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## **EASTERN DISTRICT**

### **ASSOCIATION**

OF

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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### **Thursday Morning, September 29, 1994**

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 142nd annual session with Little Cowan Church, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

In early 1912, or earlier, a group of people from Little Cowan Creek began to see their need of a Savior and a place to worship where the true Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached. We have no record before 1912, but we do know these people went by horseback or on foot to a little church on Linefork Creek, about 20 miles away. This church was called The Hurricane Gap Church of Regular Primitive Baptists, with Elder D. F. Gilley as moderator and a member. Soon many of them were saved and became members of that church, but they longed for a church near home. After much praying and trust in God with an arm from the Hurricane Gap Church, our church was organized in June 1913, and was called The Little Cowan Church of Primitive Baptists, which it has remained until today. Elder D. F. Gilley was elected moderator and Bill Banks, church clerk.

Elder Gilley served as moderator from June 14, 1913 to September 1937; J. R. Peters, assistant moderator, June 9, 1917 to March 8, 1919; Jim Maggard, assistant moderator, March 11, 1933 to June 14, 1934; Jesse Gilley, assistant moderator and moderator, May 10, 1937 to September 11, 1948; Bernard Banks, moderator, February 10, 1945 to May 19, 1988; Logan Willis, moderator, September 11, 1948 to July 9, 1949; May 10, 1952 to May 1953; J. H. Sybert, moderator, May 15, 1950 to May 10, 1952; Bert Banks, moderator, May 10, 1958 to September 9, 1987; Oscar Irvin has been our good moderator for the last six years, with associates Ray Raleigh, Brad Dutton and Woodrow Fields.

Older ministers who helped in the organizing of our church were: Elders A. N. Joyner, J. P. Peters, E. A. Robinette, F. M. Long, J. R. Peters, E. S. McPherson, Hal Lassiter, F. M. Phipps and maybe others whom we have no record of. Charter members of our church were: Floyd and Alcy Banks, Bill and Susan Banks, Serena Jones, Susan Long, Peggy Day, Elizabeth Banks, Loretta Adams, Katie Day, Millie Bush, John D. Ison, Alec Ison, Lee Ison, Arminta Ison, Samantha Ison, Gilbert Boggs and Malinda McDaniels.

Our church was received into the Eastern District Association October 2, 1913, with delegates J. F. Banks and Gilbert Boggs. The Hurricane Gap Church was also received into the Association on the same date.

When our church was organized, services were held in the Little Cowan school house, a few hundred feet from where our church now stands. Ground for the old school was given by James Banks, grandfather of Bernard Banks and several of our now living members. A sum of money was given to the school board entitling the church use of the building for as long as it was needed.

Brother Bernard had bought the property just below Aunt Rebecca Jones's home, and he gave the church 60 feet in the upper end of the bottom and the first part of our church was built here. Later we bought the ground where the blacktop is and built the annex on the church which was dedicated to the memory of Minnie Vae Banks.

God has been good to us these 81 years. Since our church was organized, all of

the first ministers and members during the first 15 years of our history have gone on to their reward. But we have been blessed with others who have brought us the same gospel, preached in its power and purity and have meant much to us in our church, our homes and community. Those we think of are Elders D. F. Gilley, J. R. Peters, A. N. Joyner, F. M. Phipps, E. A. Robinette, W. H. Burke, George Short, Pleas Jenkins, Logan Willis, Ben Hill, Hobart Hall, J. H. Sybert, Alex Willis, Bryan Moore, Frank Brown, C. E. Slagle, Hampton Osborne, Tom Carter, Bob Carter, Elmo Dodson, Clarence Johnson, Basil Freeman, Coy Lawson, Clifford Williams, J. D. Maggard and others. Now the younger ones are still bringing us the true gospel and holding on to that faith which was once delivered to the saints. We thank God, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and all who have helped in any way to make our church what it is today.

Our membership today is 121. We are thankful the same God who inspired our forefathers more than 80 years ago is still watching over and caring for His people and we believe if time should go another 80 years, there will still be some at the Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church who still serve and worship our God of our creation in the same old-fashioned way.

God's wonderful spirit warmed the hearts of those gathered for the first day of the association. God's people greeted each other with wonderful smiles, handshakes and fellowship. There is no better sight than to see and be a part of God's people coming together to worship Him in truth and in spirit. The congregation assembled in the tent as Sister Glennis Little led them in singing some old songs of Zion. This world is filled with sorrow and woe, but those that are going that way and trusting the unseen hand can read their title clear. It won't be very long until we can behold his glorious face in that beautiful city He has prepared for His children. Sisters Patsy Hensley and Doris Burke blessed us with their songs of praise. His children are not afraid to bid this world goodbye, for we're going to sweet Beulah Land.

Elder John Henry Sybert welcomed the congregation and appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises. This committee includes: Paul Wallen (chairman), Morris Giles and Mike Peterson.

We were further blessed by singing from Sister June Kail, followed by Sister Cora L. Neeley. In this life we are shackled by many heavy burdens, but Jesus will carry our load if we will just take the road we know, the one He prepared for us at Calvary.

Elder Sybert read a note from the family of Elder Bob Vermillion thanking the association for all the help they gave them last year. Sister Naomi Thacker thanked the association in person for the help she received after the passing of her husband, Elder Fremon Thacker. It was a blessing to see her able to come to the association this year and hear her testimony.

Elder Sybert recalled when Elder Bernard Banks and several others gathered at the association held with Edwin Holbrook Memorial several years ago, and how we miss all those that have gone on to their reward. He also remembered Elders Fred Smith and George Gibson, two of our preaching brethren that have passed from our ranks since we last met. He asked the congregation to remember the following ministers in our prayers: Elders J.D. Maggard, Hobart Hall, Walter Drinnon, Johnny Sykes, Henry Wheeler, Arthur Hensley, Bryan Moore, Lloyd Scalf, Lucian Lane, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Bobby Williams, Richard Watts, Hasco Jenkins and Gale Derrick. We must also remember Sister Ora Arnott and the family of Otis Lawson, who passed away earlier in the week. Special requests were made for Sister Zula McCullough's

great-nephew who is undergoing surgery today and for Eddie Malone's mother-in-law who was just diagnosed with bone cancer. Many hands were uplifted to signify unspoken requests just before Elder Roger Trent led us to the throne of grace.

After prayer Elder Sybert led the congregation in singing the association's standard, " Brethren We Have Met Again." The singers from Little Cowan blessed our hearts with more wonderful songs. The Lord is truly in our midst while gathered here, but we look forward to that land of Beulah, blessed, blessed land of life.

Elder Woodrow Fields came forward to welcome everyone to Little Cowan. He thanked everyone for voting to send the association to Little Cowan and for coming, but most of all he thanked God for His presence. His wonderful Spirit will make us welcome.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Oscar Irvin came forward. He read from Acts 2:38-47 and Jude 1:3 using it as his text, " Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." In the eyes of this world we are known as old time folks and somewhat unlearned, but we know the Lord, wherein lies our strength. Satan's followers have done everything humanly possible to discredit God's people, but anything that is of God can not be brought down and anything that is not of God will not stand. Elder Eckel Head (alternate) followed with an inspiring message. God's work is not in the hands of this world, but in the hands of His people. Therefore we must give all diligence throughout our lives, just like Jude did, for the faith that was delivered to the Saints. God's message is the same yesterday, today and forever more. Shouts of joy and praise for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came from all over the tent as these men preached and God so wonderfully blessed His people.

Adjourned for lunch.

### **Thursday afternoon, September 29, 1994**

The host church served everyone a wonderful lunch and the congregation reassembled in the tent with singing led by Sister Patsy Hensley. We were blessed with songs from Elder Bobby Williams and his wife, Juanita, followed by Elder Darrell Ratliff. When that final call comes, God's children will be safe for He will be with us all the way. His amazing grace will allow us to go on rejoicing and spending our time serving Jesus for some glad day we will arise.

Elder Sybert thanked the host church for the bountiful lunch and mentioned some special prayer requests for: John and Jim Bowlin's mother, all the requests made this morning and most of all for the unsaved. God's children signified many unspoken requests with uplifted hands and Elder Allen Hensley led us to the throne of grace.

The Committee on Religious Exercises now reports.

Stand tonight: Allen Hensley and Richard Seiber.

Blair Chapel: Bobby Williams, John Arnott and Roger Trent.

Stand, Friday morning, September 30, 1994: Roger VanHoose and Bobby Brown.

Brother Ralph Baker, chairman of the committee on Church Letters, now reports 65 churches which they recommend accepting. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association.

Elder Sybert called it to the attention of the association that two churches did not letter in this year due to lack of attendance. These churches have been with us for many years and it is truly sad to hear they are not among us for this reason. Silver's Chapel did not letter in last year for the same reason. Each of us needs to pray without ceasing that God's will be done in these churches.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

It was motioned, seconded and voted for Elder John Arnott to serve as moderator pro-tem for the election of the association officials.

It was motioned and seconded for Brother Danny Lawson to serve as clerk and treasurer. It was then motioned and seconded for nominations to cease, therefore by acclamation Brother Danny will serve as clerk.

It was motioned, seconded and voted for Elder John Henry Sybert to serve as moderator.

Elder Sybert thanked the delegation for their confidence, prayers and support over the years and asked them to continue praying for him. The clerk also thanked the delegation for their confidence in him and assured them he would do his best. He also asked them to continue praying for him.

It was motioned, seconded and voted for the moderator to appoint any and all committees. The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers - Terry Sizemore (chairman), Bobby Brown, Eckel Head; Deacons - Eugene Wallen, Edgar Neeley; Laymen - Jack Osborne and Bobby Caudill.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Gale Derrick (chairman), Gordon Justice, Lowell Johnson, Darrell Ratliff, Glenn Cornett, Richard Seiber, Neal Drinnon and Roger Trent.

Committee on Finance: Jim Jarnigan (chairman), Earl Miles and Bobby Carter.

Committee on Obituaries: Hasco Jenkins (chairman), A. D. Howington and Tommy Meade.

It was decided at last year's association that the Virginia trustees should check on how the deed for Catron's Chapel was written. Brother Jess Atkins reported to the association as stated on the deed that it would be in full force so long as this place is used by the Primitive Baptist Church, but when it ceases to be used for religious purposes it shall revert back to the original owners of their estate. It was motioned and seconded to dismiss this matter as far as the association is concerned and it was motioned and seconded for the association clerk to send a letter to the clerk of Catron's Chapel informing them that their ordination papers are no longer valid and as such, any ministers ordained through our association are no longer legally ordained.

The delegation voted to approve both of these motions.

The moderator brought a thought before the delegation that the practice of inviting the sick to the altar and anointing them with oil that they might be healed was being practiced in some of our churches. He asked everyone to refer to the writings of James in this matter. After some discussion no further action was taken.

Adjourned until Friday morning, September 30, 1994.

## **Friday morning, September 30, 1994**

God continued to bless His people as they gathered for the second day of the association. As the congregation assembled in the tent, Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in several songs of Zion. Oh what love, matchless love God has for His children. We long for an uncloudy day where we'll meet on heaven's beautiful shore in the sweet by and by. He suffered for us so our soul could be redeemed and we can proclaim I'm saved, saved, saved!

Elder J. H. Sybert, the moderator of the association, welcomed everyone back and thanked the host church, committees and everyone for their cooperation and fellowship. After reminding the ministers to sign the minister's book, he requested prayer for Elder John Turner's brother, Jim and Elder John Bowlin's mother, the family of Otis Lawson, Sister Dexal Greer's sister, Sister Ora Roberts, Sister Ora Arnott, Elder David Jerrell, the men and women in service to our country, Elder Hasco Jenkins' grandson that is in Haiti, Elder Henry Wheeler's brother-in-law, all requests made in prior services and most of all the unsaved. Brother Billy Jack Johnson took our petitions to the Lord in a most humble prayer.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business. Let us always strive to keep the business secondary to the worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as read.

The clerk read the letter that was prepared to send to Catron's Chapel. It was motioned, seconded and voted to send the letter to the church as read.

The committee on arrangements and/or queries reported that none had been received.

Elder Sybert sang the old song "How Great Thou Art" and led the congregation in another song before the preaching service began.

Elder Roger VanHoose, having been chosen by the committee on religious exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. He read Proverbs 15:32-33 and Luke 8:26-37. Sin abounds in this world on every hand, but Jesus takes care of His children. He will cast our sin from us, just as he cast the devils from Legion. When Jesus was done with Legion he didn't live among the tombs any more, because he had a right mind and went forth to do the will of God. In Christ we are free indeed. Elder Bobby Brown followed with another wonderful message from on high. We must get our minds centered on Jesus and off the things of this world. Without Him in our lives we don't have the right mind to handle all the things Satan will throw at us. If we

center our hearts on God, He will give us a sound mind and God's love will abound. These men preached so wonderfully to us and God richly blessed His people. Tears of joy, shouts of praise and adoration filled the tent as His people rejoiced. Thank God for His Amazing Grace.

Adjourned for lunch.

### **Friday afternoon, September 30, 1994**

After another bountiful lunch served by the host church, the congregation came together with songs of Zion and wonderful testimonies praising God. Standing on the promises of God we can be a light for Jesus and continue on our journey on the grand old highway. Glory be to Him that died for us that we can all continue going that way. In that sweet hour of prayer we can thank Him for His free gift of salvation, for what He's done for us in the past and what He's going to do in the future. After the congregational singing we were further blessed with singing from the Riverside Quartet and the West View singers. When we kneel and call His name, everything is alright as we talk to the Lord. As we travel the Glory Road telling the story, each of His children can say "Jesus is Mine" for He is real in the hearts of His people. We have to put our feelings aside, for the Lord knows best and there is strength in the Lord.

The moderator announced several revivals that would be starting in the near future at various churches. These include:

Blair Chapel, October 9, 1994: Bobby Williams and Jerry Scalf;

West View, November 20, 1994: Bobby Brown;

Fairview (Va), October 16, 1994: Richard Seiber and Wayne Morgan.

Elder Sybert asked the congregation to remember all the prayer requests made earlier, Jamie Kinsler, Brother Arthur Browning's nephew's newborn twins, the unsaved and a host of unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Jim Jarnigan led us to the throne of grace.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

The Committee on Religious Exercises now reports.

Stand tonight: J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

Blair Chapel: Hasco Jenkins, Terry Sizemore and Bobby Brown.

Edwin Holbrook Memorial: Allen Hensley, Lucian Lane and Bobby Williams.

Stand, Saturday morning, October 1, 1994: Bobby Williams and Terry Sizemore.

Elder Terry Sizemore, Chairman of the Committee on Newly Constituted Churches, reports that two new churches have been organized and wish to letter into the association. One church located in Highland, Ohio is called Macedonia and the other is located in White Pine, Tennessee and is called New Life. After examining the letters from these churches, the committee recommended that both be received. The

chairman of the committee admonished any churches that extend an arm to help start a new church to not only help them get started, but to continue working with them and teaching them the ways of our association to help them grow stronger. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and receive Macedonia and seat their delegates. The pastors and delegates came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and receive New Life and seat their delegates.

The pastor and delegates came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship. The moderator welcomed both of these churches into the association and asked the congregation to pray for them. This makes a total of 67 churches at this time.

Elder Hasco Jenkins, Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries, reported that 56 had been received at this time. He also noted that several of the obituaries were long and would have to be shortened before being printed in the minutes. The clerk of the association later asked the people who want an obituary printed in the minutes to send it to him anytime throughout the year. This will save him time in preparing the minutes.

Elder Jim Jarnigan, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported \$5,055.00 in receipts for the year.

The moderator thanked the committees for their work and discharged them after their reports were given.

Elder Kenneth Mitchell was chosen to read the circular letter. Its message was that of encouragement to the Saints, a plea for continued unity, peace and love among God's people and a warning to our ministers that they might be used of God as shepherds in our churches with no pastor or whatever way He desires. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

The moderator appointed 3 of our preaching brethren to prepare the circular letter for 1995. They are Elders Clarence New, Carl Lawson and Roger VanHoose.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 1995. The committee includes: Delmer Wallen, Jr. (chairman), Hank Winegar, Steve Minton and Billy Jack Johnson (alternate).

It was motioned, seconded and voted to have all things which are standard printed in the minutes.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk \$700 in appreciation for his services.

The host church will continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the kitchen, with any needed repairs to be paid for by the association clerk. Elders Carl Lawson and Howard Sybert and Brothers Scott Mellons and Danny Lawson will oversee the association electrical and speaker systems.

At last year's association it was decided for the clerk to put together a book with the directions to all the churches in the association. The delegation was shown an example of the book and the associated costs for printing it. It was motioned, seconded and voted to order 250 copies of the book and send one to each church and each minister with copies available from the clerk to everyone else desiring one. This would be paid for with association funds. Due to depleted funds, the churches were encouraged to contribute more next year. It was also brought to the attention of the

delegation that the mobile kitchen would need new tires before it could be moved again. An offering was taken up while Sisters Lenore Stevens and Naomi Payne sang praises to the Lord. These women blessed our hearts with their songs as the congregation contributed \$904.75.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk to replenish the necessary forms to properly perform his duties.

During the singing and the receiving of the offering, it was brought to the clerk's attention that a donation of \$500 would be made toward the cost of printing the church directions book if the association would order a minimum of 1000. The original motion to order 250 copies was withdrawn and it was motioned, seconded and voted to order 1000 copies of the directions book. Copies of this book will be sent to each church and minister with other copies available from the clerk.

Sister Brenda Neeley came forward and testified of the great things God had done in her life. Her testimony encouraged us all and ensured us that with God we can do anything. Elder A. D. Howington also testified of the healing power of God in his life. He is the Great Physician and through Him all things are possible.

There were a total of 6 churches that asked for the association next year: Beech Grove, House's Chapel, Oak Grove, Peterson's Chapel, Richardson Chapel and Swan Creek. During the plea process, 4 churches withdrew, leaving the vote between Peterson's Chapel and Swan Creek. By a clear majority the delegation sent the association to Peterson's Chapel, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning (October 5) before the first Saturday in October, 1995. Introductory - Elder Oscar Irvin; Alternate - Elder Bobby Brown.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 1, 1994.

