MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Sixty-Ninth
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 September 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2022

Next Session convenes with the Grapevine Primitive
Baptist Church located at 17519 Grapevine Road,
Phyllis, KY 41554, starting at 10:00 a.m., Friday before
the first Sunday in September, 2023.

Directions to Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church:
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.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the Original Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association, held with the <u>Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church</u>.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 2, 2022:

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by <u>Elder Todd Thacker</u>. The Introductory Sermon was preached by <u>Elder Timothy Slone</u>. The Association then proceeded to business in the following order:

- 1st. Called for the letters from all the churches. The letter from Big Creek Church was read.
- 2nd. Motion and second that we accept the letters and have the names of the messengers enrolled in the Minutes.
- 3rd. Elder Shawn Dotson was appointed serve as Moderator pro-tem for the election of officers.
- 4th. Brothers Tim Thacker and Clifton Preece were appointed to serve as Clerk(s) pro-tem for the election of officers.
- 5th. The Association elected the following to serve as officers for the coming year:

Elder David A. Thacker, Moderator

Elder Jeremy Jacobs, Assistant Moderator

Deacon Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk

Deacon Lonnie Simpkins, Assistant Clerk

- 6th. Newly constituted churches called for: None responded.
- 7th. Moved seconded and agreed that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution printed in the Minutes.

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

9th. Read and received the letters from Burning Springs Association and Sand Lick Association of Kentucky.

10th. Correspondents from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

BURNING SPRINGS: Elder Doyle Keeton, Elder John Rigsby, Brother Timmy Smith, Lic.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Deacon Norman Jones, Deacon Kenneth Creed.

WASHINGTON: Elder Ked Stacy, Brother Jonathan Stacy, Lic., Elder Don Stacy, Deacon Clarence Childress, Deacon David Owens.

UNION: Elder Corbin Hampton, Elder Jimmy Webb, Elder Trillis Adams, Elder William Bud Adams.

SAND LICK-KENTUCKY: Elder David Gambill, Elder Dan Ison, Brother Terry Meade, Deacon Derrick Howard, Deacon Billy Dunn.

11th. Welcomed visitors from other Associations and various churches:

BURNING SPRINGS: None

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Wanda Jones

WASHINGTON: Doris Childress

UNION: Josh D. Williams, Deacon Steven Chapman, Michael R. Adams, Bonnie Hampton, Amanda Adams, Kathy Adams, Connie Adams, Anetta Webb, Abbey L. Chapman, Samantha J. Williams.

SAND LICK-Kentucky: Kinner B. Lovely, Tyra D. Prater.

OTHER: Anthony W. Hatfield, Dencie F. Hatfield, Tomahawk, Kentucky.

12th. Motion seconded and agreed that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. All the Deacons from Big Creek Church, along with Elder David May were appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A: Friday morning at Big Creek Church: Elder Corbin Hampton.

B: Friday afternoon at: Big Creek Church: Elder William Bud Adams, John Rigsby, Ked Stacy.

C: Friday night at: Old Pond Church: Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Randal Thornsbury.

D: Friday night at: <u>Peter Creek Church</u>: Timmy Smith, Lic., John Rigsby, Jeff Dotson, David A. Thacker

E: <u>Friday night at:Louisa Church</u>: Daniel Jacobs, David Lee Jacobs, Greg Moore, Jeremy Jacobs.

F: <u>Saturday morning at: Big Creek Church:</u> Paris Blackburn, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr.

G: <u>Saturday afternoon at Big Creek Church:</u> Ked Stacy, Jeff Dotson, Jeremy Jacobs.

H: <u>Saturday night at : Samaria Church:</u> John Jacobs, Roger Rose, Paris Blackburn, Raymond Stanley, Daniel Jacobs, Shawn Dotson, Randal Thornsbury.

13th. Committee on Arrangements appointed as follows: Kenneth Slone, Gary Stanley, Tim Thacker, Lonnie Collins, L. C. Coleman, Michael Elswick, Timothy Slone, Ernie Justice, Duke Chapman, Ricky Worrix, Lawrence Williams, Brian Moore, Daniel Jacobs, Roger Blackburn, Tim Floyd.

14th. Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations as correspondents are as follows:

<u>BURNING SPRINGS:</u> Friday before the 3rd Sunday in August, <u>2023</u>. Clifton Preece, Greg Moore, Randal Thornsbury, Darren Compton, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., David Jacobs, John Jacobs.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 2022. Clifton Preece, Greg Moore, Timothy Slone, Roger Blackburn, Brian Moore, Lary David Chapman, Randal Thornsbury, John Jacobs.

WASHINGTON: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in June, 2023. Clifton Preece, Greg Moore, Timothy Slone, Brian Moore, Vester Runyon, Larry David Chapman, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Ron Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., David Lee May.

<u>UNION: Friday before the 1st Saturday in June, 2023</u>. Clifton Preece, Greg Moore, Timothy Slone, Larry David Chapman, Randal Thornsbury, John Jacobs, Vester Runyon, David Lee May Darren Compton.

SAND LICK OF KENTUCKY: Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 2022. Clifton Preece, Greg Moore, Timothy Slone, Randal Thornsbury, Larry David Chapman, David Jacobs, John Jacobs.

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

Saturday Morning September 3rd, 2022 at Big Creek Church Church house.

1st: The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Paris Blackburn. Roll called and absents marked.

