

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 3, 1996

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 144th annual session with Wallen's Creek Church, Duffield, Virginia.

In November, 1941, Elders George Gibson and Hagan Gibson felt a need for a revival. They stopped at the top of Wallen's Ridge and prayed for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. As they drove down the creek road, they saw a log building known as Banners Chapel Church where Wallen's Creek Church now stands. The building was full of tobacco and they learned that it was owned by Charlie Fannon. When they asked if they could use it for a revival, the tobacco was moved out and they were blessed with 4 wonderful weeks of revival, where several souls were saved. They continued having services there until the building was no longer available. They moved to an unused store building belonging to E. R. Livingston, where they decided to organize and build Livingston Chapel Church. They lettered into the association for the first time in 1944 with pastor, Elder George Gibson; clerk, Sister Verna Million and delegates, Brother Jake Lambert and Floyd Burke. We continued at this location until the building was destroyed by fire on Saturday night, January 7, 1984.

Sister Clara Fannon donated the land where the present church now stands. The name was changed to Wallen's Creek at this time. The creek and ridge received their name from the Wallen family. We have been blessed through the years by having many members of this family as members of the church and sister churches where they served as deacons, clerks and laymembers. We started building our church in the spring of 1984. We cried, laughed and labored together to do the work of the Lord. By July we met in the church yard for prayer meetings, and in August we had our union meeting in the partially completed church. We had sub flooring, no windows or doors, our lighting came from a string of lights connected to the service pole, but the Lord blessed us with a wonderful union meeting. The church was dedicated November 3, 1985. A deacon from Davis Chapel Church, Brother Pete Marcum, prayed the dedication prayer and Elders Bryan Moore and Gale Derrick preached the dedication sermon using a portion of the 17th verse of Genesis 28 as a text, "This is none other but the house of God." The Lord has truly blessed our church over the years. We thank Him for our current pastors, Elders Richard Seiber and George Mendenhall. We pray that He will continue to be with us in all our endeavors and that we will stand firm in the truths of His Word that He may receive all the glory and honor.

As the morning fog lifted, so did the spirits of God's children. He so wonderfully blessed His people as they gathered for the 144th annual session of the association. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in several songs of praise as the people gathered inside the tent. It won't be very long until we'll stand with the heavenly host just inside the eastern gate. In the sweet bye and bye we can offer our tribute of praise as we reach that beautiful far away strand of Canaan where the soul of man never dies.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to the association and asked them

to obey the Holy Spirit. He led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace" just before we were blessed with some wonderful songs from the Wallen's Creek Church singers. Just over in the glory land where we'll never grow old, that is where we all want to go.

Elder Sizemore called the association's attention to the fact that the Lord called one of our preaching brethren, Elder Bryan Moore, home during the year. He also mentioned that another minister that had been associated with this association for many years, Elder Rex Winstead, had also passed away this year. Prayer requests were made for the unsaved and the sick, Elder Sizemore's brother, Elders Hobart Hall and Lucian Lane, Elder A.D. Howington's wife, Brote Smith's wife, Elder John Turner's son-in-law, Arthur Brown's sisters, Jim Burke, Sister Doris Burke's mother, and a host of other requests signified by uplifted hands. We were led to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer by Elder Bob Brown.

Elder Sizemore appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises which includes: Paul Wallen (chairman), Myrel Brown and Morris Giles.

Elder Richard Seiber, pastor of the host church, came forward to welcome everyone to Wallen's Creek and to thank them for coming. He also thanked the family of Brother Burley Elkins for the donation of the flowers in his memory. Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Seiber read from Ephesians 4:1-16 and used as a thought "What great things God has provided us on our journey here." Christ paid the sin debt for all of us when he died on the cross, but it didn't end there. He ascended up into glory where He is sitting at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us. When we do what the Lord has instructed, He is pleased with us. He gives us the tools and the ability to do that which He asked us to do and in so doing, we might grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Elder George Mendenhall was selected to preach the alternate sermon, but was unable to attend because of sickness. Elder Eckel Head followed with another inspiring message from God. We must accept the things of God to claim Him as our Savior. Let us not be ashamed because our crowds are dwindling, but let us praise God for all He has done. We can't perform miracles as some of the apostles did, but we can ring the prayer bells of heaven. Salvation is the answer to everything that may come before us. We should not lie to our children and friends by telling them everything will be fine, when in reality, as they go out into the world they find that old Satan is laying in wait for them. We must encourage them to trust in God for all things and He will supply their every need. We must all follow the path He has supplied for us according to the calling He has placed us in. In our journey toward home, we meet many Christian saints along the way, but we never see anyone coming back. We are all headed home, working and laboring together to do that which the Lord would have us to do. Let us pray that God would send us more laborers for the field. Blessed be the name of Jesus! These men preached heaven down and we thank God for them.

Elder John Henry Sybert came forward to lead the congregation in singing the song that has become our standard, "Brethren We Have Met Again."

Adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon, October 3, 1996

After a bountiful lunch served by the host church, the congregation came together with singing led by Sister Zula McCullough and Brother Charlie Johnson. His matchless love is uncomprehendable, but joy unspeakable and full of glory will draw us nearer to the cross. He whispers sweet peace to us in a voice that dispels all fear. We can't understand the depths of His love, for the half has never yet been told, but when we reach the other side we'll understand it all.

Elder Sizemore thanked the host church for the wonderful lunch and welcomed everyone back. He also announced several revivals that are in progress or will begin soon. These include: Ayers Chapel, now in progress, Garden of Hope, October 13th, and Blair Chapel, October 14th.

The Committee on Religious Exercises now reports.

Stand tonight: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields and Bob Brown.

Roller's Chapel: John Bowlin and John Turner.

Liberty Chapel: Oscar Irvin, Kenneth Mitchell and Roger VanHoose.

Stand, Friday morning, October 4, 1996: Oscar Irvin and John Arnott.

Church: Roger Trent and Clarence New.

Sister Brenda Neeley thanked God for His mercy and for all He has done for her and for the privilege of being able to attend the association.

Prayer requests were made for Elder Bobby Williams, Sister Lena Blair, Elder Henry Wheeler's wife, all those requests made earlier in the service and for the unsaved everywhere. Elder Bobby Carter took our petitions to the Lord.

Elder Sizemore asked all the ministers, including visiting ministers from other church affiliations, to please sign the minister's book.

Brother Hank Winegar, chairman of the committee on Church Letters, now reports 65 churches which they recommend accepting. The letters from Cox's Chapel, Pondview and Union Hill were not received. 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.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Elder Sizemore asked for nominations for a Moderator pro-tem to serve during the election of the association officials. Elder John Arnott was nominated. It was motioned, seconded and voted for him to serve during the election.

It was motioned, seconded and voted for Brother Danny Lawson to serve as clerk and treasurer.

It was motioned, seconded and voted for Elder Terry Sizemore to serve as moderator.

Elder Sizemore, speaking for himself and the clerk, thanked the delegation for their prayers and asked that they continue to pray for the association officials that they would do what the Lord would have them to.

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

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers - Hasco Jenkins (chairman), Silas Carroll, Frank Gilliam; Deacons - David Smith, Ralph Baker; Laymen - H. C. Johnson and Jack Osborne.

Committee on Finance: Bobby Carter (chairman), Carson Johnson and Fred Fletcher.

Committee on Obituaries: Oscar Irvin (chairman), David Jerrell and Aster Banks.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: J. H. Sybert (chairman), Gale Derrick, Roger Trent, Allen Hensley, John Arnott, Lewis Baker and Larry Miller.

The delegation was informed that several requests had been received to enlarge the print used in the minutes. After some discussion it was motioned, seconded and voted for the clerk to enlarge the print used for the ministers and clerks names, addresses and phone numbers. Since it is not possible for the clerk to know how much space this might take up in the minute, it was motioned, seconded and voted for the clerk to use his own discretion in formatting the minutes.

It was also brought to the attention of the delegation that the two ledgers used for the minutes of the association were full. The clerk requested guidance from the association as whether to obtain another ledger to continue this work, realizing that this would probably require the rental of another safe deposit box for storing the ledgers. It was motioned, seconded and voted for the clerk to purchase another ledger and rent another safe deposit box as needed.

Elder Oscar Irvin addressed the association to thank everyone for all their prayers and donations to help rebuild Peterson's Chapel Church after it was destroyed by fire earlier in the year. He also thanked the Presbyterian Church of Colonial Heights for all their contributions which will essentially put the church in the dry. Any other donations to help in the rebuilding of the church can be given to Sister June Fannon, clerk of the church. Elder A. D. Howington came forward and asked that we all remember the man who is accused of burning the church in our prayers.

Elder Sizemore announced that copies of the 12 volume set of minutes were

still available from Brother Scott Mellons (423) 357-8271.

Elder John H. Sybert came forward to speak to the delegation. He thanked God that he was able to sit back and enjoy the service after serving as moderator for so many years. It was especially good for him that the association was being held so close to where he grew up.

Brother Eugene Stuart thanked all of God's children for the kindness they had shown him during his recent hospital stay. He expressed his thanks for all those that called or came by to see him and especially God for his tender mercy and care.

Brother Hank Winegar called to the attention of the association the fact that Brother Steve Minton came to the service today to do his part on the letter committee, even though he was not physically able to do so. He had to leave shortly after this work was done. Let us remember him in our prayers that the Lord will give him a speedy recovery from his surgery.

With no other business, the delegation was adjourned with a song of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Adjourned until Friday morning, October 4, 1996.

Friday Morning, October 4, 1996

The morning sun warmed the cool air as God warmed the hearts of His children. The second day of the association began with songs of praise for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, led by Sister Zula McCullough. The unseen hand of God leads us through ways we cannot see for heaven holds all to us. While standing on the promises of God we can shout how great thou art. As we journey through this land we must call upon His holy name to proclaim Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Elder Terry Sizemore, moderator of the association, welcomed everyone back to the second day of this association. He encouraged each and every one to obey the Holy Spirit that His blessings be showered all around His people. Prayer requests were made for Elder Ron Bledsoe, Loren Parsons, Brother Marion, Bud Matthews, Stella Sybert's sister, all those for which prayer requests had been made earlier and most of all for the unsaved. Many uplifted hands signifying unspoken requests were made as Brother Roller Ferguson led us to the throne of grace. Let us continue to pray that many lost souls would be saved.

Brother Donnie Furches, who was attending the association for the first time, blessed us with some wonderful songs. There came a sound from heaven, as a mighty rushing wind that filled our hearts with gladness as Jesus blessed once again. The river that flows from deep within shall never run dry because there is a vast supply from our Lord.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

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

Brother Hank Winegar, chairman of the committee on Church Letters, reported that the letters from Pondview and Union Hill had been received. After giving the report, the committee recommended accepting these churches. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by these churches as part of the voting body.

Elder Hasco Jenkins, chairman of the committee on Newly Constituted Churches, reported that none had been received.

Elder John Arnott, having been chosen by the committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. He used as his thought the 23rd verse of the 6th chapter of Romans, "For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." We must increase our zeal for serving God if He is to restore the joy of our salvation. No man can separate us from the love of Jesus. His saving grace is the only real need we have. We must not underestimate the power of God today. Elder Oscar Irvin followed with another wonderful message from on high. The testimony in our lives must shine out to a lost and dying world that sinners might be saved. We must live our life according to the gospel or risk dying spiritually. Being a peculiar people is always better than going along with the things of this world. We must put off the things of this world and look to the God of heaven in spirit and truth. The Lord used these men in a miraculous way to bring the Word of God to us. Praise His wonderful name!

The morning service was adjourned for lunch with several songs as shouts of praise and tears of joy flooded the tent.

Friday Afternoon, October 4, 1996

After a delicious lunch served by the host church, the congregation gathered back into the tent with singing led by Sister Zula McCullough. The rock of ages will hide us in a firm foundation upheld by His gracious, omnipotent hand. We will not be denied that beautiful home far beyond the skies where His smile drives away all our sorrow. There is coming a day where all is peace and we'll look upon the face of the One that saved us by His grace. On that uncloudy day Heaven holds all to us, for we simply cling to the cross while waiting for that uncloudy day.

Elder Sizemore thanked the host church for the wonderful lunch they had served God's children. He announced that a revival would begin at Kingswood on October 7th and at Valley View on October 26th. He also informed the association about two of our younger preaching brethren, Elders Ronnie Barkley and Jerry Anderson, that had gone to be with the Lord since last year. Prayer requests were made for Elders Walter Willis and J. H. Hurst and for Billy Horne as well as all those made in the past, the unsaved and the unspoken requests signified by many uplifted hands. Elder John Turner took our petitions to the Lord with a most

humble prayer.

Elder Roger Trent and his wife Janette, the Belbrook singers and the Bowlin Family blessed us with wonderful testimonies and songs of praise to the Master. God is real in the hearts and lives of His children. Deliverance will come and we shall enter sweet Beulah land where our faith is going to end in sight. While we were saddened to learn of the passing of our dear brother, Chuck Davis, we take joy in knowing that He is at rest with our Savior. God will save those that come to Him relenting, while of their sins repenting. Elder Lucian Lane blessed the congregation with his wonderful testimony and song. He thanked everyone for their prayers and praised God for all He has done in his life, especially when He reached down His hand for him many years ago.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

The committee on Religious Exercises now reports:

Stand tonight: Hasco Jenkins, Eckel Head and James Jarnigan.

Liberty Chapel: Clarence New, Jerry Johnson and Delmas Harris.

Walnut Chapel: Terry Sizemore, Bob Brown, Fred Gilreath and Gordon Justice.

Roller's Chapel: Oscar Irvin and Roger VanHoose.

Stand, Saturday morning, October 5, 1996: John Henry Sybert, Terry Sizemore and Hobart Hall.

The moderator read the letter of thanks to the association from Sister Leanore Thacker Stevens. She thanked the association for all their prayers and help they had given to her late parents, Elder Fremon Thacker and Naomi Thacker during their illness.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that none had been received.