## **Saturday morning, October 1, 1994**

God's spirit and beautiful weather blessed the memorial service and final business session. People gathered in the tent as Sister Zula McCullough led them in singing several songs. We were further blessed as God poured His Holy Spirit out on the Little Cowan singers. Sister Glennis Little led them as they sung from their hearts to glorify the name of Jesus. If we build our hopes on things eternal and hold to God's unchanging hand we'll soon fly away to glory land. He suffered and died on the old rugged cross for each one of us. All the disappointments in this life will soon be gone, for we have found a richer treasure that fadeth not away in the land of Beulah, blessed, blessed land of life.

Elder John Arnott served as moderator pro-tem to fill in for Elder J. H. Sybert who was serving in a funeral. He welcomed everyone to today's services and reminded them that this was our memorial service just before calling the delegation to order. Prayer requests were made for Maybelle Wilson, Hillard Webb, several that were in attendance asked for the congregation to remember them in prayer, all the requests made in the earlier services and especially for the lost. Let us pray in earnest for those that don't know God in the free pardon of sin. Elder Ron Bledsoe led us to the throne of grace.

Elder Arnott recognized the presence of Elder Bryan Moore that was in attendance

today. He is one of our older ministers and it was a joy to see him able to be with us again.

The committee on Religious Exercises now reports.

Stand tonight: Roger VanHoose and Eddie Malone.

Edwin Holbrook Memorial: Hasco Jenkins, Eckel Head and Bobby Brown.

Stand, Sunday morning, October 2, 1994: Brad Dutton and Hasco Jenkins.

Elder Oscar Irvin, pastor of the host church, came forward to thank the individuals, businesses and community in general for their help during the association. He thanked everyone for the help they rendered during the association, for their attendance and most of all for God's presence here at Little Cowan.

It was announced that Elder Bobby Brown would begin a revival on October 22 at Valley View and that Elder Bobby Williams would begin one on the same night at Roller's Chapel.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as read.

The resolution of thanks, prepared by the clerk, was read. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

This day was dedicated as a memorial service to our friends and loved ones that have gone on to their reward since we last met. We miss these dear friends, but we also understand that they are much better off than we are, having already paid that debt we still owe. Let us all work diligently to continue the work they started that others may be saved and grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. Elder Arnott read the names and church affiliation of these dear saints for which obituaries have been received. Elder Bobby Williams came forward to take the lead in the service. He read from Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 and used as his text verse 14: "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him." God does everything for a purpose and reason that we might fear Him. Here in this life we are sometimes given various titles which in God's eyes mean nothing, but one day soon we can read our title clear and enter in to our new home. Death has no power over God's people for we'll lay off this old coat and put on a new one. Elder Terry Sizemore followed with another wonderful message sent from God. The Lord plainly tells us that we are to put nothing with it and take nothing away from it, for when He sets something up it is right. Our faith must come from the only source, from the Lord of heaven. Let us diligently contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. These men preached so wonderfully to us. God has once again blessed His people. Thanks be to Him for everything.

The congregation fellowshiped and shouted the praises of God as we left the tent. Many continued to sing, preach and praise God all over the grounds.

## **Sunday morning, October 2, 1994**

The Lord blessed us with another beautiful day for our last day of the association.

The people gathered still rejoicing from the many blessings God had bestowed on them throughout this association. Jesus first loved us and spoke to us that we might be able to tell His story through perfect submission to achieve the peace and joy only He can give. God truly blessed the Little Cowan singers as their voices blended in harmony to proclaim how they love Jesus, the best friend we ever had.

Elder Oscar Irvin, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to the services. He introduced all the ministers in attendance and thanked everyone for coming. God's blessings on His people have been so evident throughout this association that a prayer from one of our departed saints keeps coming to mind. Brother Cal Asbury would always ask the Lord to give His people a blessing that couldn't be gained, saved nor denied. I believe with all my heart that the Lord has answered this prayer during this association. Elder Bobby Brown and his wife, Eileen blessed us with their songs as did Brother Walker Bales; Elder Eddie Malone and his wife, Wanda; Sister Glennis Little and her son Tony; and Brother Darrell Roberts. These brothers and sisters praised the Lord with their wonderful songs and it was evident that He was pleased by the way He blessed His people. We don't know what tomorrow holds but we know who holds tomorrow. When our way groweth drear, God will take our hand and lead us on. Even though heaven's sweetest rose was broken at Calvary, it bloomed again in three short days. Each of us can honestly say there's been a change in us since Jesus set us free and He's holding to our hand as we journey through this land. The precious memories we have of this association and God's wonderful spirit will linger and flood our soul in the stillness of the midnight as sacred scenes unfold.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick, all those made in previous services, Arthur Browning's nephew's newborn twins, many unspoken requests and many other spoken requests too numerous to mention. Even though the clerk could not keep up with all of the requests and at times couldn't see who was speaking each time, we can rest assured that the Lord knows each and every one of them and will answer them according to His blessed will. Elder Eckel Head led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

Elder Oscar Irvin asked that each minister in attendance take a part in the service. Elder Brad Dutton came forward to take the first part of the service. He read from Numbers 20:11 "And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also." He was followed by Elders Carl Lawson, Howard Sybert, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Roger VanHoosier, Eddie Malone and Bobby Brown. God is our rock and His grace is sufficient and will accomplish whereunto it is sent. He doesn't do anything halfway, He gives His children whatever they need to do what He has asked. We'll be able to recall these blessings we have received sometime when we are down and out, and if we let them help us keep this same sweet spirit then we will see our people saved. Let us be like the wise man who built his house on the solid rock and in so doing we will not be denied for Jesus will make us whole. When we drink of natural water we get thirsty again, but if we drink of that living water we will never thirst again. The Lord blessed His people through these men's words. He will use us if we will humble ourselves so He can work through us. Many seeds have been sown during the past few days and our prayer is that these precious souls may come to know the Lord in the free pardon of sin.

Over the past four days I have been blessed to write many words describing the events that have taken place. If it were possible to know all the words that the books of this world contain I still could not accurately describe what has taken place here at Little Cowan. I know of no words, in any language, that can show His magnificent

spirit that we as God's people have witnessed here during this association. Here in these last few lines I want to thank the people of Little Cowan for all they have done and for all they mean to me. You are all indeed a treasure that I hold dear to my heart. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I pray that God will continue to bless each and every one of you in the months and years to come. I believe all those in attendance would agree that it has been a real pleasure to be part of such a wonderful people. We give God all the praise and glory for it all. May He watch over and care for you until we meet again.

## CIRCULAR LETTER

To the delegates of the churches composing the 142nd annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, convened with Little Cowan Church, September 30, 1994, and to all those who may hereafter read these words: Greetings from your fellow servants and brethren in Christ. May the riches of the love, grace and mercy of God our Father be unto you, and peace through His Son and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are humbled to have been selected to constitute this committee. The first Circular Letter to the churches of our association appeared in the minutes of 1882. It was called an Abstract of Faith or an outline of our faith and practice. Since that time, several hundred great trumpeters of the faith have written concerning our Articles of Faith, our rules and practices, the prevalent issues of their time, and have offered advice and issued warnings. Our desire, for our time, is that these words might encourage our people to "take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day" and to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

There can be no denying that these are evil days. We live in a world which is opposed to our faith in God, especially as it is based on our belief in Jesus Christ. Many of us, from time to time, have looked at conditions in the world and expressed a belief that we are indeed living in the last days or as some say, "in the twilight of time." It may be said with certainty that people of every generation have expressed this same belief. The early church looked for the Lord's return in their time. Even the Apostle Paul wrote of the last days as being in his time. In reality, the last days cover the entire period of time between the ascension of Christ and His return. However, according to the scriptures, as the time of the Lord's return draws nearer, mankind's true nature of corruptness and depravity will become widespread, and in our time, it is openly displayed for all to see.

In II Timothy 3:1-5, Paul wrote: ".... in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." Paul not only exposed man's sinful nature; he told us these types of people would be found in the church. He then added: "from such turn away." This means that they and their teachings are to be rejected and not simply ignored.

The world is filled today with those who call themselves Christian while denying the work of our Lord. In August of 1961, Redbook magazine published a survey of

students in the Protestant seminaries in our land which showed that 56% did not believe in the Virgin Birth; 71% did not believe in life after death; 54% did not believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ; and 98% did not believe in the return of Christ. We may easily assume that those same students are now the pastors of a great number of mainstream churches or have attained other positions which has allowed them to influence countless others with their false beliefs.

In Matthew 24, Jesus gave the signs for the time of His return in which He said, "many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." Surely, many modern day prophets aptly fit His description. Just the mere mention of the names of two of these so-called prophets brings back the horrors of their deception. In our daily newspapers and on television, we continually see the other signs of which He spoke: wars, famines, pestilence and earthquakes. And yet Jesus said "all these are the beginning of sorrows." We have seen no troubles such as those which are yet to come, but we rest in the truth of His Word, " In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

If we have " put on the whole armor of God," we will not only " be able to withstand in the evil day," but we will also be prepared to "earnestly contend," " war a good warfare," and " fight the good fight of faith." The only weapon we need is the "sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Many a soldier has been defeated because he chose to put on only part of the armor or took the wrong weapon into battle. Remember that Jesus used only the words of the scriptures to defeat Satan when He was tempted.

We have a great need that you who are the ministers of the gospel, and especially those who serve as pastors, provide us with strong, decisive leadership and guidance during these times. If you are weak, the flock will be weak. If you are bold, the flock will be bold. Paul gave great instructions to the young ministers, Timothy and Titus. He used action words to instruct them in the way - pray, read, meditate, study, be strong, hold fast, keep thyself pure. Mainstream Christianity mocks us because our ministers are not trained in a seminary, but we believe the Biblical way is the right way; that God calls and qualifies those whom He would have to preach the gospel, and those who have been instructed in this way shall be able to teach others also. So young ministers, let the elder ones instruct you as Paul did. Elder ministers, show no partiality to the younger, to the end that they too in the days to come might be able to pass on to others what they have learned of you.

To those whose names appear in our list of ministers but who are not pastoring, holding revivals, or preaching anywhere on a regular basis, may we use Paul's words to beseech you to "neglect not the gift that is in thee." In some, perhaps it has been neglected so long that there is a need to "stir up the gift of God, which is in thee." The gift of the ministry, which God has given, is of great value - but only if it is used.

Churches, remember that no two preachers are alike. The style and manner of speech of the man delivering the sermon does not matter, but the truth of the message and the spirit with which it is brought is all important. It does no good to "enjoy" the way a man preaches if the words which were spoken cannot be recalled and applied in our life. The man of God bringing the message of God deserves our undivided attention and our prayers.

May God truly bless us all.

Your Committee,

Elder Kenneth Mitchell  
Billy Jack Johnson  
Burnice Sybert

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Gathering here for the 142nd session, our hearts turn to the Lord in thanks for His watchcare over us for yet another year. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to thank Him for all He has done for us. No matter how bad things seem to be, we can always look around and see how wonderfully the Lord has blessed us. If we have God in our lives, then we should be the happiest people in the world. Nothing this world can do to us can take our salvation from us. We should shout it from the rooftops that Christ is King and He lives within us. We thank God for the privilege of meeting with His people and renewing old friendships. This church has performed a work of love here and I know that God has blessed them for all their efforts. We cannot thank them enough for their hard work to help make our visit with them more enjoyable, and I know the Lord will reward them many times over. Their hospitality toward God's people will not be forgotten and we pray God will continue to bless them long after the association has ended.

The true spirit of God's people was evident once again as 64 churches contributed a total of \$4,962.50 to help their sister church in the care of the association. This is just one example of what true Christian fellowship is and thanks be to God for this help and for those who made individual donations and to those who contributed of their time and work to help care for the association.

To our moderator we extend our utmost thanks for his guidance, all his efforts and his concern for the work of God. We also thank those who have unselfishly given of themselves to serve on the committees and represent their churches as delegates to carry on the business of the association.

Foremost, we thank God for His presence here with us, for without Him our work would be in vain.

The true, unquestionable, never-ending and undeniable love of God is the first love of every Christian. Somewhere, maybe over a period of time or even suddenly, many of God's children have left their first love. Whether it be a gradual falling away or for whatever reason, God's people don't seem to have time to worship Him anymore. Today's fast life style and Satan's influence in people's lives have taken their toll on our churches. Each individual is responsible for his or her actions and will answer to God for those actions. In Revelation 2:4-5 the Lord tells us " Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou has left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

If we as God's people are to worship Him the way He deserves, we must get back to our first love. We cannot serve God and the things of this world, too. We have to make things right between us and God. Remember how things were when we got saved, people never looked so beautiful, our minds centered on the Lord, the burdens of this life all but gone. Is it well between us and the Father? Each of us should ask ourselves this question. Many times we think that just before the Lord calls us out of

this life we will take the time to go to that individual and speak to them as God has asked us to. We cannot put things off, for when that final call comes, there will be no time. We are all guilty of putting the Lord's work off until a better time, when in reality there is no better time than when the Lord puts it in the heart of His children.

Let us all strive to help those who don't know God in the free pardon of sin. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we might remain steadfast and unmovable.

Moderator

Clerk & Treasurer

## **PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING NEW CHURCHES**

(Revised 1964)

1. Obtain an arm from the nearest sister church when practical. This arm must be chosen at a regular business session of the church and should consist of no less than seven members; three of whom should be ordained members.
2. When the arm arrives at the designated place, a moderator and clerk pro-tem shall be chosen after which the moderator shall call the council to order and have the clerk read the Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, Rules of Decorum and Church Constitution. These must be adopted and written in the church book.
3. The moderator shall ask for those who wish to become members of the church, and they shall be received in the manner approved by the Primitive Baptist Church. Should there be less than seven, they shall remain under the watchcare of the church from which the arm was obtained. This church shall be required to appoint such members as may be necessary to transact business. These members shall be required to be present at each regular church session until the new church becomes a body of at least seven members.
4. A pastor and clerk shall be elected at this time, and when practical, at least one member shall be chosen to prove himself for the office of deacon.
5. A name shall be given the church and their regular meeting time declared.

## **PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTER OR DEACON**

(Revised 1964, 1970, 1983, 1988)

Any person being considered by the church for the Ministry or the office of Deacon must be set apart by the church to prove himself as to his calling and qualifications for as long a time as the church may deem necessary.

In order to better acquaint both the presbytery and the local church pertaining to the qualifications of a minister and deacon, the past records have been thoroughly

searched. There may have been many ideas, opinions and much discussion; however, the records are the only official means we have of knowing where the association stands and the action it has taken.

(A) We believe the only power that can qualify a person to preach the gospel is the Spirit of God, and no educational institution can qualify a person to preach the gospel.

(Blackwater, Tennessee - 1881)

(B) We advise the churches to be careful in the ordination of ministers and deacons in order that they observe gospel order. (See Paul's instructions to Timothy and Titus.)

(Piney Grove Church - 1886)

(C) Is it right, according to the Scriptures, to ordain a man with two living wives or the wife having two living men?

Answer: No.

(Jenkins' Chapel Church - 1982)

(D) How shall ministers from other associations be received into the Eastern District Association?

Answer: Any minister of any other organization desiring to become a member of any of the association churches as a minister: (1) shall first be received as a member of a local church; (2) the church then at their discretion shall set him aside to prove himself; (3) when the church is fully satisfied, they shall proceed to ordain him according to our rules.

(Blackwater Lick Church - 1978)

When the church is satisfied concerning the candidate for ordination and have voiced their approval of him, then at an appointed time the ordination is to be carried on in the following manner:

1. A Legal Presbytery is appointed which shall consist of not less than three nor more than seven ordained men, one of whom should, if possible, be an ordained deacon in the church in which the ordination is taking place. In case only three are used to compose the Presbytery, two ministers and one deacon, or two deacons and one minister, may be used.

2. The church presents the candidate for ordination to the Presbytery for examination. Each member of the Presbytery will have ample opportunity to question the candidate concerning his calling if to the ministry, also concerning his moral and spiritual qualifications and particularly to his understanding and belief of the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and other principles of the church.

3. When the Presbytery has completed their examination of the candidate, they return him to the care of the church with their report.

4. If the report of the Presbytery is satisfactory and the church is satisfied, they

express their approval and return the candidate to the hands of the Presbytery for the ordination.

5. The Presbytery with prayer and laying-on of hands ordain the candidate. A charge is given by one member of the Presbytery. A Certificate of Ordination may then be given with authorized signatures.

## **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having been, as we trust, brought by the grace of God to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly to him, we do solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him in brotherly love to His glory as our common Lord. We do therefore, in His strength engage that we will exercise a mutual care as members one of another to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness, and comfort to the end that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God, and to promote and secure this object we will uphold the public worship of God, and the ordinances of His house, and hold constant communion with each other therein. That we will cheerfully contribute of our property for the support of the poor, and for the maintenance of a faithful ministry of the gospel among us, and that we will not omit family religion at home, nor allow ourselves the too common neglect of the great duty of training our children and those under our care with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven. That we will walk circumspectly in the world that we may win their soul; remembering that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of a sound mind, that we are the light of the world, and the salt of the earth, and as a city set on a hill. That we will frequently exhort, and if occasion requires it, admonish one another according to Matthew 18; in the spirit of meekness considering ourselves, lest we also be tempted, and that as in baptism, we have been buried with Christ, and raised again, so there is on us a special obligation, thenceforth to walk in newness of life, and may the God of peace who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, who through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do His will working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Copied from the Willis Chapel Church Book, 1807

## **CHURCH CONSTITUTION (Especially for Newly Constituted Churches)**

We do, with mutual consent, agree to embody ourselves together as a religious body to worship God. Being a church congregated, we hold and teach:

Baptism of believers in Christ by a decent immersion of our whole bodies once in water;

The final perseverance of the saints;

The resurrection of our bodies;

A restricted communion to church members in full fellowship;

The Old and New Testament Scriptures (King James Version) to be the revealed will and mind of God;

The Christian Sabbath to be a holy and heavenly institution;

That we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, and especially our regular church meetings should diligently be attended;

That we should not expose the infirmities of our members except in gospel order;

That we should not move out of the bounds of the church without applying for a letter of dismission;

And that we should communicate of our worldly substance for the decent support of the church and ministry.