- 2nd: The Committee on Arrangements reported the following: The committee met at Big Creek church house Friday afternoon. After song and prayer by Elder Brian Moore, the committee proceeded to business as follows:
- #1.Recommend that we omit the reading of the letters from the churches, except the letter from Big Creek Church.
- #2. Recommend that <u>Big Creek Church</u> host the Annual Meeting for 2023.
- #3. Recommend that <u>Grapevine Church</u> host the Association for 2023.
- #4. Called for the circular letter, written by Elder Robert Worrix, Jr. The letter was read, and recommended for approval by the full body of messengers on Saturday Morning.
- #5. Recommend that we carry on work on Saturday morning in the usual manner.
- 3Rd: Moved and seconded that the Committee's work be accepted and that they be discharged.
- 4th: Moved and seconded that our Annual Meeting be held with Big Creek Church, beginning Friday before the last Saturday in March, 2023.
- 5th: Motion seconded and agreed that the preaching committee be discharged after services on Sunday.
- 6th: Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused. Union Meetings and their appointees for 2023 are as follows:
- LOUISA: 16 Rocky Way, Pikeville, KY. 41501 Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 2023. Paris Blackburn, Paul Dean Justice, David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, David May, Randal Thornsbury, 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, Ked Stacy, and all orderly Primitive Baptist Ministers of the same faith and order.

NOTE: A Memorial Day meeting will be held at Annie Young Cemetery, East Shelbiana, KY on May 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 2023. Michael Elswick, Ricky Worrix, John Jacobs, Raymond Stanley, Curt Heath, Jimmy Lee Smith, J. C. Hager, Robert Worrix, Jr., Jeremy Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Greg Moore, Jeff Dotson, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, Randal Thornsbury, Timothy Slone, David Jacobs, David May, David Gambill. Old Pond Church invites all orderly Primitive Baptist elders to our union meeting.

NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 2023.

BIG CREEK: 21 Stratton Fork Road, Canada, KY 41519. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 2023. Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Ricky Worrix, Robert Worrix, Jr., J. C. Hager, David Lee Jacobs, Brian Moore, Greg Moore, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Roger Blackburn, Timothy Slone, Gary Thacker, Raymond Stanley, Barry Thacker, Jeremy Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, and all orderly Primitive Baptists Elders. NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for all deceased members will be held the 3rd Sunday in July, 2023.

RACCOON: 5174 Raccoon Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 2023. Randal Thornsbury, 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. NOTE: A Memorial Meeting will be held the 4th weekend in October, 2023.

PETER CREEK: 24 Smith Fork Road, Phelps, KY 41553.

Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 2023. Randal Thornsbury, 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.

NOTE: Memorial Meeting fourth Saturday in June, 2023.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: 4092 Paw Paw Road, Hurley, VA 24620. Meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 2023. Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Randal Thornsbury, 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, 2023. Ricky Worrix, Paris Blackburn, David Lee Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robert Worrix, Jr., David A. Thacker, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsbury, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, J. C. Hager, Timothy Slone, David May, Brian Moore, Jeremy Jacobs, Roger Rose, and all orderly Primitive Baptists are invited to attend. NOTE:A memorial meeting will be held the first weekend in August, 2023.

GRAPEVINE: 17519 Grapevine Road, Phyllis, KY 41554. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in May, 2023. John Jacobs, Jimmy Lee Smith, Raymond Stanley, Brian More, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, David May, Todd Thacker, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Barry Thacker, Gary Thacker, Vester Runyon, Roger Rose, Roger Blackburn. NOTE: A Memorial Meeting for deceased members will be held on April 30, 2023.

SAMARIA: 1722 Left Fork Blackberry Road, Ransom, KY 41558. Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 2023. Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Larry Slone, Raymond Stanley, Michael Elswick, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsbury, Robert Worrix, Jr., Brian Moore, Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Daniel Jacobs, David Jacobs, John Jacobs, Roger Blackbun, Jeremy Jacobs, Vester Runyon. We welcome all orderly Primitive Baptists to visit with us.

FEDS CREEK: 1854 Feds Creek Road, Feds Creek, KY. Meets the first Saturday in May, 2023. Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., John Jacobs, David Jacobs, Daniel Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs, Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Gary Thacker, Todd Thacker, Brian Moore, Shawn Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Jeff Dotson, Randal Thornsbury, David May, Jimmy Lee Smith, Greg Moore, Barry Thacker, David A. Thacker, Roger Rose, Vester Runyon, and all orderly Primitive Baptists.

JOHNS CREEK: 2253 Long Fork Road, Kimper, KY 41539.

Meets Friday before the second Saturday in April, 2023. All orderly Primitive Baptist ministers are welcome.

CALVARY: 631 Varney Branch Road, Kimper, KY 41539. Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 2023. J. C. Hager, Shawn Dotson, John Jacobs, Randal Thornsbury, Michael Elswick, Raymond Stanley, Jimmy Lee Smith, David Jacobs, Timothy Slone, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Daniel Jacobs, Jeff Dotson, David Hager, Jeremy Jacobs.

NOTE: Memorial Meeting for deceased members: the first Sunday in November.

DRY FORK: 2782 Dry Fork Road, Vansant, VA 24656. Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 2023. Brian Moore, Vester Runyon, Roger Rose, Shawn Dotson, Jeff Dotson, Raymond Stanley, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Larry Slone, Jimmy Lee Smith, Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, J. C. Hager, Ked Stacy, Timothy Slone, Daniel Jacobs, Jeremy Jacobs.

NOTE: Memorial service for all deceased members will be held on the second weekend in July, 2023. COLUMBUS: 599 Hilock Avenue, Columbus, OH 43207. Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 2023. Randal Thornsbury, 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, Jeremy Jacobs, Timothy Slone. All other Mates Creek Elders, Brothers and Sisters are invited to attend.

NOTE: Our Annual Meeting will be held October 7th and 8th, 2023.

DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451. Meets 4:00 p.m. on fourth Saturday in June, and second Saturday in October, 2023. Randal Thornsbury, David A. Thacker, John Jacobs, Michael Elswick, David May, Raymond Stanley, Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, Greg Moore, Robert Worrix, Jr., Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Jeremy Jacobs, Roger Rose, Jeff Dotson, Shawn Dotson, Brian Moore, Jimmy Lee Smith, David Gambill, Corbin Hampton, Budd Adams, Victor Quick and all orderly Primitive Baptist Elders are invited.