Elder Oscar Irvin, chairman of the Committee on Obituaries, reported that 61 had been received at this time. **He recommended that while you are preparing thank you notes, that you add the clerk to this list and send him the obituary that you would like printed in the minutes.** This will be a tremendous help to the clerk and will ensure that the obituary is not forgotten.

The committee on Finance reported \$4413.40 in receipts for the year.

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

Elder J. H. Sybert was chosen to read the circular letter. It was first printed in 1882 and again in 1897. The committee felt it would be good to print it again this year. While the original version was not signed by the authors, its message is to

everyone. We must strive for complete unity of the spirit among all of God's children. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

The moderator appointed 3 preaching brethren to prepare the circular letter for 1997. They are Elders John Bowlin, Eckel Head and Larry Miller.

Elder Sizemore appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 1997. The committee includes: Steve Minton (chairman), Billy Jack Johnson, Joe Robinette and Burnice Sybert (alternate).

The moderator made the delegation aware of the fact that 2 stoves and 1 refrigerator were purchased for use in the kitchen with the money that was received in a special offering last year. Elder Kenneth Mitchell asked the association to consider adding additional appliances that will help the host church in taking care of the association, such as another cooler.

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 clerk of the association. Elders Carl Lawson and Howard Sybert and Brothers Scott Mellons, Danny Lawson, Bobby Caudill, Delmer McPherson and Roger Smith will oversee the association electrical and speaker systems.

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

An offering \$1,048.33 was received to help with the purchase of items needed in the kitchen while God's amazing grace was poured out on His children. Sister Irene Harless came forward and blessed us with her beautiful song and testimony. As we fight the daily battles we must hold on a little longer for the best is yet to come.

There were a total of 11 churches that asked for the association next year. One of these withdrew before the announcement and two withdrew before the plea process leaving: Blue Springs (Hiltons), Clear Springs, House Chapel, Kingswood, Liberty Chapel, Long Hollow, Oak Grove and Riverside. During the plea process, 2 of these churches withdrew, leaving the vote between Blue Springs (Hiltons), Clear Springs, House Chapel, Kingswood, Oak Grove and Riverside. There was no clear majority for a single church, so another vote was done between the three churches receiving the most votes, which were Blue Springs (Hiltons), Kingswood and Riverside. The results were very close during this vote also, but Kingswood withdrew, leaving the vote between Blue Springs (Hiltons) and Riverside. By a clear majority, the delegation sent the association to Riverside, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning (October 2) before the first Saturday in October, 1997. Introductory - Elder Roger Trent; Alternate - Elder Terry Sizemore.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 5, 1996.

Saturday Morning, October 5, 1996

Beautiful sunshine was abundant during the final business session and memorial service. God's Holy Spirit warmed the hearts of His children as they gathered in the tent with songs of praise led by Sister Zula McCullough. It won't be very long till this short life shall end and Jesus shall descend and gather His children home. Many friends will welcome us in that beautiful home of the ransomed beside the crystal sea. We have a few more days to labor and wait, but farther along we'll understand it. On a hill far away stands an old rugged cross that we must cling to and exchange it someday for a crown. The congregation wished Elder John Henry Sybert a happy birthday by singing to him on his special day.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone back and thanked God for His blessings. This being our memorial service, we are saddened by the loss of our loved ones, but we rejoice in the Lord for having known them and the assurance that they are at rest with Him.

Sister Kester from Illinois blessed us with her testimony and song. The trials of this life will soon be over and we'll be in the presence of the Lord. Elder Bob and Sister Eileen Brown reminded us that every hope we have in this old sinful world is in the blood of the precious Lamb of God. Brother G. B. Linkous blessed us with his wonderful exhortation. Happy are we when we do the things of the Lord. The West View singers told of the glory that awaits all the great Christian soldiers when we reach that city on the hill.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, Jim Burke, many unspoken requests shown with uplifted hands and all those made in previous services. Elder John Bowlin led us to the throne of grace.

Sister Doris Burke urged everyone to lay off the old coat and put on the new coat of the Lord. When God supplies the new coat we don't have to worry about fit, because one size fits all.

Elder Richard Seiber, pastor of the host church, came forward to thank everyone for coming and to thank the community, local businesses, and the many individuals who have contributed so much to help this gathering of the association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises now reports.

Stand tonight: Henry Wheeler and Roger VanHoose.

Guthrie's Gap: Eckel Head and James Jarnigan.

Liberty Chapel: Hasco Jenkins and Eddie Malone.

Valley View: Bob Brown and A. D. Howington.

Walnut Chapel: John Arnott, Roger Trent, Clarence New, John Bowlin and Jason Robinette.

Stand, Sunday morning, October 6, 1996: Bob Brown, Wayne Morgan and Greg Hill.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the minutes of yesterday as read.

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

The names of those dear saints that have gone on to their reward were read by the moderator as part of the memorial service which has been carried on since 1956. The memories of these departed friends and loved ones will live on in our hearts until we can meet them again on heaven's bright shore.

Elder John Henry Sybert was chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises to take the first part of the service. He asked everyone to remember in prayer Stella's sister, Coy Johnson's daughter and Elders Bobby Williams and Odus Caudill. He led the congregation in singing an old hymn just before reading from Joshua 4:5-7. Joshua told every man to pick up a stone and these twelve stones will stand as a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. These stones, or markers, set there as that memorial served to help the children of Israel through all their trials and tribulations. The Lord has raised up many prophets and memorials through time, but none so great as His precious son, Jesus Christ. These departed loved ones have served as markers in our lives, that we might draw from them to help us through our trying times. The Savior never leaves us without help but He always provides a way whereby we can come to Him and receive help. These stones did not just appear, but the Lord placed each and every one of them in our lives to help us. Just as they were a stepping stone for us, they had stepping stones in their lives, too. Elder Terry Sizemore followed with another God sent message from on high. Jesus is that chief cornerstone that we must look to and depend on for our being. Whether you refer to this as a stone, a rock or a marker does not matter, but let us remember how precious they are in our lives. We must honor and preserve them at all costs. God is no different today than He was in the days of Cornelius, for He will honor us as He did them. He is with us through every battle, every trial, even unto the end. He gave us the greatest marker of all when He died on the cross and rose again on the third and appointed morning. We can never see these dear departed saints in this world again, but God made them markers in our lives and we must strive with everything within us to let Him use us as a marker in someone else's life. These saints have gone to be with the Lord and we must thank Him for allowing us our time with them. Brother Hobart Hall was to follow in the service but was not feeling well and had to leave. While we did not get to hear him preach today, he is indeed a wonderful marker in our lives today. Thanks be to God for all of these men. They

preached their hearts to us in this message sent from God above. Bless His holy name! Oh what a Savior is He!

The service was adjourned until Sunday morning, October 6, 1996 with several songs as His children basked in His wonderful love.

Sunday Morning, October 6, 1996

God's children gathered for the last service in the cool brisk air, still rejoicing from the blessings of the Lord. God truly smiled on His children during this association. We're sad to see the association come to a close, but we rejoice in the many blessings of the Lord.

Elder Richard Seiber, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to today's service. Elder Bob Brown led the congregation in singing several songs in honor and praise to our Lord. He will strengthen thee and cause thee to stand and fill our way with love. One day soon He will lift us up above the shadows to stand on the mountain tops of glory to dwell in Beulah land. Let us walk blessed Lord in the way thou hast gone while we proclaim glory to His name.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, Elder George Mendenhall, all the previous requests and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother Burnice Sybert lead us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

We were further blessed with special singing from the Copper Creek Church singers, Elder Bob and Sister Eileen Brown, Sisters Priscilla Irvin, Aubra Hill and Brenda Head. When we are shackled by the heaviest of burdens, He will touch us and make us whole. It is because He lives that we can face tomorrow. We have done nothing to deserve His love that defies all understanding. The blood of Christ will withstand all the storms of life. It does indeed get better farther on, and we must thank the Lord for His blessings on us. An offering of \$310 was taken up for Elder George Mendenhall, while sister Doris Burke led the congregation in song and rejoicing that He is God of the mountain as well as God of the valley.

The Committee on Religious Exercises chose Elders Bob Brown, Wayne Morgan and Greg Hill to take part in the service today. Elder Brown took the first part of the service followed by Elders Morgan and Hill. He read from St. John 3:14-18 for his thought. He urged everyone to lay aside everything that might hinder the Holy Spirit. While this old body is earthly and filled with sin, the saved of God is spiritual and heaven bound. He that knew no sin was made sin for us and He will stand with us before God. Christ won't turn anyone away that comes to Him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Jesus willingly gave his life that we might have eternal life. As we walk through the valley that is filled with troubles and trials, we don't have to fear because He walks with us each step of the way.

The service was adjourned until next year with a song and fellowship among His people. The testimonies of His children telling of the wonderful things God has done for them will strengthen us in the days to come. Only the blood of Jesus

can wash away our sins and make us whole.

While we must leave this wonderful place and go our separate ways, we rejoice in the many wonderful blessings of the Lord over the past few days. There are heavenly places here on this earth where the Lord truly blesses His people when they come in one mind and one accord to worship Him in truth and spirit. I know of nothing any where that can even come close to what we have been a part of here at Wallen's Creek. Miracles do happen when Jesus is in the arrangements, and while we did not see anyone come to know the Lord in the free pardon of sin at the association, I firmly believe that the Lord is working on some that will be saved later. I appreciate the love you all have shown throughout this blessed event. May we continue to pray for one another and help each other along this way. Remember we are the body of Christ, and when one hurts we all hurt. I wish I knew how to put the wonderful spirit that has been among us in these few words. I cannot express my true feelings of love for this group of God's people that He has blessed me to be a part of. I love and appreciate each and every one of you from the depths of my heart. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless here at Wallen's Creek and among all our other churches as well. Until we meet again, may the good Lord bless and keep each one of you.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Since God has blessed us, and we are once more permitted to assemble ourselves, and having met in peace, manifesting one mind in striving for a unity of the spirit as taught in the scriptures, it seems good that we send forth this epistle to all who have obtained like precious faith with us, so that they may be edified with us. The Apostle Paul foretold that which we witness would come to pass, that men would arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them. We therefore testify to you, brethren, that the precepts and examples of Christ are the only obligations resting obligatory upon God's children. Anything taught by men, not found upon record, is the product of men and is not of faith but is presumption. Then let us cleave to the Word of God in doctrine, discipline and ordinances, and beware of the customs and traditions of men which will lead us astray.

We are aware of the fact that among those who are called Primitive Baptist, there are grievous errors, which things ought not to be. There are those who hold what is called the "two seed" doctrine, the Calvinist or the Limited Atonement Doctrine. There are those also who reject the practice of feet washing, and there are those who have, in practice, departed from the congregational principles, and by rules of their own devising, they declare non-fellowship with others in the association. Now we admonish all to beware of these things, have nothing to do with men-made rules, discipline, nor their doctrine; the Word of God is a thorough furnishing to the man of God. On doctrine, the scriptures teach that God so loved the world that He sent His Son that the world through Him might be saved. God commands all men everywhere to repent. Paul declares that there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave

Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. Jesus declares He came to "save the world." John 12:47. The theory of Calvinists that claim if Jesus died for all, all will be saved, is a result of their own construction of the scriptures. We are in possession of the confession of Primitive Baptist of the first part of the 16th century, which opposes the Calvin theory in the following language: "We don't believe God created the great mass of men to destruction. Nor do we believe that God left a part of Adam's posterity in a fallen state, without help to escape the condemnation in which they are involved through the disobedience of Adam, far be it from us to have such ideas of the most merciful God who hates nothing of all his works."

We are aware of the fact that the Limited Atonement theory exists among other Baptist people, which seems very inconsistent with the invention of the Board System to propagate the Gospel. We are in possession of the history of the introduction of Calvinism among Baptist before the division on the Board System, which system seems to be the extreme opposite gendered by Calvinism. Calvinism inclines men to presume on the providence of God without using the means of grace. The Board System, invented in England in 1792, which reached America about 1830 and swept over this country, causing divisions, appears to expect God to recognize their institutions and bless them. But Jesus says, beware of the tradition of the elders, who through their traditions transgress the commandments of God.

Amidst all these errors we are commanded to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, which faith we show by our works in refusing to fellowship the things God says not to fellowship, and trust the grace of God for all good by yielding ourselves to His will, in His will, in His divinely appointed means.

We admonish all those who have the Spirit of Christ to cease from the commands of men, and to cleave to the Word of God, in deed and in truth. As was set forth in our Minutes of 1881, we admonish the brethren to administer to the humble, self-denying minister, who may need their assistance, but beware of the hireling who cares not for the flock. We learn in God's Word that the minister is made overseer by the Holy Ghost. The evidence of the divine call to the ministry is true piety, joined with sound doctrine, going forth preaching the Gospel freely, not making themselves chargeable to the churches. It certainly does not set forth the spirit of Christ to contract to preach so much for such an amount. There is no Bible example for such action. Let every true servant of God go forth trusting in God as he is commanded, let every true disciple be ever ready to distribute to the necessities of the poor saints, and supply the necessities of the minister of Christ, who give Bible evidence of their worthiness. But beware of that character who would make merchandise of you. There are in China those who refused to stand in connection with the Board System, who prefer to preach the Gospel freely and trust God for all He has promised, and they testify that their needs are supplied. Then we see the Gospel rule is a safe and practicable rule, and needs none of the inventions of men to propagate or sustain it. And none but those who have the faith of Christ can obey the holy law. Then certainly it is true that "straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to Heaven."

Then brethren, strive to enter in at the straight gate. Let none of the doctrines,

customs, or traditions of men turn you aside from following Jesus, but search for the good old paths, follow the footsteps of Jesus, "walk in the light as He is in the light," then we will have fellowship with one another.