With this mutual consent and understanding, having been duly and properly organized, constituted, and pronounced a church, we are ready, by the will of God, to proceed to business.

(Revised in 1959)

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

Ordered, therefore that the following decorum be a rule for the church to conduct herself by in the future conferences. See Nehemiah 10:39.

1. Conference shall consist of members of the church and visiting members of sister churches of the same faith and order if so desired.
2. Conference shall be opened and closed with praise and prayer to Almighty God. I Tim. 2:1; I Thess. 5:17, 18.
3. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of "Brother Moderator," to whom every speech shall be perfectly directed.
4. The members' names being regularly enrolled shall by the Clerk be distinctly called over.
5. A door shall be open when thought necessary for admission of new members into the church. But none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and shall first verbally relate their experience and give an account of the work of God in their hearts; and secondly, of their faith and principles, if the church requires it; and thirdly, the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct. When full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Moderator shall manifest the same by giving the right hand of fellowship and thus receive them in order.
6. No complaint shall be brought in the Conference respecting crimes of a private nature until the grieved party has complied with the directions of our Lord in Matt. 18:15.
7. Every motion and second shall come under the consideration of the

Conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. Every query presented shall be three times read. When it is read, the Moderator shall put it to a vote to see if the majority is for or against answering it. The query shall be debated if deemed necessary, but the querist may withdraw it any time providing that no intricate question be asked.

9. If the minority at any time should be grieved at the determination of the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

10. Section 1. All business of the Conference shall be recorded by the clerk before the conference rises; the same shall be distinctly read and corrected, if need be.

Section 2. Any member neglecting to attend conference, the same shall be disorder.

Section 3. Any member absenting himself or herself from conference without leave, the same is disorder.

Section 4. Any member whispering or laughing in time of public speech, the same is disorder.

Section 5. If two or more shall speak at one time, or any member speak without rising and addressing the Moderator, the same shall be disorder.

Section 6. Any member speaking more than three times on any subject without leave obtained, the same is disorder.

Section 7. Any member, grieved at anything done in conference, and shall hold his or her peace, and shall not let the same be known until conference rises and shall afterward speak of the same, as it manifestly tends to confusion, is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 8. Any member speaking or acting in wrath or anger, or in threatening or disregarding manner, as it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves the true Christian, is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 9. If any moderator shall neglect plainly and calmly to reprove any member transgressing these rules, or behaves in any manner irreverently in the time of conference, the same is disorderly in him, and himself, for the time, liable to be reproved.

Section 10. The woman hath not the right by the law of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore ought not to speak in church, only in case of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the case may require it.

Section 11. Amendments to these rules may be made at any time when the conference shall deem necessary.

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. We believe in one true and living God as revealed in the Bible and the Holy Trinity by the name of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I John 5:7.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scripture, as recorded in the King James translation of 1611, to be the written and revealed Word of God. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:20, 21.
3. We believe God created the heaven and the earth and all things therein. Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16, 17; Rev. 4:11.
4. We believe God made man of the dust of the earth, and He made him good and He gave him a law to keep and man transgressed the law and fell from his first estate and lost his righteousness. Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 2:16, 17, 3:6-23.
5. We believe in the total depravity of man, that he was unable to redeem himself from the fallen state he was in. Gen. 3:24; Rom. 5:9-19.
6. We believe God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16; I John 2:2.
7. We believe sinners are justified by faith and saved by grace. Eph. 2:8; Rom. 5:1, 2.
8. We believe the Gospel is the only means God has ordained by which sinners are brought to Christ. I Cor. 1:21-24.
9. We believe he that believeth in the Son of God hath the witness in himself. I John 5:10.
10. We believe baptism, the Lord's Supper, and feet washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ given to the church by example and command for us to observe until He comes again. Matt. 28:19; John 13; I Cor. 11:23-26.
11. We believe the only scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion of the whole body in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and believers are the only fit subjects for baptism. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Matt. 28:19.
12. We believe all the saints will persevere through grace and never fall away. Eph. 1:13, 14; I Pet. 1:5; John 10:28, 29.
13. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God and the sanctification of the Spirit through the belief of the truth. Eph. 1; I Pet. 1:2, 3.
14. We believe the church is the light of the world and is made manifest by keeping the commandments and examples of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church in all things. Matt. 5:14; Eph. 1:22, 23.
15. We believe God chooses, calls and qualifies those whom He would have to preach the gospel, and God has promised temporal support of His ministers. Rom. 10:14, 15; I Cor. 1:25-29; I Cor. 9:7-11.
16. We believe in a restricted communion confined to the church in fellowship,

walking in the light and observing gospel order. I Cor. 5:11, 12; John 13; I Cor. 11:31, 32.

17. We believe Christ is the only lawgiver in Zion, and the New Testament scripture is perfect, a thorough furnisher to the man of God unto all good works. James 4:12; II Tim. 3:16.

18. We believe Jesus Christ, during the time of His earthly ministry, set up a spiritual kingdom on earth, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy; He being the King and all born again believers the subjects of the Kingdom, and they are now reigning with Him as Kings and priests on the earth. Dan. 2:44; Isa. 9:6, 7; Matt. 3:2; Luke 17:20, 21; John 18:36; Rev. 1:5-7.

19. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by His Son, Jesus Christ, and this day will be after the death of the body. Heb. 9:27; John 5:22; Acts 17:31.

20. We believe there will be a general resurrection at the last day, both of the just and the unjust; this will also be the day of final judgment and the eternal destiny of all people, of all ages, will then be made known. Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:23, 24, 54; I Thess. 4:14-17; II Thess. 1:7-10.

21. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 25:46.

## **ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

1. This Association shall be called "The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists."

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and producing letters from their respective churches shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number in fellowship and gains and losses since the last Association.

4. The members chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, neither any clerical power over churches, nor shall they infringe upon the material rights of any church in the union.

5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

6. The Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches may be admitted into the union by letter and delegates; and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted into the Association and manifested by the moderator giving each the right hand of fellowship.

8. Each church shall be entitled to one and not more than four representatives in the Association.

9. Each query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Each motion and second shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association.

12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund for defraying expenses, for the raising and supporting of which it shall be the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they may deem proper and send it by the hands of their delegates to the Association.

13. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk, who shall have a 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 rises.

15. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, if they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power to provide; first, for a general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty.

17. The Association shall have power to inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. The Association shall have power to appropriate the money contributed by the churches to any purpose it may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to appoint any member or members to transact any business it may deem necessary.

20. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church that violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the principles of orthodox religion.

21. The Association shall have power to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association.

22. The Association shall have power to adjourn to meet at any future time or place it may deem proper.

23. Each church shall endeavor to have its letter and delegates present on the first day of the Association. Any church not represented at that time shall report to the committee on letters giving their reason for delay.

*By: Elder I. S. Robinette*

Brethren, we have met again,  
 Let us join in prayer and sing,  
 Twelve months more around have rolled  
 Since we met this peaceful fold.

Brethren, tell me how you do;  
 Does your love continue true?  
 Are you waiting for your King:  
 When He shall return again?

Brethren, tell me of your love,  
 Are your hearts and mind above?  
 Do you love your blessed Lord  
 And pursue His Holy Word?

Since we met twelve months ago,  
 Some have left this world below;  
 Some have gone to join that band  
 In that happy heavenly land.

We are waiting at each breath  
 We may meet the monster death,  
 Let him come with Jesus near,  
 We will shout and never fear.

Oh, how sweet in union dear,  
 We have met in counsel here;  
 The Lord is here, our souls to bless,  
 And our faith and hope increase.

And when our work is done below,  
 Then to glory we shall go,  
 Meet our friends and brethren there,  
 Who once joined us here in prayer.

– Authorized in 1968 –

## LIST OF MINISTERS

Names, addresses and telephone numbers of ordained and liberated ministers,  
 with the name of the church where each retains his membership.

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Banks, Aster, 1548 Parten Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 245-4042	Irondale
*Bernard, Charles, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 245-6087	Faithful Ministry
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Fields, Woodrow, Box 192, Benham, KY 40807, (606) 848-5604.....	Blair Chapel
Flanary, Leonard, P. O. Box 114, St. Charles, VA 24282, (703) 383-4495.....	Fairview (VA)
Fletcher, Fred, 256 Clover Bottom Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 349-4356.....	Edwin Holbrook Memorial
Freeman, Basil, 1172 W. Carters Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 247-4498.....	Willow Chapel
Gilliam, Frank, 357 Virginia Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660-6253, (615) 378-5916.....	Willow Chapel
*Gilley, Wayne, P. O. Box 95, East Stone Gap, VA 24246, (703) 523-4097 .....	Irondale
Gilreath, Fred, Rt. 2, Box 316, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (615) 345-2889 .....	Jenkins' Chapel
Glass, Jeff, Box 417, A-8, E. Carters Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 247-6927 .....	Beech Grove
Hall, H. V., Rt. 3, Box 110, Jonesville, VA 24263, (703) 346-1525 .....	Davis Chapel
Harr, Greg, Rt. 5, Box 1335, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 345-5052.....	House's Chapel
Harris, Delmas, 2351 Shields Ferry Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (615) 586-5192.....	Butcher's Valley
Hart, Malcolm, Box 202, Ermine, KY 41815, (606) 633-2762 .....	Delphia Chapel
Hatton, Bill, Box 1, Premium, KY 41845, (606) 633-5746 .....	Coyle's Branch
Head, Eckel, 232 Fletcher St., Kingsport, TN 37665, (615) 245-4597 .....	Shelby Creek
Head, Harold, Rt. 2, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (615) 345-2012 .....	Long Hollow
Henderson, Lawson, Rt. 2, Box 500, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (615) 345-2096.....	Liberty Chapel
Hensley, Allen, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA 24251, (703) 452-4763.....	Shelby Creek
Hensley, Arthur, P. O. Box 582, Gate City, VA 24251, (703) 452-4849 .....	Cadet
Hickman, Arry, Rt. 2, Box 3630, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-2505.....	Jenkins' Chapel
Hill, Lewis E., Rt. 1, Box 40, Blackwater, VA 24221 .....	Sloantown
Holder, Mark, Rt. 2, Box 387, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (615) 357-1492 .....	Pink Hill
Howington, A. D., 705 Sunnyview Dr., Kingsport, TN 37665, (615) 246-3970 .....	Liberty Chapel
Hurst, J. H., 1738 Howard Allen Rd., Morristown, TN 37813, (615) 587-1381 .....	Butcher's Valley
Irvin, Oscar, 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (615) 349-6226 .....	Poplar Grove
Jarnigan, James E., 1441 Hwy. 31, Mooresburg, TN 37811, (615) 272-9260.....	Slate Hill
Jenkins, Hasco, 1839 Simison Rd., Spring Valley, OH 45370, (513) 862-4338 .....	Fairview (OH)
Jenkins, Robert, Rt. 5, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 345-3474 .....	Butcher's Valley
Jerrell, David, 2901 Boatman Mtn. Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (615) 587-2838 .....	Oak Grove
Johnson, Carson W., Rt. 4, Box 364, Sneedville, TN 37869, (615) 733-2097.....	Sneedville
Johnson, Donald Lowell, Rt. 1, Box 187, Kyles Ford, TN 37765, (615) 733-4729.....	Riverside
Johnson, Howard, Rt. 2, Sneedville, TN 37869, (615) 733-4149 .....	Sneedville
Johnson, Jerry, 1209 Ledford Ave., Morristown, TN 37813, (615) 587-9368 .....	Butcher's Valley
Justice, Gordon, Rt. 9, Box 525, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-3564 .....	Pilgrim's Rest
Kincer, Elmer, Rt. 4, Box 1815, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-6150 .....	Long Hollow
*Kinsler, Johnny A., Rt. 4, Box 510, Rogersville, TN 37857 (615) 272-1938 .....	Union Hill
Kinsler, Ronnie, Rt. 1, Box 94, Sneedville, TN 37869 .....	Union Hill

LaFollette, Bill, Rt. 2, Box 275, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (615) 345-3490 .....	House's Chapel
Lane, Lucian, P. O. Box 243, Gate City, VA 24251, (703) 386-3003 .....	Ayers' Chapel
Lawson, Carl, 12926 E. Carters Valley Rd., Gate City, VA 24251-1906, (703) 225-9083.....	Blackwater Lick
Lawson, Ollie, Harmon Dr., Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-6596 .....	House's Chapel
*Lipe, Archie, Rt. 4, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-3073.....	Pilgrim's Rest
Lipe, Virgil, Rt. 9, Box 7, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-3239 .....	Pilgrim's Rest
Maggard, J. D., Eolia, KY 40826, (606) 633-7786 .....	Little Dove
Malone, Eddie, 1655 Billy Bible Rd., Greeneville, TN 37745, (615) 234-1972.....	Caney Creek
Manis, Bazzle, Rt. 9, Box 20, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-9774 .....	Sulphur Springs
McCory, Charlie, 30 Bronzewood Cove, Jackson, TN 38301 .....	Gardner's Chapel
McNabb, Donnie, 2747 Calvin Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (615) 581-0586.....	Little Redeemed
Meade, Tommy, P. O. Box 162, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-6205 .....	Richardson Chapel
Mendenhall, George, Rt. 3, Clinchport, VA 24244, (703) 431-2440.....	Wallen's Creek
Miles, Earl, Rt. 3, Box 413, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (703) 546-1572 .....	Wallen's Creek
Miller, Larry, 1416 Bireley St., Morristown, TN 37814, (615) 581-4411 .....	Kingswood
Mitchell, Ken, 4225 Delhi Dr., Riverside, OH 45432, (513) 254-6614 .....	Fairview (OH)
Moody, David, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 245-6087 .....	Faithful Ministry
Moore, Bryan, Rt. 1, Duffield, VA 24244, (703) 431-2566 .....	Roller's Chapel
Morgan, Wayne, Rt. 8, Lloyds Chapel Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (615) 357-5723.....	West View
Mullins, James L., P. O. Box 72, White Pine, TN 37890, (615) 674-8604 .....	Butcher's Valley
New, Clarence, Rt. 1, Box 78, Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (615) 235-5269 .....	Guthrie's Gap
Phillips, Clyde, Rt. 3, Box 337, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (703) 523-0529 .....	Irondale
Price, Cecil, Rt. 2, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-3301 .....	Richardson Chapel
Purkey, Isaiah, 1905 Slate Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (615) 272-7741 .....	Slate Hill
Purkey, Paul, Rt. 2, Mooresburg, TN 37811, (615) 272-6066 .....	Slate Hill
Raleigh, Ray, Rt. 4, Box 262B, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, (606) 256-5994.....	Blair Chapel
Ratliff, Darrell, Rt. 2, Box 560, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-4242 .....	Garden of Hope
Robinette, Jason, 9 Walnut St., Spring Valley, OH 45370.....	Fairview (OH)
Robinette, John F., 15115 N. Hill Rd., Dade City, FL 33525, (904) 567-0754 .....	Irondale
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Rutherford, Clinton, Rt. 1, Box 3119, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-1931 .....	Oak Grove
Scalf, Lloyd, 334 Pine St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (615) 357-5473 .....	Sloantown
Seiber, Richard, Rt. 3, Box 161, Jonesville, VA 24263, (703) 546-3146.....	Wallen's Creek
Sizemore, Terry, 1225 Deneen Lane, Morristown, TN 37814, (615) 581-8496 .....	Riverside
Smith, Carl, 323 4th St., Gate City, VA 24251, (703) 225-8325 .....	Walnut Chapel
*Smith, Stacey, Rt. 1, Box 78, Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (615) 235-5269 .....	Oak Grove
Strong, Paul, Rt. 9, Box 128, Church Hill, TN 37642, (615) 247-1489 .....	Liberty Chapel
Sybert, Donald, 2009 Bloomingdale, Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 288-6137 .....	Flower Gap
Sybert, Howard, 12918 E. Carters Valley Rd., Gate City, VA 24251-1906, (703) 225-5418 .....	Osborne's Chapel
Sybert, J. H., 1633 Washington Ave., Kingsport, TN 37664, (615) 246-6655.....	West View
Sykes, Johnny, Rt. 4, Church Hill, TN 37642, (615) 357-7292.....	Liberty Chapel
Tipton, Scott, 516 Wadlow Gap Rd., Gate City, VA 24251, (703) 225-8502 .....	Walnut Chapel
Trent, Roger Kyle, 1234 Slate Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (615) 272-4883.....	Slate Hill
Turner, John, Jr., 395 Robert Simmons Dr., Carlisle, OH 45005, (513) 746-0175 .....	Rose Chapel
VanHoose, Bill, 630 Bernard Rd., New Vienna, OH 45159, (513) 987-2530.....	Clear Springs
VanHoose, David, 710 Mead St., Wilmington, OH 45177, (513) 383-0511 .....	Clear Springs
VanHoose, Roger, 384 Thorne Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177, (513) 382-8654 .....	Clear Springs
Watts, Richard, Rt. 2, Box 11A, Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (615) 235-4473.....	Pink Hill
Wheeler, Henry, 7815 Lane St., Whitesburg, TN 37891, (615) 235-6583 .....	Oak Grove
Williams, Bobby, 102 Tresa Rd., Gray, TN 37615, (615) 239-3676 .....	Poplar Grove
Williams, Glen, Rt. 4, Box 101, Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (615) 357-5443 .....	Mt. Mitchell
Willis, Coy, Box 482, Jonesville, VA 24263, (703) 346-1045.....	Willis' Chapel
Willis, Walter C., Rt. 1, Box 185, Kyles Ford, TN 37765, (615) 733-4360.....	Beech Grove
Willis, Willie, Rt. 2, Jonesville, VA 24263, (703) 346-1349 .....	Willis' Chapel
Woodward, Don, Rt. 2, Box 196, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (703) 546-3204 .....	Low View

51 of the ministers listed above signed the register at the association.