NOTE: Memorial service to be held the second weekend in October, 2023.

PLEASANT HILL: 615 Oakland, Urbana, OH 43078. Meets at 4:00 p.m. the third Saturday in April, 2023. 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.

NOTE: A Memorial service will be held the third weekend of October, 2023, 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10:30 on Sunday.

7th: Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes, and that Elder Roger Blackburn is to prepare the next one.

8th: Agreed that we have <u>1025</u> minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith, and the obituaries of the following

BROTHERS: Paul B. Goff, Ray Lovely, Gary Scott Blackburn, Paul Edward Coleman, Ricky Lee Ratliff.

SISTERS: Mary Scott Hunt, Martha May, Karen Sue Justice, Minnie J. Varney, Patsy Ann Coleman, Helen Carol Rose, Francis Lucille Brown Pendell.

9th: The finances were dispensed as follows:
BALANCE LEFT ON HAND from last year \$8811.55
AMOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS LAST
YEAR:
1. Donations on Saturday and Sunday\$ 0.00
2. Obituaries\$40.00
3 Other\$0.00
TOTAL\$40.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE\$8811.55
AMOUNTS PAID OUT since last Association:
Paid for the 2021 Minutes\$ 1377.40
Paid for check printing\$43.47
Gave cash to visiting ministers\$300.00
Paid for Supplies\$58.80
TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID OUT\$1779.67
BALANCE ON HAND September 2, 2022\$7071.88
AMOUNTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR:
From the churches September 2, 2022\$1955.00
For obituaries September 2, 2022\$180.00
Donations and other September 2, 2022\$80.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS YEAR\$2215.00

BALANCE LEFT ON HAND September 2, 2022 \$9286.88

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:

TOTAL FUNDS:\$9286.88

10th: Agreed that our next Association be held with the <u>Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church</u> at <u>17519 Grapevine</u>, Road, Phyllis, KY <u>41554</u>, to begin at 10:00 a.m., <u>Friday before the first Sunday in September</u>, <u>2023</u>. <u>Elder Todd Thacker</u> was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. <u>Elder Gary Thacker</u> is to be his alternate.

Minutes read, approved. Closed with prayer by <u>Elder Barry</u> Thacker, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by:

Saud A hacker, Moderator
, Assistant Moderator

State Hatfield, Clerk

Assistant Clerk
, Assistant Clerk

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

SUNDAY MORNING

September 4th, 2022

Elder Daniel Jacobs introduced the service with song and prayer, then:,

- 1. Elder Corbin Hampton
- 2. Elder David Gambill
- 3. Elder David A. Thacker
- 4. Dismissed with song and prayer by Elder Raymond Stanley.

Circular Letter

In being chosen to write the Circular Letter for the One Hundred Sixty-ninth Annual Mates Creek District Regular Primitive Baptist Association (2022), I am looking to the "GREAT I AM' for guidance as I attempt to pen down a few thoughts concerning the peace and joy in Zion, (the Church).

(Matthew 16:18) "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it". The Rock being Jesus Christ.

The Church has been through many storms and persecutions throughout her existence. Once again, she has come through her most recent storm by the Grace of God. The pandemic threatened the life, health, and well-being of our families, loved ones, and brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray for those who suffered loss of loved ones as a result, and those who are still healing and suffering from it.

By the rich, reigning mercy and grace of God, we are blessed to be able to gather together once more: "HAPPY TIME LONG WAITED FOR!"

The Lord knows what we stand in need of; Our prayer is that the Savior will visit Thy plantation, grant us Lord a gracious rain, lift us up and revive us! For He surely knows "Exactly what we need"! He has made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus the Lord. These heavenly places are found in the Church of the Almighty King. When it pleases Him to send down a blessing from above and lift us above the cares of this world, this surely is a heavenly place.

He gave us the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and told us to dress and keep it. The adversary (the Devil) seeks to disturb the peace and joy we receive. We must work diligently to keep it as the adversary is seated in the pews.

Satan is continually going about causing confusion; he is the author of it. He preys on the weak, but in our weakness God sends reinforcements. When the troubles come to our homes and in our Church, there is only one place to go: That is down on our knees, praying "It's Me Again Lord". For He is the problem solver, He has all the answers: "The Lord will Provide. I am thankful and blessed to be counted among the Primitive Baptist people. I believe that God has revealed to us the truth as it is in Christ Jesus the Lord; that He sends down his gospel by his spirit and blesses his called servants to come boldly to the Throne of Grace and preach the whole counsel of God; for there is a remnant according to the election of Grace; that we are blessed to hear the "Royal Proclamation"!; that "Jesus Reigns"! In hearing and feeding on this sweet Gospel of Salvation by the Grace of God, we are blessed to proclaim: surely "How Great Thou Art!"

He is coming again on the same cloud of Glory that He went away on, to get the purchased possession of His blood. As the song says "Had it not been for a man called Jesus, then forever our souls would be lost". The Church is his Bride, the Lamb's wife. And we will meet King Jesus in the air. "What a Day That Will Be!"

In closing, as in the beginning of this letter, I refer to Matthew 16:18: His Church Kingdom will be here when He returns. There will be someone declaring God's doctrine "Salvation By the Grace of God". Until that day we will be blessed to continue to sing "COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"!!!

I love you in Christ.

Your humble servant: Elder Robert Worrix, Jr. (Robbie)

MESSENGERS REPRESENTING THE SISTER CHURCHES

LOUISA: Kenneth Slone, Mike Bartley, James Nichols,

David Varney.

Alternate: Gary Thacker

OLD POND: Walter Rutherford, Gary Stanley, Bernie Newton, Arnold Hicks.