Brethren of the various churches, obey the Gospel discipline strictly and God will perpetuate your fellowship, and peace and love will abound. If you give way to the flesh, your light will grow dim; your love will wax cold; your fellowship will, at best, be but formal. Then we counsel all to obey Jesus for their own good and the good of others and for the glory of God. Brethren, draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to us. He will give us wisdom that our adversaries cannot resist. He will manifest Himself to us as He does not to the world. Brethren, give no offense; contend for the faith in the spirit of Christ; have no contentions of a sectarian nature; seek not to build up a denomination; seek not to proselyte; but seek to obey God, and trust Him to add to your fellowship. Pray God to send forth laborers into the vineyard. Trust God for all good in the use of the means He has appointed. Fear God and keep His commandments is the whole duty of man.

Brethren, examine yourselves to see if you be in the faith. The time is short until we all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ where everyone shall receive an impartial sentence, and only they who by patient continuing in well doing shall be saved, while those who refuse to obey the reproofs of the Divine Spirit of God, and live after the flesh, shall be finally condemned to the punishment due their sins. Then brethren, live soberly, righteously and Godly in this world. Be diligent in every good work that you be a light to the world. Then, in truth, you will as the bride say to the sinners around you, "Come, come to Jesus; come away from death eternal."

Brethren, let the spirit of Christ dwell within you richly; let your words be seasoned with grace. With these admonitions and with a brief reference to the errors with which we are continually coming in contact, we close this our letter, and bid you all farewell till we meet again.

Your Committee,

Elder J. H. Sybert
Elder Bobby Williams
Elder Odus Caudill

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

For 144 years God's people have been coming together in one mind and one accord to worship Him, and for every one of those meetings He has so wonderfully blessed His people. From the depths of our heart we thank Him for His blessings, not only during this gathering, but throughout the year as well. Words cannot express our true feelings for the Father of all creation. The people here at Wallen's Creek know of His greatness as He has truly blessed them here in all their efforts as they host this great association. He requires no payment for His tender mercy and love, except that we honor and obey Him. Troubles and trials have no doubt been experienced here at Wallen's Creek while preparing for this meeting, but the blessings of the Lord exceed any hardships that may have

been endured. Many friendships and acquaintances have been rekindled, but let us forsake not to thank the One that made it all possible, Jesus Christ our Savior. The privilege of gathering together once again is not to be taken lightly. Let us praise the name of the Lord in every breath we take. We thank Wallen's Creek Church and the surrounding community from the bottom of our heart for all their hard work that went into making our stay here with them more enjoyable. May God continue to bless them in the years to come.

Sixty four churches contributed a total of \$5,200 to help their sister church in the care of the association. Wallen's Creek greatly appreciates this help and we thank God for these people who joined together to do the Lord's work. We pray the Lord would bless all the individuals who have quietly labored and given of themselves or made donations in one form or another. The labors of fellow Christians eases the burden placed on the individuals of the church. The Lord provides us many opportunities to do something for Him. Thank God for those that will step out and do something that He might receive the praise, honor and glory for it all!

Our new moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore, has provided us with guidance from above and his efforts are greatly appreciated. While no man can fill the shoes of his predecessor, he can only depend on the Lord for leadership and guidance. Brother Terry stepped into his new job and handled it wonderfully. We thank God for him and pray that He will continue to bless him and his family in the years to come. Many have given of themselves to serve on committees and represent their churches as delegates to carry on the business of the association. Thank God for each of you and your willingness to see His work continue. Most of all we thank God for His presence here with us, for without Him our work would be in vain.

Many times each day we have a chance to do something for the Lord. So often, we miss these chances because we take things for granted, get into a habit of doing things our way or sometimes just fail to obey God. Many times we fail because we don't listen to Him and try to do things ourselves without depending on His guidance. The Lord expects us to use our God-given talents to serve Him. He is ready, willing and able to help us in any endeavor and all we must do is call on His holy name. He knows our shortcomings and weaknesses and only He can help us through the times when old Satan is throwing everything at us. Most of the time we would rather sit back and enjoy His blessings, but we have to make ourselves step out and take advantage of these chances to do something for the Lord. He is able to do all things and does not need us, but we need Him today more than ever. We are not saved to just sit back and do nothing. This old flesh is full of pride and we are afraid of being embarrassed if we fail or even try, but we have to remember who we are dealing with. He willingly awaits our call for help and His blessings far outreach anything we can experience. You are looking at an example of what He can do in a person's life. Anyone that knew me before I started this job can tell you that I could not even attempt to do this job because I was so shy, but by His marvelous grace the job has not gone undone. We must step out and take that chance that He so graciously has put before us. We are not perfect, but with His help we can work diligently to praise and uplift His holy name. If we are to grow in grace and knowledge of His Word, we must take the

chances that we have to do something for the Lord.

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.

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

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.

Name & Address

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Banks, Aster, 1548 Parten Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 245-4042	Irondale
Banks, Charles, 25 Hitchcock Loop, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-3030	Richardson Chapel
Bartley, Matthew, 431 Old Stage Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-7905	House Chapel
Bernard, Charles, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 245-6087	Faithful Ministry
Bledsoe, Earnest, P. O. Box 31, St. Charles, VA 24282, (540) 383-4747	Low View
Bledsoe, Ron, 2242 Spahr Rd., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 848-4962	Rose Chapel
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Gilreath, Kenny, Rt. 2, Box 401, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 357-1513	Jenkins Chapel
Glass, Jeff, Box 417A-8, E. Carters Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 247-9627	Beech Grove
Hall, Hobart V., Rt. 3, Box 110, Jonesville, VA 24263, (540) 346-1525	Davis Chapel
Harr, Greg, 1150 Red Hill Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 345-4473	House Chapel
Harris, Delmas, 2351 Shields Ferry Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 586-5192	Butcher's Valley
Hart, Malcolm, Box 202, Ermine, KY 41845, (606) 633-2762	Hurricane Valley
Hatton, Bill, Box 1, Premium, KY 41845, (606) 633-5746	Coyle's Branch
Head, Eckel, 232 Fletcher St., Kingsport, TN 37665, (423) 245-4597	Shelby Creek
Head, Harold, 361 Watterson Gap, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 345-2012	Long Hollow
Henderson, Lawson, Rt. 2, Box 500, Surgoinsville, TN 37872, (423) 345-2096	Liberty Chapel
Hensley, Allen, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA 24251, (540) 452-4763	Shelby Creek
Hensley, Arthur (Jack), P. O. Box 582, Gate City, VA 24251, (540) 452-4849	Cadet
Hickman, Arry, 130 Hickman Hill Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-2505	Jenkins Chapel
*Hill, Gregory E., Rt. 3, Box 530A, Gate City, VA 24251 (540) 386-2393	Walnut Chapel
Hill, Lewis E., Rt. 1, Box 40, Blackwater, VA 24221 (540) 346-4557	Sloantown
Holder, Mark, 600 Caney Creek, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 357-1492	Roller's Chapel
Howington, A. D., 705 Sunnyview Dr., Kingsport, TN 37665, (423) 246-3970	Walnut Chapel
Hurst, J. H., 1738 Howard Allen Rd., Morristown, TN 37813, (423) 587-1381	Butcher's Valley
Irvin, Oscar, 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-6226	Poplar Grove
Jarnigan, James E., 1441 Hwy. 31, Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-9260	Slate Hill

Jenkins, Hasco, 1839 Simison Rd., Spring Valley, OH 45370, (937) 862-4338	Fairview (OH)
Jenkins, Robert, Rt. 5, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 345-3474	Jenkins Chapel
Jerrell, David, 2901 Boatmans Mtn. Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-2838	Oak Grove
Johnson, Carson W., Rt. 4, Box 364, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2097	Sneedville
Johnson, Donald Lowell, 937 Colonial Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-0428	Mt. Mitchell
Johnson, Jerry, 1209 Ledford Ave., Morristown, TN 37813, (423) 587-3507	Butcher's Valley
Justice, Gordon, 509 Camelot Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 921-9983	Pilgrim's Rest
Kincer, Elmer, Rt. 4, Box 1815, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-6150	Long Hollow
Kinsler, Johnny, Box 281, Campbell Dr., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-1938	Union Hill
Kinsler, Ronnie, Rt. 1, Box 76A, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-1668	Union Hill
LaFollette, Bill, 2848 Stanley Valley Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 345-3490	House Chapel
Lane, Lucian, P. O. Box 243, Gate City, VA 24251, (540) 386-3003	Ayers Chapel
Lawson, Carl, 12926 E. Carters Valley Rd., Gate City, VA 24251-1906, (540) 225-9083	Blackwater Lick
Lawson, Ollie, Harmon Dr., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-6596	House Chapel
*Lipe, Archie, Hwy. 70N, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-3073	Pilgrim's Rest
Lipe, Virgil, 121 Sulphur Springs Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-3239	Pilgrim's Rest
*Little, Tony M., HC 83, Box 742, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-0218	Little Cowan
Malone, Eddie, 1655 Billy Bible Rd., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 234-1972	Caney Creek
Manis, Bazzle, Rt. 4, Box 20, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-9774	Sulphur Springs
Manring, Roger, Rt. 3, Clinchport, VA 24244, (540) 940-2900	Roller's Chapel
McCory, Charlie, 30 Bronzewood Cove, Jackson, TN 38301	Gardner's Chapel
McNabb, Donnie, 2447 Calvin Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-0586	Little Redeemed
Meade, Tommy, P. O. Box 162, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-6205	Richardson Chapel
Mendenhall, George, Rt. 3, Box 184A, Clinchport, VA 24244, (540) 431-2440	Wallen's Creek
Miles, Earl, Rt. 1, Box 1510, Dryden, VA 24243, (540) 546-1572	Wallen's Creek
Miller, Larry, 1416 Bireley St., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-4411	Kingswood
Mitchell, Kenneth A., 4225 Delhi Dr., Riverside, OH 45432, (937) 254-6614	Fairview (OH)
Moody, David, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 378-4524	Faithful Ministry
Morgan, Wayne, Rt. 8, Lloyds Chapel Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-5723	West View
Mullins, James L., 109 McGhee Ave., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-3613	New Life
New, Clarence, Rt. 1, Box 78, Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-5269	Guthrie's Gap

Osborne, Tommy, 5091 Gate City Hwy., Bristol, VA 24201, (540) 466-3531	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Phillips, Clyde, Rt. 3, Box 337, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (540) 523-0529	Irondale
Price, Cecil, Rt. 2, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-3301	Richardson Chapel
Purkey, Isaiah, 1905 Slate Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-7741	Slate Hill
Purkey, Paul, Rt. 2, Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-6066	Slate Hill
Raleigh, Ray, Rt. 4, Box 262B, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, (606) 256-5994	Blair Chapel
Ratliff, Darrell, Rt. 2, Box 1850, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-4242	Garden of Hope
Ritchie, Johnnie Leon, 190 Earnhart Dr., Carlisle, OH 45005, (513) 743-5857	Rose Chapel
Robinette, John F., 15115 N. Hill Rd., Dade City, FL 33525, (904) 567-0754	Irondale
Robinette, Jason, 9 Walnut St., Spring Valley, OH 45370, (937) 862-5106	Fairview (OH)
*Rogers, Carl, Rt. 3, Box 133, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (540) 523-2265	Low View
Rutherford, Clinton, 105 Westlake Dr., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-1931	Oak Grove
Scalf, Lloyd, 334 Pine St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (423) 357-5473	Sloantown
Seiber, Richard, Rt. 3, Box 161, Jonesville, VA 24263, (540) 546-3146	Wallen's Creek
Sizemore, Terry, 1225 Deneen Lane, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-8496	Riverside
Smith, Carl, 323 4th St., Gate City, VA 24251, (540) 225-8325	Walnut Chapel
*Smith, Stacy, Rt. 1, Box 78, Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-5269	Oak Grove
Strong, Paul, 311 Spruce St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (423) 357-2267	Butcher's Valley
Sybert, Donald, 2009 Bloomingdale, Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 288-6137	Flower Gap
Sybert, Howard, 12918 E. Carters Valley Rd., Gate City, VA 24251-1906, (540) 225-5418	Osborne's Chapel
Sybert, J. H., 1633 Washington Ave., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 246-6655	West View
Sykes, Johnny, Rt. 4, Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-7292	Liberty Chapel
Tipton, Scott, 235 Sante Fe St., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 246-0175	Walnut Chapel
Trent, Roger, 1234 Slate Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-4883	Slate Hill
Turner, John, Jr., 395 Robert Simmons Dr., Carlisle, OH 45005, (513) 746-0175	Rose Chapel
VanHoose, Bill, 2585 Bernard Rd., New Vienna, OH 45159, (937) 987-9486	Clear Springs
VanHoose, David, 343 S. Wall St., Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 382-8541	Macedonia
VanHoose, Roger, 384 Thorne Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 382-8654	Clear Springs
*Wade, Michael, 701 Dennis Dr. C1, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-9141	Oak Grove
Watts, Richard, 173 Old Highway Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-4473	Pink Hill
Wheeler, Henry, 7815 Lane St., Whitesburg, TN 37891, (423) 235-6583	Oak Grove

Williams, Bobby, 102 Tresa Rd., Gray, TN 37615, (423) 239-3676	Poplar Grove
Williams, Glen, 340 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-5443	Mt. Mitchell
Willis, Coy, Box 482, Jonesville, VA 24263, (540) 346-1045	Davis Chapel
Willis, Walter C., Rt. 1, Box 185, Kyles Ford, TN 37765, (423) 733-4360	Beech Grove
Woodward, Don, Rt. 2, Box 196, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (540) 546-3204	Low View

*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

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Ayers Chapel - Eddy Giles	214 East 25th St., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (540) 523-1629
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Blackwater Lick - Anita H. Moore	Rt. 2, Box 317, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (540) 546-3383
Blair Chapel - Roderick Raleigh	138 Woodland Trails, Pineville, KY 40977, (606) 337-2775
Blue Springs (Duffield, VA) - Mattie Sue Sage	Rt. 1, Box 164, Duffield, VA 24244, (540) 546-1240
Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA) - Brenda B. Horton	Rt. 1, Box 297G, Hiltons, VA 24258, (540) 386-3535
Burke's Union - Edna Bledsoe	Rt. 3, Box 100C, Clinchport, VA 24244, (540) 940-2643
Butcher's Valley - John Collins	5990 E. Sugar Hollow Rd., Russellville, TN 37860, (423) 585-5250
Cadet - Vicky Jones	1898 Swanson Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (540) 523-3905
Caney Creek - Frances Armstrong	2925 Lost Mountain Pike, Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 234-5063
Chestnut Flats - D. T. Cross	P. O. Box 415, Rural Retreat, VA 24368, (540) 686-5573
Clear Springs - Samuel D. VanHoose	1452 Raybell Dr., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 372-9264
Copper Creek - Flo Minton	613 Rogers Ave., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 245-4089
Coyle's Branch - Irene Cornett	Box 60 H C 77, Gordon, KY 41819, (606) 589-4309
Davis Chapel - Janie Woodward	Rt. 3, Box 88, Jonesville, VA 24263, (540) 346-1403