\*These ministers have been recognized by their church as having a gift. Their church has given them the authority to exercise their gift. They are therefore liberated to preach, but are not as yet legally ordained ministers.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Church and Clerk	Address
Ayers' Chapel - Eddy Giles.....	214 East 25th St., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (703) 523-1629
Beech Grove - Eric Glass .....	Rt. 1, Box 52, Blackwater, VA 24221, (703) 346-3094
Blackwater Lick - Anita H. Moore .....	Rt. 2, Box 317, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (703) 546-3383
Blair Chapel - Eugene Stagnolia .....	308 New York Road, Cumberland, KY 40823, (606) 589-2029
Blue Springs (Duffield, VA) - Mattie Sue Sage.....	Rt. 1, Box 164, Duffield, VA 24244, (703) 546-1240
Blue Springs (Gate City, VA) - Brenda B. Horton.....	Rt. 1, Box 297G, Hiltons, VA 24258, (703) 386-3535
Burke's Union - Edna Bledsoe.....	Rt. 3, Box 100C, Clinchport, VA 24244, (703) 940-2643
Butcher's Valley - Bonnie Harris .....	2351 Shields Ferry Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (615) 586-5192
Cadet - Roy Jones .....	Rt. 2, Box 113, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 (703) 523-3905
Caney Creek - Frances Armstrong.....	2925 Lost Mountain Pike, Greeneville, TN 37745, (615) 234-5063
Chestnut Flats - D. T. Cross .....	P. O. Box 415, Rural Retreat, VA 24368, (703) 686-5573
Clear Springs - Samuel VanHoose .....	1452 Raybell Dr., Xenia, OH 45385, (513) 372-9264
Copper Creek - Flo Minton .....	613 Rogers Ave., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 245-4089
Coyle's Branch - Irene Cornett .....	H C 77, Box 600, Gordon, KY 41819, (606) 589-4309
Davis' Chapel - Dale Morris .....	_Patton Elkins, Rt. 3, Box 111, Jonesville, VA 24263, (703) 346-1012
Delphia Chapel - Debbie E. Absher .....	H C 77, Box 235, Delphia, KY 41735, (606) 675-3616
Edwin Holbrook Memorial - Pearl Noble .....	P. O. Box 55, Ermine, KY 41815, (606) 633-7598
Fairview (OH) - Kenneth A. Mitchell .....	4225 Delhi Dr., Riverside, OH 45432, (513) 254-6614
Fairview (VA) - Linda Woodard .....	Rt. 1, Box 275, St. Charles, VA 24282, (703) 383-4467
Faithful Ministry - Paralee Bernard .....	1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 245-6087
Flower Gap - Onza Fisher .....	Rt. 1, Box 28, Blackwater, VA 24221, (703) 346-2292
Garden of Hope - Frankie Green.....	Rt. 2, Box 1640, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-4552
Gardner's Chapel - Terrell Smith .....	147 Holston Dr., Blountville, TN 37617, (615) 323-8195
Gardner's Memorial - Janie Hensley .....	280 Tri State Lime Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (615) 323-5468
Guthrie's Gap - Jimmy Harmon .....	Rt. 1, 110 Harmon St., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (615) 235-6831
Hopewell - Tommy Arnott .....	118 Pleasant Hill Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (615) 235-5046
House's Chapel - Sam Thomason.....	Rt. 3, Box 1283, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-4616
Irondale - Alice Phillips.....	Rt. 3, Box 524, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (703) 523-2621
Jenkins' Chapel - Opal Hickman .....	Rt. 2, Box 3630, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-2505
Kingswood - Carol R. Sizemore .....	2100 Kingswood Dr., Morristown, TN 37813, (615) 587-0748
Liberty Chapel - Orbin A. Ward .....	410 Cherokee Dr., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (615) 357-6191
Little Cowan - Myrel Brown.....	H C 84, Box 608, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-7234
Little Dove - Lillian Walker .....	H C 67, Box 1404, Eolia, KY 40826, (606) 633-7712
Little Redeemed - Sharon Shaver .....	1155 East Rose St., Morristown, TN 37814, (615) 581-5932
Long Hollow - Donna Horne .....	653 Watterson Gap Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (615) 345-3391
Low View - Evelyn Orick.....	Rt. 3, Box 341, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (703) 546-1528
Macedonia - Thomas R. Stroud.....	225 Bobbitt Ave., P. O. Box 230, Lynchburg, OH 45142, (513) 364-6610
Marion Robinette Memorial - Evelyn Jesse.....	7355 Gap Creek Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (615) 234-2132
Miller's Chapel - John H. Denton, Sr. ....	918 Island Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (615) 323-7374
Mountain View - Juanita Bowen & Paula N. Ayers .....	Rt. 1, Box 142-P, Duffield, VA 24244, (703) 546-1014
Mt. Mitchell - Peggy Harrold .....	Rt. 6, Pearl St., Church Hill, TN 37642, (615) 357-4417
Mt. Zion - Grace E. Cornett.....	H C 77, Box 13, Gordon, KY 41819, (606) 589-5394
New Life - Carol L. Mullins.....	P. O. Box 72, White Pine, TN 37890, (615) 674-8604
Oak Grove - Emma Merrifield.....	Rt. 2, Box 4102, Bean Station, TN 37708, (615) 993-3151
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley .....	Rt. 1, Box 7A, Blackwater, VA 24221, (703) 346-3563
Peterson's Chapel - June Fannon .....	Rt. 1, Box A-21, Duffield, VA 24244, (703) 431-2145
Pilgrim's Rest - Elizabeth Lipe .....	Rt. 9, Box 7, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 272-3239
Pink Hill - Isabell Christian.....	Rt. 2, Box 428, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (615) 357-7588
Pond View - Carl B. Collins.....	Rt. 1, Box 595, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (703) 546-4989

Poplar Grove - Jean Wallen.....	744 Poplar Grove Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (615) 349-4903
Richardson Chapel - Sarah Whittaker.....	Rt. 2, Box 3135, Louisa, KY 41230-9625, (606) 297-3729
Riverside - Viola Johnson.....	Rt. 1, Box 57, Sneedville, TN 37869, (615) 733-2928
Roller's Chapel - Kim Robinette.....	Rt. 1, Box 221, Blackwater, VA 24244, (703) 431-4138
Rose Chapel - Delois Bledsoe.....	2242 Spahr Rd., Xenia, OH 45385, (513) 848-4962
Shelby Creek - Brenda Head.....	232 Fletcher St., Kingsport, TN 37665, (615) 245-4597
Slate Hill - Donny Clifford.....	124 Collins Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (615) 272-3340
Sloantown - Virgia Grace Hill.....	Rt. 1, Box 40, Blackwater, VA 24221
Sneedville - Beulah Seal.....	Rt. 3, Box 504, Sneedville, TN 37869, (615) 733-2563
Sulphur Springs - Opal Russell .....	Rt. 1, Box 215, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (615) 345-4548
Swan Creek - Danita J. Dodson .....	Rt. 3, Box 416, Sneedville, TN 37869, (615) 733-8546
Union Hill - Marilyn Kinsler.....	P. O. Box 245, Sneedville, TN 37869, (615) 733-8396
Valley View - Lillie Jones .....	Rt. 2, Box 564, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (703) 546-4313
Wallen's Creek - Vivian Seiber .....	Rt. 3, Box 161, Jonesville, VA 24263, (703) 546-3146
Walnut Chapel - David C. Lloyd .....	1211 Old Eliz. Hwy., Bluff City, TN 37618, (615) 538-8093
West View - Delmer Wallen, Sr. ....	817 Morison Ave., Kingsport, TN 37660, (615) 247-3933
Willis' Chapel - Boyd E. Wallen .....	Rt. 3, Box 1020, Rogersville, TN 37857, (615) 345-2127
Willow Chapel - Shirley Copas .....	102 Monticello Ave., Kingsport, TN 37665, (615) 246-6280

## A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago - The 42nd annual session was held at Blackwater Church, Hancock County, Tennessee. Elder E. S. McPherson preached the introductory sermon from II Corinthians 5:19. The association, comprised of 22 old churches and 3 new churches, elected Elder George Edens moderator and Elder William M. Henry clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago - Mountain View hosted the 67th annual session of the association in October, 1919. Elder J. P. Peters preached the introductory sermon from St. Mark 1:15 and he was followed by Elder F. M. Phipps. 33 existing churches and 1 new church came together and elected Elder J. P. Peters moderator, J. J. Addington, clerk and treasurer and J. W. Hurd, assistant clerk.

50 Years Ago - Fairview Church in St Charles, Virginia hosted the 92nd annual session in October, 1944. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. H. Sybert from I Corinthians 1:23-24. He was followed by Elder Frank Brown. Elder T. R. Carter was elected moderator and Elder Amos Osborne was elected clerk and treasurer. The association was made up of 65 existing churches and 3 new ones. This was the largest number of churches to letter into the association at that time.

25 Years Ago - In October, 1969 the 117th annual session convened with Roller's Chapel Church. Elder J. R. Peters came forward to preach the introductory sermon and quoted the 7th verse of the 34th Psalm and used this as his text. Elder E. W. Creech was not physically able to attend the association, so the church chose Elders Elbert Morgan and Gerald Hopkins as alternates. Elder Basil Freeman was elected moderator and Ellis Wallen clerk and treasurer. 71 churches lettered into the association.

## CHURCH DATA

(NOTE: All regular morning services begin at 11:00 a.m. and all evening services begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. DST is Daylight Savings Time and EST is Eastern Standard Time. Starting times for Sunday School are not included.)

**AYERS' CHAPEL:** Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 43; contribution \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Scott Tipton, moderator.

**BEECH GROVE:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Joe Horton, Dwight Glass, Elizabeth Moore and Ralph Moore; alternates: Lucy Gilliam and Ruth Glass. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 4; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday morning following 3rd Saturday in May. Jeffery Lynn Glass and Silas Carroll, moderators.

**BLACKWATER LICK:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Anita Moore, Gladys Huff, Sarah Parsons and Carl Lawson; alternate: Kelly Bledsoe. Dismissed by letter, 3; excluded, 1; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 207; contribution, \$140.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning, Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following 1st Saturday in May. Elders Walter Willis and Fred Gilreath asked to attend. Carl Lawson, moderator.

**BLAIR CHAPEL:** Blair, Ky. Delegates: Bill Maggard, David Whitaker, Ethel Maggard and Shirley Whitaker; alternates: Roderick Raleigh and Eugene Stagnolia. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 261; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. A. D. Howington, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 19; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Earl Miles, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Gate City, Va. Delegates: John Bowlin, Bill Bowlin, Brenda Horton and Jim Bowlin; alternate: Bob Dulaney. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 91; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday in August. John Bowlin, moderator.

**BURKE'S UNION:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Delmer McPherson, Clifford Bledsoe, Nancy Bledsoe and Ada McPherson; alternates: Edna Bledsoe and Roger Trent. Received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 76; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (7:00 p.m. DST and 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning and the 2nd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in July. Roger K. Trent, moderator.

**BUTCHER'S VALLEY:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: J. H. Hurst, Jerry Johnson and Delmas Harris. Received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 56; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, Sunday morning following 3rd Saturday. Regular services every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May. Jerry Johnson, moderator.

**CADET:** Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Jess Akens, Jr., Wanda Akens, Herb Shortt and Roy Jones; alternates: Junior Collier and Lois Collier. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 54; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in April. Fred Fletcher and Arthur Hensley, moderators. Bryan Moore, honorary moderator.

**CANEY CREEK:** Greeneville, Tn. Delegates: Frances Armstrong, Wanda Malone,

Eddie Malone and Imogene Ball. Received by letter, 1, received by relationship, 2; excluded 1; total number on roll, 85; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, Sunday morning following 2nd Saturday (7:00 p.m. DST and 6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Eddie Malone, moderator.

**CHESTNUT FLATS:** Gate City, Va. Delegates: Wayne Gibson, Laney Booher, Tom Baker and Ralph Baker; alternate: Lewis Baker. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 49; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday. Lewis A. Baker, moderator.

**CLEAR SPRINGS:** Spring Valley, Oh. Delegates: Walker Bales, Bill VanHoose, Gleason Storie, and Forrest Osborne; alternate: Terri VanHoose. Received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 19; total number on roll, 141; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following 2nd Saturday in September. Roger VanHoose, moderator.

**COPPER CREEK:** Nickelsville, Va. Delegates: Clifton Horne, Nadine Horne, Steve Minton and Flo Minton; alternates: Linda Sturgill and Danny Howell. Received or restored by recantation, 1; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 94; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, Sunday following 2nd and 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following 3rd Saturday in October. Eckel Head, moderator.

**COYLE'S BRANCH:** Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Lohmon Gilliam, Myrtle Lewis, Irene Cornett and Celinda Cornett. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 14; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, last Sunday in May. Bill Hatton, moderator.

**DAVIS' CHAPEL:** Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Patton Elkins, Donnie Woodward, Pete Marcum and Fern Marcum; alternates: Dale Morris and Etta Osborne. Received by experience and baptism, 8; total number on roll, 58; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Richard L. Seiber, moderator. Hobart Hall, honorary moderator.

**DELPHIA CHAPEL:** Delphia, Ky. Delegates: Elaine Absher, Arthur Browning and Jean Shepherd. Total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2nd and 4th Sunday. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in August. Glenn Cornett and Malcolm Hart, moderators.

**EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** Ermine, Ky. Delegates: Pat Holbrook, Basil Holbrook, Roger Sturgill and Beulah Webb; alternate: Henrietta Adams. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$45.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following 1st Saturday in April. Fred Fletcher, Arthur Hensley and Bryan Moore, moderators.

**FAIRVIEW:** Bellbrook, Oh. Delegates: Morris Giles, Emerson Browning, Warren Kail and Eric Mitchell; alternate: Charles Davis. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 6; received or restored by recantation, 3; excluded, 4; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 164; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following 3rd Saturday in May. Elder Ron Bledsoe asked to attend. Hasco Jenkins, moderator pro-tem.

**FAIRVIEW:** St. Charles, Va. Delegates: V. C. Witt, Earnest Bledsoe, Bertha Scott and Brenda Witt; alternate: Leonard Flanary. Total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday morning

in June (10:30 a.m.). Earnest Bledsoe, moderator.

**FAITHFUL MINISTRY:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Charles Bernard, Paralee Bernard, James Couch and Leah Moody; alternate: David Moody. Total number on roll, 12; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following 4th Saturday in May. Charles Bernard, moderator.

**FLOWER GAP:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: T. H. Johnson, David Horton, Guy Eldridge and Delmas Harris; alternate: Pleas Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; dismissed by letter, 6; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 94; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following 4th Saturday in May. Delmas Harris, moderator.

**GARDEN OF HOPE:** Louisa, Ky. Delegates: Darrell Ratliff, Joe Green, Junnell May and Willard May. Received by experience and baptism, 4; excluded, 6; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday and Sunday. Brad Dutton and Darrell Ratliff, moderators.

**GARDNER'S CHAPEL:** Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Burl Lyons, Douglas McClain, Bobby Carter and Gregory Laughlin; alternates: Roger Smith and Terrell Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 6; excluded, 7; deceased, 10; total number on roll, 551; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday (2 p.m.) and following Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Robert E. Carter, moderator.

**GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Sue Pippen, Janie Hensley and Gary Baker. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 5; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday (2:00 p.m.). Aster Banks, moderator.

**GUTHRIE'S GAP:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: None. Received by letter, 5; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 148; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st and 3rd Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and Sunday night (7:00 p.m.). Fred Gilreath, moderator.

**HOPEWELL:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Odell Arnott, Marion Kenneth Robinette and John Arnott. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 33; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in October. John H. Arnott, moderator.

**HOUSE'S CHAPEL:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Russell Davidson, Vicki Davidson, Mack Manis and Audrey Manis; alternates: Neal Drinon and Ruth Drinon. Received by experience and baptism, 12; received by letter, 6; dismissed by letter, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 221; contribution, \$140.00; meeting day, 1st and 4th Saturday night; every Wednesday night, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and 2nd and 4th Sunday nights and 5th Sunday night following the 4th Saturday. Neal Drinon, moderator.

**IRONDALE:** Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Frankie Phillips, Ann Phillips, Ilie Harding and Aster Banks; alternate: Clyde Phillips. Total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Aster Banks and Clyde Phillips, moderators.

**JENKINS' CHAPEL:** Surogoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Doyle Anderson, Eva Matlock and Annie Jenkins. Received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday (10:00 a.m.) and the 2nd Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 4th Saturday in August. Arry Hickman, moderator.

**KINGSWOOD BAPTIST:** Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Pat Caudill, Dovie Caudill, Mary Lou Haire and Bud Haire; alternates: Loretta Emery and Jim Emery. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 8; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning and Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September. Larry Miller, moderator.

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Gene Ward, Christine Ward, Gale Derrick and Orbin Ward; alternates: Hank Winegar and Kim Ward. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; excluded, 6; total number on roll, 93; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Lawson Henderson, moderator.

**LITTLE COWAN:** Whitesburg, Ky. Delegates: Cassel Caudill, Taft Gilliam, Orville Collier and James Bloomer alternate: Corbert Brashears. Excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 118; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m. DST and 7:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day. Oscar Irvin, moderator.

**LITTLE DOVE:** Eolia, Ky. Delegates: Wendell Parsons, Robert Caudill, Ione Scott and Lillian Walker; alternate: Nora Walker. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following 3rd Saturday in June at the J. D. Maggard Cemetery in Eolia, Ky. Bill Hatton and Carl Lawson, moderators.

**LITTLE REDEEMED:** Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Norris Conley, Donnie McNabb, Clinton Shaver and John Collins; alternate: Roy McNabb. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 6; excluded, 3; total number on roll, 63; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before 3rd Saturday. Donnie McNabb, moderator.

**LONG HOLLOW:** Surogoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Howard Horne, Gale Horne, Wayne Hickman and Brian Drinon; alternates: Riley Lindsey and John Fields. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 285; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Mark Holder, moderator.

**LOW VIEW:** Pennington Gap, Va. Delegates: Don Woodward, Carl Rogers and Virginia Miles. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 55; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Don Woodward, moderator.

**MACEDONIA:** Highland, Oh. Delegates: Thomas Stroud, Rhonda VanHoose, Garry Carter and David VanHoose; alternates: Vivian Stroud and Shelly Stroud. Received by experience and baptism, 7; received by letter, 11; total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$52.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday and Sunday. Garry Carter and David VanHoose, moderators.

**MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Billy Robinette, Evelyn Jessee, Polly Jean Penley and Millicent Thacker; alternate: Sonny Thacker. Total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday morning. John H. Arnott, moderator.

**MILLER'S CHAPEL:** Bristol, Va. Delegates: Myrt Worley, Avanelle Worley, W. C. Denton, and Mary Denton; alternate: Georgia Denton. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 15; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday. John H. Bowlin, moderator.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen; alternates: Mable Fields and Charles Ayers. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$15.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 EST and 7:00 DST) and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in May. Richard Seiber and Wayne Morgan, moderators.

**MT. MITCHELL:** Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Donald L. Johnson, Charlie Harless, Olen Gilreath and Molly Gilreath; alternates: Shirley Dalton and Irene Harless. Total number on roll, 114; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Donald L. Johnson, moderator.

**MT. ZION:** Evarts, Ky. Delegates: Glenn Cornett, Grace Cornett, Ludie Eldridge and Evelyn Adams. Received by experience and baptism, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 1st and 3rd Sunday. Glenn Cornett, moderator, J. D. Maggard, honorary moderator.

**NEW LIFE:** White Pine, Tn. Delegates: James L. Mullins, Carol L. Mullins and Tommy Underwood. Received by experience and baptism, 11; received by letter, 4; received by relationship, 6; excluded, 7; total number on roll, 14; contribution \$50.00; meeting day, Thursday before the 2nd Saturday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.) and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). James L. Mullins, moderator.

**OAK GROVE:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Clinton Rutherford, Sr., Jackie Rutherford, Doug Jones and Jim Woods; alternate: Henry Wheeler. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 4; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 135; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Wednesday night, 4th Saturday night, every Sunday and 1st and 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Henry Wheeler, moderator.

**OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Margaret Wallen, Howard Sybert, Everette Donald Neeley and Joyce Neeley; alternates: Ruth Wallen and Carolyn Fannon. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 66; contribution, \$90.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following 2nd Saturday in May. Everette Neeley, moderator pro-tem.

**PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Tonya Berry, Lola Peterson, Michael Peterson and June Fannon; alternate: Jane Peterson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 68; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Easter service 3rd Sunday in April, Thanksgiving service 3rd Sunday in November. Oscar Irvin, moderator.

**PILGRIM'S REST:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Don Gordon, Doris Gordon and Virgil Lipe. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 85;

contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Virgil Lipe, moderator.

**PINK HILL:** Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Quinton Thacker, Bessie Thacker and Isabeth Christian. Received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 134; contribution \$70.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday and Sunday. Memorial service, Easter Sunday. Richard Watts, moderator.

**PONDVIEW:** Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Charles Sizemore, Sue Sizemore and Tyler Castle; alternates: Tammy Sizemore and Lela Castle. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 48; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in July. Norris Conley, moderator.

**POPLAR GROVE:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Bill Spurlock, Jerry Persinger, Gary Short and Richard Stevens; alternate: Marvin Keton. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 101; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night. Memorial service, last Sunday in May. Gordon Justice, moderator.

**RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** Richardson, Ky. Delegates: Tommy Meade, Harm Allen Moore, Jerry Dale Moore and Rose Mary Borders. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 16; total number on roll, 252; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday and Sunday. Memorial service, last Sunday before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator.

**RIVERSIDE:** Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: David Smith, Larry Delph, Charley Johnson and Deborah Smith; alternates: Darrell Sizemore and Barbara Delph. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 14; deceased, 17; total number on roll, 77; contribution, \$80.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day at Davis Chapel Cemetery (2:00 p.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

**ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Kim Robinette, Grady Bledsoe, Odus Caudill and Claude Osborne; alternate: Ruth Hood. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (7:00 p.m. DST, 6:30 p.m. EST) and Sunday morning. Odus Caudill, moderator.

**ROSE CHAPEL:** West Carrollton, Oh. Delegates: Bill Turner, Ron Bledsoe, Anita Newkirk and Delois Bledsoe; alternates: Reba Bledsoe and John Turner. Received by experience and baptism, 4; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 58; contribution, \$85.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following 3rd Saturday in October. John Turner and Ron Bledsoe, moderators.

**SHELBY CREEK:** Eidson, Tn. Delegates: Allen Hensley, Patsy Hensley, Brenda Head and H. C. Johnson; alternate: Eckel Head. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday and Sunday night, 1st Sunday night and 2nd Saturday night. (All evening services at 6:30 p.m.) Allen Hensley, moderator.

**SLATE HILL:** Mooresburg, Tn. Delegates: Robert Ferrell, Grover Ferguson and James Jarnigan. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received or restored by recantation, 2; dismissed by letter, 3; total number on roll, 185; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Memorial service, last Sunday in May. James E. Jarnigan, moderator.

**SLOANTOWN:** Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Virgia Grace Hill, Aubra Hill, Gregory Hill and Lewis E. Hill. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 36; contribution, \$15.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday. A. D. Howington and Aster Banks, moderators.

**SNEEDVILLE:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Carson Johnson, Arley Seal and Charlie Crawford. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 66; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and following Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). No moderator.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Emory Russell, Bazzle Manis, Patsy Manis and Opal Russell. Total number on roll, 111; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday. Wayne Morgan, moderator.

**SWAN CREEK:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Silas Carroll, Clarence Morgan, T. J. Elliott and Larry Coleman; alternates: Donny Clifford and Carl Ray Cope. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 304; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Donny Clifford, moderator.

**UNION HILL:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Johnny Kinsler, Ronnie Kinsler, Judy Kinsler and David Jerrell; alternates: Vernie Jerrell and Angie Jerrell. Dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 78; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in August (10:30 a.m.). David Jerrell, moderator.

**VALLEY VIEW:** Dryden, Va. Delegates: Clay Jones, Loran Parsons, Charlie Thompson and Nancy Thompson; alternate: Lillie Jones. Received by experience and baptism, 3; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 53; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday. Carson Johnson, moderator.

**WALLEN'S CREEK:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Richard Seiber, Vivian Seiber, Doris Burke and Clara Fannon; alternates: Linda Burke and Joyce Burke. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 65; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in May. Elders Eckel Head and Wayne Morgan asked to attend. Richard Seiber and George Mendenhall, moderators.

**WALNUT CHAPEL:** Gate City, Va. Delegates: Billy Jack Johnson, Clyde Tipton, Scott Tipton and David C. Lloyd; alternate: Carl Smith. Received by relationship, 4; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 156; contribution, \$78.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following 4th Saturday in June. Allen Hensley, moderator.

**WEST VIEW:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Delmer Wallen, Sr., John Osborne, Jr., Jack Osborne and Earl Johnson; alternates: Zula McCullough and Dexal Greer. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 3; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 74; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. DST, 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following 2nd Saturday in April. J. H. Sybert, moderator.

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Morris Fleenor and M. R. Hall. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 175; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following 2nd Saturday in October. John H. Arnott, moderator; Clarence New, moderator pro-tem.

**WILLOW CHAPEL:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Frank Gilliam and Basil Freeman. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 37; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following 3rd Saturday in September. Gale Derrick, moderator.

**TOTALS:** 67 churches (24 in Va., 30 in Tn., 9 in Ky., and 4 in Ohio.) Received by experience and baptism, 109; received by letter, 47; received by relationship, 37; received or restored by recantation, 6; dismissed by letter, 67; excluded, 62; deceased, 84; total number on roll, 6,331. There are 61 ministers serving as pastors - 48 are serving 1 church; 10 are serving 2 churches and 3 are serving 3 churches. There are 2 churches with a moderator pro-tem (no pastor). There were 2 ministers listed as honorary moderators. There were 51 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

## **UNION MEETINGS - 1994**

(NOTE: All Union Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise shown.)

### **- APRIL -**

**1 - ROSE CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Lucian Lane, Terry Sizemore, Henry Wheeler, Bobby Williams and all others who wish to attend.

**2 - VALLEY VIEW:** To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, Earl Miles, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent and Walter Willis.

**3 - WEST VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bobby Brown, Odus Caudill, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Hasco Jenkins, Gordon Justice, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

**4 - DAVIS' CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Carl Ray Cope, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Walter Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**5 - CADET:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Woodrow Fields, Basil Freeman, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, J. D. Maggard, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, our pastors and all others who wish to attend.

**6 - PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bobby Brown, Gale Derrick, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Bobby Williams.

**7 - GARDEN OF HOPE:** To begin on the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Garry Carter, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry

Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Bill VanHoose, David VanHoose and Roger VanHoose.

**- MAY -**

**1 - CLEAR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

**2 - SWAN CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Bazzle Manis, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Richard Watts, Bobby Williams and Walter Willis.

**3 - MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Gale Derrick, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Lawson Henderson, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Clarence New, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

**4 - OAK GROVE:** To begin on Friday night before the 1st Sunday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Carl Ray Cope, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Richard Watts, Bobby Williams, our pastor and ministers of the church.

**5 - SLOANTOWN:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Carl Ray Cope, Fred Fletcher, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arthur Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Bryan Moore, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Bobby Williams and all others who wish to attend.

**6 - COPPER CREEK:** To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Larry Miller, J. H. Sybert and our pastor.

**7 - OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Odus Caudill, Gale Derrick, Frank Gilliam, H. V. Hall, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**8 - BEECH GROVE:** To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Silas Carroll, Carl Ray Cope, Neal Drinnon, A. D. Howington, Larry Miller, Bryan Moore, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Walter Willis, our pastor and all others who wish to attend.

**9 - HOPEWELL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Talmadge Collins, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, H. V. Hall, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Clarence New, J. H. Sybert, Henry Wheeler and Bobby Williams.

**10 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, Charles Bernard, John Bowlin, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, David Moody, Wayne Morgan, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Bobby Williams.

**11 - PILGRIM'S REST:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Hasco Jenkins, David Jerrell, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger

Trent, Bill VanHoose, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, and Richard Watts.

**12 - PONDVIEW:** To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Earnest Bledsoe, Silas Carroll, Norris Conley, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, A. D. Howington, David Jerrell, Howard Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Donnie McNabb, Richard Watts and Don Woodward.

**- JUNE -**

**1 - GUTHRIE'S GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Aster Banks, Basil Freeman, Eckel Head, Lawson Henderson, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Richard Watts, Bobby Williams and all others who wish to attend.

**2 - NEW LIFE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Talmadge Collins, Billy Fields, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Harold Head, J. H. Hurst, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Robert Jenkins, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore and Richard Watts.

**3 - RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Kenneth Mitchell, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, David VanHoose and Roger VanHoose.

**4 - AYERS' CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Odus Caudill, Carl Ray Cope, Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

**5 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, Va.):** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Neal Drinnon, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Carl Lawson, George Mendenhall, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Coy Willis and Don Woodward.

**6 - CANEY CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Richard Watts and all others who wish to attend.

**7 - SLATE HILL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Silas Carroll, Gale Derrick, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, J. H. Hurst, Hasco Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Jim Mullins, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Richard Watts and Henry Wheeler.

**8 - UNION HILL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Silas Carroll, Norris Conley, Neal Drinnon, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, J. H. Hurst, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Carl Rogers, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and all others who wish to attend.

**9 - DELPHIA CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday.

Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, Odus Caudill, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Ray Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**10 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, Von Burton, Donny Clifford, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Lawson Henderson, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Bill LaFollette, James Mullins, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

**11 - LONG HOLLOW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Ron Bledsoe, John Bowlin, Talmadge Collins, Neal Drinnon, Walter Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Lawson Henderson, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Lowell Johnson, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Johnny Sykes, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and Bobby Williams.

**12 - LOW VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, John Bowlin, Silas Carroll, Norris Conley, Carl Ray Cope, Gale Derrick, T. J. Elliott, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Howard Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Earl Miles, Richard Seiber, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

**13 - BLUE SPRINGS (Gate City, VA):** To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Bill LaFollette, Lucian Lane, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Roger Trent and Walter Willis.

**14 - WALNUT CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Carl Ray Cope, Woodrow Fields, Arthur Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Bobby Williams and former pastors.

**- JULY -**

**1 - FAIRVIEW (OH):** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bobby Brown, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

**2 - LIBERTY CHAPEL:** To begin on Monday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Aster Banks, John Bowlin, Odus Caudill, Neal Drinnon, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Lowell Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Carl Lawson, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Bryan Moore, Clarence New, Darrell Ratliff, Lloyd Scalf, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Henry Wheeler.

**3 - RIVERSIDE:** To begin on Wednesday before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Silas Carroll, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Clarence New, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Bobby Williams.

**4 - SHELBY CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Gordon Justice, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**5 - BURKE'S UNION:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Carl Ray Cope, Gale Derrick, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Bryan Moore, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton, Richard Watts and Bobby Williams.

**6 - HOUSE'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Carl Ray Cope, Walter Drinon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Lawson Henderson, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

**7 - PINK HILL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Lawson Henderson, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Clarence New and Richard Watts.

**- AUGUST -**

**1 - WALLEN'S CREEK:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Fred Fletcher, Fred Gilreath, H. V. Hall, Eckel Head, Arthur Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Bryan Moore, Wayne Morgan, Clarence New, Clyde Phillips, Terry Sizemore, Donald Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Coy Willis.

**2 - SULPHUR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinon, Walter Drinon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Gordon Justice, Earl Miles, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Richard Seiber and J. H. Sybert.

**3 - BLACKWATER LICK:** To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Bobby Brown, Odus Caudill, Billy Fields, H. V. Hall, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Coy Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**4 - MILLER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Aster Banks, Odus Caudill, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, A. D. Howington, Lucian Lane, Clarence New, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Bobby Williams and Walter Willis.

**5 - MT. ZION:** To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, John Bowlin, Neal Drinon, Woodrow Fields, Malcolm Hart, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Carl Lawson, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Donald Sybert, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

**6 - POPLAR GROVE:** To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers

asked to attend: John Arnott, Bobby Brown, Basil Freeman, Eckel Head, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**7 - COYLE'S BRANCH:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Fred Fletcher, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Wayne Morgan, Terry Sizemore and J. H. Sybert.

**8 - WILLIS' CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Fred Gilreath, H. V. Hall, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Clarence New, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Richard Watts and Bobby Williams.

**9 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday before the 2nd Saturday night. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Bill LaFollette, Wayne Morgan, Clarence New and Clyde Phillips.

**10 - FAIRVIEW (VA):** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Odus Caudill, Gale Derrick, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carl Rogers, Paul Strong, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Bobby Williams, former pastors and all who wish to attend.

**11 - IRONDALE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Aster Banks, Odus Caudill, Wayne Gilley, Carl Lawson, George Mendenhall, Earl Miles, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

**12 - MT. MITCHELL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Richard Watts and Bobby Williams.

**13 - LITTLE DOVE:** To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Odus Caudill, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Lucian Lane, Bazzle Manis, Wayne Morgan, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Bobby Williams and all others who wish to attend.

**14 - BLAIR CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Bryan Moore, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and Bobby Williams.

**15 - JENKINS' CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Mark Holder, Robert Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Clarence New, Bobby Williams, our pastor and all others who wish to attend.

**16 - MOUNTAIN VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, Odus Caudill, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, J. D. Maggard, George Mendenhall, Earl Miles, Bryan Moore, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and

Coy Willis.

**- SEPTEMBER -**

**1 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Donnie McNabb, Wayne Morgan, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Bobby Williams, our pastors and all others who wish to attend.

**2 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**3 - LITTLE COWAN:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Ron Bledsoe, Odus Caudill, Glenn Cornett, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Hasco Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Ray Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton, Bobby Williams, our preachers and all others who wish to attend.

**4 - LITTLE REDEEMED:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Donny Clifford, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinon, Jim Emery, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Lawson Henderson, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Jerry Johnson, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, James Mullins, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

**5 - SNEEDVILLE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Silas Carroll, Donny Clifford, Carl Ray Cope, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinon, Jim Emery, Delmas Harris, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Elmer Kincer, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

**6 - KINGSWOOD:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Donnie McNabb, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and Bobby Williams.

**7 - MACEDONIA:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bobby Brown, Eckel Head, Virgil Lipe, Darrell Ratliff and Bobby Williams.

**8 - CHESTNUT FLATS:** To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Aster Banks, John Bowlin, Odus Caudill, Basil Freeman, Allen Hensley, Lucian Lane, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Bobby Williams.

**9 - WILLOW CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Wayne Morgan, J. H. Sybert, Bobby Williams and Walter Willis.

**10 - FLOWER GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Carl Ray Cope, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, J. H. Hurst, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Bobby Williams and Walter Willis.

**11 - GARDNER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night (7:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, J. D. Maggard, Bazzle Manis, Bryan Moore, J. H. Sybert and Bobby Williams.

### **DIRECTIONS TO PETERSON'S CHAPEL CHURCH**

Traveling North on US 23, Peterson's Chapel is located 1.1 mile North of the traffic light at the intersection of US 58, 421 and 23 at Duffield. Turn right on State Highway 654 at Birmingham Bolt Company and the church is located 0.1 mile on the right.

Traveling South on US 23 just beyond the Duffield corporate limits, turn left in front of Birmingham Bolt Company onto State Highway 654 and go 0.1 mile and the church is on the right.

A church sign is located near State Highway 654.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance from 1993 .....	\$ 4,259.74
Receipts from Committee on Finance 1991.....	5,055.00
Interest.....	99.95
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 9,414.69</b>

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

Rental of safety deposit box .....	\$ 58.79
Insurance premium for kitchen .....	500.00
Charter registration fee.....	20.00
Postage.....	95.38
Electrical supplies .....	72.11
Clerical supplies/forms .....	52.31
Clerk's allowance .....	700.00
Printing and packaging 2,700 copies of 1994 minutes .....	2,631.60
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,130.19</b>
<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,284.50</b>

**NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$0.98**

### **MEMORIAM**

" PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD

IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS."  
— Psalms 116:15 —

We pause at this time to pay special tribute to our beloved people who have passed from among us since we last met.

"A person or loved one to us loaned;  
Was ever by the Father owned;  
Allotted time they're ours to keep;  
When God reclaims we'll trust, not weep."

Deep within our hearts will remain the sainted memory of these our brothers and sisters in Christ. Their names shall be engraved on the pages of our BOOK OF MEMORIES — We honor them. This association at large mourn their passing.

ANDERSON, Elsie Roberta Baker	BELL, Clarence
BLEDSOE, Dewey David	BOGGS, Lillian King
BOOHER, James Lee	COOMER, Laura Mae
DERRICK, Allie Myrtle Thacker	DODSON, Lona E.
FLEENOR, Matt	*GIBSON, Elder George
GILLIAM, Leonard	HALE, Urah E.
HALL, Alex Harmon	HERRON, Sarah Jane Smith
HILL, Flora Marie	HILL, Michael Craig
HILTON, Scott A.	HURD, Geneva
HURD, Lonnie M.	JOHNSON, Elmo Bradley
JOHNSON, Lona Virginia	JOHNSON, Millard W.
JOHNSON, Stella	JONES, Tiffany Katelyn
JONES, Tucker Dewey	JOYNER, Susie Rebecca
LAWSON, Otis	LIVINGSTON, Bessie Mae
MAGGARD, Elmo (Jack)	MILLER, Delia Ruth
MOORE, M. Lester	MOORE, Mary E.
OSBORNE, Georgia Mae Fisher	OSBORNE, James Russell
PAYNE, Dorothy Helen	PETERS, Pearl Sargent
PHILLIPS, Louise Arnold	POTEET, Jean Wynn
RHOTON, Nora Caudill	ROBINETTE, Cecil Glen
ROYSTON, Helen Brewer	SALLEY, Lela Bishop
SHEPHERD, Geneva	SHORT, Olivet P.
SLAGLE, Edgar Burley	SLAVEN, Roy
SLOAN, William Ray (Bill)	SMITH, Geneva G.
*SMITH, Elder James Fred	STEVENS, Carmel Leighton
SUTTON, Deloris Ann Duff	SYBERT, Bonnie Jeanette Fannon
TAYLOR, Sarah Hazel	VAUGHN, John Millard
YEARY, Buena T.	YORK, Alvie Mullins

\*Ministers

**ELSIE ROBERTA BAKER ANDERSON** was born November 8, 1908 and departed this life January 26, 1994.

She was the daughter of the late Norman and Barsha Booher Baker, and was married to Rhea Anderson on December 23, 1925.

Her husband, an infant daughter and granddaughter, 4 sisters and 4 brothers preceded her in death.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Elsie Taylor, Mae Anderson, Virginia McClain and Mary Evelyn McConnell; 5 sons, Robert, Joe, Kermit, Billy Jack and Wayne Anderson; 10 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and 1 brother.

She was converted in 1919, and in 1937 she joined Gardner's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church where she remained a faithful and devoted member until her death. She was blessed to see six generations of her family cast their lot among the Primitive Baptist and join the church she loved so dearly.

Many times we have seen her raise her hands, shout the praises of God and tell of "...getting her ticket in 1919." She ran her course with patience, she fought a good fight, and she kept the faith. We look forward to meeting her on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her family

**CLARENCE BELL** was born November 14, 1931 and departed this life August 19, 1994 at Claiborne County Hospital.

He was the son of Winton and Virgie Bell.

He was preceded in death by his father, an infant son and daughter.

He is survived by his wife, Mae; mother, Virgie Delph; 3 sons, Jackie, Clarence Jr. and Timothy Bell; 3 daughters, Diane Collins, Kathy Rhea and Barbara Collins; 12 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 1 sister, Josephine Brooks; 2 brothers, Don and Calvin Bell; several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Sneedville Primitive Baptist Church.

- Written by the family

**DEWEY DAVID BLEDSOE** was born on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1907 and went to be with the Lord on Easter Sunday, April 3, 1994 at the age of 87 years and 3 days.

Dewey was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie; parents, Hiram and Sarah Jane Bledsoe; 2 brothers, Hugh and Rhea Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Bonnie Carter and Azelda Bledsoe and an infant son, Robert Lee Bledsoe. What a glorious reunion that must have been!

He is survived by 2 daughters, Nadine Pierson and Joyce Bradam; 2 sisters, Oma Templeton and Zelda Gilbert; 3 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Dewey dedicated his life to Christ at an early age, joining Willis' Chapel Church. In 1938 he became a charter member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Bellbrook, Ohio where he remained a faithful member until his death. He showed his love for God and practiced his religion in a quiet, humble manner while supporting the church with his prayers, presence and time. He was willing to lend a helping hand and go the extra mile for those in need. He would sincerely and openly accept people and see the good in them. His patience and cheerfulness has been an inspiration especially to the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We miss daddy so much. He has always been there for us and will really always be. Memories of his spontaneous smile and caring words of "I love you" uplift us on difficult days. His last words of counsel, "Now you be good girls" will always be our guide. We have been blessed having him as our dad. We will close with all our love and our usual parting words to him, "see you soon."

- Written by his daughters, Nadine Pierson and Joyce Bradam

**LILLIE KING BOGGS** was born June 13, 1914 and departed this life February 19, 1994.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Evertt Boggs.

She was a member of Blair Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

She is missed by her family and friends.

- Written by the family

**JAMES LEE BOOHER** was born December 15, 1905 in Chelsa, Oklahoma and died February 21, 1994 at his home.

He was the son of Charlie and Minnie Hamby Booher.

He is survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Claude (Shirley) Salyer, Mrs. Ruth Arnold and Mrs. Jack (Barbara) Morrison; 2 sons, James Phillip and Paul Lee Booher; 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He traveled and worked with his dad and brother, Oscar, all across the midwestern United States and old Mexico before moving to Scott County, Virginia in the early 1940's. He helped build Gardner's Chapel Church and had been a member since the early days in the old log church. This is where he said he found his pot-of-gold.

- Written by his daughter, Shirley Salyer

**LAURA MAE COOMER** was born at Blackwater, Virginia on December 1, 1902 and went to be with the Lord on January 21, 1993 after an extended illness.

On August 14, 1927 she and Marshall J. Coomer were united in marriage by Elder Hal Laster and they were blessed with three children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W. C. (Charlie) and Ara Fraley Fannon

and 5 brothers, Clyde, Dewey, Emmette D., James and Millard Fannon.

Surviving are her husband, Marshall; 1 daughter, Reba Faye Anderson; 2 sons, Clarence and Jack Coomer; 4 sisters, Ethel Hall, Flora Robinette, Mary Billings and Emily Ely; 3 brothers, Jack, Fred and Morris Fannon; 1 grandson, Davis Anderson; several nieces and nephews.

In young womanhood she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. In 1923, she along with several members of her family united with Valley View Primitive Baptist Church where she remained an active member as long as she was able to attend.

My mother and Aunt Mae had shared a hospital room for several days. I was the only one in the room with them at the time the angel band came to bear Aunt Mae away to her eternal home. I could not see the angels, but I could feel their presence so near. Such Holy Peace that filled the room and remained for several hours after she was gone. Aunt Mae was a combination Martha and Mary of the Bible. She delighted in cooking for the many ministers that pastored or held revivals over the years at Valley View. She also loved to attend services and feast on the "Holy Manna" from above. She was a devoted wife, mother, aunt and good neighbor. She is missed by her family, the church and friends, but she is now resting from her earthly toils and labors.

- Written by her niece, June Fannon

**ALLIE MYRTLE THACKER DERRICK** was born February 16, 1907 and departed this life February 24, 1994 at the age of 87 years and 8 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elijah E. Derrick; parents, John Allen and Virginia Barnett Thacker Jenkins; 1 sister, Vertie L. Jenkins; 5 half-brothers; 3 step-sisters and 2 step-brothers.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Dorothy Winegar; 1 granddaughter, 2 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson and 1 niece.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Jenkins Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. She often spoke of her faith in Christ and going to her heavenly home. There is a lonely place in our home and a great sadness in our hearts since her passing. We feel like she missed out on a lot by not being able to hear good. Her loneliness, sorrow and grief is over and she is peacefully at rest with Jesus. Sweetly sleep until we meet.

- Written by her daughter, Dorothy Winegar

**LONA E. DODSON** was born September 28, 1911 and departed this life June 24, 1994.

She was the daughter of the late Asa Barnard and Sarah Seal Barnard.

She was married to Harrison J. Dodson and they were blessed with 3 children, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

Her husband and 1 brother preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter, Bethel Ebert, 2 sons, Kyle H. and Douglas Dodson; 5 sisters, 1 brother; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Lona professed faith in Christ in her early life and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Swan Creek where her membership remained as long as she lived. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ - a true and faithful Christian.

We are sure she is resting with loved ones in the presence of her blessed Lord.

- Arranged for the family by Elder J. H. Sybert

**MATT FLEENOR** was born February 20, 1907 and departed this life August 26, 1994 at the age of 87 years and 6 months.

He was the son of the late Matt Fleenor and Isabell Wallen Fleenor.

Matt married Laura Eldridge on August 4, 1934 and they were blessed with 2 children, a daughter and a son.

His wife and son, Roy preceded him in death.

He is survived by his daughter, JoAnn Carter, 2 grandchildren, Carson Carter Jr. and Lasuela Carter; 2 great grandchildren and 4 sisters.

Matt professed faith in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Blackwater Lick around 1932. He later became a member of West View Primitive Baptist Church where he was one of the most loyal and faithful members as long as he was able to attend. He dearly loved the time and place to gather to worship the Lord. The preaching of the gospel and especially the singing of the old time songs of praise thrilled and filled him with joy and peace deep in his soul. In his months of affliction, many things were not clear in his memory, but he never forgot the goodness of God and the saving grace of the Lord Jesus. The family and church together mourn his departure, but we look forward to meeting him again where the precious promises of God will be fulfilled and will never fail.

- Written for the family by Elder J. H. Sybert

**ELDER GEORGE GIBSON** was born August 13, 1905 and departed this life September 19, 1994 at the age of 89 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Oma White Gibson; his parents, John and Ollie Miles Gibson; 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

George is survived by 1 daughter, Merle Hammons; 2 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Blanch Morris and Elsie Kirk; several nieces and nephews.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and was ordained into the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. He held revivals and was privileged to see many souls saved. He retired from the coal mines and belonged to different lodges. He was a life long resident of Lee County, VA and was a member at Fairview Church in

St. Charles, VA. He later joined Wallen's Creek Church where he was a blessing to the community. The daughter has lost a loving daddy, the grandchildren, a wonderful grandpa, but our loss is heaven's gain. He is resting from his labor.

- Written by church clerk, Vivian Seiber

**LEONARD GILLIAM** was born in 1909 and spent his life in Hancock County, Tennessee.

He and Sarah Belle Johnson were united in marriage in 1928. Times were extremely hard, but they prospered, depending solely on the land and the mighty Clinch River. There were no natural children, but a great number of people regarded them as a second mom and dad because their home soon was known to have an abundance of love and food on the table.

In midlife, he professed Jesus Christ as his Savior and he and Sarah walked untold miles to see the lost be saved. Their great delight was old time, spirit filled services.

Sickness overtook him and in 1993 death soon followed, but even in the funeral services his friends were testifying and praising the Lord.

Sarah is 94 years old, still keeping house and welcoming her friends to call or come by, and as in the former days, she will have something on the table in just a few minutes.

- Written for the family by Elder Frank Gilliam

**URAH E. HALE** was born in Lee County, West Virginia on April 3, 1904. She entered eternal life on August 2, 1994 at the Audubon Regional Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky being 90 years, 3 months and 29 days of age at her passing.

She was the daughter of the late Patrick and Melvina Goode.

Urah was married to Steve H. Hale who preceded her in death, along with one son, Steve Hale Jr.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Wilma Brady, Iva Lee Clark and Norma Faye Banks; 10 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren and a host of step grandchildren and other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

She was a member of Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church, a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

**ALEX HARMON HALL** was born May 16, 1915 and entered into eternal rest April 24, 1994 at the age of 78 years, 11 months and 21 days.

He was the son of the late George W. and Cora Owens Hall.

He married Bessie Marie Wallen on May 6, 1933 and they were blessed to be together nearly 61 years. 10 children were born to this union. Three sons preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie; 1 son, Steve; 6 daughters, Beatrice Camp, Dorothy Ramey, Kate Smith, Wanda Minor, Brenda Sue Wilt and Cathrine Jo Carson; 1 sister, Virdia Jesse; 10 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and 3 step great grandchildren.

He professed Christ in his early years and joined Sarepta Church in Blackwater, VA. In 1953 he moved to Ohio and joined Clear Springs Church, and in 1979 he moved to Bulls Gap, TN where he joined Hopewell Church and remained a faithful member until his health worsened.

He worked hard all his life to provide for his family. From farming and raising tobacco to working in a manufacturing plant, he fulfilled the needs of his family. The good Lord always helped him in all things. With no rest from the toils and sickness of this life he was ever so ready to meet Jesus. We miss him so much and we know we can't bring him back, but with hope and faith we will see him again one day for we have more to go to heaven for than we had yesterday.

- Written by his daughter, Kate Smith

**SARAH JANE SMITH HERRON** was born September 1, 1894 and departed this life October 12, 1993.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hiram Herron; 1 son; 3 sisters and 1 brother.

She is survived by 2 sons, Eckel and Quinton Herron; 2 daughters, Berthia Wilson and Leonia Hurd and 1 sister, Maude Johnson.

Professing faith in Christ at the age of 18, she joined Beech Hill Primitive Baptist Church where she remained a member until her death.

Sleep in peace until we meet again.

- Written by her sister, Maude Johnson

**FLORA MARIE HILL** was born into this life November 4, 1908 and went to be with the Lord on April 28, 1994 at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 24 days.

She was the daughter of the late Tennessee Anderson.

She was joined in marriage to the late Elder Ben Hill on July 10, 1931 and to this union were born 7 children.

Flora is survived by 4 sons, Roy Anderson, Kelly Jack, L. E. and Gaylord Hill; 3 daughters, Mrs. Emma Robinette, Mrs. Edith Darnell Sybert and Mrs. Geneva Glover; 35 grandchildren; 54 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

After professing a lively hope in Christ at Blackwater Union Church, she became a member of Willis' Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. Later in life, together with her husband, they joined Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Primitive Baptist Church where she

remained a faithful member until her death.

Heaven has never welcomed a sweeter mother. How we will miss your sweet smile, the laughter and words of your voice and the comfort of your arms around us. You taught us and everyone you met of another day where we will meet and never part again. Rest on, dear one, till the Lord calls us home where we will be together again.

- Written by children, grandchildren and friends

**MICHAEL CRAIG HILL**, infant son of Todd and Sandy Hill, was born on August 18, 1994 and departed from this world August 18, 1994.

Surviving are his parents; maternal grandparents, Sherman and Marcella Osborne; paternal grandparents, David and Jessie Hill and a host of family and friends.

This child put great joy in our hearts even before he was born. Our hearts are so sorrowful now, but God saw the need for Craig to come and be with Him. He will never suffer any pain and will always be with Jesus. A little child knows no sin for heaven is always his home.

- Written by Ada McPherson

**SCOTT A. HILTON** was born July 12, 1903 and departed this life August 28, 1994 at the age of 81 years and 1 month.

He was the son of the late Ennis Byrd and Lily Stapleton Hilton.

Scott is survived by his wife, Nataleen Carter Hilton; 2 sons, Gale and Bill Hilton, 1 daughter, Nancy Hamilton; 1 sister, Rosa Blair and 1 brother, Henry Hilton.

He was saved in August, 1984 during a revival at Blue Springs Church. He joined Blue Springs Church on August 26, 1984. He had a great testimony and witnessed to the many lost people that he met with. Brother Scott will be missed by his family and friends. He was a devoted member of our church. We have a great hope of seeing him again in that land that is eternal.

- Written by Brenda Horton, Clerk of Blue Springs Church

**GENEVA HURD** was born August 21, 1926 and departed this life May 27, 1994 at the age of 67 years, 9 months and 6 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Hurd; father, Haggan Miner; mother, Betty Willis; stepfather, Ezra Willis; 2 brothers, Glen Minor and Eugene Willis and 1 sister, Evelyn Lawson.

She is survived by 2 sons, Don and James Hurd; 5 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Carl Miner and Charles Willis; 1 sister, Virginia Winstead and several nieces and nephews.

She is sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written for the family by Sam Thomason

**LONNIE M. HURD** was born February 13, 1929 and was called to rest September 15, 1994 at the age of 65 years, 7 months and 2 days.

He was the son of the late Taylor Hurd and Roxie Smith Hurd.

Lonnie married Bonnie Wallen in February, 1951 and they were blessed with 4 children.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by 2 daughters, Barbara Carr and Sue Mullins; 2 sons, Michael and Lonnie (Greg) Hurd; 7 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 3 sisters; Ruby Bradley, Macie Price and Nettie Tankersley; 2 brothers, Henry and John Hurd; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Willis' Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. A few years ago, he became a member of West View Primitive Baptist Church where he remained a loyal, faithful and devoted member until the end of the journey of his life.

His presence will be missed by the family, community and by all of us in the church. As we all know, life on earth is a mixture of joy and sorrow, but we are thankful that the children of God have an eternal home of pure joy and peace. Death and sorrow will come no more and there shall be no parting there. We say sleep and rest, Lonnie, and on resurrection morning we all shall meet again.

- Written for the family by Elder J. H. Sybert

**ELMO BRADLEY JOHNSON** was born October 9, 1922 and departed this life May 5, 1994 at the age of 71 years, 6 months and 26 days. He lived his entire life in Blackwater, VA and was known as an old fashioned farmer, an occupation he dearly loved.

He was the son of D. F. Johnson and Ollie Livingston Johnson.

He married Nella Mae Osborne on January 25, 1944 and to this union were born 3 children.

Elmo was preceded in death by his parents; 1 brother, Lloyd and an infant sister, Gladys.

He is survived by his wife; 1 son, Carroll Johnson; 2 daughters, Norma Moore and Glenda Osborne; 4 grandchildren; 2 brothers, Logan and Francis Johnson; 1 nephew and 4 nieces.

Professing faith in Christ in 1941, he attended Osborne's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church faithfully until his health began to decline. He missed being able to go to church but he encouraged us to go. In telling us of his experience of being saved we could see God's love shining in his face. This memory is dear to us because it was hard for him to put feelings into words. He kept saying, "I'm going home," and was apologetic because he hated the thought of others having to do so much for him.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who showed by example the one true path to follow. His friends and neighbors knew they could depend on him for anything.

He will be greatly missed by all those he knew and loved and we're looking to that great reunion day because we know he's waiting just on the other side.

- Written by his daughters, Norma and Glenda

**LONA VIRGINIA JOHNSON** was born November 18, 1923 and departed this life August 27, 1994 at the age of 70.

She was the daughter of the late Richard and Sarah Evans.

She was preceded in death by 1 daughter, Delia Gibson; 3 sisters, Alice Jesse, Ethel Owens and Lillian Pridemore.

She is survived by her husband, Allen Johnson, Sr.; 1 son Allen Johnson, Jr.; 2 daughters, Lois Gibson and Argeline Johnson; 10 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 3 sisters. Rosa Lee Wells, Julie Price and Cleo Evans; 4 brothers, Don, Fred, Paul and Cecil Evans; several nieces and nephews.

She was saved at an early age and joined Riverside Primitive Baptist Church, where she was a member until her death.

- Written by Riverside Church Clerk, Viola Johnson

**MILLARD W. JOHNSON** was born January 5, 1920 and departed this life June 17, 1994 at the age of 74.

He was the son of Ellis, Sr. and Betty Johnson who preceded him in death along with his wife, Geneva Johnson and 1 son, Wayne Johnson.

He is survived by 2 sons, David and Dean Johnson; 1 daughter, Norma Jean Long; 8 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Franklin and Ellis Jr. Johnson; 3 sisters, Lena Ruth Mathis, Gladys Brewer and Ruby Jane Wilder; several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was saved at an early age and joined Riverside Primitive Baptist Church in 1933 where he remained a member until his death. The memory of all the things he did and said will keep our father close to us through all the days ahead. We will miss you very much but we know you are in God's hands now because you made it right with God before your death.

- Written by his children

**STELLA JOHNSON** was born January 11, 1907 and departed this life January 26, 1994 at the age of 87 years.

She was the daughter of Wallace and Martha McGuire Young.

She was married to John H. Abrams who preceded her in death. She then married Cassus Johnson, who also preceded her in death along with her parents, and 1 son, John Abrams, Jr.

She is survived by 5 sons, Leo, Luther and Burgess "Bud" Abrams and Darrell and Cassus Johnson; 3 daughters, Lona Mildred Harrison, Nell Jo Randall and Barbara Sue Merrill; 2 sisters, Anna Seals and Lona Abrams; 29 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

She was a member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Bellbrook, Ohio.

- Written by the family

**TIFFANY KATELYN JONES** was born February 4, 1991 and went to be with God on September 5, 1994.

She was the daughter of David and Tina Spivey Jones and granddaughter of Donnie and Janice Jones.

She was preceded in death by 1 brother, Tucker Jones and her great grandfather, Charlie B. Culbertson, a deacon at Willow Chapel Church.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, she is survived by her brother, Tyler, and great grandparents, Carl and Cleo Jones and Ruby Culbertson.

We thank God for the precious 3 years, 7 months and 1 day we had her. Tiffany was so beautiful and had a smile for everyone. Her memories will live on in our lives. She is so missed by us all. We know she is so happy and free of pain, also playing in God's promised land.

- Written by mamaw Janice

**TUCKER DEWEY JONES** was born September 9, 1989. God needed an angel in heaven so Tucker went to be with Him on January 5, 1993.

He was the son of David and Tina Spivey Jones and grandson of Donnie and Janice Jones.

He was preceded in death by his great grandfather, Charlie B. Culbertson, a deacon at Willow Chapel Church.

In addition to his parents and grandparents, he is survived by his twin brother, Tyler and sister, Tiffany Katelyn Jones; great grandparents, Ruby Culbertson and Cleo and Carl Jones.

We thank God for the precious 3 years, 3 months and 27 days we had him. He was such a blessing from heaven, and his memories will live on throughout all our lives. He is so sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him, but we know he is playing in God's promised land.

- Written by mamaw Janice

**SUSIE REBECCA JOYNER** was born in Blackwater, Virginia, and in her youth attended Burke's Union Church.

After her father's death, her mother, Isabelle, remarried and moved the family to Dan'l Boone, Virginia. Her life was not easy, but she always carried more than her part of the load. She was converted to Christ and lived her profession.

She worked at the Hob Nob Restaurant for many years, and after retiring, dedicated her life to her family. She made each grandchild feel special and no one could visit her without being invited to eat.

She became very sick and depended on others to care for her, largely, her oldest grandson, Thomas Gilliam. When death took her in October, 1993, we lost the person whom we loved, respected and had held our family together.

- Written respectfully for the family by a grandson, Frank Gilliam

**OTIS LAWSON** was born on May 19, 1919 and departed this life on September 27, 1994 at the age of 75.

He is survived by his wife, Pat; 2 children, David and Linda; 5 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He accepted the Lord when he was 17 and was a member and deacon at Mountain View Primitive Baptist Church.

He was a good father, husband, friend and neighbor and will be sorely missed. Our parting will be for a season, for we will be together again.

- Written by his daughter, Linda

**BESSIE MAE LIVINGSTON** was born June 12, 1897 and died April 10, 1994 at the age of 96 years, 9 months and 29 days.

She was the daughter of the late Emerson Gordon and Ellen Robinette Willis.

She was married to Echol Roy Livingston on June 24, 1925, and to this union were born 6 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband; 1 daughter, Lucille Allison Livingston; her parents; 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

She is survived by 1 son, George Livingston; 4 daughters, Carnelle Starnes, Aileen Livingston, Ruble McFall and Joanne Vierkandt; 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

A native of Blackwater, Virginia, she was a teacher in a number of Lee County public schools for 29 years.

She professed faith in Christ at Blackwater Lick Primitive Baptist Church in January, 1910 and was baptized in May, 1910. She was a faithful worker in Christ for more than

80 years and was instrumental in the organization and building of Livingston Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

She was greatly beloved by her family and the community. Her presence will be greatly missed, but we have the hope that we will see her in heaven.

- Written by the family

**ELMO "JACK" MAGGARD** was born December 18, 1921 and departed this life December 10, 1993 at the age of 71.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Maggard; 5 daughters, Marlene Eldridge, Teresa McKinney, Minnie Nichols, Maggie Hill and Faye Johnson; 3 sons, Michael and Cecil Maggard and Paul Nichols; 5 brothers, E. G., Jimmy, Jerry, Buddy and Wendell Maggard; 3 sisters, Juanita Caudill, Martha Lou Wescott and Judy Casin; 16 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He was saved when he was up in age and was a member of Riverside Baptist Church.

- Written for the family by Viola Johnson

**DELIA RUTH MILLER** was born February 25, 1909 and departed this life May 24, 1994.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel J. Miller; an infant daughter; a 5 year old son; her parents, Hascue and Lura Carroll Bowen; 2 brothers, Elder Corbett Bowen and Everett Bowen; 3 sisters, Lula Rose, Mattie Bowen and Elizabeth Tomlinson.

Surviving are 1 son, Gerald Miller; 2 stepdaughters, Lorene Courtney and Bernice Collier; 4 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Debbie Shortt; 1 brother, Floyd Bowen and several nieces and nephews.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and on November 6, 1927 she united with Peterson's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

She was in poor health for a number of years, but she is now free from her pain and suffering.

For many years she and her husband sang with various area quartets and were members of the Glory Gates Choir, but now they are singing in the heavenly choir.

- Written by a friend, June Fannon

**M. LESTER MOORE**, 84, died April 15, 1994.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella Bledsoe Moore in March, 1994; 2 sons, James Earl and Ralph Lee Moore; 4 sisters, Mittie Christian, Lettie Tomlinson, Ocia Fry and Garnia Vesta and 3 brothers, Ed, Woodrow and Claude Moore.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Jerri Roberts and Lois Ann Lawson; 7 grandchildren; 3

great grandchildren; 1 sister, Ann Burke; 1 brother, Elder Bryan Moore and several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Beech Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

- Written by the family

**MARY E. MOORE** was born March 30, 1905 and departed this life November 2, 1993 at the age of 88 years and 7 months.

She was the daughter of Elder W. H. and Louisa Joyner Burke.

She was married to Bryan Moore June 7, 1925 and they were blessed with 2 daughters, Georgia and Berneda.

She leaves behind her husband; 2 daughters; 4 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild and 1 sister, Nora Fisher.

She professed faith in Christ at a young age and first joined Burke's Union Church. Later she became a charter member of Fairview Church, Bellbrook, Ohio and finally she was a member of Roller's Chapel Church at the time of her death.

While Sister Mary has been in poor health for a number of years and Brother Bryan also has suffered many afflictions, their love, loyalty and devotion to each other has held them together through all the storms of life. As we grow older we look not at the things that are seen, but at those which are not seen. At the end of the way we believe the unseen hand will be visible and the unclouded day will be a reality. The sweet bye and bye of which we have sung so often, we will discover it to be the land where we never grow old, sorrow and sighing and pain and death shall flee away for the Lord has said, "Behold I make all things new." May God bless this family and keep us all in His love.

- Written for the family by Elder J. H. Sybert

**GEORGIA MAE FISHER OSBORNE** was born May 17, 1930 and went to be with the Lord on May 2, 1994 at the age of 63 years, 11 months and 15 days.

She was the daughter of Zella and Floyd Fisher. On December 21, 1951 she married Emmitte Osborne and they were blessed with two sons, Kenneth and Robert.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 1 sister, Pearl Fisher and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her husband and sons; 3 sisters, Emmer Jean Munsey, Bower McPherson and Bertie Lester; 5 grandchildren; 2 aunts; 1 uncle; many cousins and countless friends.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Burke's Union Church. She later moved her membership to Osborne's Chapel where she remained a faithful member until death. She was secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School and taught Sunday School class for several years.

She was a loving wife and mother first and a homemaker. She worked as a seamstress for 16 years and was an active member of the Blackwater Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary as long as her health permitted. She suffered much pain and heartaches in her last 2 years with us but she often told us it was God's will and she didn't question why. She often told us she was ready to go home to be with God where she wouldn't have pain and where she could talk and walk as she would like. She will be sadly missed by family and friends but she is at rest now. Someday we will join her where hearts will never be broken and tears are never shed.

**JAMES RUSSELL OSBORNE** was born July 25, 1914 and departed this life December 14, 1993 at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 19 days after a long illness.

Russell was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia; parents, J. Floyd and Della Russell Osborne.

Surviving are a foster brother, Earl Johnson; 1 aunt; 2 uncles and a number of cousins.

He was a lifelong resident of the Blackwater community and was a retired farmer. He accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and by his testimony to relatives and friends we believe he has gone to a place where troubles and heartaches are unknown.

Because of his quiet ways and manner he was a good citizen, friend and neighbor and he will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

**DOROTHY HELEN PAYNE** was born January 4, 1921 and departed this life March 6, 1994.

She was the daughter of Henry and Bessie Daulton.

Helen married Hubert Payne on March 2, 1939 and they were blessed with 4 children.

She is survived by her husband; 1 daughter, Linda Gaye Grizzle; 3 sons, Howard Ray, Jerry Lee and Hubert Payne, Jr.; 9 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 2 sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Helen was a much loved member of Blair Chapel Church. She was a shining example to everyone of what a Christian with a Christian love to show was about. Through battles of sickness she fought with strong faith and Christian patience. Helen enjoyed her salvation to the fullest and was a blessing to the church.

Helen is greatly missed by family and friends, but we know she is at rest with our Lord till we meet again.

**PEARL SARGENT PETERS** was born January 4, 1904 and passed away November 23, 1993 at the age of 89. She was born in Sneedville, TN and moved to Big Stone Gap, VA more than 80 years ago.

She was the daughter of the late Richard and Elizabeth Sargent.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Joe M. Peters; 1 brother, Broten Sargent; 3 sisters, Nina Hill, Elsie Sargent and Nola M. Sargent.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Thelma Jean McCrory; 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

She became a Christian at the early age of 16 and enjoyed sharing her faith with others. She was an active member of Cadet Primitive Baptist Church until the last few years of her life, due to declining health.

She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

- Written by her daughter, Thelma McCrory

**LOUISE ARNOLD PHILLIPS** was born May 4, 1903 and departed this life on May 6, 1994 after a long illness.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Evan Spencer Phillips and 2 daughters, Erma Mae Phillips and Georgia Whittmore.

She is survived by 8 children; 1 sister, Kate Stapleton; 17 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She joined Ida Primitive Baptist Church at an early age and later moved her membership to Walnut Chapel Primitive Baptist Church where she attended faithfully as long as her health permitted.

She is greatly missed by her family and many friends. Sleep on mamaw for we believe there is another meeting place where no pain, sorrow, nor death can enter. Our prayers are that we shall all be ready for that great reunion day. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by her grandson, Doug Phillips

**JEAN WYNN POTEET**, age 70, passed away May 5, 1994 at Lee County Community Hospital, Pennington Gap, VA.

She was preceded in death by 1 son, Darrell Ray.

She is survived by her husband, Frank J. Poteet; 1 son, Douglas; 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; 2 sisters and 3 brothers and lots of friends and neighbors who will miss her.

She told that she was at peace with God and ready to go whenever He called. She is at rest now.

She lived in the Pondview Primitive Baptist Church area for at least 50 years.

- Written by Ruth Orr Moses

**NORA CAUDILL RHOTON** was born January 25, 1909 at Eolia, KY and departed this life November 18, 1993 at Lonesome Pine Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isom and Sylvania Sturgill Caudill and her husband, Joseph M. "Doc" Rhoton.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Ruby Williams; 4 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

She was a member of Little Dove Primitive Baptist Church. She lived away from Eolia for many years, but we are looking forward to living with her and other saved people forever.

- Written for the family by Elder Carl Lawson

**CECIL GLEN ROBINETTE** was born March 5, 1910 on Wallen's Creek in Lee County, VA and went to be with the Lord February 27, 1994 at King's Daughter Hospital in Staunton, VA following a brief illness.

He was married to Flora Jane Fannon on June 22, 1934 and they were blessed with 2 children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Virgie Mae Stewart Robinette; 1 brother, Herbel E. Robinette and an infant sister, Emma.

Surviving are his wife, Flora; 1 daughter Mary Jane Selph; 1 son, Charles Glen Robinette; 4 grandchildren; 1 sister, Venus Fannon; several nieces and nephews.

In young manhood Cecil accepted Jesus Christ as Lord during a revival at Peterson's Chapel. He was baptized and joined the church on December 7, 1938 where his membership remained until he moved from this area. He became one of the pillars of Peterson's Chapel, serving as superintendent of Sunday School, Bible teacher and in 1940 was chosen as a deacon. He was a man of faith and was motivated by love just like the Bible teaches. He touched many lives and was always a friend to everyone. He helped those that were less fortunate than he, always trying to further the cause of Christ. He also attended Ayers' Chapel for a number of years.

He owned and operated Robinette Iron and Steel before retiring and moving to Staunton, VA in 1979. There he united with Fisherville Baptist Church. The world is a much better place because Cecil passed this way. The hope of heaven is much brighter because he and many loved ones are waiting over there. We know they are basking in the presence of our Savior. By the grace of God, we will meet them again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by his niece, June Fannon

**HELEN BREWER ROYSTON** was born April 10, 1911 and departed this life on March 15, 1994 at the age of 82.

She was the daughter of the late Morgan Brewer and Carrie Moore Brewer.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Jess Royston; 3 brothers, Ambrose, Little and Frank and 2 sisters, Daisy and Kittie.

Survivors are 1 daughter, Joyce Dodson; 2 granddaughters; 1 great grandson; 2 brothers, Rollie and Braxton Brewer and 4 sisters, Dorcus Greene, Oma Lamb, Ruth Saunders and Margaret Brewer.

Professing faith in Christ, she joined Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Always giving God the honor for His creations, Helen greeted every thing and every person with smiles and praise. Although she was often physically unable to attend fellowship services, throughout the years she exhibited overwhelming Christian compassion and concern for friends, relatives and community members. Her living room was her altar, and in her own quiet way she sat by her window and lovingly watched the world, while her tears and prayers flowed toward heaven. It is the spirit of this love for her fellowman that will be her legacy to us, the living.

- Written by her granddaughter, Danita Dodson

**LELA BISHOP SALLEY** was born June 4, 1907 and departed this life March 7, 1994 at the age of 86 years, 9 months and 3 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thelmer Salley and 1 grandson, Kevin Lynn Duncan.

She is survived by 1 son, Timothy Salley; 1 daughter, Jenell Duncan; 6 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and 1 sister, Frances Sykes.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of Walnut Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. She was a kind and loving person to everyone. Her Christian witness will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. We miss her here, but we know that one day we will be with her again in heaven.

- Written by her daughter

**GENEVA SHEPHERD** was born October 24, 1930 and departed this life July 25, 1994 at the age of 63 years, 9 months and 1 day.

She was the daughter of Essie Sturgill Boggs and the late Alonzo Boggs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Shepherd; 1 son, David Wayne Shepherd and 1 sister, Cleta Boggs.

Geneva is survived by 1 son, Charles E. Shepherd; 3 daughters, Eula Faye Webb, Carolyn Day and Teresa Gayle Collins; 1 stepdaughter, Kaye Dobb; 2 brothers, Kendall Ray and Castle Boggs; 1 sister, Meledia Ison; 9 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

**OLIVET P. SHORT** was born December 12, 1935 and departed this life November 6, 1993.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Purkey; 1 son Danny

Ray Short and 1 sister, Edith Singleton.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Otis Short; 2 daughters, Mrs. Roger (Janette) Trent and Mrs. Jack (Diane) Fleemon; 2 sons, Dallas and David Short; 2 granddaughters and 1 sister, Irene Herron.

She was saved at an early age and joined Slate Hill Church. She later joined elsewhere. She enjoyed going to church until her sudden death. She is very sadly missed by her family and friends, but we have the promise of meeting her in heaven when this life is over.

- Written by her family

**EDGAR BURLEY SLAGLE** was born June 21, 1929 in Pennington Gap, VA and died June 29, 1994 in Dayton, OH.

He was the eldest son of Elder Clarence E. and Ora Wallen Slagle who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Sue A. Craig Slagle; 1 son, Ernest E. Slagle; 4 daughters, Mrs. Randy (Teresa) Hodson, Mrs. Brad (Cathy) Fultz, Mrs. Larry (Kim) Nash and Mrs. Joe (Kelli) Fleckenstein; 9 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Reva Stewart and Mrs. Wendell (Norma) Bickett; 1 brother, Rev. Samuel Slagle; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

He joined Fairview Primitive Baptist Church at a young age and remained a member until his death. Rest on dear brother until our circle is completed on the other side.

- Written by his sister, Norma Bickett

**ROY SLAVEN** was born in Wayne County, KY on August 28, 1900 and entered eternal life March 22, 1994 at the age of 93 years, 6 months and 4 days.

He was the son of William Harvey and Betty Newe Slaven.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Artie Collins Slaven and his second wife, Nannie Whitt Slaven.

Roy is survived by 8 daughters, Melinda Osborne, Pam Adams, Faye Mayes, Mildred Rodgers, Romona Lee, Lillian Kelly, Lonnie Hensley and Addie Mae Flynn; 2 sons, David Shawn Slaven and Paul Miller; 1 sister, Ida Banks; 37 grandchildren; 60 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Roy was a member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Primitive Baptist Church.

**WILLIAM RAY (BILL) SLOAN** was born March 19, 1920 and departed this life May 7, 1994.

He was the son of the late Patton and Alice Watts Sloan, and was married to Callie Bell Horton and to this union was born five children.

His first wife, 1 daughter, 2 sisters and 3 brothers preceded him in death.

He is survived by his second wife, Laura Baker Ramey Sloan, whom he married July 29, 1989; 1 daughter, Donna White, 3 step-daughters, Cleo Akers, Sue Leonard and Nancy McMurray; 3 sons, Vernon, Carlon and Jerry Sloan; 3 step-sons, Billy, Dewey and Joe Ramey; 21 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Gertrude Miller, Lula Rhoton and Josie Carter; 1 brother, Claude Sloan; several nieces and nephews.

He professed faith in Christ in the early 1960's and joined Gardner's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church on August 27, 1989, where he remained a true and faithful member until his death.

He will be missed by his family and all his friends, but we look forward to meeting him again on heaven's bright shore.

-Written by his wife

**GENEVA G. SMITH** was born February 24, 1912 and departed this life December 13, 1994 at the age of 81 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Hugh Smith.

Geneva is survived by 2 daughters, Margie Baker and Grace Dowell; 2 sons, Ralph and Frank Smith; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Gardner's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. In her later years she attended other churches.

She always liked to go to singings and visit with sick people with our dad, who sang in quartets. She missed him but looked forward to being reunited with him in the land of no sorrow, sickness nor death. She was a dedicated and devoted mother and grandmother, always having the comforting love of a mother for us. We miss her dearly as our loss is heaven's gain, but we will always cherish her sweet memory. We know she is waiting our coming to meet her in our heavenly home.

- Written by the children

**ELDER JAMES FRED SMITH** was born April 24, 1911 and was called to his heavenly home March 2, 1994 at the age of 82 years, 10 months and 8 days.

He was married to Madge Presley on September 18, 1935 and they lived together in the bonds of Holy Matrimony more than 58 years.

Fred is survived by his wife; 1 daughter, Louise Smith; 2 sisters, Edna Williams and Carrie Crawford; 1 brother, Virgil H. Smith; several nieces and nephews.

He professed a lively hope in the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age. Some time later he joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Morrison's Temple. In his later years he became a member of West View Primitive Baptist Church where his membership remained until his death. Having already felt the divine call to the gospel ministry, he

was ordained to this work at Morrison's Temple on September 2, 1951. For more than 50 years he was ready and eager to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, whether in revivals to plead with unsaved folks to come to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus, or to feed and encourage the sheep of his pasture as he traveled far and near to serve as pastor when and where he was called to do so.

To his wife he was a loving husband, to his daughter, a devoted father and to the churches he was a faithful servant. In his ministry his desire was to know only Christ and Him crucified. His spiritual warfare has ended in victory and he finished his course in full assurance of faith.

With the family and the church, we his fellow ministers wait our call to enter the rest he has already attained.

- Written for the family by Elder J. H. Sybert

**CARMEL LEIGHTON STEVENS** was born September 29, 1917 and departed this life April 18, 1994.

He was the son of the late Charlie and Pearl Stevens.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Denton Stevens; 1 daughter, Joyceann Irvin; 1 son, Charles William Stevens; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Chestnut Flats Primitive Baptist Church where he remained a devoted and faithful member.

We realize God makes no mistakes and that all things work together for good to those who love and serve Him. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (II Cor. 5:1) that God has prepared for His children. Our weeping endures for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. He was truly a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

- Written by Bonnie Stevens and family

**DELORIS ANN DUFF SUTTON** was born December 11, 1955 and departed this life April 23, 1994 making her stay here 39 years and 4 months.

She is survived by her husband, Randy Sutton; 1 son, Randy Dewayne Sutton; parents, Cleo, Sr. and Mae Cornett Duff; 3 sisters, Lucy Ewing, Sandra Duff and Pat Tisdale; 2 brothers, Cleo Duff, Jr. and Kenneth Duff.

She joined Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church on August 22, 1976. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

-Written by her sister in Christ, Grace E. Cornett

**BONNIE JEANETTE FANNON SYBERT** was born April 2, 1920 in Lee County, VA and fell asleep to be carried to glory on December 5, 1993 after a life of 73 years, 8 months and 3 days.

She was the daughter of the late Perry L. and Attie Wallen Fannon.

She was married to Howard Sybert on April 28, 1945 and they were blessed with one daughter.

Three brothers, Roy, Ewing and Eugene Fannon and 3 sisters, Hazel Peters, Carrie Lawson and Grace Creech preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Elder Howard Sybert; 1 daughter, Mrs. John (Juanita) Wolfe; 2 grandsons; 2 sisters, Mrs. Nannie Raymond and Mrs. Edith Collier; 1 brother, Roe Fannon and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She trusted in the Lord for her soul's salvation in a revival held at Osborne's Chapel Church in February, 1937. She united with the church and was baptized in the spring with a group that were the first to be baptized by Elder J. H. Sybert. She was a faithful and loyal member at Osborne's Chapel for the remainder of her life. She supported her husband as he preached and pastored a number of churches in the Eastern District Association. In all capacities of life which God offered her, she did her best, and others were blessed as a result of it. The lessons of respect she learned from her parents stayed with her as she helped to care for them as long as they lived. A loving, faithful wife, caring mother, an encouraging grandmother, and a supportive aunt, her delight was in her home. Like the virtuous woman of Proverbs, she looked well to the ways of her household and ate not the bread of idleness.

Her wonderful sense of humor helped her laugh even in times of sickness. God granted her desire that she might go to her reward quietly and peacefully. Her journey here is complete and her spirit has returned to God. She is now one of that great company which sleep in Jesus that God will bring with Him to forever unite her eternal spirit with an incorruptible body which shall rise on that day.

- Written by her nephew, Burnice Sybert

**SARAH HAZEL WILSON TAYLOR** was born October 6, 1917 in Scott County, Virginia, and departed this life May 20, 1993.

She was the daughter of the late Davis and Blanche Wilson.

She married Emory (Pete) Taylor August 19, 1939.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 29, 1980. She was also preceded in death by her parents; 2 sons and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by 1 son, Scott Taylor; 1 brother, Kenneth Wilson and several nieces and nephews.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age, was baptized and joined Gardner's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until ill health prevented her from attending as she wished.

She was a loving and devoted mother, as well as a wonderful neighbor, who was willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. She is sadly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by her son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Geneva Taylor

**JOHN MILLARD VAUGHN** was born February 27, 1909 and departed this life on December 14, 1993.

On August 6, 1936 he married Nora Minton and they were blessed with 6 children.

His parents, John Wesley Vaughn and Mary Vaughn Spears, 5 brothers and 1 granddaughter preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Nora Vaughn; 3 daughters, Mary Ann Coleman, Frances Drennen and Barbara Sue Scott; 3 sons, Bradley, Robert and Johnny Vaughn; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 3 brothers, Eddie, Claude and Brad Vaughn; several nieces and nephews.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of UMWA for 57 years. After a profession of faith, he was baptized by Elder Fred Gilreath and in August, 1986 united with Peterson's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. Although he was in poor health for a number of years, his pain and suffering are over. He is resting from his labors and basking in the presence of his Lord.

- Written for the family by June Fannon

**BUENA T. YEARY**, age 96, of Jonesville, VA passed away November 24, 1994 at Lee County Community Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kemp Yeary and 1 son, Ray Yeary.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Mary Lynn Murrie; 6 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; many friends and neighbors.

We know she is at rest now and we will miss her. She went the last mile of the way driving, working in her yard and in her home enjoying each minute. She lived in the

Pondview Primitive Baptist Church area for more than 65 years.

- Written by Ruth Orr Moses

**ALVIE MULLINS YORK** was born in Letcher County, KY on December 22, 1907 and entered eternal life February 20, 1994 at her residence being 86 years, 1 month and 28 days of age at her passing.

She was the daughter of the late Johnnie and Rita Blair Boggs.

She was married to Oliver Mullins who preceded her in death in 1942 and later married Albert York who also preceded her in death in 1969. One son, Elmer Mullins also preceded her in death.

She is survived by 5 sons, Hillard Lovell, Carl Ray, Billy Eugene, James Vernon and Robert Dean Mullins; 2 daughters, Faye Olivene Caudill and Betty Sue Mullins; 3 half-sisters, Margie Sturgill, Mable Cook and Millie Frazier; 28 grandchildren; 49 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild and a host of other relatives and friends .

Alvie was a member of Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church for over 40 years. She was very sick for the last year of her life and she looked forward to going home to be with the Lord. We feel she just went from one garden to a more beautiful one. Anyone who knew her could see her love of growing beautiful flowers and vegetables. We miss you mom and love you.

- Written by the children and grandchildren

# HISTORICAL DATA

Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists organized 1835

YEAR	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	INTRODUCTORY SERMON
1835	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	Moses McGinnis
1836	Blackwater, TN	Daniel Howery	Moses McGinnis	James Gilbert
1837	War Creek	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1838	Gap Creek	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	Isaac Crisman
1839	Thompson Settlement	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1840	New Found	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1841	Greasy Rock	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1842	Little Sycamore	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1843	Deep Springs	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1844	Beens Creek	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1845	Richardson's Creek	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1846	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1847	Zion	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists organized 1848				
1848	Blackwater Lick	Isaac Crisman	John Hurst	Mark Hurst

1849	Blackwater, TN			William White
There are no records available from 1850 - 1880. It is known no annual meetings were held during the Civil War, (1861-1865?)				
1881	Blackwater, TN	I. S. Robinette	William Henry	I. S. Robinette
1882	Sulphur Springs	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	S. R. T. Robinette
1883	Hopewell	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	I. S. Robinette
1884	Swan Creek	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	J. P. Peters
1885	Zion	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	I. S. Robinette
1886	Piney Grove	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	E. D. Bowen
1887	Walnut Grove	George Edens	A. T. Bowen	E. S. McPherson
1888	Blackwater Lick	George Edens	A. T. Bowen	George Edens
1889	Hopewell	E. D. Bowen	John Walker	E. D. Bowen
1890	Enterprise	E. D. Bowen	William Henry	George Edens
1891	Swan Creek	George Edens	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Peters
1892	Beech Hill	J. P. Peters	William Henry	Alfred Wallen
1893	Sulphur Springs	George Edens	E. S. McPherson	John Dean
1894	Blackwater, TN	George Edens	William Henry	E. S. McPherson
1895	Blackwater Lick	Alfred Wallen	A. Y. Willis	J. P. Peters
1896	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	William Henry	J. B. Wallen
1897	Flat Rock	E. S. McPherson	John Walker	E. A. Robinette

Two associations formed, divided by Virginia-Tennessee state line, in 1898

Eastern District in Virginia; Southwestern District in Tennessee

1898	Bloomer's Chapel - ED	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Pierson	John Dean
1898	Hopewell - SWD	John Dean	G. W. Johnson	Alfred Wallen
1899	Natural Tunnel - ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	M. F. Robinette
1899	Long Hollow - SWD	William Henry	A. Y. Willis	J. B. Wallen
1900	Dry Creek - ED	E. S. McPherson	G. W. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1900	Blackwater, TN - SWD	John Dean	A. Y. Willis	John Dean
1901	Sloantown - ED	E. S. McPherson	G. W. Johnson	T. H. Franklin
1901	Pilgrim's Rest - SWD	John Dean	Ezekiel Barker	Johnny Johnson
1902	Zion - ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1902	Sulphur Springs - SWD	Alfred Wallen	M. H. Johnson	William Henry
1903	Osborne's Chapel - ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1903	Swan Creek - SWD	John Dean	Ezekiel Barker	Ezekiel Barker
1904	Enterprise - ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. A. Robinette
1904	Hopewell - SWD	Ezekiel Barker	Nicholas Alder	Alfred Wallen
1905	Flat Rock - ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1905	Blackwater, TN - SWD	H. R. Fields	J. M. Brotherton	H. R. Fields
The two associations united again in 1906				
1906	Natural Tunnel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette
1907	Mountain View	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette

1908	Blackwater Lick	E. S. McPherson	Nicholas Alder	J. P. Peters
1909	Riverside	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1910	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1911	Zion	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1912	Osborne's Chapel	E. S. McPherson	Amos Osborne	J. P. Peters
1913	Ayers' Chapel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1914	Copper Creek	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington	E. A. Robinette
1915	Ida	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1916	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1917	Hopewell	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1918	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	C. M. Fuller
1919	Mountain View	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1920	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1921	Blackwater, TN	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	F. M. Long
1922	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne Hampton Osborne, Ass't.	A. N. Joyner

1923	Jenkins' Chapel	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne Hampton Osborne, Ass't.	C. M. Fuller
1924	Hopewell	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne	H. S. Laster
1925	Valley View	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1926	Big Cut	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	E. A. Robinette
1927	Hurricane Gap	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	A. N. Joyner
1928	Robinette Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. Barker
1929	Burke's Union	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. A. Robinette
1930	Jenkins' Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd Maudie May Brotherton, Ass't.	F. T. Carroll
1931	Little Cowan	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	E. A. Robinette
1932	Osborne's Chapel	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	F. T. Carroll
1933	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette F. J. Johnson, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	Pleas Jenkins
1934	Cox's Chapel	E. A. Robinette W. H. Burke, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	F. J. Johnson
1935	Cadet	E. A. Robinette B. L. Lawson, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	T. R. Carter
1936	Pleasant View	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	F. T. Carroll

1937	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson
1938	Little Dove	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	E. A. Robinette
1939	Spires Chapel	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	F. J. Johnson
1940	Peterson's Chapel	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	F. M. Phipps
1941	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1942	Fairview (OH)	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1943	Big Cut	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	L. R. Hensley
1944	Fairview (VA)	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1945	Alvis Chapel	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	Claude Taylor
1946	Willis' Chapel	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson
1947	Hopewell	T. R. Carter	H. G. Busic	J. H. Sybert
1948	Ida	T. R. Carter J. H. Sybert	H. G. Busic	Joe Hickman
1949	Gardner's Chapel	T. R. Carter J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Frank Brown
1950	Gilliam Chapel	T. R. Carter J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Dana Crawford
1951	Belcher's Chapel	T. R. Carter	G. D. Smith	J. H. Sybert

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1952	Willis' Chapel	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	C. C. Johnson
1953	Swan Creek	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Clifford Williams
1954	Blair Chapel	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Basil Freeman
1955	Fairview (OH)	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Alex Willis
1956	Valley View	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	R. T. Carter
1957	Marion Robinette Memorial	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	C. C. Johnson
1958	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. L. Hill
1959	Peterson's Chapel	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Gardner
1960	Swan Creek	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Basil Freeman
1961	Roller's Chapel	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Alex Willis
1962	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	R. T. Carter
1963	Beech Grove	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. L. Hill
1964	Mountain View	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1965	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Alex Willis
1966	Fairview (OH)	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1967	Marion Robinette Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Basil Freeman
1968	Cadet	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Fremon Thacker
1969	Roller's Chapel	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Peters
1970	Poplar Grove	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall

1971	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1972	Richardson Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bert Banks
1973	Liberty Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1974	Clear Springs	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Ben Hill
1975	Irondale	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1976	West View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1977	Chestnut Flats	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1978	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Walter C. Willis
1979	Mountain View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1980	Swan Creek	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bobby Williams
1981	House Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1982	Jenkins' Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1983	Caney Creek	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Darrell Ratliff
1984	Slate Hill	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Henry Wheeler
1985	Long Hollow	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1986	Edwin Holbrook Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Oscar Irvin
1987	Oak Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Lucian Lane
1988	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Allen Hensley
1989	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Eckel Head
1990	Blackwater Lick	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Carl Lawson

1991	Burke's Union	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1992	Clear Springs	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Terry Sizemore
1993	West View	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	J. H. Sybert
1994	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin