-law, Clyde Goff, and Brian Fleming.

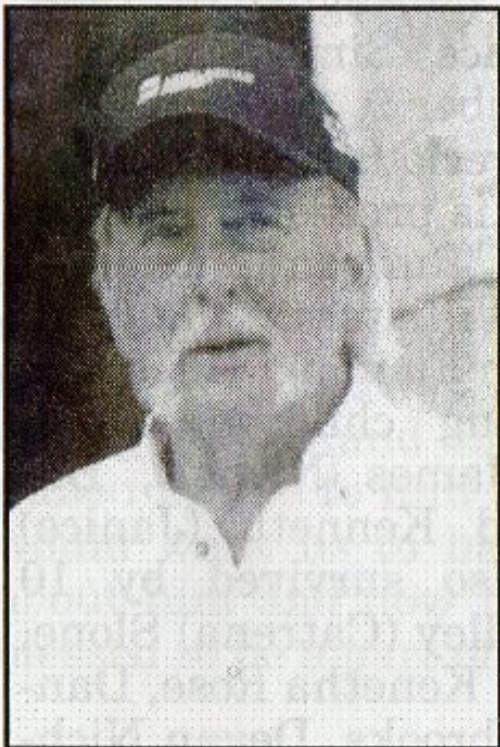
Noah was a hard working man. Like many men of his generation here in Eastern Kentucky, he worked in the coal mines. We're not sure exactly how old he was when he started working, but he was 13 when he started hauling coal. Despite his 3rd grade education, he was determined to better himself and provide for his family. He took correspondence courses at night in order to pass the test to become a superintendent in the mines, what most people called "getting your bossing papers". He quickly moved into a position of supervising 2 mines for A T Massey. Even after he was physically unable to work,

his heart and mind were still with mining. He loved to talk mining with anyone who would listen about the days of hand-loading coal cars that would be pulled out of the mines by ponies, carbide lamps, and the friends who toiled beside him.

He was a man of integrity, a strong example of biblical values including humility, kindness, patience, gentleness and faithfulness. While he didn't speak much of his faith, his actions and the way he treated others displayed the love of Christ best. He was an humble servant, who always put the needs of others first.

TOBBY ALLEN DEEL, SR.

Tobby Allen Deel, Sr., 72 years of age, of Vansant, VA, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2020 at his home. Born September 18, 1948 in Buchanan County, Virginia, he was the son of the late Charlie W. Deel and Beulah Mullins Deel.



Tobby enjoyed doing woodworking, whittling and working on different things, but most of all playing and spending time with the light of his life – his grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Toby Allen Deel, Jr and his brother Roger Deel. Survivors include his loving wife of fifty years, JoAnn Owens Deel, of Vansant, Va; daughters Tanya Clevinger and husband Tim of Vansant, Va; Tara Looney and husband Arron of Grundy, VA; sister Sandra Kay Charles of Vansant, VA; brothers: Billy Deel and wife Joann, Jerry Deel and Dean Deel, all of Vansant, VA. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Savannah Clevinger, Wade Clevinger, Isabella Looney and Elijah Looney; several nieces, nephews and friends.

The family received friends at the Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home chapel of Grundy, VA, after 6:00 p.m., on Sunday, October 25, with evening service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral service was held at the Funeral Home chapel on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., with Brian Moore and Shawn Dotson officiating. Burial followed in the Owens Family Cemetery on Hideaway Road, Vansant, VA. Active Pallbearers were friends and family.

JAMES "FROG" TENNIS HACKNEY

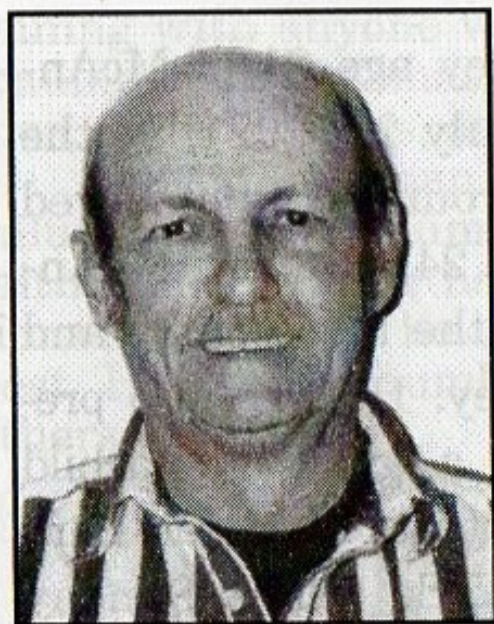
James "Frog" Tennis Hackney age 81 of McAndrews, Ky went to be with his Lord on July 25, 2021; at the



home of his son surrounded by his loved ones. Born October 24, 1939 at McAndrews, Ky a son of the late Tennis and Jenny York Hackney. He was also preceded in death by a great grandchild Reagan Hackney, brothers Raymond Earl, Chester, and Gary York, sisters Sunday Fay, and Janet Lee. He leaves to mourn his passing and honor his loving memory, his wife Gloris Ann Stiltner Hackney of McAndrews, Ky Son Jamie

Whetsel and his wife Tami Smith Hackney of Sidney, Ky. He is also survived by his grandchildren James Emery Hackney and Trista Nicole Williamson, Broderick "Matthew" Jordan, Jarren Michael Andrew, Nicole Starr, and Rachel Lauren Ann Hackney and Kate Sunshine Cederira. Great grandchildren Aiden Dean Kazee, Autumn Sue, Ryker, Jamie "Raelynn" Sue, and Stella "Embry" Ann Hackney, Taylor Brooke, Kaylee Shae, Payton Nicole Mycah Rayne, and Bristol Williamson and Auriella and Raven Cerdeira. Frog was a truck driver having worked at Persinger Supply Co. and retired from Saturn Materials. He was a Christian and attended Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church. His grandchildren were a tremendous source of joy for him and he loved visiting with them. An animal lover he had great affection for horses and dogs. He enjoyed watching westerns and was a fan of John Wayne. He was a generous and kind man with a love of life. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

MARVIN SMITH



Marvin Smith, age 83, of Phelps, KY, passed away Friday, October 9, at the Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center, Pikeville, KY. He was born September 5, 1937 at Phelps, KY the son of the late Clarence and Myrtle (Coleman) Smith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Pauline Smith; sisters: Emma Jean Smith and Racine (Smith) Hatfield; and a brother, Vernon Smith. Survivors remaining to honor his memory include his son, Marcus (Margie) Smith of Phelps, KY; brothers: Frank Stirl Smith (Delphia), Clarence Jr. Smith (Ella Mae), Willard Smith (Patricia), Bill James Smith (Debbie) and Virgil Smith; sisters: Irene (Smith) Ratliff (Russell), Annetta Smith and Beatrice (Smith) Dixon (David). Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, as well as several grandnieces and grand nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2020, at the Jones & West Funeral Home chapel, Phelps, KY, with Elders Jimmy Lee Smith, Tim Slone and Jeff Dotson officiating. Burial followed at the Smith Family Cemetery, Smith Fork, Phelps.

Submitted by: Virgil Smith, brother

ANGELIA KAYE THORNSBURY (65yr) of Huddy, Ky

(August 25, 1955 - December 9, 2020)



Our beloved Angelia was preceded in death by her parents Rex and Alice Rutherford. She was the wife of Elder Randal Thornsbury for 47 years. She had one daughter, Heather Alicia Thornsbury, who was the love of her life. She had three siblings: Tammy Altizer, Edwina Duros and Rex Eric Rutherford. Angelia had a special niece who was born on her birthday, Jill Cochran Brumbaugh. Angelia always referred to Jill as Little Flower. Jill and Heather were more like

sisters growing up.

Angelia was united with the Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church in 1980. She was a faithful devoted Christian in her role to the Lord and the church. Angelia had a heart of gold and was always looking out for the well being of her family, friends and church members before herself. Angelia always made sure she had Randal ready for the church and his responsibilities to the church. Angelia's love for God, the church and family was unsurpassed.

Life is not and never will be the same without our dear sister Angelia. She always looked forward to having family together, and wanted to cook wonderful meals for all of us. Angelia always made sure all the little ones were made to feel special with her Lady Bug Picnics and parties just to see the smiles on their faces. Angelia went above and beyond to lift her family up and help them in their time of need, or just to do something special. She was one of the kindest, with a heart that truly loved her family. All of our children were treated as though they were her own. She was known as "KK" to our children in the family and they love and miss her greatly. Her daughter Heather was one who could brighten our sister's eyes and the love she had for her was amazing.

Written by Sisters Tammy Altizer and Edwina Duros

MARGARET ANN COLEMAN

Margaret Ann Coleman, 69, of Kimper, KY, entered into rest on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at the Pikeville Medical Center



in Pikeville, KY. She was born November 1, 1950 in Pikeville, KY, the daughter of the late Glen and Pluma (Justice) Vipperman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Carl Coleman; one brother, James Robert Vipperman; one Sister, Dorothy Hunt; and twin grandchildren: Brianna Lacy and Cheyanna Casey

Margaret, known to all her loved ones as Ann, was a retired CNA-caregiver from Hospice of Marin County in Florida. Ann was a beautiful soul who loved to

read, garden her flowers and can food for her family. In her spare time, she liked to play bingo, dominoes, and word search puzzles. She was a loving grandmother who adored her family, and when she wasn't at home, you could always find her in church. She belonged to Calvary Primitive Baptist, where she was a member for 53 years.

Those left to honor her memory include four daughters: Sedrena (David May) of Canada, KY; Jennifer Blankenship of Pikeville, KY, Carolyn (Maynard) Coleman of Kimper, KY, Tori (Gage) Clevinger of Kimper, KY; two brothers: Glen (Beverly) Vipperman of Kimper, KY, James Robert Vipperman of Texas; one sister, Glennis Hatfield of Phelps, KY; four grandchildren: Keegan May, Sara May, James Morgan Coleman, William "Bill" Coleman; one great-grandchild, Karsen Reese Clevinger.

A Tribute to Mom

We couldn't begin to count the times She tolerated our moods,

Consoled our heartbreaks and disappointments,

Endured our ups and downs,

Listened to words confused by tears,

And just simply understood, For no other reason than
because she loved us.

The years hold precious memories,

But most of all they hold growth,

In a way, we grew up together.

She filled our lives with Happiness and sweet feelings

That we will carry in our hearts, Till we meet again.

VADA CHARLES

Vada Jane Thacker Charles, 88, of Phyllis, KY, passed away Friday, September 25, 2020 at her residence. Vada was born on June 12, 1932 to the late Ghomer and Myrtle Justice Thacker in Pike County, KY.



In addition to her parents, Vada was preceded in death by her husband Kedna Charles; sons Kedna Dwayne Charles and Estill McClellan Charles; brother William Howard Worrix; sisters, Martha Edith Moore and Emogene Thacker Fields. She is survived by two loving daughters, Glenna Sue Hunt and Linda Lou Bowman and husband Bob; grandchildren: Amber Anderson and husband Kevin; Lance Bowman and wife Jeanette; Reagan Hunt, Jamie Hunt and spouse Cindy, Matthew Bowman and wife Keisha; William Joshua Charles and wife Aimee; great-grandchildren: Maranda

Wright, Jacob Wright, Madison Hunt, Lindsey Bowman, Lucas Hunt, Owen Bowman, Ava Jade Charles, Gabrielle Hunt, Eli Bowman, Riley Bowman and Mallory Bowman.

She was a very loving, kind and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister-in-law and aunt. She was totally devoted to her church – Louisa Primitive Baptist Church – where she was the oldest living member for years. She was truly loved by her brothers and sisters in Christ. Vada will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sue, Linda and families

MARY HATFIELD

(March 15, 1924 - May 04, 2021)

Mary Hatfield, 97 of McCarr, KY, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at her residence. She was born at McVeigh, KY on March 15, 1924, the daughter of the late Wade Coleman and Gustava "Pet" Coleman. She was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, KY, and was also a homemaker.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Opa Hatfield; her son, Woodrow Hatfield; her grandson, Joey Hatfield; son-in-law, Kenneth Dempsey; two sisters, Lizzie Dotson and Laura "Polly" Dotson; three brothers, Leo Coleman, Cleo Coleman, and Wayne Coleman. She is survived by her two daughters, Shirley (Roger) Vickers of McCarr, KY, and Bonnie Dempsey of McCarr, KY; her five sons Glen Hatfield, Ermal Hatfield, O.J. Hatfield, Terry (Brenda) Hatfield all of McCarr, KY and Jerry Hatfield of Sidney, KY; her sister, Ruby Estep of Abington, VA and her brother, Freddie (Barb) Coleman of Phelps, KY. Mary is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren and a host of other loving family and friends.

Mary will forever be remembered and greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a strong little woman, who was strong until the end of her 97-year life. She enjoyed having yard sales, traveling, and shopping. She was a fantastic cook, who always had food for anyone that stopped by. She always had great Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners that she prepared until she was unable to do so.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 beginning at 11 a.m. at R.E. Rogers Funeral Home chapel, with Jeff Dotson officiating. Burial followed at Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, KY, with Mary's grandchildren and family members serving as pallbearers.

IN LOVING MEMORY
VONDELL MAYNARD SCOTT

Vondell Maynard Scott, 87, of Hardy, KY, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2020, at her home. She was born June 5,



1932, in Huddy, KY the daughter of the late Thomas and Cordia Alice Fields Maynard. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Alex "Ed" Scott; son Thomas L. Scott; grandson Darby Daniel Reed; brothers A.J. Maynard, William Maynard, Lee Roy Maynard; and sisters Reva Bostic, Vida Blackburn, Plina Charles, Ruth Lockart, Ruby, Daley and Dolly Robinette.

Vondell was a retired cook at the former Varney Elementary School, and a member of Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children: Larry (Janet) Scott of Whitesburg, KY, Gary (Judy) Scott of Turkey Creek, KY,

Danny (Nedra) Scott of Hardy, KY, Rodney Scott of Hardy, KY, Judy (Eddie) Martin of Hardy, KY and Vicki (Tommy) Jude of Versailles, KY; grandchildren: Chad Scott, Jason Scott, Joey Scott, Mitchell Scott, Marty Scott, Jordan Scott, Grant Scott, Shannon Webb, Heather, Riley, Rebecca Jo Jude, Ashley Prater, Niki Anderson; 21 great-grandchildren, and a host of other loving family and friends.

Visitation was held Saturday, March 21st from 6 to 9 p.m., in the Rogers Funeral Home chapel, Belfry, KY. Funeral services were held there on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., with Mike Elswick and others officiating. Burial followed in the Scott Family Cemetery, Hardy, KY, with the grandsons serving as pallbearers.

So, eight months after our precious Mommy passed away, on November 19, 2020, we lost our dear sister Vicki. She dearly loved her family, her children and grandchildren.

On March 20, 2021, we lost our oldest brother Larry. He loved his children and grandchildren so very much, and he loved his horse waffles.

So, within one year we lost three members of our family, all during the pandemic of COVID-19 of 2020-2021.

We love and praise our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Him for all His blessings. Thank you Lord.

Gary, Danny, Rodney and Judy.

EMMA JEAN BLACKBURN

Emma Jean Blackburn, age 87, of Old Lester's Fork Road, Grundy, VA, passed away on Friday, June 5, 2020 at her home surrounded by her children, Patricia Blackburn Justus and Terry Blackburn.



Emma Jean was born on January 28, 1933 in Hurley, VA to Lonnie Conley and Leah Smith Conley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Luther Blackburn; two sisters: Beatrice Cooper and Anna Lee Baker; half-sister Alice Conley, and one grandson, Shane Blackburn.

Survivors include: daughter Patricia Blackburn Justus; son Terry Blackburn and wife Debra, all of Hurley, VA; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; nephew James (Jimmy) Justus of Grundy, VA.

Anyone who knew our Mom always remembered her special laughter and her sweet smile. Our family historian, who remembered, all and would tell the stories so well. She gave her love freely to all of us, and she is truly missed.

Mom loved the Lord and His word very much; her Bible was always at her bedside. She was a member of the Sulphur Springs Regular Primitive Baptist Church for 59 years. She loved her church family, and worshiping with them. Her sisters and brothers-in-law meant the world to her.

Although we miss Mom every day, we know in our hearts that she is with her Heavenly Father, and rejoicing with her family. Her memory will live on through her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We love you Mom.

Written by: Patricia Blackburn Justus daughter
and Terry Luther Blackburn, son.

LOLA MARGARET (WORRIX) BARNEY

It is with precious memories that I write this obituary of our loving sister, Lola M.(Worrix) Barney. She passed away December 22, 2020 making her stay on earth 88 years two months 12 days. She was born October 10, 1932, in Pikeville, Kentucky to the late John D. and Hettie M. (Coleman) Worrix. She was the widow of Willis G. Barney and the mother of 4 boys and 1 girl.



Lola is survived by her sons, Jim (Diane) Barney, Nolan J. Barney and John David Barney, daughter, Lisa Green; grandchildren Christopher Barney, Nicole Barney, Jolene Breslawski, Andrew Barney, Courtney McCarty, Kayla Barney, Willis Barney, Andrea Green, Donny Green and Steven Green; several great-grandchildren; brothers,

Harold and Lonnie Worrix; sisters Polly Pierce, Thursie (Jim) Bates, Evelyn Worrix, Alice (Mike) Richardson, Leah (Dan) Ewald, Loretta (Dave) Bradley. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, and son Ricky Barney; brothers: John David, William Grant, Bradley Joe, Bobby Gene and Arthur Dale Worrix, and an infant sister.

Lola always made everyone feel welcome and a hug for even a stranger that had stopped by. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Written by her sister
In Loving Memory Of
**THURSIE MARVERINE (WORRIX)
BATES**

(December 23, 1940 - January 16, 2021)

It is with heavy hearts that we write of our mother's passing. Thursie M. Bates was born on December 23, 1940 in Raccoon, KY to the late John D. and Hettie Worrix. Sadly, on January 16, 2021 at age 80, our Lord called her home, surrounded by family and friends.



A child of fifteen, Mom loved the time she shared with her family and friends. When she gave of herself, she gave wholeheartedly. She was extremely proud that she and our father were married for 61 years after a three week courtship. The love they shared was extremely deep and genuine. They lived, loved, and laughed and endured hardships together through the years. They enjoyed the many nature walks they shared. It was time for togetherness, talking, or just enjoying each other's company in silence. Our parents were great examples of how to love and live for the Lord, our God, our Savior and each other. She will be greatly missed.

She was a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. Besides visiting the church's family, Mom's favorite hymn was 'Just One Rose will do': "At last when life's work is through. Don't spend your money for flowers Just one rose will do".

Thursie was preceded in death by her parents and her grandson, Ryan James. Siblings preceding her home were Lola Barney, John Worrix, William Grant Worrix, Bradley Worrix, Bobby Worrix, Arthur Worrix and Baby Worrix.

Thursie is survived by her husband, James "Jim" C. Bates Sr., their children Diana (Paul) Cordle, Penny (Mark) Walter, and James (Laura) Bates II; Grandchildren: Adam, Amanda, Jessica, Justine, Kristina, Stacie, Chelsea, David, and James; great-grandchildren: Emma, Zachary, Conner, Leah, Theodore, Meira and Emmett. She is also survived by siblings: Polly "Betty" Pierce, Harold (Pat) Worrix, Lonnie Worrix, Mary "Evelyn" Worrix, Alice (Mike) Richardson, Leah (Dan) Ewald, and Loretta (David) Bradley; and many nephews, nieces, and family.

Mom, you are greatly missed. Our loss is and will always be Heaven's gain. You are truly the most beautiful yellow rose in my life.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PAULA COLEMAN



Paula was born on April 2, 1966. She is survived by her parents Paul and Jan Coleman, daughter Sandra (Kaitlin) McGarry; granddaughter Mariana McGarry; sisters Alicia (Tom) Burchwell, Teresa (Chris) Spaulding; nieces and nephews Cody Burchwell, Shelby (Stephen) Palazzo, Brandon Hilles, Nathan Hilles, and great nephew Stephen Palazzo III; companion David Showalter; her best friend whom she loved like a sister, Dawn Birge; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends.

She graduated from Brookhaven High School in 1984 and earned her cosmetology license from Fort Hayes Career Center. She went on to work at Big Bear, Schottensteins, Airborne, and Marzetti. Paula had a big heart and was loyal to family and friends. She loved to laugh, spread encouragement, and tell a good joke.

Her greatest milestone was her daughter, Sandra. She was the love of her life and brought her much joy. Paula's name changed forever to MawPigs when her granddaughter Mariana was born. She loved being a grandma and taking her to their favorite places. She called Mariana her sweet watermelon pineapple baben's.

In 2006, Paula was baptized and became a member of the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. She had a lifelong love for Jesus, horses, motorcycles, and all things pigs, giving her the nickname Piggi Paulie. She loved animals and had 2 fur-babies, Brownie and Jax. Paula also loved music (Tom Petty being one of her favorites), playing cards, movies, bowling, and attending family reunions- you could always find her with a Pepsi in her hand.

In 2003, she followed her lifelong dream of moving to Florida. While there she had the opportunity to achieve things that she thought she never would: like traveling cross-country visiting many states and getting her real estate license. Paula was many things in her life: she was a daughter, a sister, a friend, a mom, a wife, a Christian, an aunt, a grandma, a mother-in-law, and a best friend. Paula will be missed by all those that loved her. God just couldn't go without her and called her home to be with him on July 12, 2021.

Written by her Family

RUBY LEE STREET

Ruby Lee Childress Street, 92 years of age, of Rosedale, VA, formerly of Buchanan County, passed away November 8 2019. Born November 28, 1926, she was the daughter of the late James (Jim) Childress and Martha Owens Childress.



Ruby was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. She was happiest when she was surrounded by her family and extended family.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Roy J. Street, and two sons: Ronald D. Coleman and Denny Ferl Coleman. She is survived by sons Johnny M. (Smokey) Street and Randall Street, both of Tazewell, VA.

Ruby was a member of the Primitive Baptist church for 61 years, and a member of Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church for 58 years.

She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

Submitted by: Elder Vester Runyon

BARBARA LYNN SMITH

June 5, 1960 – February 9, 2020



Barbara Lynn Smith, 59, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2020, at her home. A native of Phelps, KY, born June 5, 1960, she was a devoted homemaker who loved her Primitive Baptist faith and her family.

Surviving are her mother Margaret Brizendine; 2 daughters: Kelli (Benji) Kendall and Jamie (Mark) Rayburn; her longtime companion Virgil Smith; a godson Jamie Lee Wolford; 2 brothers, Terry Neil Brizendine and Paul Michael "Mickey" (Nora) Brizendine; 2 sisters, Donna Kay Smith and Jackie (Michael) Casey; 4 grandchildren: Cassie Lynn Wolford, Cheradon Frances Wolford, Christopher Ryan Wolford and Carson Wolford; and her best friend Marie Hager.

Preceding her in death were her husband Levi "Bill" Smith, her father Everett Brizendine, and a brother, Jerry Brizendine.

Visitation began at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, at Drake-Whaley-McCarty Funeral Home, Cynthiana, KY, with services at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday February 14, at the funeral home, officiated by Elder Jimmy Lee Smith. Burial followed in Battle Grove Cemetery, with family and friends serving as casket bearers.

ANNA MARIE SMITH- CHAPMAN

Anna Marie Smith-Chapman 88, of Phelps, Kentucky,



passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the Greg-Noreen Wells Hospice Center surrounded by her loving family. Anna Marie was born May 24, 1931 in Coleman, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Sidney and Elizabeth Boyd-Smith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband Ervil James Smith and her second husband, Otto Chapman. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy Ann Smith.

Anna Marie was a lifetime member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She took much pride in her church and taught her children and grandchildren the love of God and church. Anna Marie was her high school valedictorian, which paved the path to become an elementary school teacher. She loved her students and took such pride to see them succeed in life. She worked for the children at Majestic Elementary and Phelps Elementary until she retired from the school system.

Anna Marie enjoyed cooking, baking, and quilting. She created many precious keepsakes and quilts with her seamstress skills. She made quilts, aprons, and Christmas Stockings for her family and friends. She baked and cooked delicious homemade feasts for all her family. Anna Marie was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She had special names for each child and would tell each one, "I love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck". She always made sure each of her children knew love, support, care and Jesus. Anna Marie was the most caring, kind and happy woman; to know her was to feel love and compassion.

Anna Marie is missed by all her family. She will never be forgotten by her family and numerous friends.

We love You Mom. Love, Randy, Sandy, and Mickey.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I am following the path
God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

I found that place at the close of the day.

If my passing has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy.

A shared hug, laugh, a kiss. Ah, yes, these things,

I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much. Good family,

good friends, good times, I loved all so much.

Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now,

He set me free.

ROSEMARY SLONE THACKER

With a sad heart I write the obituary of my little sister, Rosemary Slone Thacker. Rosemary was born April 24, 1967 to the late Elder Noah and Holly Slone of Pikeville, KY. The youngest of six children, she was preceded in death by her sisters Cora Slone and Sharon Kay Slone. Left to mourn her passing are her brothers Noah (Sarah), Tim (Veronica) and Hibbard Gary Slone; also her friends who were always there even in her sickness: Tina Cornett, Julie King, Chrystal Sizemore and Stephanie. Tina and her sister Connie, and Clarence took such good care of her after she became too sick to be alone.



Rosemary was baptized into the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church September 6, 1987, then later moved her letter to Grapevine. Rosemary loved attending church – I can still see her smiling face asking me to sing “Hem of His Garment” or “Kindred in Christ”. The tears would roll down her cheeks as she praised the Lord.

Rosemary worked at Wal-Mart as an accountant, UK, and at Pikeville Medical Center, where she retired due to sickness. My wife Veronica and Rosemary loved each other very much; Rosemary told me often how blessed she felt to have her as a friend and sister. Anyone who knew Rosemary knew of her beautiful smile that could light up a room. She loved children, but couldn't have any of her own. That didn't keep her from sharing that love with her nieces and nephews. She was glad to tell anyone who would listen what great times and memories she was making with them. Rosemary's nieces were Sheryl, Noel, Angie, Bertha, Samatha, Misti and Tahia; nephews were Tarlis, Tim Jr., Keith and Kaleb. She considered all of them hers.

Rosemary is sleeping now, but I have a hope of meeting her again, where there will be no sickness or pain. So sleep on little sister, until we meet again.

Written by Tim and Veronica Slone

MEETING TIMES OF THE CHURCHES

LOUISA: 2nd Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00a.m.; All odd Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

OLD POND: 2nd Saturday 10:30 a.m./Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Every 4th Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Odd Sundays 10:00 a.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.; Odd Saturday nights 6:30 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.; Every 5th Sunday 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.; Odd Sundays, 10:30a.m.; New Year's Eve at 6:30 p.m.

COLUMBUS: Sundays, weekly at 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. Memorial Meeting: Second weekend in October.

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.S.36 (Monument Square), take U.S 36 West (Miami Street) approx. one mile to N. Oakland Street; right on N. Oakland Street approx. 1/2 mile to church house.