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, (937) 254-6614
Fairview (VA) - Linda E. Edwards	Rt. 1, Box 428, Dryden, VA 24243, (540) 383-4790
Faithful Ministry - David Moody.....	1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 378-4524
Flower Gap - Onza Fisher	Rt. 1, Box 28, Blackwater, VA 24221, (540) 346-2292
Garden of Hope - Brian Ratliff	Rt. 1, Box 787, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 638-3906
Gardner's Chapel - Terrell Smith	147 Holston Dr., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-8195
Gardner's Memorial - Janie Hensley	280 Tri State Lime Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-5468
Guthrie's Gap - Jimmy Harmon	110 Harmon St., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-6831
Hopewell - Tommy Arnett.....	118 Pleasant Hill Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-5046
House Chapel - Sam Thomason	128 Knox Hollow Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-4616
Hurricane Valley - Debbie Absher.....	H C 77, Box 235, Delphia, KY 41735, (606) 675-3616
Irondale - Alice Phillips.....	1529 Irondale Rd., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (540) 523-2621
Jenkins Chapel - Lena Blair.....	3611 Stanley Valley Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 357-6539
Kingswood - Carol R. Sizemore.....	2100 Kingswood Dr., Morristown, TN 37813, (423) 587-0748
Liberty Chapel - Orbin A. Ward.....	410 Cherokee Dr., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (423) 357-6191
Little Cowan - Emma L. Campbell	H C 83, Box 670, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-2873
Little Dove - Lillian Walker	H C 67, Box 1404, Eolia, KY 40826, (606) 633-7712
Little Redeemed - Valerie M. Shaver.....	2831 Shaver Rd., White Pine, TN 37890, (423) 674-2764
Long Hollow - Ruby Horne	123 Maple Crest Circle, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 345-3273
Low View - Evelyn Orick.....	Rt. 3, Box 341, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (540) 546-1528
Macedonia - Sandy Carter.....	7977 Purtee Lane, Highland, OH 45132, (513) 780-6489
Marion Robinette Memorial - Evelyn Jessee	7355 Gap Creek Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 234-2132
Miller's Chapel - Nancy D. Evans.....	860 Providence Rd., Limestone, TN 37681, (423) 257-2437
Mountain View - Juanita Bowen & Paula N. Ayers	Rt. 1, Box 142-P, Duffield, VA 24244, (540) 546-1014
Mt. Mitchell - Peggy Harrold	617 Pearl St., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-4417
Mt. Zion - Grace E. Cornett	H C 77, Box 13, Gordon, KY 41819, (606) 589-5394
New Life - Terry L. Gann	P. O. Box 72, White Pine, TN 37890, (423) 674-0579
Oak Grove - Emma Merrifield.....	Rt. 2, Box 4102, Bean Station, TN 37708, (423) 993-3151
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley.....	Rt. 1, Box 7A, Blackwater, VA 24221, (540) 346-3563
Peterson's Chapel - June Fannon.....	Rt. 1, Box A21, Duffield, VA 24244-9703, (540) 431-2145

Pilgrim's Rest - Carol Lipe.....	121 Sulphur Springs Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-3239
Pink Hill - Isabeth Christian.....	1607 Caney Valley Loop, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 357-7588
Pondview - Carl B. Collins.....	Rt. 1, Box 595, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (540) 546-4989
Poplar Grove - Jean Wallen.....	744 Poplar Grove Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-4903
Richardson Chapel - Sarah Williamson.....	1181 Whitehouse Rd., Whitehouse, KY 41269, (606) 297-3513
Riverside - Viola Johnson.....	Rt. 1, Box 57, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2928
Roller's Chapel - Kim Robinette.....	Rt. 3, Box 172, Clinchport, VA 24244, (540) 431-4725
Rose Chapel - Delois Bledsoe.....	2242 Spahr Rd., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 848-4962
Shelby Creek - Brenda Head.....	232 Fletcher St., Kingsport, TN 37665, (423) 245-4597
Slate Hill - Donny Clifford.....	124 Collins Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-3340
Sloantown - Virgia Grace Hill.....	Rt. 1, Box 40, Blackwater, VA 24221, (540) 346-4557
Sneedville - Beulah Seal.....	Rt. 2, Box 165, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2563
Sulphur Springs - Opal Russell.....	2939 Main St., Rogersville, TN 37873, (423) 345-4548
Swan Creek - Danita J. Dodson.....	Rt. 3, Box 416, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-8546
Union Hill - Marilyn Kinsler.....	P. O. Box 245, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-8396
Valley View - Lillie Jones.....	Rt. 2, Box 564, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (540) 546-4313
Wallen's Creek - Vivian Seiber.....	Rt. 3, Box 161, Jonesville, VA 24263, (540) 546-3146
Walnut Chapel - David C. Lloyd.....	1211 Old Eliz. Hwy., Bluff City, TN 37618, (423) 538-8093
West View - Delmer H. Wallen, Sr.....	817 Morison Ave., Kingsport, TN 37660-2541, (423) 247-3933
Willis Chapel - Genia E. Woodard.....	Rt. 1, Box 397, Blackwater, VA 24221, (540) 346-1653
Willow Chapel - Garnetta Miller.....	222 Carters Valley Garden, Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 247-8884

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago - The 44th annual session was held at Hopewell Church, Hawkins County, Tennessee. Elder J. B. Wallen preached the introductory sermon from I Peter 1:11. The association elected Elder E. S. McPherson moderator and Wm. M. Henry clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago - In 1921 the Blackwater Church in Hancock County, Tennessee hosted the 69th annual session of the association. Elder F. M. Long preached the introductory sermon from Nehemiah 4:6 "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator of the association with J. J. Addington clerk and treasurer, and J. W. Hurd assistant clerk.

50 Years Ago - Willis Chapel Church in Kyles Ford, Tennessee hosted the 94th annual session in October, 1946. Elder B. L. Lawson preached the introductory sermon using as a text: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved," from the first clause of the 28th verse of the 12th chapter of Hebrews. He was followed by Elder Dana Crawford. Elder T. R. Carter was elected moderator and Elder Amos Osborne was elected clerk and treasurer.

25 Years Ago - In October, 1971 the 119th annual session convened with Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church. Elder Harold Shaw preached the introductory sermon from the 3rd chapter of Exodus using a portion of the 14th verse as his text, "I AM THAT I AM." Elder Hampton Osborne followed using the same text. Elder Basil Freeman was elected moderator and Burnice Sybert was elected as clerk and treasurer for his first time.

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. EDT is Eastern Daylight Time and EST is Eastern Standard Time. Starting times for Sunday School are not included.)

AYERS CHAPEL: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Eddy Giles, Emma Jean Webb and Clara Elkins; alternates: Eddie Hubbard and Rose Hubbard. Total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m.). Kenny Gilreath, moderator.

BEECH GROVE: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Ralph Moore, Jeff Glass, Elizabeth Moore and John Willis; alternates: Kathy Glass and Cindy Evans. Excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 61; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 3rd Saturday in May. Jeffery Lynn Glass, moderator.

BLACKWATER LICK: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Anita Moore, J. T. Osborne, Betty Baker and Gladys Huff; alternates: Madge Canter and Sarah Parsons. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 204; contribution, \$150.00; 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: Hubert Payne, Jack Creech, Freida Creech and Tip Sexton; alternates: Bill Maggard and Maggie Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 7; total number on roll, 258; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. A. D. Howington, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Earl Miles, L. E. Robinette and Mary Miles. Total number on roll, 19; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Earl Miles, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, Va. Delegates: John Bowlin, W. D. Bowlin, Tommy Osborne and Jim Bowlin; alternate: Brenda Horton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 89; contribution, \$40.00; 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, Edna Bledsoe and Ada McPherson; alternates: Nancy Bledsoe and Barbara Berry. Received by experience and baptism, 1, received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 76; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (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. Scott Tipton, moderator.

BUTCHER'S VALLEY: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: John Collins, Jerry Johnson, Bill Parr and Delmas Harris; alternates: Terry Johnson and Marse Goodson. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 6; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, Sunday morning following 1st Saturday, every Sunday morning and 2nd and 4th 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, Vicky Jones and Roy Jones; alternates: Herbert Shortt and J. E. Collier, Jr. Total number on roll, 53; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in April. Richard Seiber, moderator pro-tem.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, Tn. Delegates: Frances Armstrong, Eddie Malone, Wanda Malone and Imogene Ball; alternates: Donnie Ward and Andrew Steele. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$140.00; meeting day, Sunday night following 1st Saturday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, Va. Delegates: Ralph Baker, Laney Booher, Lewis Baker and Dan Cross; alternate: Wayne Gibson. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 48; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday.

Lewis A. Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, Oh. Delegates: Bill VanHoose, Terri VanHoose, Forrest Osborne and Joe Robinette; alternate: Penny VanHoose. Received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 145; contribution, \$50.00; 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, Nell McConnell and Jo Ann Jennings; alternate: Bruce Addington. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 72; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday following 2nd and 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following 3rd Saturday in October. Elder Bob Brown asked to attend. Eckel Head, moderator.

COYLE'S BRANCH: Gilley, Ky. Delegates: Eunice Browning, Irene Cornett and Celinda Cornett. 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, Fern Marcum, Pete Marcum and Etta Osborne; alternates: Ollie Elkins and Janie Woodward. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday. Richard L. Seiber, moderator. Hobart Hall, honorary moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, Ky. Delegates: Pat Holbrook, Basil Holbrook, Henrietta Adams and Beulah Webb; alternates: Jeff Holbrook and Sheilah Holbrook. Deceased, 2; 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, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, Oh. Delegates: Morris Giles, Emerson Browning, Kenneth Mitchell and Kellis Smith; alternate: Hasco Jenkins. Dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 160; contribution, \$150.00; 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. Jason Robinette, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: St. Charles, Va. Delegates: Leonard Flanary, Campbell Witt, Bertha Scott and Brenda Witt; alternate: Earnest Bledsoe. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 27; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Earnest Bledsoe, moderator.

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

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: T. H. Johnson, David Horton, Guy

Eldridge and Pleas Lawson; alternate: Eugene Sullivan. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 93; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following 4th Saturday in May. Gordon Justice, moderator.

GARDEN OF HOPE: Louisa, Ky. Delegates: Joe Green, Annie Dutton and Brad Dutton. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday and Sunday. Brad Dutton and Darrell Ratliff, moderators.

GARDNER'S CHAPEL: Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Burl Lyons, Doug McClain, Robert Carter and Terrell Smith; alternates: Greg Laughlin and Roger Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 5; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 546; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday (2 p.m.) and following Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (2 p.m.). Robert E. Carter, moderator.

GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Sue Phippen, Janie Hensley, Joe Hensley and Gary Baker. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday. Aster Banks, moderator.

GUTHRIE'S GAP: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Clarence New, Ed Walker, Barbara Covey and Wilson Covey. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; total number on roll, 152; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st and 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Fred Gilreath, moderator.

HOPEWELL: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Odell Arnott, John Arnott, Grace Hawkins and Frank Lane; alternate: M. K. Robinette. Received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 36; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following 3rd Saturday in October. John H. Arnott, moderator.

HOUSE CHAPEL: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Junior Davidson, Claude West, Sherelene Manis and Sandy Weston; alternates: Neal Drinnon and Mack Manis. Received by experience and baptism, 5; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 224; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st and 4th Saturday night; every Wednesday night, every Sunday morning and 2nd and 4th Sunday nights and 5th Sunday night following the 4th Saturday. Neal Drinnon, moderator.

HURRICANE VALLEY: Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Glenn Cornett, Grace Cornett, Elaine Absher and Pamela Frazier. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 19; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Glenn Cornett, moderator. Malcolm Hart, honorary moderator.

IRONDALE: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Clyde Phillips, Frankie Phillips, Alice Phillips and Iloe Collier. Total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Clyde Phillips, moderator.

JENKINS CHAPEL: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Ralph Cox, Fred Gilreath,

Arry Hickman and Annie Jenkins; alternates, Vivian Blair and Eva Matlock. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 56; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 4th Saturday in August (10:30 a.m.). Arry Hickman, moderator.

KINGSWOOD BAPTIST: Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Pat Caudill, Jim Emery, Dennis Purkey and Imogene Purkey; alternate: Larry Miller. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 8; dismissed by letter, 5; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 71; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Sunday night following the 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September. Larry Miller, moderator.

LIBERTY CHAPEL: Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Gene Ward, Stacy Marsh, Kim Ward and Orbin Ward; alternate: Larry Ward. Dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 87; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Lawson Henderson, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, Ky. Delegates: Robert Caudill, Charlie Little, Nettie Roberts and Frances Hampton; alternate: Jeanette Day. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 120; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. Oscar Irvin, moderator.

LITTLE DOVE: Eolia, Ky. Delegates: Arthur Browning, Iona Scott, Nora Walker and Lillian Walker; alternate: Wendell Parsons. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 42; 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: Donnie McNabb, Charles Shopshire, Van Shopshire and Roy McNabb. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by relationship, 3, excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 60; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before 3rd Saturday. Donnie McNabb, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Danny Bailey, Virgie Williams and Harold Head. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 7; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 237; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday, May 18, 1997. Harold Head, moderator pro-tem.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, Va. Delegates: Don Woodward, Carl Rogers and Virginia Miles; alternate: Cathy Miles. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Don Woodward, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, Oh. Delegate: Matthew Carter. Excluded, 3; total number on roll, 16; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday. Garry Carter and David VanHoose, moderators.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Billy Robinette, Polly Jean Penley, Elizabeth Manes and Evelyn Jessee; alternate: Dawn Bradley. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 42; 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, Georgia Denton and Mary Denton; alternate: W. C. Denton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 14; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday and Sunday. John H. Bowlin, moderator.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Ezra Neeley, Bradley Bowen, Broten Smith and Charles Ayers; alternates: Angela Lawson and Patricia Lawson. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$15.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 EST) 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 Lowell Johnson, Charlie Harless, Olen Gilreath and Mollie Gilreath; alternates: Kelvin Houston and Larry Jones. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 121; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Donald L. Johnson, moderator.

MT. ZION: Evarts, Ky. Delegates: Justin Banks, Belinda Banks, Ludie Eldridge and Evelyn Adams. Dismissed by letter, 3; total number on roll, 5; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday. Glenn Cornett, moderator.

NEW LIFE: White Pine, Tn. Delegates: Terry Gann, James Mullins, Carol Mullins and Tommy Underwood. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 2; total number on roll, 30; contribution \$60.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday. James L. Mullins, moderator.

OAK GROVE: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Donnie Furches, Walter Self, Michael Wade, and Chris Woods; alternates: Doug Jones and Clifton Rutherford, Sr. Received by experience and baptism, 7; received by letter, 3; excluded, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 140; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Wednesday night and 1st and 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Henry Wheeler, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Linda Lambert, Margaret Wallen, Edith Sybert and Ruth Wallen; alternate: Howard Sybert. Total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$85.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Frank Gilliam, moderator.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Duffield, Va. Delegates: John Pannell, Tonya Berry, Michael Peterson and June Fannon; alternate: Lola Peterson. Received by experience and baptism, 6; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 71; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service,

Thanksgiving service 3rd Friday and Saturday night and Sunday morning in November. Oscar Irvin, moderator.

PILGRIM'S REST: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Don Gordon, Gordon Justice, and Dick Gordon. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Virgil Lipe, moderator.

PINK HILL: Surgoinville, Tn. Delegates: Howard Thacker, Pam Thacker, Quinton Thacker and Bessie Thacker. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 132; contribution \$70.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Easter Sunday. Richard Watts, moderator.

PONDVIEW: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Charles Sizemore, Tammy Sizemore, James Parsons and Peggy Parsons; alternates: Sue Sizemore and Lela Castle. Total number on roll, 49; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June at Muncey's Cemetery. Delmas Harris, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Austin Adams, Jerry Persinger, Bill Spurlock and Bill Poole; alternate: Gary Short. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 96; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EDT). Memorial service, last Sunday in May. Bobby Williams, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Richardson, Ky. Delegates: Ernest Napier, Tommy Meade, Charles Banks and Pete Jude; alternates: Truman Napier and Gary Fitch. Received by experience and baptism, 6; received by relationship, 7; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 266; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday and Sunday. Memorial service, last Sunday before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator. Charles Banks, assistant moderator. Cecil Price, honorary pastor.

RIVERSIDE: Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: David Smith, Darrell Sizemore, Charley Johnson and Darrell Smith; alternates: Peggy Sizemore and Deborah Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 5; excluded, 1; total number on roll 71; contribution, \$80.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day at Davis Chapel Cemetery (2 p.m.). Roger Trent, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Edgar Neeley, Claude Osborne, Kim Robinette and Eugene Stewart; alternates: Cora L. Neeley and Ruth Hood. Received by letter, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 68; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and Sunday morning. Mark Holder, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, Oh. Delegates: Gleason Storie, Mark Newkirk, Anita Newkirk and Ron Bledsoe; alternates: John Turner and Delois

Bledsoe. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Turner, moderator.

SHELBY CREEK: Edison, Tn. Delegates: Allen Hensley, Patsy Hensley, Eckel Head and H. C. Johnson; alternate: Brenda Head. Total number on roll, 17; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST). Allen Hensley, moderator pro-tem.

SLATE HILL: Mooresburg, Tn. Delegates: Robert Ferrell, Grover Ferguson, Robert Jarnigan and J. C. Gibson; alternate: Jim Jarnigan. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 182; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. James E. Jarnigan, moderator.

SLOANTOWN: Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Virgia Grace Hill, Aubra Hill, Linda Hill and Donna Falin. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and 3rd Sunday night. Aster Banks, moderator.

SNEEDVILLE: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Kenneth Burchette, Carson Johnson, Terry Johnson and Charlie Crawford; alternate: Arley Seal. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 3; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday. No moderator.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Mackey Smith, Brenda Smith, Wayne Morgan and J. C. Seal; alternate: Stella Morgan. Total number on roll, 104; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night. Wayne Morgan, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Silas Carroll, Clarence Morgan and T. J. Elliott. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 299; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June. Silas Carroll, moderator.

UNION HILL: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Johnny Kinsler, Ronnie Kinsler and Chris Kinsler; alternates: Judy Kinsler and Marilyn Kinsler. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 75; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May (10:30 a.m.). Ronnie Kinsler, moderator pro-tem.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, Va. Delegates: Clay Jones, Charles Thompson, Minnie Clay and Nancy Thompson; alternate: Lillie Jones. Received by experience and baptism, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Carson Johnson, moderator.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Richard Seiber, Vivian Seiber, Donna Williams and Eddie Williams; alternates: Bill Tomlinson and Clara Fannon.

Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). 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: Clyde Tipton, Carl Smith, Greg Hill and David C. Lloyd; alternate: Brandon Jones. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 170; contribution, \$78.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in June. Allen Hensley, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Delmer Wallen, Jr., Earl Johnson, Jack Osborne and John Osborne, Jr.; alternates: Dexal Greer and Zula McCullough. Excluded, 3; total number on roll, 67; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April. J. H. Sybert, moderator.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Morris Fleenor, M. R. Hall, Henry Hurd and Boyd Wallen. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 154; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in September. John H. Arnott, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Frank Gilliam, Gene Wallen and Garnetta Miller. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 36; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September. Carl Smith, moderator pro-tem.

TOTALS: 67 churches (25 in Va., 29 in Tn., 9 in Ky., and 4 in Ohio.) Received by experience and baptism, 75; received by letter, 18; received by relationship, 43; received or restored by recantation, 0; dismissed by letter, 31; excluded, 31; deceased, 80; total number on roll, 6,221. There are 56 ministers serving as pastors - 46 are serving 1 church; 8 are serving 2 churches 1 is serving 3 churches and 1 is serving 4 churches. There are 5 churches with a moderator pro-tem. 1 church has no moderator. There were 3 ministers listed as honorary moderators. There were 62 ministers and 1 visiting minister who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 1997

(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, Lawson Henderson, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Lucian Lane, Jason Robinette, 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: Bob Brown, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Earl Miles, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

3 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Odus Caudill, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Mark Holder, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and Bobby Williams.

4 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Fred Gilreath, Hobart Hall, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Walter Willis and Don Woodward.

5 - CADET: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Woodrow Fields, Fred Fletcher, Basil Freeman, Eckel Head, Arthur Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

6 - PETERSON'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton and John Turner.

7 - GARDEN OF HOPE: To begin on Thursday before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Bill 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, Darrell Ratliff, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

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

3 - MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Fred Gilreath, Lawson Henderson, Oscar Irvin, Clarence New, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

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

5 - SLOANTOWN: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Fred Fletcher, Wayne Gilley, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arthur Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Clyde Phillips, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Bobby Williams, Walter Willis 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, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

7 - OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, H. V. Hall, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, 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, Neal Drinnon, Jeff Glass, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Bobby Williams, Coy Willis, Walter Willis and all others who wish to attend.

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

10 - PONDVIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Earnest Bledsoe, Silas Carroll, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, A. D. Howington, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Donnie McNabb, Carl Rogers and Don Woodward.

11 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, Charles Bernard, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, David Moody, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

12 - PILGRIM'S REST: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, David Jerrell, Jerry Johnson, Larry Miller, James Mullins, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose and Richard Watts.

- JUNE -

1 - GUTHRIE'S GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Basil Freeman, Kenny Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Mark Holder, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Lucian Lane, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Richard Watts and Bobby

Williams.

2 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Talmadge Collins, Gale Derrick, Billy Fields, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, J. H. Hurst, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Donald Lowell Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

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: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, Scott Tipton, Bobby Williams and all others who wish to attend.

5 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, Va.): To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Neal Drinnon, Leonard Flanary, Wayne Gilley, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Carl Lawson, George Mendenhall, Clyde Phillips, 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: Aster Banks, Talmadge Collins, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Darrell Ratliff, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Richard Watts.

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

8 - UNION HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Silas Carroll, Donny Clifford, Neal Drinnon, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, Mark Holder, J. H. Hurst, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Clarence New, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Henry Wheeler.

9 - HURRICANE VALLEY: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton, Bobby Williams and all others who wish to attend.

10 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Donny Clifford, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head,

Harold Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Donald Lowell Johnson, Gordon Justice, Roger Manring, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, James Mullins, Clarence New, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler, Bobby Williams, all former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

11 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Ron Bledsoe, Von Burton, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Kenny Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, Mark Holder, A. D. Howington, Hasco Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Donald Lowell Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Clarence New, Bobby Williams and all others who wish to attend.

12 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, Earnest Bledsoe, John Bowlin, Silas Carroll, Gale Derrick, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jerry Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Earl Miles, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton and Roger Trent.

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

14 - WALNUT CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Arthur Hensley, Gordon Justice, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and all former pastors.

- JULY -

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

2 - LIBERTY CHAPEL: To begin on Monday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Aster Banks, John Bowlin, Talmadge Collins, Neal Drinnon, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Kenny Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Carl Lawson, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Lloyd Scalf, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

3 - RIVERSIDE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Ronnie Kinsler, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton,

Bobby Williams and all others who wish to attend.

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

5 - BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Gale Derrick, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Bobby Williams.

6 - HOUSE CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Talmadge Collins, Glenn Cornett, Fred Gilreath, Kenny Gilreath, Eckel Head, Lawson Henderson, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Michael Wade, 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, Kenny Gilreath, Eckel Head, Lawson Henderson, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

- AUGUST -

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

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

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

4 - MT. ZION: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Aster Banks, Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton, Bobby Williams and all others

who wish to attend.

5 - POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Eckel Head, Larry Miller, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Glen Williams.

6 - SULPHUR SPRINGS: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

7 - WILLIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, H. V. Hall, Oscar Irvin, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore and Bobby Williams.

8 - COYLE'S BRANCH: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and J. H. Sybert.

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

10 - FAIRVIEW (VA): To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, John Bowlin, Odus Caudill, Gale Derrick, Leonard Flanary, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carl Lawson, Carl Rogers, Paul Strong, Scott Tipton and Roger Trent.

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

12 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

13 - LITTLE DOVE: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Fred Fletcher, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Lucian Lane, Bazzle Manis, Wayne Morgan, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Bobby Williams.

14 - BLAIR CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, 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, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Kenny Gilreath, Arry Hickman, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Gordon Justice, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and all others who wish to attend.

16 - MOUNTAIN VIEW: To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Aster Banks, Odus Caudill, Glenn Cornett, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, George Mendenhall, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Coy Willis.

- SEPTEMBER -

1 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Donnie McNabb, Wayne Morgan, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Bobby Williams.

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

3 - LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Ron Bledsoe, Glenn Cornett, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Darrell Ratliff, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert 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 Drinnon, 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 Bobby Williams.

5 - SNEEDVILLE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Donny Clifford, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Delmas Harris, Lawson Henderson, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Elmer Kincer, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and all others who wish to attend.

6 - MACEDONIA: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Darrell Ratliff and Terry Sizemore.

7 - KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Lucian Lane, Donnie McNabb, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler 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, Bob Brown, Odus Caudill, Basil Freeman, A. D. Howington, Terry Sizemore and J. H. Sybert.

9 - WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin and Terry Sizemore.

10 - FLOWER GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Basil Freeman, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, J. H.

Hurst, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler, 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, Von Burton, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Lucian Lane, Bazzle Manis, J. H. Sybert and Bobby Williams.

DIRECTIONS TO RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Coming from Rogersville, Tennessee, turn off Highway 11W onto Highway 70 North. Travel approximately 17.5 miles and cross Clinch River into Kyles Ford, Tennessee, then turn left onto Highway 33 South. Travel approximately 5.5 miles to church on left.

Traveling North on Highway 11W to Mooresburg, Tennessee, turn onto Highway 31 North. Travel approximately 18 miles and cross the Clinch River. Road then continues from bridge as Highway 33 North. Go approximately 7 miles to church on right.

Those coming from Jonesville, Virginia area should travel into Tennessee on Highway 70 until you come to Kyles Ford, Tennessee, then turn right onto Highway 33 South. Travel approximately 5.5 miles to church on left.

Traveling South on 25E from red light in Tazewell, Tennessee, go approximately 17 miles, then turn left onto Highway 33 North. Then travel approximately 20.5 miles to bridge. Turn left and continue on Highway 33 North 7 miles to church on right.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 1995.....	\$ 6,152.74
Special Offering for Kitchen Supplies in 1996.....	1,049.33
Receipts from 1996.....	4,413.40
Interest	153.13
TOTAL	\$11,768.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	48.00
Insurance premium for kitchen	500.00
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	63.20
Electrical supplies	54.11
Clerical supplies/forms.....	45.10
Kitchen supplies (2 stoves and 1 refrigerator).....	962.00
Clerk's allowance	700.00
Printing and packaging 2,700 copies of 1996 minutes	3,100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,492.41
BALANCE IN TREASURY	6,276.19

NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$ 1.15

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.