Alternate: Michael Elswick

BIG CREEK: David Lee May, Larry David Chapman,

Troy Wheeler, Tim Thacker. Alternate: Elder John Jacobs RACCOON: Clifton Preece, Lonnie Collins, Otis Thacker,

Jeff Belcher.

Alternate: Donovan Blackburn

PETER CREEK: Floyd Coleman, Randy Kender, Randy Smith,

L. C. Coleman.

Alternate: Virgil Smith

SULPHUR SPRING: By Letter only.

LITTLE HOPE: Fonso McIntosh, Frank Ball,

Raymond Stanley, Michael Elswick.

Alternate: None

GRAPEVINE: Jeremy Jacobs, Timothy Slone, Harold Abbott,

Ernest Seth Shortridge.

Alternate: None

SAMARIA: Billy Yates, Ernie Justice, Jeffrey Stevens,

Mitchell Justice.

Alternate: Bernie Newton

FEDS CREEK: Ricky Worrix, Timothy Slone, Harold Abbott,

Ernest Seth Shortridge. Alternate: Jeremy Jacobs

JOHNS CREEK: Duke Chapman, David Lee May,

Barry Thacker, David May.

Alternate: None

CALVARY: Duke Chapman, Wallace Vipperman,

Lawrence Williams, Barry Thacker.

Alternate: None

DRY FORK: Brian Moore, Vester Runyon, Ron Moore,

Darren Compton.

Alternate: Roger Rose

COLUMBUS: Paris Blackburn, Roger Blackburn, 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.

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MATES CREEK CHURCHES

CHURCH	MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Louisa	Robert B. Worrix, Jr.	August, 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Michael Elswick	June, 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Randal Thornsbury	August, 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	David A. Thacker	July, 4th Saturday-
Peter Creek	Jimmy Lee Smith	June, 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spr	ings (None)	August, 1st Saturday
Little Hope	Raymond Stanley	July, 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Timothy Slone	May, 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Jeff Dotson	June, 3rd Saturday
	Shawn Dotson	

MATES CREEK	CHURCHES
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CHURCH	MODERATOR	COMMUNION
Feds Creek	Ricky B. Worrix	May, 1st Saturday
Johns Creek	David B. May	April, 2nd Saturday
Calvary	David A. Thacker	June, 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Brian Moore	May, 2nd Saturday
Columbus	Paris Blackburn	April, 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J. C. Hager	June, 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Greg Moore	April, 3rd Saturday

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Jeff Dotson	2275 Left Fk., Blackberry Rd., Ransom, KY 41558
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Shawn Dotson	4246 State Hwy. 1056, Ransom, KY 41558
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Brian Moore	4733 Dismal River Road, Oakwood, VA 24631
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	810-247-0722
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Roger Rose	1081 Lazaras Br., Haysi, VA 24256
	276-870-5099
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08888	419-738-2435
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RACCOON: Jeff 451	Belcher, Clerk: Pine Fork, Shelbiana, KY 41562100
PETER CREEK:	Randy Kender, Clerk: 1095 Ashlick Fork, Phelps, KY 4155340
SULPHUR SPRI	INGS: Lisa Mounts, Clerk: 1104 Big Red Road, Hurley, VA 2462025
LITTLE HOPE:	Lonnie Simpkins,, Clerk: 35 Fonso Stanley Road, Canada, KY 4151930
GRAPEVINE:	Patricia Abbott, Clerk: 2105 Upper Johns Creek Road, Kimper, KY 4153950
SAMARIA:	Leslie D. Hatfield, Clerk: 8380 State Hwy. 1056, McCarr, KY 41544-8302100
FEDS CREEK:	Ernest Seth Shortridge: 300 Laurel Fork Road, Steele, KY 4156650
JOHNS CREEK	Elder Barry Thacker, Clerk: 747 Hurricane Creek Rd., Kimper, KY 4153925
CALVARY:	Elder Barry Thacker, Clerk: 747 Hurricane Creek Road, Kimper, KY 4153950
DRY FORK:	Vester Runyon: 1009 Faith Drive, Vansant, VA 2465630
COLUMBUS:	Alicia Burchwell, Clerk: 3773 Miller Road, Ashville, OH 4310375

DEERFIEL	D : Barbara Holyfield, Clerk:	
	3033 Woodlawn St.,	
	Walled Lake, MI 48390	75
PLEASANT	HILL: Tim Floyd, Clerk:	
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	Mechanicsburg, OH 43044	25
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UNION:	Elder Jimmy Webb, Clerk:	
	47 Chevy Drive, Jenkins, KY 41537	25
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SPRINGS:	Deacon Lowell Cantrell, Clerk:	
	6903 Highway 705,	
	West Liberty, KY 41472	<u>25</u>
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RIVER:	Deacon Norman Jones, Clerk:	
	132 Deerfield Drive,	
	Pinnacle, NC 27043	25
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MODERATOR:	Elder David A. Thacker:	
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	Canada, KY 41519	6
ASSISTANT		
MODERATOR:	Elder Jeremy Jacobs,	
	2686 Meathouse Fork,	
	Canada, KY 41519	6
CLERK:	Deacon Leslie Hatfield:	
	8380 State Hwy. 1056,	
	McCarr, KY 41544	15
ASSISTANT		
CLERK:	Deacon Lonnie Simpkins:	
	35 Fonso Stanley Road,	
	Canada, KY 41519	6
Robert L. Webb	, The Primitive Baptist Library,	
	416 Main Street,	
	Carthage, IL 62321	<u>2</u>
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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

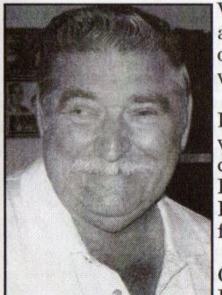
- 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- 2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.
- 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise 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.

Paul Blake Goff

Paul Blake Goff was born Wednesday, March 12, 1947, to Blake and Flora Goff of Raccoon, Kentucky. Paul passed on Thursday, October 19, 2021 at his sister's home. He was preceded in death by four brothers: Elmer, Carnes, Johnny and



Vernon Goff; two sisters: Deloris Goff and Brenda May. Paul is survived by one sister, Coleen Bevins of Raccoon, who cared for him in his last years.

Paul was a Deacon of Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church, a U.S. Army veteran, member of DAV Johns Creek chapter 166, and a retiree from the Pike County Solid Waste Department. Paul was loved by all his family and friends, and by his Church family.

Funeral services were held at Community Funeral Home, Pikeville, Kentucky; visitation Thursday night October 21, funeral services Friday,

October 22. Elder Timothy Slone and other Primitive Baptist elders conducted services. Family members served as pall bearers, burial was at the family cemetery on 58 Branch, Raccoon, Kentucky.

Ray Lovely

With so much sadness I try to write this obituary of Ray Lovely. Ray passed away peacefully on August 20, 2022 at the age of 90. Born January 21, 1932, he was the son of the late



Rueben and Lula Lovely. In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his first wife Bea, daughter Martha Lovely, granddaughter Terri Tuhro, and sisters Eunice Lovely and Eula Taulbee.

In addition to his wife Ruby Lovely, Ray is survived by son, James Lovely (Teresa); daughter Betty (Carl) James; step-children: Timothy Kincaid, Charles Kincaid and Rita Paxton; grandchildren: Jimmy Nicholas, Samantha (Paul) and Sephanie; great-grandchildren: Kaylee Kincaid, Brittni St. Germain, Brendan Paxton, Aimee Kincaid, and many nieces and nephews.

Ray had many jobs, but his longest most-loved job was driving long haul trucking all across the country, which he did for over 30 years. He was also a Deacon at Columbus Primitive Baptist Church.

Ray loved taking his grandchildren fishing, playing horse shoes, and working puzzle books, He also liked care races in his early years. He loved his home-cooked meals. He is and will be missed by his family and church family, but most of all by his wife Ruby Lovely. I know you are smiling down at us. Time is like a fleeting shadow: I hope and pray to be united with you and all our loved ones some day. Love you and miss you.

Your loving wife, Ruby Lovely.

Gregory Scott Blackburn

At the age of 63, Brother Gregory Scott Blackburn, of Linden, Michigan, went to sleep in Jesus on April 22, 2022. Born February 3, 1959, in Flint Michigan, he was a truck driv-

> er, carpenter and laborer for many years. Greg loved cars: classic cars, race cars and Nascar.

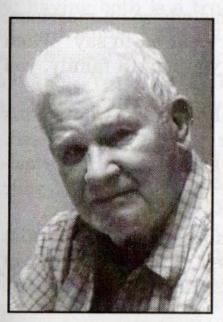


Surviving are: his wife Cheryl; three children: Jeffery Blackburn, Sara (Jamie) Hetchler, and Charles "CJ" Blackburn; adopted daughter, Kori Reynolds; grandchildren: Tyler, Jordan, Zachary and Sophia; mother, Phyllis Hill; siblings: Dawn (Ian) Clark, Melissa (Jim) VanHove, Kurt (Kerri) Hill, Michael (Kathryn) Hill, Steve Hill, and Kathy (Tilden) Bevins; many nieces, nephews and other extended family

members. Greg was preceded in death by his father, Charles Blackburn; step-mother Ruth Blackburn; daughter, Charlotte Blackburn Matthews; step-father Jim Hill; grandson Kayn Hetchler, and step-siblings, Janice and Oscar.

Paul Edward Coleman

Paul Edward Coleman passed peacefully at his home on May 10, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Paula Coleman; twelve brothers: Clyde, Carl, Granville, Lundy, William Austin, John Jesse, Perry, Rexall, Russell, Danville, David, Jr., and Steve; seven sisters



Darcus, Avonelle, Emolene, Lucy Pearl, Utha, Ledna Mae and Lois. His is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janice (Lovely) Coleman; two daughters: Alicia (Tom) Burchwell, Teresa (Chris) Spaulding; five grandchildren: Sandra (Kaitlin) McGarry, Cody Burchwell, Shelby (Stephen) Palazzo, Brandon and Nathan Hilles; four great-grandchildren: Alexa and Aleah Palazzo, Mariana McGarry, and Stephen Palazzo; one sister, Ova Thacker, and five sisters-in-law: Betty Jean, Karen, Alice Fay, Maxie and Debbie; and countless niec-

es, nephews, cousins and friends. Special mention of brother-in -law, Ray Lovely, who was more like a brother to him.

Paul was born in Pikeville, KY, April 1, 1933, the 12th of 21 children, to David W. Coleman and Cora (Maden) Coleman. He went through the 10th grade, and held various jobs in his youth and into adulthood. He worked or the Pike County Board of Education, where he provided maintenance for the school buildings. He came to Columbus in 1951 and lived with his brother Lundy and wife Dorothy. Paul built airplanes for 21/2 years for North American Rockwell. Kentucky drew him back home, where he worked hauling rock or digging ditches at Kentucky/West Virginia Gas Company. He said he never liked that job, and it didn't pay either! He moved back to Columbus in 1959 and worked for Westinghouse for 221/2 years, while working two or three jobs at one time to provide for his family. He worked at T N Cook, Schottentsteins, Ohio Bell, Bonded Oil Company and Pinkerton Security. He also demo'ed garages and houses.

Paul met the love of his life in 1960: His sister-in-law, Betty Lou, worked with Jan at Swan Cleaners, and took her to Lundy and Dorothy's house. Paul offered to drive her home, and Jan said "Only if Dorothy would go with him"; the rest is history. He said he was surprised that she loved "him", and the only thing he would change would be to make her love him more than she already did. They always loved each other and communicated well. If you asked Paul his advice on marriage, he would say "Don't get married!"; then went on to say "When you find the right one, you'll know it. If you have a family, you should be married".

Paul believed you should work hard. He wanted his children and grandchildren to remember how they were raised. His advice to them was to go to church and listen. His priorities were to honor your marriage vows and take care of your kids.

He attended and labored in the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church for many years before he united with the church in April, 2017. He described the baptism as chains breaking loose and being lifted off him.

Paul's favorite hobby was playing cards. He loved any game, and was a tad bit competitive. Paul loved playing with his brothers every weekend and never turned down a game. He loved country music and could be found singing the good ole gospel tunes like "I'll Fly Away" to his wife and grandchildren. Everyone, well, maybe just the ladies, commented on his blue eyes and the finger waves in his hair his entire life. He enjoyed watching Hee Haw, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and

Andy Griffith. He would feed the squirrels on his porch, and even in the house when he could lure them in with a peanut or two. He liked watching the peacocks in their front yard. Paul was called Brother by his sisters, and it was told to us that he was a good boy. He had a 1948 Harley Davidson that he rode to Kentucky without his license. He took his cousin for a ride, and she never rode again! His brothers would sneak and ride his bike while he was at work.

Paul enjoyed giving to others. He was instrumental in organizing and getting funding to rebuild the neighborhood park. He started Santa visits at the church, where he, along the help of others, provided the toys and a candy bag for all the children for nearly 30 years. He loved family reunions and was part of restarting them He added hats and t-shirts, which everyone loved! Anyone who knows Paul also knows how he didn't like chicken, or any other bird, for that matter. He was a meat and potatoes kind of guy.

His life was his family. He truly believed the saying "Having a place to go is home; having someone to love is a family; having both is a true blessing". Paul lived a full life with many friends, touching each of them in a different way. He was blessed with a wonderful family, but really it was our blessing. We will miss his humor, smile, orneriness, memories, and the way he loved everyone.

In Loving Memory Ricky Lee Ratliff (February 7, 1965 – June 21, 2022)

It is with a broken heart and joy that I write this tribute. Ricky was the son of Will Drainen Ratliff and the late Nancy Marie (Slone) Ratliff. He had two sisters, Donna Gail



(Ratliff) Coleman (Donald); and Rhonda Lynn (Ratliff) Gilman (Dwight). He also leaves five nieces and nephews: Angel (Adkins) Moore (Bobby), Heather (Coleman) Hite (Andrew), Lydia (Taylor) Cunningham (Clyde), Michael Taylor and Donovan Coleman (Madison); seven great-nieces and nephews: Lucas Rowe, Eli Rowe, Noah Moore, Serenity Hite, Luna Hite, Hyperion Hite and Wynter Rose Coleman. Also left behind are many family members and neighbors who loved him and will miss him.

Ricky was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Loren Slone and Viola (Varney) Slone; and his paternal grandparents: Kit Carson Ratliff and Velma Mae (Dotson) Ratliff.

Ricky was a member of the Calvary Primitive Baptist Church, Kimper, Ketucky, where he was faithful to attend until such time as he was unable to go. If you were around Ricky for as much a five minutes, he would always praise and speak the name of Jesus. He loved to discuss his dreams and thoughts concerning God. He was never ashamed to give God the praise and honor He so richly deserves. That in and of itself is a powerful testimony of faith. It is with great joy to know that he is now resting in the arms of Jesus. We love and miss our dear son, brother, uncle nephew, cousin and friend.

Mary (Scott) Hunt

On February 14, 2022, Mary (affectionately referred to as "little" Mary by her family) entered into her eternal rest. Mary was born on June 17, 1932, in Pike County, KY to the



late Ransom and Martha (Coleman) Scott. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Hunt in 2019. They were blessed with two sons: Clifford Steven (Darla) Hunt of Gallatin, TN and Leslie Mark (Agnes) Hunt of Mt. Juliet, TN. Cliff and Mary were also blessed with five grandchildren: Joshua Hunt, Nathan (Kayla) Hunt, Natalie (Blake) Holmes, Tasha (Chase) Gregory, and Lisa Ibay, as well as four great-grandchildren. She is survived by a sister, Betty Scott of Gallatin, TN; three brothers: Burl Scott,

Dave Scott, Jr., and Earl Scott (who died in June 2022); two sisters also preceded her in death: Juanita Bennett and America Reed, as well as four siblings who died in infancy: Charles, Jackie, Ethel and a twin sister, Martha. She was also one of 58 double first cousins, after the marriages of four Scott brothers to four Coleman sisters. A special care giver, Terri Smith, was also an integral part of our mother's life this past year.

Mary was a former member of the Old Pond Primitive Baptist Church, Belfry, KY for many years. While living in Huntington, they attended Cannonsburg PBC in Ashland, KY. Upon moving to Tennessee, she became a member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Goodlettsville, TN. For almost 60 years, she rested in God's sovereignty and the finished work of Jesus Christ. Her entire life was focused on serving others, and always, as she saw the day approaching, was in her kitchen preparing meals for church fellowships and luncheons; and in that regard, she was known for her making of gingerbread, apple stack cakes and delicious fried apple pies. For a short period of time, she worked full time as a cook at Varney Elementary and Belfry High Schools in Pike County, Kentucky. Old Pond Church was a bethel spot in her life for many years, a place where she enjoyed hearing the gospel of her salvation, showing hospitality to her kindred in Christ, and fellowshipping with the saints. Communion services were always special to her, and she so enjoyed preparing the bread for that occasion, until she moved to Tennessee.

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 20, from 1:00 p.m. To 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, located at 515 Long Hollow Pike, Goodlettsville, TN, 37072. A Celebration of Life Service followed before a large crowd of attendees, as well as a host of family and church friends watching via Live Stream - with Elders Ronald Lawrence and Paul Trautner offi-Pall bearers included Joshua Hunt, Nathan Hunt, ciating. Mike Scott, Neal Scott, Earl Scott and Dave Neighbors. The deacons of the church served as honorary pallbearers. Entombment followed on Monday at the Mausoleum in Sumner Memorial Gardens, Gallatin, TN. While there is certainly sorrow, we rejoice, knowing that "In [His] presence is the fullness of joy; at [His] right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16). Mom is happier than she has ever been, face to face with her Lord, with the redeemed.

Submitted by the Family

Martha May

With great sadness and a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Martha May of Phelps, Ky. Martha passed away at the Good Shepherd Nursing Facility May 18, 2022. Martha



was born July 31, 1928, at LeeMaster, Va., the daughter of Fannin Boyd and Ethel (Jackson) Boyd. In addition to her parents, Martha is preceded in death by her first husband, Lon Smith, her second husband, Walter May; three sons: Teddy Smith, James May, and Bud May; four brothers, Ernest, Jennings, David and Teddy Wayne; five sisters: Myrtle Wagner, Marie Charles, Catheline Lockhart, Madeline Boyd and Dorothy Hibbits.

Martha was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Smith Fork in Phelps, Ky. Her many hobbies included quilting, reading and gardening. She enjoyed bird watching and taking care of her flowers. Most of all, she loved the Lord and all the blessings He bestowed upon her life. Her family and friends she cherished dearly, and she will be missed sorely.

Those left to honor the memory of sister Martha are her children: Jimmy Lee (Ina Ruth) Smith of Phelps, Ky.; Jan (Darrell) Fannin of Phelps, Ky., Lonetta Hunt of Raccoon, Ky., and Nina Gail (Glen) Varney of Canada, Ky. Martha leaves behind a host of grandchildren great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and a countless number of friends.

Karen Sue Justice

(December 26, 1953 – January 15, 2022)

Karen Sue Justice, 68, of Ransom, Kentucky, passed away Saturday morning, January 15, 2022 At Pikeville Medical Center. Born December 26, 1953, in Williamson, West Virgin-



ia, she was the daughter of the late Hiram Smith, Jr., and Clara Young Smith. She was also preceded in death by a son, Joshua Steven Justice, and a sister, Sharon Lea Smith.

Karen Sue was a retired school teacher with the Pike County Board of Education. A graduate of Belfry High School, she received her Bachelor of Science degree from Pikeville College, her Masters Degree from Morehead State University and her Rank 1 from Union College. She was a member of Samaria

Primitive Baptist Church at Ransom, Kentucky since 1980.

She is survived by her loving husband, Roy Justice of Ransom, Ky., her children: Jeremy Roy (Crystal) Justice of Hardy, KY., Jessica Leann Justice and Jordan Lucas Justice, both of Ransom, Ky.; one sister, Sherri (Edward) Reasoner of Middletown, Pa.; three grandchildren: Chelby Jaiden Rose Justice, Cara Jane Justice and Caleigh Brooke Justice. Karen also leaves behind a host of other loving family and friends.

Visitation was held Wednesday, January 19, after 5:00 p.m., with special services at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, with Shawn Dotson and Jeff Dotson officiating. Entombment followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Huddy, Ky, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

Minnie J. Varney Coleman

January 27, 1921 - January 18, 2022

Minnie J. Varney Coleman of Kimper, Ky., finished her earthly chores on January 18, 2022 at her residence, just 9 days short of being 101 years of Age. Minnie was born January

27, 1921 at McCarr, Ky., the daughter of the late John and Ida McCoy Varney.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Roy Coleman; two daughters: Nellie Dunahoe and Barbara Sue Coleman; four sons: Troy Coleman, Teddy Coleman, Tommy Coleman and Dealmer Colman; two sisters: Cindy Varney and Fannie May; three brothers: Willie Varney, Keen Varney and Roland Varney, and three grandchildren.

Minnie is survived by one daughter, Opal Pembelton of Chesterfield, Va.,; two sons, Raymond (Anagrete) Coleman of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Jackson (Betty) Coleman of Kimper, Ky.; twenty-five grandchildren, and thirty-one great-grandchildren. She leaves behind many other family and friends to mourn her passing.

Patty Ann Coleman Evans

Patty Ann Coleman Evans, 67, of Phelps, Ky., passed away on Saturday, January 18th, 2020, at Pikeville Medical

Center. She was born March 26, 1952 at Matewan, WV, the daughter of the late Elsie and Octavia Wagner Coleman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger Lee and Robert Lee Coleman, and one grand-daughter, Randi Michelle Coleman.

Patty was a member of the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She loved taking care of others; she also loved cooking for events at her church, and was a wonderful mother.

Those left to honor her memory include two sons: Richard (Sandra) Coleman, and Mark (Connie) Coleman; brothers Floyd (Glenna), L. C. (Barbara) Coleman, Raymond Coleman, Larry Joe Coleman; and sisters Mildred (Ronnie) Spears, Tammy (Anthony) Skeete; grandchildren Michael (Christina) Coleman, Jordan Coleman, Hayley Collins, Alyssa Coleman, Kayla Coleman and McKenna Coleman; great-grandson Aiden Coleman, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church, with Elders Jimmy Lee Smith, Jeff Dotson and Barry Thacker officiating. Burial followed in the Coleman Cemetery, Calloway Branch, Phelps, Ky., with family and friends serving as pall-bearers.

Written by her son, Richard Coleman.

In Loving Memory Helen Carol Rose

Helen Carol O'Quinn Colley Rose of Haysi, Virginia, passed away at her home surrounded by her family on June 3,

2022. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Corbet and Peggy O'Quinn; her first husband Jimmy R. Colley; sisters Darlene, Hazel and Dora; brothers Vadie, Harlen, Jerry and Teddy.

Helen leaves behind her husband, Roger Rose, sisters Mazie Wood, Betsy Rasnick, and Kathy Sykes; brothers Jones O'Quinn and Jackie O'Quinn, four children and one step-daughter: Jennifer (George) Wallace of Haysi, VA, Jeff (Susan) Colley of Kingsport, TN, Rick (Tina) Colley of Wise, VA, Teresa

(James) Fuller of Bristol, VA, Tammy (Randy) Bylski of Haysi VA, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Helen was blessed with ten grandchildren: Brent (Elizabeth) Wallace of Haysi, VA, Brittney (Matt) Mullins of

Richmond, VA, Clay (Tasha) Colley of Kingsport, TN, Jessica (Ryan) Stiltner of Bristol, TN, Brooke Colley of Wise, VA, Hannah (Nathan) Ward of Wise, VA, Nathaniel Fuller of Bristol, VA, Tyler Fuller of Bristol, VA, Joshua DeLashmit of South Lion, MI, Zachary (Meagan) DeLashmit of Flushing MI. Helen was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren: Ben, Addison and Easton Mullins; Abby and Tessa Wallace; Austin DeLashmit, and Oliver DeLashmit.

With our hearts full of love and sadness for the loss of our mother, we want to share the story of her life with our family and friends. Helen was born November 24, 1943, to Corbet and Peggy Conway O'Quinn the sixth of thirteen children, and was raised in three-room log cabin upon a hill at Laurel Branch.

Helen married Jimmy Colley on March 10, 1967, and they made their home in Haysi. After Jimmy's death, Helen married her second husband, Roger Rose of Haysi. Helen and Roger both united with Sandlick Primitive Baptist Church in August, 1985, until moving their membership to Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church in 2022. Helen loved her family and her forever fur baby, Pollyann. She really enjoyed fishing, especially because she could always seem to catch more and bigger fish than Roger! She also enjoyed reading, gardening, watching the birds at her bird feed, and cooking a big meal for her family!

We are thankful for the years we have had together and the happy memories we have made. We look forward to a reunion in Heaven someday.

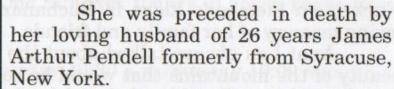
Funeral services were conducted at 7:00 p.m. June 6, 2022, with Elders J. C. Hager, Jeremy Jacobs, Jeff Dotson and Shawn Dotson officiating. Graveside services were held June 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Rebecca Willis Cemetery, Haysi, Virginia.

Francis Lucille Brown Pendell

Francis Lucille Brown Pendell, age 95, of Bristol, Virginia passed August 13, 2021 after a long illness. She was born in Russell County at Drill, Virginia on May 11, 1926 to the late

William Arthur Brown and Martha An-

nie Nuckels Brown.



Also preceding her in death one sister Thelma I. Brown Street and husband Virgil B. Street; six brothers Elder Elmer Brown and first wife Draper Hess Brown; Eddith Garland Brown and wife Doris Whited Brown; Herbert McKinley Brown and wife Pauline Ratliff Brown; Carl Berkley Brown and wife Ellen Brown; Henry Earl Brown; and

Emory Ferril Brown; Two nephews Millard Wayne Street and

Roger Dale Brown; one great niece Amy Brown.

Survivors include one brother, Richard Nelson Brown and wife Nancy Ann Brown; two sisters-in-law Melster Yates Owens Brown and Lillie Ruth Yates Brown, several nieces,

great nieces, nephews and great nephews.

Aunt Lou enjoyed sewing, embroidery, quilting, crocheting and all kinds of needlework. She enjoyed cooking and being a homemaker. She also enjoyed traveling especially to Pigeon Forge with Uncle Art, friends and family members. She was a member of the Volunteer Choir Show and did volunteer work for Hospice and the American Cancer Society.

She loved her family. She looked forward to holidays, family reunions and get-togethers. She always was delighted when listening to her brothers and their children play their in-

struments and sing bluegrass music.

Aunt Lou had no children of her own, however, she was very proud of all her nieces, nephews and their children as well. She was very attentive to important family events, birthdays, graduations, weddings and new arrivals to the family.

Lucille, Aunt Lou to many, joined the Dry Fork Primitive Baptist Church at Vansant, Virginia and was baptized November 11, 1985 by Elder Teddy Ball and her brother Elder

Elmer Brown. She enjoyed going to visit all the churches but loved going to her home church and being with her church family. Some of her favorite songs were Amazing Grace, Beulahland and hearing her brother, Elmer, sing Just One Rose Will Do. If she didn't have the opportunity to go to church she was on the phone calling someone to hear about the service.

She enjoyed services held at the family cemetery-Hess-Nuckels on Fletcher's Ridge in Buchanan County, Virginia in

loving memory of her family and friends.

Aunt Lou always talked about the peacefulness and the beauty of the mountains that would be someday her final resting place along side of her beloved husband and family members.

Aunt Lou was loved by many and those who knew her will certainly miss her.

Written by her nieces
Donna Coleman and Ola Clevinger

MEETING TIMES OF THE CHURCHES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

COLUMBUS: Sundays weekly 10:30 a.m.

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

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

DIRECTIONS TO MATES CREEK CHURCHES

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

OLD POND: 167 Church House Hollow, Belfry, KY 41514: From Pikeville, Kentucky: U.S. 119 North 21 miles thru Belfry to Church House Hollow on the right; right on Church House Hollow about 100 yards; From Williamson, WV: U.S. 119 South 4 miles to Church House Hollow on the left; left on Church House Hollow about 100 yards.

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

<u>DEERFIELD: 4474 Center Road, Linden, MI 48451:</u> From U.S. 23, turn left on Center Road, go 5 miles to church house, next to Deerfield Township Hall.

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