BALL, Ollie	BALL, Roy J.
BANKS, Mary Jane Miles	*BARKLEY, Elder Ronnie Paul
BELL, Esther Virginia Spicer Rutherford	BLEDSON, Ethel Lee Joyner
BLOOMER, James Claude	BLOOMER, Nannie Mariah Gilliam
CAUDILL, Eileen Combs	COLLINSWORTH, Callie
CONDRA, Esther	CORNETT, Ernest E.
DAVIDSON, George Conner	DAVIS, Charles E.
DAY, Arlene	DENTON, John H., Sr.
DENTON, Mayme Campbell	DODSON, Velva Ruth
DOWELL, Billy S.	ELKINS, Burley W.
ELY, Emily Pearl	EVERHART, Mildred Courtney
EVERSOLE, Callie Lewis	FISHER, Rufus L.
FLETCHER, Mayda V. Kilgore	FORD, Eugene
GOODEN, Myrtle Lee Hargis	GROSS, Elsie Juanita
HERRON, Emilee (Tots)	HILTON, Nataleen Carter
HOLBROOK, Lucille S.	JESSEE, James Arnold
LARK, Audrey Faye	LAWSON, Jerry Lynn
LINDSEY, Riley	MCCAMY, Robert E. (Bob)
MCMURRAY, Laura	MCMURRAY, Martha J. Huffman
Whitaker	
MOORE, Allie R.	MOORE, Bobbie L.
*MOORE, Elder William Jennings Bryan	MORELOCK, Bonnie Elizabeth
MOSES, Georgia Ruth Orr	PAYNE, Jane
PURKEY, James Alvin	PURKEY, Zella Florence
RICHARDSON, Roy	ROBERTS, Ora Maggard
ROOP, Edith Robinette	RUNYON, Velvia Katherine
SALLEY, Carson (Buck)	SIZEMORE, George (Bee)
SIZEMORE, Whitney Madison	TANKERSLEY, Delmer
THACKER, Naomi Jane Alley	WADDLE, Nedra
WATTS, Clara Lucille Lawson	WILLIAMS, Joe
WOODWARD, Donnie	

*Ministers

NOTE: Please send any obituaries to be printed in next year's minutes to the clerk before the association meets if possible.

EDGEBERT ADAMS, 92, passed away July 16, 1996 after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Nettie Adams. They had no children, but lots of friends and relatives.

He was saved at an early age and joined Caney Creek Church. He was a faithful member as long as his health permitted.

They are missed by all who knew and loved them.

- Written by a friend, Frances Armstrong

ELDER JERRY G. ANDERSON was born February 3, 1955 and departed this life on May 25, 1996.

He had no wife or children, but was loved by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Jessee Fansler Anderson.

He is survived by 2 sisters, Mary Barret and Judy E. Gilreath.

He was a loyal and faithful member of Long Hollow Church and will be greatly

missed in church, family and community. Much could be written about our uncle and brother, but I just can't look at death as some do, but I look at it as just passing from this mortal body and world to be with the Lord. Paul said to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

- Written by his nephew, Kenny Gilreath

OLLIE BALL was born October 6, 1919 and departed this life November 2, 1995, making her stay here 76 years and 1 month.

She is survived by 6 sons, 2 daughters and several grandchildren.

She joined House Chapel Church May 20, 1990.

She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

- Written by Fred Ball

ROY J. BALL was born June 7, 1919 and departed this life November 2, 1995, making his stay here 76 years and 5 months.

He is survived by 6 sons, 2 daughters and several grandchildren.

He joined House Chapel Church May 20, 1990.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

- Written by Fred Ball

MARY JANE MILES BANKS was born June 28, 1925 and passed away June 24, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Elder Aster Banks; 5 daughters, Carol Harkness, Paulette Caldwell, Marianne Williams, Debbie Dye and Amanda Barker; 4 sons, John D., Gerald Roger, Larry Allen and Daniel Aster Banks; 2 sisters, Irene Eldridge and Stella Phillips; 1 brother, Claude Edward Miles; 26 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

ELDER RONNIE PAUL BARKLEY, 51, passed from this life April 5, 1996.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Mabel Stallard Barkley; and 1 brother, Samuel Barkley.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine (Jo) Barkley; 2 sons, Sidney and Richard Barkley; 1 brother, Willie Ray Barkley; 2 sisters, Paulette Barkley and Carolyn Johnson and 3 nephews.

He was a former employee of Dalfasco, a minister and pastored many churches. He was currently an assistant pastor at Caney Creek Church.

Ronnie is missed so much by the church and all the friends and family.

- Written by Frances Armstrong

ESTHER VIRGINIA SPICER RUTHERFORD BELL was born March 25, 1930 and the Lord called her away from this earth April 13, 1996.

Esther was married to the late Brack Rutherford January 22, 1947 until his death on June 6, 1974. I can still remember both my dad and mom being baptized when she was about 25. She married Earl Bell October 8, 1979.

She is survived by her husband; 1 daughter, Della Simano; 2 sons, Roger and Clinton Rutherford, Sr.; 5 stepsons, Gary, Donnie, Roger, Rickey and Kevin Bell;

7 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 3 sisters, Edna Foshie, Ella Foskie and Evon Brown; several nieces and nephews.

She was an active member of Oak Grove Church. She will be missed by friends and family until we meet again in heaven.

- Written by her son, Elder Clinton Rutherford, Sr.

ETHEL LEE JOYNER BLEDSOE was born June 6, 1918 and departed this life February 5, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur Bledsoe; 2 sons, Wallace Walter and Larry Wayne Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Amanda Bledsoe and Lydia Joyner; 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of Silver's Chapel Church and after its closing, she attended many other area churches for as long as her health would permit.

She is greatly missed by all the family and friends, but we can take comfort in the fact that we can see her again for eternity.

JAMES CLAUDE BLOOMER was born May 5, 1918 at Fairview, Va., the son of H. P. and Maggie Weatherly Bloomer.

He attended Burke's Union Church in his early years and accepted Christ as his personal Savior.

He was married to Lucille Corder and they had a son, Michael Wayne. Besides his wife and son, he is survived by 3 sisters, Eva Bloomer, Viola Gilliam and Edna Bledsoe.

He left many friends and relatives, but we have a hope of seeing them again when Jesus gathers His children home.

- Written by a sister, Edna Bledsoe

NANNIE MARIAH GILLIAM BLOOMER was born November 16, 1903 and departed this life April 25, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Martin Bloomer; 1 daughter, Thelma Bell and 4 sons, Kermit, Loren, Boyd and Farce Bloomer.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Nessa Trivette, Norma Allen, Loretta Casteel and Vesta Fritz; 4 sons, Elmer, Junior, Jay and Clyde Bloomer; 1 sister, Dora Berry; 1 brother, Ben Gilliam; 23 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

She was the oldest member of Burke's Union Church at the time of her death.

Time and space will not allow us to tell you of all the love our mother had for us, or the love we had for her. She will be remembered by all of us in some special way. Maybe by her smile, a song, a hug, a kiss, a handshake, an invitation to church, or an invitation to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior as she did.

Let each of us cherish these memories and look to the time we will see her again - for we have that promise in I Thess. 4:16-18.

- Written by the family

EILEEN COMBS CAUDILL, age 63, of Cumberland, Kentucky departed this life January 17, 1996 at Johnson City Medical Center following a long illness. She was a native of Whitesburg, Kentucky and had been a resident here for the past 37 years. She was a beautician and a homemaker and a member of Little Cowan

Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maggie Holbrook Combs.

Surviving Eileen are her husband, J. T. Caudill; father and stepmother, Russell and Snodia Combs; 1 son, Douglas Caudill; 1 daughter, Sherrie Farley; 1 brother, Warren Combs; 2 grandsons, one of which was born after her death; and 2 granddaughters.

Eileen is sadly missed by family and friends, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain. She fought a good fight, never complained and kept her faith until the end.

- Written by her family

CALLIE COLLINSWORTH was born March 18, 1915 and departed this life April 24, 1996, being 81 years of age.

She was the daughter of Bent and Nancy Shepherd.

Callie was preceded in death by 2 husbands, Bascom Corder and Ed Collinsworth; 1 daughter, Shirley Irene; her parents; 3 sisters, Montana Maggard, Louanna Boggs and Myrtie Sturgill; 4 brothers, Hayes, Herbert, Bill and Hence Shepherd.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Helen Brown and Peggy Berkley; 8 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Cora Adams; several nieces and nephews.

Callie will be sadly missed by family and friends. Our loss is great, but she told her daughters that she wanted to go to Glory Land.

She was a member of Little Dove Church.

- Written by a niece

ESTHER CONDRA, 86, Morristown, Tennessee, died February 20, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pat and Martha Sturgill.

She is survived by her husband, Ruffie Condra; 1 daughter, Laura Lou Golden; 1 son, Kenneth Condra; 5 sisters; 6 brothers; 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of Blair Chapel Church until she moved away and then she attended Cedar Creek Church in Morristown for several years.

She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

- Written by the family

ERNEST E. CORNETT departed this life May 7, 1996. A native of Line Fork, Kentucky, he had lived at Lynch, Kentucky for 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Cornett; 2 daughters, Karen Kelly and Rudell Dailey; 1 son, Larry Cornett; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He was a member of Blair Chapel Church and loved his church.

He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

GEORGE CONNER DAVIDSON was born April 10, 1919 and departed this life April 22, 1996 at the age of 77 years and 12 days.

He has joined his beloved wife, Ruth whom he lost April 25, 1995; his parents, James Moley and Eliza Arnold Davidson; 5 brothers, Will, Ballard, Silas, Bob and

Jesse; and 3 sisters, Bessie Lee, Nancy and Mary Davidson.

He is survived by his beloved girls as he called his daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters; 2 sisters, Verdie Shortt and Gladys Manis; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He served his country during WWII in the Pacific.

Dad professed faith in Christ and joined House Chapel Church where he was ordained as a deacon on June 25, 1966. Dad loved the Lord and stood many times to tell of all the good things the Lord had done for him. He wasn't able to attend church very much in the last few years, but he never lost faith in the Lord. After mom passed away, dad always said he couldn't wait to go on in order to see her again and to be able to praise the Lord for His blessings. The Lord didn't make him wait long before He answered that prayer. Although we miss them very much, we know they are together in that blessed land where they will be happy and at peace forever more. All we can do is make sure when our time comes, we will be able to join them.

- Written by his loving daughters, Joyce Martin and Debbie Mowell

CHARLES E. DAVIS was born February 2, 1919 and departed this life April 30, 1996 at the age of 77 years, 2 months and 28 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Carrie Davis; 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Elizabeth; 3 sons, Larry, Charles and Steve; 12 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Alfred Davis; 1 sister, Edith Conner; and a host of friends.

He was a Marine Corp veteran of WWII. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 17. He joined Fairview Church in Ohio in 1971 where he remained a faithful and active member as a trustee and Sunday School Superintendent until the Lord called him home.

He bore his pain and suffering with a smile. His favorite song was "Victory in Jesus." He has won his victory and is now at rest with Jesus. He is sadly missed by all whose lives he touched.

- Written by his wife, Elizabeth

ARLENE DAY was born July 12, 1922 and departed this life January 1, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Artis Day; 1 sister, Bea Coldiron and 1 brother, Norville Lee Day.

She is survived by 1 brother, Jimmy Day.

Arlene was a member of Blair Chapel Church and is greatly missed by her friends.

JOHN H. DENTON, SR. was born January 15, 1912 in Scott County, Virginia and died January 8, 1996 at Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee.

He married Mary Hauk Denton on September 12, 1936.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William B. and Virgie Booher Denton; and 1 brother, H. J. Denton, Sr.

He is survived by his wife; 2 daughters, Nancy Evans and Virginia Dickenson; 1 son, John H. Denton, Jr.; 6 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter; 1 sister, Bonnie Stevens and 1 brother, W. C. Denton.

He was a faithful and devout Primitive Baptist for over 45 years. He served as a deacon and clerk for over forty years. At the time of his death, he was a deacon and the clerk of Miller's Chapel Church.

He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

- Written by the family

MAYME CAMPBELL DENTON died September 15, 1996 after a lengthy illness. She was 78 years old.

Mayme was the youngest daughter of James and Anna Smith Campbell, and the wife of Herbert Denton, Sr., who died February 4, 1992.

Mayme is survived by 1 son, Herbert Denton, Jr.; 1 daughter, Donna Denton Sisk; 5 grandsons and 1 great granddaughter.

She was a lifelong resident of Sullivan County, Tennessee. She was a member of Gardner's Chapel Church, having given evidence of spiritual birth when the original church building was a small log structure.

Many mourn her death, but those who knew her are confident that she will be raised in a glorious new body when our Savior returns. We shall miss her kind and loving spirit.

- Written by her son, Herbert Denton

VELVA RUTH DODSON was born April 8, 1914 to the late Milum and Darcus Barnard. She entered eternal life December 21, 1995.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elder Elmo Dodson and her brother, Landon Barnard.

Left to mourn her passing are 2 sons, Clarence and Earl Dodson; 4 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 3 sisters and 1 brother.

Velva professed faith in Jesus at an early age and joined Ida's Chapel Baptist Church. She later joined Swan Creek Church, where she remained a devoted member until her death. Forever standing beside her husband to support him in his ministry, she spent her lifetime attending churches around the region and hosting visiting preachers who came to her home.

Any visit to Velva's home was made memorable by her gift of conversation. As the greatest of storytellers, she unfolded church, community and family histories and made them come to life. Her own story is one of poverty and struggle, but she retold it with pride, demonstrating exceptional strength, courage and endurance.

The stories that we, in turn, have to tell about Velva's life as a mother, grandmother, and friend of the community involve spirited images of nature and country quilts. Learning of God's creation, she knew every tree and bird by name, and she gave back to the Lord her tribute of cheerful flowers. She crafted hundreds of quilts, which she left as heirlooms to record her affection. As such humble acts illustrate, Velva's life offers a testimony about exhibiting one's Christian love to others.

- Written by her granddaughter, Danita Dodson

BILLY S. DOWELL was born December 7, 1932 and departed this life September 17, 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Dowell; 1 daughter, Connie Penley; 3 sons, Billy, Bobby and Jeff Dowell; and 2 grandsons.

Bill was a member of Gardner's Memorial Church.

He was a devoted husband, father, papaw and friend, and was very dedicated to his family.

We will always cherish the great memories that linger, but the loneliness will always remain in our hearts. We know he is resting in the land of joy and peace and is waiting our coming to meet him on that great reunion day.

- Written by his wife and children

BURLEY W. ELKINS was born June 22, 1905 and was called home to be with the Lord September 7, 1996.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Benton and Nancy Lydia Marcum Elkins; 1 infant son, Ray Elkins; 6 brothers, Hubert, Coy, Demmer, Crawford, Ewell and Creek Elkins; and 1 sister, Flossie Elkins.

Surviving are his wife, Dona Elkins; 3 sons, R. C., Omer and Don Elkins; 3 daughters, Ada Lou Fletcher, Estell Creech and Betty Willis; 12 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; 2 step grandchildren; 2 sisters, Oza Snyder and Lillie Flanary; several nieces and nephews.

He professed faith in Christ in early life, was baptized and joined Davis Chapel Church where he remained a faithful member until his health prevented his attending.

The home has a vacancy no one else can fill, the community has lost a friend, the family has lost a precious loved one. Sleep on, dad, until we meet again where sickness and pain will be no more.

- Written by the family

EMILY PEARL ELY was born April 13, 1917 in Lee County, Virginia and went to be with the Lord January 9, 1996 after an extended illness.

She began her walk with the Lord at a revival at Peterson's Chapel and was baptized into the church on January 28, 1938. She was a faithful member until she moved from the area and joined a church in Illinois in November, 1952.

On April 29, 1938 she was married to Earl Ely and they were blessed with a daughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Ara Fraley Fannon; 2 sisters, Mae Coomer and Ethel Hall; 5 brothers, Clyde, Dewey, Emmette, James Earl and Millard Fannon.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband; 1 daughter, Judy Earle Burgess; 2 granddaughters; 2 sisters, Flora Robinette and Mary Billings; 3 brothers, Jack, Fred and Morris Fannon; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul tells us in the Scriptures, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." We feel sure that she has gained that heavenly home and the voice that was silent during her illness is now praising our Redeemer.

We miss her smiling face, but we rejoice in knowing we will meet her where we will never have to part again.

MILDRED COURTNEY EVERHART, 79, entered into eternal life with her Lord on January 13, 1996.

From age 14 Mildred was a beloved member of the L. F. and Willie Robinette

family. She was a “sister” to the older children and a “mother” to the younger ones.

She is survived by Kenneth and Billy Robinette and Agnes Pritchette and by the Robinette and Pritchette grandchildren.

Mildred never had children, but she helped bring up many. She lodged strangers and washed the saints' feet. She relieved the afflicted and she diligently followed every good work.

She bore her illness without complaint, and when she seemed to no longer recognize others, she always knew her pastor, Rev. John Arnott, and was happy to see him on his many visits to her in the nursing home where she lived the last 1½ years of her life.

We miss Mildred so much, but know she is at rest after her many years of service to others.

- Written by Ruth Robinette

CALLIE LEWIS EVERSOLE was born at Partridge, Kentucky May 23, 1906 and passed from this life May 14, 1996 at Harlan ARH at the age of 89 years, 11 months and 21 days. She was the daughter of the late Hadley and Lucinda Mullins Lewis.

She was united in marriage to Robert Cecil Eversole August 27, 1926. He preceded her in death August 15, 1984.

She is survived by 3 children: Aline Boggs, Anna Lois Hornsby and Jesse B. Eversole; 1 sister, Loretta Raleigh; 10 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

She was a homemaker, a lifelong resident of Partridge, Kentucky and of the Baptist faith, having been a member of Blair Chapel Church since she and her husband joined November 23, 1974. They were baptized the same day. She was a very devoted member of the church until declining health these past few years prevented her from attending; but the good Lord knew where her heart was. She left this testimony, “I have lived a good long life; I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith.” We feel assured that she has gone to her reward and if we follow in her footsteps, we will be with her again in heaven some day.

She is sadly missed by all her family members and a host of friends.

- Written by her daughter, Anna Lois Hornsby

RUFUS L. FISHER was born May 14, 1907 and departed this life February 20, 1996 at the age of 88 years, 9 months and 6 days.

He was the son of Burdine and Linda Wallen Fisher.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Verna; 2 sons, O'Brein and Jack; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He came to know the Lord as his personal Savior at an early age and joined Willis Chapel Church where his membership remained until death.

As a young boy, he became interested in gospel music. He spent a great deal of his life learning and teaching the rudiments of music. He held numerous singing schools and was always glad to give personal training to anyone who was interested in singing for the glory of God. His earnest desire was that his music and his singing be not for selfish glory or honor, but to the praise of the Lord and as a blessing to His people.

- Written by request of the family by Elder J. H. Sybert

MAYDA V. KILGORE FLETCHER was born May 26, 1907 and departed this life June 7, 1996.

She was married to, and preceded in death by 3 husbands, Albert Addington, Harvey Salyer and Cecil Fletcher. She was never blessed to have any children of her own, but became a second mother to all of her sister Daphne Stapleton's nine children.

She was loved by everyone who met her. She always had a smile, some comical remarks and usually something to give you. She was a member of Copper Creek for many years, and always enjoyed attending as long as she was able.

She is missed by family, friends and church, but those who were left behind are comforted by her strong testimony. When we reach that shore, we will be reunited with her as she waits by the river with Jesus.

- Written for the family by Flo Minton

EUGENE FORD was born June 23, 1918 and departed this life February 17, 1996 at the age of 77.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Neal and Effie Ford.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ford; 2 sons; 2 daughters; 4 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 1 sister and many friends and neighbors.

He professed faith in Christ and made Jenkins Chapel Church his home church. He enjoyed good preaching and singing and fellowship with his brothers and sisters in Christ.

We feel his pain and suffering are over, and he is at rest in the arms of Jesus. He will be missed by family and all that knew him.

So sleep on, dear dad, until we meet again on heaven's bright shore, where we will meet to part no more.

- Written by his wife and daughter

MYRTLE LEE HARGIS GOODEN was born June 9, 1909 and departed this life May 29, 1996 at the age of 86. She was the daughter of the late Iver and Dona Jones Hargis.

She married Samuel W. Gooden, Jr. in 1955. They were a devoted couple for 32 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents and 1 sister, Mary Hargis.

She is survived by 1 step daughter, Evelyn Ruth Gooden Adams; 1 step son, James Edward Gooden; 6 step grandchildren; 4 step great grandchildren and 2 cousins.

She was a member of Walnut Chapel Church, where she remained faithful as long as her health permitted.

Her sweet and gentle nature endeared her to all who knew her, and she will always be loved and missed by her family and friends.

Rest and sleep peacefully, you are free now from all pain and worries of this life. Good night until we meet again on that bright tomorrow.

- Written by the family

ELSIE JUANITA GROSS, daughter of the late S. M. and Una Long Banks, was born at Whitesburg, Kentucky March 17, 1919. She passed from this life at St. Mary's Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee on September 28, 1996, making her stay here on earth 77 years, 6 months and 11 days.

She married Bob Minor in the spring of 1962. He preceded her in death on September 22, 1962.

She married Virgil Gross on September 21, 1968 at Clintwood, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Duane and Durward Banks; and her sister, Audrey Fay Lark.

Juanita is survived by her husband, Virgil Gross; the son she never had, Henry Banks; 2 cousins; 8 nieces, 5 nephews that she considered her own children and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Juanita worked for the United States Postal Service for 25 years and the last 8 of those years she served as postmaster of the Burdine Post Office. She retired in 1974. She and Virgil made their home in Burdine until 1982 when they moved to their property on Douglas Lake in Dandridge, Tennessee. They spent the winter months at their home in Ft. McCoy, Florida.

She was a member of Little Cowan Church since October 14, 1962.

- Written by her family

EMILEE (TOTS) HERRON, 74, died May 23 at Whitesburg Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Harrison and Stella Mae Brock Ison, and was married to the late Emery Herron.

Surviving are 3 sons, Henry, Marvin and Herbert Herron; 3 daughters, Bernice Lucas, Janet Hensley and Edith Mayhew; 2 brothers, Fred and Earl Ison; 1 sister, Juanita Cabala; 25 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

NATALEEN CARTER HILTON was born April 19, 1917 and departed this life July 24, 1996. She was the daughter of Melvin and Nannie Fugate Carter.

She was married to Scott Hilton who preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her death a daughter, Nancy Hamilton; and 2 sons, Billy and Gale.

Sister Nataleen was saved at the age of 13. She united with Blue Springs Church where she faithfully attended. She had many talents which she used to glorify the Lord. She would sing songs, "Some Day", "I'm Saved" and "Wonderful Jesus." Many times she would shout during the song service.

Sister Nataleen is greatly missed by her family, church and friends.

- Written by a brother in Christ, Jim Bowlin

LUCILLE S. HOLBROOK was born February 20, 1935 and entered eternal life May 21, 1996. She was the daughter of the late John and Rosa Mae Stidham and the wife of the late Edwin P. Holbrook.

She is survived by 3 sons, Edwin D., Chester and Jeff; 1 daughter, Linda; 1 sister, Ruby; 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

She professed faith in Christ July 7, 1971 where she joined Marlow Mt. Chapel.

The church later moved and became Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church where Lu was a faithful and loving member until God called her home. She will be greatly missed by all those whose path she crossed.

God's light in her was like a shining star ever burning bright for each and every soul to see. Her love and inspiration; embossed within our hearts, forever, eternally. Until we meet again in heaven.

- Written by Jeff and Sheilah

JAMES ARNOLD JESSEE was born June 28, 1919 in Wise County, Virginia and departed this life February 25, 1996 at the age of 76 years, 7 months and 27 days.

He was the son of Charles and Louzina Jessee who preceded him in death along with 2 brothers; 1 sister; 2 half brothers and 3 half sisters.

He married Evelyn Robinette December 17, 1949 and 2 sons were born to this union.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Evelyn Jessee; 2 sons, Larry and Mitcher Jessee; and 1 grandson.

He was a devoted husband and father with a very deep love for his grandson who called him Pappy. He loved playing ball, fishing in our pond and doing other things with him as long as he was able. He had a special love for children and they were always welcome to play in our yard and visit in our home. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific Theatre.

Arnold professed faith in Christ at Marion Robinette Memorial Church in 1952. He never joined any church, but lived his religion each and every day. He was of the Baptist faith.

Arnold will be missed by family, friends and relatives. A place is vacant in our home that no one else can fill. So sleep on, dear husband, until we meet again at that glad reunion day.

- Written by his wife, Evelyn Jessee

AUDREY FAYE LARK, daughter of the late S. M. and Una Mae Long Banks, was born August 20, 1916 at Dongola, Kentucky. She passed from this life at the Whitesburg Appalachian Healthcare Center September 11, 1996, making her stay here on earth 80 years and 22 days.

Audrey was married to Paul W. Lark October 2, 1939. He preceded her in death in February, 1981.

She was also preceded in death by her 2 brothers, Duane and Durward M. Banks.

Audrey is survived by 3 sons, Robert Neal, Paul Edward and Richard Lewis Lark; 4 daughters, Charlotte Jo Sumpter, Freida Kay Boggs, Carla Annette Homola and Juanita Jane Benton; 1 sister, Juanita Gross; 21 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

She was a member of Little Cowan Church.

- Written by her family

JERRY LYNN LAWSON was born November 24, 1957 and passed away March 4, 1996.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Lawson and 1 granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy Lawson; 1 daughter, Pamela Lawson and 1 son, Travis Lynn Lawson.

He was a member of Long Hollow Church.

We miss you dearly. We miss your loving touch, your caring words and your loving heart. We've all lost something that no one can replace, a very special person in our lives. A place in our hearts remains with your name on it. I love you still and always will!

- Written by his daughter, Pam Lawson

RILEY LINDSEY was born November 24, 1939 and passed away June 23, 1996 at the age of 56.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewolfe and Rose McPeek Lindsey, 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Alta Faye Mayo Lindsey; 1 sister; 3 brothers and a host of family and friends.

He was a true and faithful member of Long Hollow Church.

- Written by his wife, Faye

ROBERT E. (BOB) MCCAMY, 74, passed from this world October 4, 1995.

He was married to Naomi E. Jackson McCamy and 5 children were born to this union.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 1 son; his stepmother; 2 brothers and 1 sister.

He was a member of Poplar Grove Church.

He was retired from Tennessee Eastman with 30 years of service.

Our best memories are of his gentle nature and kind heart. He enjoyed life before sickness restricted him.

Rest now, dad. In our sorrow we have tried to rejoice at your passing, knowing we'll meet you soon, never to part again. We dearly miss you.

- Written by his daughter for his family and friends

LAURA MCMURRAY was born September 10, 1899, and on October 29, 1995 at the age of 96 years, 1 month and 19 days, the Lord called her home.

She was married to Floyd B. McMurray June 30, 1917 and to this union 8 children were born.

She was preceded in death by her husband and 4 children.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Estelle Browder and Cleo Hensley; 2 sons, Pat and Fred McMurray; 12 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and later joined Gardner's Chapel Church. She served her Lord well and even in her pain and suffering, she never complained. The suffering is over and sweet, peaceful and eternal rest has come. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but in just a little while we will meet her in heaven.

- Written by her family and a friend

MARTHA JANE HUFFMAN WHITAKER MCMURRAY was born December 26, 1903 and passed from this life November 9, 1995.

She was married to Bob Whitaker March 4, 1926 and to this union 5 children were born.

She was preceded in death by Bob July 8, 1951. She was married to Lester McMurray in September, 1975 and he passed away in May, 1981. She was also preceded in death by her parents, James and Margaret Huffman; 3 brothers; and 2 sisters.

She is survived by 4 sons, James, Charles, Herbert and Bobby; 1 daughter, Sylvia Roller; 16 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson.

She was saved at an early age and joined Gardner's Chapel, later moving to Gardner's Memorial. She stayed true to her faith and church, attending all area sister churches. She loved the spiritual Word and singing. She loved to give and do for others. She often talked of the 3 white angels waiting at the Gate to welcome her home. You are now free indeed, Mom. Your suffering is over and you are at rest with Jesus. Rest on, dear one, till God gathers us home. We are thankful to God for a mother that taught us about God and eternal life. Carrying us to God's house will be treasured forever.

- Written by her daughter, Sylvia Roller

ALLIE R. MOORE was born November 28, 1898 and departed this life December 14, 1995.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Glenna Moore and Betty Mullins; 1 son, H. L. Moore, Jr.; 1 sister, LouVada Willis; 6 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.

Your presence is missed. Your smile and joyful shouts will be remembered by those that knew and loved you.

BOBBIE L. MOORE departed this life at the age of 84 years.

She was a lifelong resident of Scott County, Virginia.

Survivors include her husband, Null Moore; 2 sons, J. C. and App Moore; 1 daughter, Lucille Brotherton and 1 grandson.

You are missed by family and your many friends.

ELDER WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN MOORE, son of Jasper and Martha Ann Maness Moore, was born July 14, 1907. He departed this life May 27, 1996 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

He was married to Mary Burke in 1925 and to this union 2 children were born.

His wife, Mary preceded him in death in 1993.

He leaves to mourn his loss 2 daughters, Georgia Sage and Berneda Vanover; 4 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 1 great-great granddaughter; 1 sister, Anne Burke; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Daddy professed faith in Christ at an early age and moved from Virginia to Ohio, where he helped build and organize the Fairview Church at Bellbrook, Ohio. He was a deacon for many years and then was ordained into the ministry.

After residing in Ohio, he returned to Virginia and was a member of Peterson's Chapel Church and later moved his membership to Roller's Chapel Church.

Being a minister, he traveled many miles to preach and pastor churches. Even though he had much sickness and pain in later years, he always looked forward to being in service for the Lord.

During his life, his home was always open to friends and he had a warm welcome for everyone. The grandchildren always looked forward to going to grandma's and grandpa's, and he always took the time to enjoy them and give them good advice to do good and live for the Lord.

As we say our last goodbyes to you daddy, we will thank God each day for the loving daddy you were to us.

Your days of pain and suffering are over, and you are resting in Paradise, where we will meet you and mother again in heaven and all be together forever more.

- Sadly missed by daughters, Georgia and Berneda

BONNIE ELIZABETH MORELOCK, age 86, passed from this life to a better one March 30, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, John F. Morelock; her parents, Ruffus and Delphia Gardner; 1 granddaughter; 1 grandson; 1 sister and 1 brother.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Frances Armstrong and Adelene Myers; 1 son, Mitchell Morelock; 11 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren and 1 brother, Elmer Gardner.

She was saved at an early age and joined Caney Creek Church where she was a faithful member until about a month before she passed away.

She is missed by everyone that loved and knew her. Mom, we love you so much.

- Written by her daughter, Frances Armstrong

GEORGIA RUTH ORR MOSES, age 72, of York Community, Jonesville, Virginia passed away March 31, 1996 at Lee County Community Hospital, Pennington Gap, Virginia.

She was a lifelong resident of Lee County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clint Moses; her parents, George and Mae Cecil Orr and 2 brothers.

She is survived by 2 sons, Robert and Deckie Litton; 1 stepson, Larry Moses; 1 daughter, Cecilia K. Litton; 4 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 2 nieces and a host of friends.

She attended Pondview Church when able.

She was a good neighbor and is missed by her family and friends and all who knew her.

There'll be no more pain. She'll have a new body. She's at rest.

- Written by a friend

JANE PAYNE was born April 29, 1951 and passed from this life in 1996.

She was the daughter of Dorthy and Jack Derryberry of Trenton, Georgia.

She was a member of Blair Chapel Church and she loved everyone.

She was saved and ready to meet the Lord.

She is missed by family and friends, but we have great hope of seeing her again in the land where all will be peace and happiness with the Lord.

- Written by Brenda Payne

JAMES ALVIN PURKEY was born March 21, 1909 and departed this life January 7, 1996 at the age of 86. He was married in 1939 to Mary Brewer and 3 sons were born to this union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tyler and Cora Keaton Purkey; 1 son, Harold Smith Purkey; 2 brothers, Emory and Wiley Purkey; and 1 sister, Laura Purkey Stanifer.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; 2 sons, Lonnie and Fay Dean; 5 grandchildren; 1 brother, Everette Purkey; 2 sisters, Purley Purkey and Verda Fultz; and several nieces and nephews.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and became a member of Swan Creek Church, where he remained a faithful member until death. He served as Sunday School superintendent and was very devoted to his church.

He was a farmer in Hancock County for most of his life and was well known for his honest and fair dealings with neighbors and community, always willing to help those in need. He served for many years on the board of directors of the Hancock County Farmer's Co-op.

He is sadly missed by his family and a host of friends, but we know that he is at peace with the Lord, and our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by a daughter-in-law

ZELLA FLORENCE PURKEY was born February 25, 1916 and departed this life December 10, 1995 at the age of 79.

She was the daughter of the late W. H. and Bessie Moore.

She leaves behind a husband of 59 years; 3 daughters, Shirley Ridley, Joan Drinnon and Jill Dalton; 3 sons, Dennis, Jack and Harry Purkey; 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Slate Hill Church, where she was a member until God called her home.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

We all miss you so very much, especially our dad. We all love you and we're waiting on the day we can all be together again in heaven where we'll never say goodbye anymore.

- Written by her daughter, Joan Drinnon

ROY RICHARDSON was born February 5, 1905 in Claiborne County, Tennessee and died September 21, 1996 at the age of 91 years, 7 months and 16 days. He spent most of his life in the Blackwater section of Lee County, Virginia.

He was the son of John D. and Mary Morrison Richardson.

He married Laura Flanary July 22, 1928 and to this union 2 sons were born, Lee Roy and Lewis Edward. He is also survived by 1 sister, Ella Green; 7 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

As a young man, he professed faith in Christ and was a member of Flower Gap Church.

He spoke at different times at church meetings and with individuals of what the Lord had done for him.

ORA MAGGARD ROBERTS, 94, of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, died February 27, 1996 at Letcher Manor of Whitesburg, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Corbin Roberts; her parents, James M. and Sarah Collier Maggard; 1 sister, Vera Maggard; 1 daughter, Doris Roberts Hamilton and 1 grandson, Infant Maggard.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Juanita Roberts Caudill and Helen Roberts Maggard; 1 niece; 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was a native of Eolia, Kentucky, but had resided in Big Stone Gap since 1962. She was a member of Little Cowan Church.

- Written by her family

EDITH ROBINETTE ROOP was born July 30, 1914 and departed this life January 24, 1996 at the age of 81.

She married Roy M. Roop June 23, 1940.

Edith was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis E. and Rosa Hickam Robinette; 3 brothers, Charles V., Samuel and Lewis E. Robinette, Jr. (L. E.)

She is survived by her husband, Roy M. Roop; 2 sons, Lewis F. and Wilkerson R. Roop; 2 granddaughters and 2 great granddaughters.

Edith was a former teacher in Lee County and retired from the United States Postal Service after 31 years of service.

She was saved January 7, 1927 at Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church, where she attended all of her life and taught the adult Sunday School class for many years.

Edith was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter 441 for approximately 40 years.

She had compassion for her friends and neighbors, and was always ready and willing to help.

VELVIA KATHERINE RUNYON was born June 1, 1930 and departed this life March 9, 1996.

Katherine, as called by all her friends, was a lovely lady and dear friend to so many people. I personally knew her for many years. She always had a smile, even through all her sicknesses, which were many. Katherine was a member of the Garden of Hope Church. Her smile and loving ways will be missed by her family and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written for the family by Sharon Ratliff

CARSON (BUCK) SALLEY was born November 17, 1921 in Scott County, Virginia and entered into eternal rest September 6, 1996 at the age of 74 years, 9 months and 20 days.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Hensley Salley; 1 daughter, Linda Click; 1 son, Robert Lynn Salley; 1 sister, Beulah Edwards and 3 granddaughters.

There will be a void in the lives of all who knew him, but our loss is heaven's gain.

He was a faithful member and deacon until sickness prevented him from attending as he wished to. He was greatly respected for his work in the church.

- Written by Billy Jack Johnson

GEORGE (BEE) SIZEMORE of Kyles Ford, Tennessee, age 86 years and 4 days, departed this life into eternity January 14, 1996 at Holston Valley Hospital of Kingsport, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Ellen Lawson Sizemore; 2 sons, Junior and Glen Sizemore; 1 grandson; 3 sisters, Ellie Anderson, Alma Belcher and Cora Livesay; 2 brothers, Roy and Grant Sizemore.

He left in this world, his wife of 63 years, Elsie Sizemore; 5 daughters, Maxine Nichols, Opal Johnson, Mildred Gibson, Janice Johnson and Carolyn Lawson; 3 sons, Fred, Jack and James Allen Sizemore; 13 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

At the age of 65, Bee Sizemore confessed faith in Christ and joined Livesay Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He, along with more than twenty others, were baptized together by his brother-in-law, Reverend Perry Livesay.

We know that death in the mortal body separates us here a short time, but we are also assured we shall meet again in an immortal body never to depart. Our thoughts now are comforted by the hope of seeing "Pa" in a land where there will be no more oxygen machines, no sickness or pain of any kind, only joy and peace for ever and ever.

We know you're now "gone home" but we'll see you in the morning on that bright reunion day. So now we, too, are waiting for our call to be together forever in that wonderful land.

- Written for the family by a grandson, Elder Terry Sizemore

WHITNEY MADISON SIZEMORE was born and departed this life July 24, 1996.

She is survived by her daddy and mommy, Jeff and Carol Sizemore; her big sister, Emily; grandparents and many friends at Kingswood Church.

As her marker says, "She gave so much to be so little, but angels always do." She truly was God's little angel. We often wonder why God took her on home to be with Him, but then a small, still voice says her job has been completed and we'll get to see her some day in heaven.

She is sadly missed and loved by her family and all who knew her.

- Written by Whitney's Mommy and Daddy

DELMER TANKERSLEY was born March 14, 1947. He departed this life July 20, 1996.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ballard Tankersley; 1 brother, Ralph and 1 sister, Ruth Tankersley.

Surviving are his mother, Virginia Tankersley; 6 brothers, Clarence, Truman, Jerry, Ballard, Jr., Fred and Daniel Tankersley; 2 sisters, Nora McLain and Aubra Hill.

He professed faith in Christ at Blackwater Lick (Big Door) at an early age. He later joined Willis Chapel Church and remained a member till death.

Later, in his time of sickness, he attended Beech Hill Church. He talked of his

salvation often and said he was ready to go home where he wouldn't have pain. He told everyone he loved them.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. We know he is so happy and free of pain. We say, sleep and rest with our Lord till we meet again.

- Written by the family and friends

NAOMI JANE ALLEY THACKER was born June 26, 1934 in Hawkins County, Tennessee and died June 17, 1996 after a sudden illness at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Fremon Thacker.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Leanore Thacker Stevens; 2 grandchildren; 1 sister; 4 brothers; 2 stepdaughters and several grand and great grandchildren.

She was a wonderful, kind and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Her greatest joy was visiting her brothers and sisters in Christ, and the fellowship of the many churches she and her husband, Elder Fremon Thacker, were blessed to travel and be a part of through the many years. Her traveling days ended while visiting in North Carolina.

We, the family, mourn her passing, but know by the grace of God on that great day we'll be reunited to part no more.

- Written by her loving daughter, Leanore Stevens

NEDRA WADDLE was born January 11, 1941 and departed this life September 23, 1996.

She was a member of the Garden of Hope Church. Nedra joined our church soon after its organization in the Fire Department in 1993.

She was a faithful member while living in our area. She had moved to New York close to her daughter before the Lord called her to her heavenly home. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

- Written for the family by Sharon Ratliff

CLARA LUCILLE LAWSON WATTS was born March 18, 1926 and departed this life December 24, 1995. She was the daughter of Tomie Lloyd and Samantha Lawson.

She was married to Bascom Eugene Watts December 11, 1950. They had 2 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Survivors include 1 son, William Eugene Watts; 1 daughter, Betty Marie Mosteller; 2 brothers, Elder Carl Lawson and Tomie Lawson, Jr.; 2 sisters, Ann Marshall and Jean Coates; 6 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was anxious to go home. She said she knew where she was going.

- Written by her brother, Elder Carl Lawson

JOE WILLIAMS was born April 4, 1900 and departed this life November 20, 1995, at his home in London, Kentucky. He was 95 years, 7 months and 16 days old.

He was the son of the late Isom and Janie Williams.

He was married to Mallie Holbrook in 1924. Out of this blessed union 13 children were born. His wife, Mallie and sons, Eddie and Elmer preceded him in death.

Surviving are 6 sons, Rufus, Revis, Willie, Coolie, Odis and Jimmy; 5 daughters, Earthie, Gracie, Dorothy, Helen and Ruth; 1 brother; 3 half sisters; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He was a member of Delphia Chapel Church and served his Lord since 1954.

Poppy, we love and miss you more than words can say, but we will meet you in the morning and oh what a reunion that will be!

- Written by granddaughter, Shirley Williams Young

DONNIE WOODWARD was born December 10, 1951 and departed this life December 18, 1995.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bessie Woodward and 1 infant brother.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Woodward; 2 sons, Timothy and Matthew Woodward; his father, Don Woodward; 4 sisters, Lois Bledsoe, Linda Quesenberry, Holly Robbins and Kathy Crabtree; 1 brother, Daniel Woodward and several nieces and nephews.

He was a 23 year employee of Powell Valley Electric Coop in Jonesville, Virginia. He professed faith in Christ in 1973, and joined Davis Chapel Church.

His presence will be missed by the family, community and church.

- Written by his wife and sons

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 Howerly	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 McNiel	
1842	Little Sycamore	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1843	Deep Springs	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1844	Beens Creek	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1845	Richardson's Creek	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1846	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1847	Zion	James Gilbert	William McNiel	

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	Spire's 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 J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	J. H. Sybert
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	Fremont 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
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J. H. Sybert & Basil Freeman Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber