

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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## Thursday Morning, October 1, 1998

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 146<sup>th</sup> annual session with Blue Springs Church, Hiltons, Virginia.

The exact date and location of the original Blue Springs Church is unknown. The name Blue Springs came from its previous location. Most residents of this community refer to the present church as Beech Grove, which was the name established for the public school and Methodist church.

The first building at the present location was destroyed by a cyclone in 1910. The existing building was erected in 1911. A public school was housed in it until 1932-33, and the Methodists shared the building until the late 40's when they were dropped from the circuit.

Blue Springs was the home church for Elder Thomas Carter, former moderator of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Other pastors include Elder Bobby Carter, who organized and pastored Gardner's Chapel Church for many years, John Gardner, Lucian Lane, Josh Sanders, Kermit Harper, G. A. Minton, Gerald Hopkins, Bobby Vermillion and our current pastor, John Bowlin.

Great revival services have been conducted with many souls being saved. In 1946, Elder Lucian Lane was inspired to come to the church for a revival. Many souls were saved and united with the church. In 1959, Rev. Radar Ketron and Rev. Coba Carter conducted a great revival which lasted 32 nights and 79 souls were saved during these services.

Elder John R. Gardner served as pastor for the longest period of time. His instruction to us will remain in our hearts throughout the years to come. His first message was from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, 15 (Be Ye Steadfast and Unmovable). His long ministry was concluded with a most inspiring text using Faith, Hope and Charity as a message.

The loss of Elder John Gardner and Elder Bobby Vermillion was very difficult for the church to overcome. However, we have a current membership of 96 and although we are few in number, God is blessing us in spirit, which inspires us to earnestly contend for the faith.

The first day of this great gathering began as God's children were greeted with an abundance of beautiful sunshine and warm, friendly smiles. There is nothing better in this life than to meet together with God's children to worship Him in truth and in spirit. The Lord's presence was evident all over the grounds. As the congregation assembled in the tent, Sister Zula McCullough led them in singing several songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It won't be very long until we'll lay these burdens down and joy unspeakable and full of glory will fill our hearts as we enter that haven of rest.

Our Father waits to prepare us a dwelling place in that land that is fairer than day. In the sweet by and by we'll meet on that beautiful shore to offer our tribute of praise to the one who shed His blood that we might have eternal life. Guided by the unseen hand, we can smile at Satan's rage and face a frowning world.

Elder Terry Sizemore, moderator of the association, welcomed everyone to the service and thanked God for providing us the privilege to meet again in such a wonderful place. He called to the congregation's attention the passing of three of our preaching brethren since we last met. These are: Elders George Mendenhall, Johnny Sykes and Hobart Hall. These dear brethren devoted their lives to the Lord's work. They stood firm in the word of God and preached His word all over this country. We are saddened at their passing, but we know and realize they are at rest with the One they preached about for so long. Please remember their families in your prayers.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises which includes: Steve Minton (chairman), David Smith and J. T. Caudill.

Elder John Henry Sybert came forward and explained how the hymn "Brethren, We Have Met Again," written by Elder I. S. Robinette, evolved into becoming our standard. He then led the congregation in singing this great song of praise.

Prayer requests were made for the lost everywhere, Carl Smith's family at the loss of his mother-in-law, Joe Hensley, Clarence New, Nannie Wallen, Pam Baker, Madge Canter, Lois Davenport, Jim Burke, A. D. Howington's wife and son, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Greg Hill led us to the throne of grace with a most humble prayer.

Elder Lucian Lane blessed us with his testimony and song. He thanked God for the blessing of just being able to be here. We are many times saddened and broken hearted by the things of this life, but God's grace is sufficient in all things. We have been waiting on the shore, so long we've traveled, our steps are getting slow, but thanks be to God we won't have to travel any more, for some day soon our wait will be over and we'll be home with the Lord. Brother Lane is 2 months from his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we thank God for his life and his dedication to the Lord's work. We pray that God will continue to bless him for many years to come.

Elder John Bowlin, pastor of the host church, came forward to welcome everyone to Blue Springs. He led the congregation in singing about the model church. Let the Lord be your guide and He will not only make you feel welcome, but He will richly bless you. Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, he read from II Kings 2:9-14 and used as his thought "Where is the Lord God of Elisha?" We can't hide anything from God. By His stripes we are healed, we are alive and alive forevermore. We must draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to us and deliver to us that double portion. Just like Joshua did, let us declare that as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. No one can come unto the Father unless he be drawn, for salvation will allow us to live and die in the Lord. Elder A. D. Howington, the alternate,

followed with another wonderful message from the Lord. The same spirit that spoke to Elisha is the same spirit that speaks to us. For by one spirit we are all baptized into the same body. Faith can't stand in the wisdom of man, but only in the power of God, for He is the way, the truth and the life. That same spirit is within all God's children, and if we will just obey it, He will bless us in a mighty way. These men preached so wonderfully to us and showed us where the Lord God of Elisha is. He is here with His children in everything we do and say.

The congregation was adjourned for lunch with the singing of Amazing Grace.

## **Thursday Afternoon, October 1, 1998**

Songs of Zion rang out from the tent as everyone gathered inside after a wonderful lunch served by the host church. Shouts of praise and glorious testimonies were made in honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When we can assuredly say that we're on the rock at last, then our feet have found a resting place where He whispers sweet peace to us. The place is not of importance in this life, because anywhere is home sweet home if Christ our Lord is there.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone back and thanked the host church for the bountiful lunch. We were further blessed with the singing and testimonies from the Clear Springs Church singers. Weep not friends, for we're going home on a flight without an airplane.

The report from the Committee on Religious Exercises was read by the moderator.

Stand tonight: Neal Drinnon and others in attendance.

Liberty Chapel: Delmas Harris, Jerry Johnson, Willie Lampkin and Roger Trent.

The moderator also announced the beginning of several revivals at various churches. These include:

Riverside, to begin on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> with Fred Gilreath;

Long Hollow, to begin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night in October with Eckel Head and Bazzle Manis;

Cadet, to begin on Sunday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in November with Eckel Head and Paul Strong.

Prayer requests include all those made this morning, the unsaved, Sisters Ora Arnott, Ruth Fields and Beulah Webb, and the man in Titusville, Florida. Elder Hasco Jenkins took our petitions to the Lord in a most humble prayer.

Brother Billy Jack Johnson, chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, now reports 67 churches of which they recommend accepting. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association.

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. Elder Arnott thanked the delegation for their confidence in him just before the election.

Brother Danny Lawson was nominated to serve as clerk and treasurer. It was motioned, seconded and voted for him to serve as clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

Elder Terry Sizemore was nominated to serve as moderator of the association. No other nominations were made and it was motioned, seconded and voted for Elder Sizemore to serve as the moderator of the association for the year.

Elder Sizemore, speaking for himself and the clerk, thanked the delegation for their prayers and their confidence. It is truly an honor to serve this group of people. He also asked them to continue praying for them that the Lord's work would always be first and foremost in everything we do.

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 Church Letters: Joe Robinette (chairman), Burnice Sybert, Wayne Morgan and Bradley Bowen (alternate).

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers – J. H. Sybert (chairman), Woodrow Fields, Bobby Carter; Deacons – Morris Giles, Edgar Neeley; Laymen – Jack Osborne and Gleason Storie.

Committee on Finance: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Eckel Head and David Jerrell.

Committee on Obituaries: Hasco Jenkins (chairman), Delmas Harris and Donny Clifford.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: John Arnott (chairman), Gale Derrick, Bob Brown, Lewis Baker, Arry Hickman, Fred Gilreath and Lucian Lane.

Elder Sizemore brought to the attention of the association several items and questions that needed to be addressed by the delegation. These include:

Should the "Look Into The Past" segment continue to be printed in the minutes? It was motioned, seconded and voted to continue printing the segment in the minutes as in years past.

The clerk reported on the association finances for the past year. He also asked the delegation if it would be suitable with everyone to apply for a tax exempt number for the association in order to keep from having to pay taxes on all our purchases. The association voted to allow the clerk to apply for the tax exempt number.

Brother Delmer Wallen, Sr., chairman of the Committee on Insurance, reported that the insurance obtained last year was done so with a very reputable company and at a good premium price. Therefore, it was recommended to keep the insurance that had been obtained earlier. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee. After the report was given, the committee was dismissed.

It was agreed by the delegation not to print directions to the moderator's home nor to the clerk's home, but instead to list a voice-mail phone number for the moderator to help people get in touch with him as needed.

The clerk informed the delegation that an updated inventory of the tent, chairs, stands, etc. and all kitchen items was needed for insurance purposes. These must be taken care of before these items are transported to the new host church. While the new host church for 1999 should be involved along with the current host church, the moderator asked for any other volunteers to notify him or the clerk.

A question was asked about the need to revise and reprint the booklets containing Directions to the Churches. After much discussion, it was motioned, seconded and voted for the clerk to use his own judgement to determine the best procedure for updating, reprinting and determining how many books to print.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 2, 1998.

## **Friday morning, October 2, 1998**

Once again the Lord poured out His blessings on His children as they gathered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 146<sup>th</sup> annual session. The cool morning air was warmed by the beautiful sunshine as God filled our hearts with His wonderful love. Sisters Zula McCullough and Naomi Atkins led the congregation in singing several songs of praise while everyone assembled in the tent. There will be no tear dimmed eyes in that land where we'll never grow old, for all will be peace and joy. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, let us give one another a helping hand as we stand for God's word. Cherish the old rugged cross, for we'll exchange it some day for a crown.

Elder Terry Sizemore, moderator of the association, welcomed everyone to today's service and thanked Almighty God for His blessings on us. He has been so good to us and blessed us in ways that this old world knows nothing about. He reminded the ministers, along with visiting ministers, to sign the book at the clerk's table. Elder Sizemore also thanked the host church for the wonderful job they are doing in caring for this grand body. He brought to the attention of the congregation two more minister's names that had passed from our ranks since last year. These are: Elders Elmer Kincer and Ollie Lawson. Let us remember the families of these dear servants of God in our prayers.

While we were experiencing some problems with the new PA system, Elder Carl Lawson came forward to explain some things about the new system. He thanked the delegation for agreeing to purchase the new PA system last year. While it is new to us, he asked the congregation to be patient while we learn more about it and work through any problems that may come up. The committee checked and compared systems from Abingdon, Virginia to Nashville, Tennessee. It was decided that the best deal was from a business located in Nashville. We thank Bob Brown for all his work in helping us to obtain the new system. We also thank Charley Johnson for all his help to the committee while they were searching for the PA system. To help get through the PA problem, Elder Sizemore blessed us with a song. Some day soon the Lord will return on a cloud to gather his children home. He didn't come here to stay, just to show us the right way.

Prayer requests include all those made in earlier services, Lloyd Watkins, Elder Isaiah Purkey, Carrie Skeens, Henry Wheeler's wife, Bill Bowlin, Mary Ethel Johnson, Myrt Worley's wife, Jim Burke, Ruby Lambert, Shane Russell and his manager and a host of unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Most of all we pray for the lost, not just here at this service and in this community, but all over this land and country. Elder Jason Robinette took our petitions to the 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.

Elder Fred Gilreath, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. He read the 58<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah and used as his thought a portion of the 12<sup>th</sup> verse "and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." We are the light of the world, but we cannot glory in the things of man. We must follow the straight and narrow way of God. When our brothers and sisters weep, we must weep with them, when they cry, we must cry with them, and when they pray, we must pray with them. God's way is still a repenting way. There is no straddling the fence, we are either on God's side or we are on Satan's side. We must strive with everything that is within us to bridge the gap that Satan has worked to put between us and the Lord. Laborers are few and dwindling more each day, so we must work harder so

the harvest will be gathered in. Elder Eckel Head followed with another message from on high. The Lord is ever present with us, so let us be ever dedicated to Him and His work. Our daily testimony and walk with God will find us out if we are not walking according to His will. Our walk is 365 days a year, not just 3 or 4 days in October. We must get our house in order and quit worrying about every one else's affairs. Let us ask God for leadership in this life and listen and obey Him when He speaks to us. It is easy to love one another with mere words, but we must love one another in deed. These men preached heaven down, truly a message from God. His blessings are so real and serve to strengthen and encourage us. Thank God for these men and for all the blessings He has bestowed upon His children.

As shouts of praise rang throughout the tent, we were adjourned for lunch with a song and fellowship, one with another.

### **Friday Afternoon, October 2, 1998**

After a delicious lunch served by the host church, the afternoon service resumed with singing, shouting and praising our blessed Redeemer. Oh the joy of that glad meeting when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and we'll meet just inside the eastern gate! We were truly blessed by special singing and uplifting testimonies from the West View singers, Bowlin family, John Henry Sybert, Henry Wheeler, Riverside Quartet and Jason Robinette, Naomi and Reed Atkins, and Kellis Smith.

When our labor and toils are finished here, we'll exchange them for a mansion just waiting for us where we will live on and on throughout eternity. The fountain that frees us from sin is filled with His great love. We've started on a journey toward heaven and by His marvelous grace we mean to go through. There is a beautiful home for you and for me where we can rest by the peaceful river in the presence of our Savior. I want to go to that city not made with hands where we will praise Jesus the long ages through. The hand that hung this old world can heal the broken, sin sick heart. He paid the ultimate price when He shed His precious blood on the old rugged cross for you and for me.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone back from lunch and thanked God for His blessings. God doesn't do things in a little way. He never gives us just enough to get by, but He always provides more than enough for His children. We are truly a blessed people. When you think there is no way that the Lord could possibly bless any more, He pours out a double portion on His children. His blessings are indeed exceedingly abundant to those that love and serve Him.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, Angela Johnson Mitchell, all those made in earlier services and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Leon Ritchie took our petitions to the Lord.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

The moderator read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises:

Stand tonight: Bill LaFollette and Lewis Baker.

Poplar Grove: John Turner and Hasco Jenkins.

Liberty Chapel: Kenny Mitchell and Eckel Head.

Stand, Saturday morning, October 3, 1998: John Henry Sybert, John Arnott and James Jarnigan.

The Committee on Newly Constituted Churches reported that none had been received.

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

Elder Oscar Irvin, chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported \$4,617.75 in receipts for the year.

Elder Hasco Jenkins, chairman of the Committee on Obituaries, reported that 61 had been received at this time.

Brother David Horton was chosen to read the circular letter. Its message is to each and every one of us. It warned us of how the pleasures of this life and Satan's many devices are stealing our people from the church. We must insure that the many things of this world don't make us complacent when it comes to doing God's work. It is very easy to get caught up in the things of this world and put the Lord's work off. Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, never forsaking the assembling of ourselves together to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. These men put together a wonderful circular letter and it would behoove us all to read, understand and put it to practice in our lives. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

Elder Sizemore appointed 3 preaching brethren to prepare the circular letter for 1999. They are: Elders Roger Trent, Jason Robinette and James Jarnigan.

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 \$850 in appreciation for his services.

It was motioned, seconded and voted that the host church will be responsible for the maintenance of the kitchen, with any needed repairs to be paid for by the clerk of the association.

It was motioned, seconded and voted that the following committee oversee the association electrical and PA systems: Elder Carl Lawson (chairman),



Elder Howard Sybert, Brothers Scott Mellons, Bobby Caudill, Delmer McPherson, Roger Smith and Danny Lawson.

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

The clerk gave a follow-up report of his findings on the reprinting of the Directions to the Churches books. It was motioned, seconded and voted for the clerk to print 1,000 books and for each church to send a recommended donation of \$1.00 for each direction book they request to cover the printing expenses.

Elder A. D. Howington brought it to the attention of the delegation that since our ordained ministers are considered public officials, they could be sued in a court of law if they refuse to marry two women or two men as evidenced in a recent court case in another state, but reported in a local newspaper. While our association follows the King James version of the Bible, which does not condone any action of this type, the laws in some states allow this. The delegation was asked to consider whether we should seek legal council on this matter or add something in our minutes to help protect our ministers from any legal actions against them should they ever be faced with this situation. It was motioned, seconded and voted to table this item of business for the time being and proceed with the other business at hand.

There were a total of 7 churches that asked for the association to meet with them in 1999. One of these withdrew before the plea process leaving: Beech Grove, Burke's Union, Clear Springs, House Chapel, Roller's Chapel and West View. After the plea process was completed, all of the churches withdrew in favor of Roller's Chapel. This is an excellent example of how the Lord can work in our midst when we put aside everything and obey His Holy Spirit. It was evident that the Lord sent the association to Roller's Chapel, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning (September 30) before the first Saturday in October, 1999. Introductory – Elder Greg Hill; Alternate – Elder Allen Hensley.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 3, 1998.

### **Saturday Morning, October 3, 1998**

Just like the previous two days where the blessings of the Lord were exceedingly abundant, this day would be no different. The Lord continued to bless as everyone gathered inside the tent for today's special memorial service. The congregation, led by Sister Zula McCullough, joined together to sing several old hymns of praise to the Lord. Very soon now there will come an uncloudy day when the redeemed of the Lord will fly away home. Sister June Kail blessed us with her wonderful testimony and song. Jesus has prepared us a resting place that some call heaven, but we just call it home.

Elder Terry Sizemore, moderator of the association, welcomed everyone to our memorial service today. He thanked God for His wonderful blessings on His children. Spiritual blessings from God are a miracle to His children, but they do not stop there. They are not only spiritual in nature, but take any form required to help the children of God. He has so richly blessed His children during this association in every possible way imaginable.

Prayer requests include all those made during previous services, the lost all over this land and country, our nation that it might look to the Lord, Lon and Ovie Wallen, Beulah and Cassell Caudill, Junior Collier, Angela Mitchell and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother Pleas Lawson led us to the throne of grace.

The moderator sang a song to remind us of that happy glad morning when we shall see Jesus face to face. With all the heavenly host we'll sing, oh how heaven will ring with the voices of the redeemed of God. What a day that will be when our Jesus we shall see. Elder John Robinette blessed us with his testimony of praise to the Lord.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

The moderator read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises:

Stand tonight: Allen Hensley and Frank Mullins.

Poplar Grove: Roger VanHoose and Bill VanHoose.

Liberty Chapel: Hasco Jenkins.

Roller's Chapel: Jerry Johnson.

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

Elder John Bowlin, pastor of the host church, came forward and blessed us with a song. 'Tis so sweet to tell the story of Jesus. He thanked God for moving all the obstacles to make ready for this blessed event. He thanked everyone for coming, and all the individuals who helped and contributed in so many ways to help this gathering of the association. He presented a tee shirt to Elder John Henry Sybert in honor of his devotion to this association over the years and for his upcoming birthday on Monday. He also presented a tee shirt to Elder A. D. Howington for all his help to the church and for just being there when they needed him. Elders Sybert and Howington thanked the delegation and most of all God for allowing them the privilege to serve this grand old body. Brother Jim Bowlin, of the host church, came forward to thank the association for allowing Blue Springs to serve them and God for all the miracles and blessings He bestowed on them.

The moderator spoke to the association and asked them to promote the association in all our churches during the next year. We need to strengthen and encourage others to take an active part in the association so the Lord can

use them for His glory. Our young people need to be made aware of what this grand old body of God's people represents. They need to see how the Lord will bless His children when they obey Him. While the preaching brethren have a good opportunity to do this, it is not just up to them. We all need to promote the association and encourage others to be a part of this blessed event.

The moderator also informed the congregation that a trip to Israel is being planned in 1999. Anyone interested in this should contact either Elder Bob Brown or Brother Delmer Wallen, Sr. They have brochures and other information about the trip for those that are interested. It would be a wonderful trip when you can make it with several of God's people.

It was also noted that one of the stoves in the kitchen had given the ladies a lot of problems this year and that it would probably have to be replaced before next year. Some flooring and one of the seals around the serving doors in the kitchen would also need to be repaired. The moderator asked that all the churches take into consideration these types of things and consider the TOTAL cost of the association when they send in their contribution next year. Also, it is a good idea to send any money to help the host church as early as possible so they will have a better idea of how much help they are going to receive.

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 departed 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. We miss them dearly, but we realize they are at rest with the Lord.

Elder John Henry Sybert was chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises to take the first part of the service. He read I Peter 1:1-12 and I John 3:1-2 and used as a thought "The sons of God." The full love of God can never be told in this lifetime. Nothing could please a child of God more than to know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. The years are swiftly passing, how precious is the promise that we will be at home with Jesus. Elder John Arnott took the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the service and was blessed of God to deliver another wonderful message from on high. It is good that we remember these dear departed saints, for it pleased God to instruct us in remembrance. The Lord's way is full of peace and joy. Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we might be called the sons of God. Elder James Jarnigan took the last part of the preaching service and blessed us with another wonderful message from God. We have much to brag about in the Lord, we are saved and on our way to glory, to live with our blessed Redeemer forever. If heaven wasn't any better than this, I would still want to go there. Our hope and desire is to see other souls saved, that they too could share this blessed hope that God so freely gives. We must love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and likened unto that, love our neighbor as ourself. These men were used of the Lord as they preached so wonderfully.

With shouts of praise, tears of joy and just all around worship of our Savior, the Lord once again poured out His blessing until our cups were full and running over. His children put aside the cares of this old world and obeyed the Lord, for which they were so richly rewarded. Oh what a Savior we have, bless His holy name!

We were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 4, 1998.

## **Sunday Morning, October 4, 1998**

Still rejoicing from the abundant blessings of the Lord in the previous services, God's children gathered together for the last service of this association. Sister Zula McCullough and Brother Steve Minton led the congregation in several songs of honor and praise to our Savior. Man's work here in this life will soon decay, but Jesus has prepared a resting place for the saved of God and it won't be very long until He shall appear to take us home. We must hasten to Him, the One who redeemed us from our sins. The unseen hand of God will lead us through the ways we do not know and take us to that land where sin and sorrow cannot come.

Elder John Bowlin, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming this way. He also thanked God for His presence and His blessings during these services. Sister Brenda Bowlin thanked all the ladies and men that had helped the church in so many ways to host this grand company of God's children. Those that cooked, cleaned, served, etc. and the ones that parked the cars, picked up the trash, moved the tables, etc. and the children that served the drinks. Whatever the job was, God richly blessed those that helped in any way. Through all the hard work that has been accomplished, it has been a blessing to serve the people of God.

Prayer requests include all those in previous services, Myrt Worley's wife, and a host of others. Brother Ralph Baker led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

We were further blessed with special singing from Brote Smith, Burnice Sybert, Jim Bowlin and Jean Wilson. We live in a house made of clay, but the Lord has built for us a home that is eternal. Elder John Henry Sybert blessed us with his song of just how great our Jesus is. His exceedingly abundant blessings cause our soul to sing, "my Savior God to thee, how great thou art!" Some day soon Christ will come with shouts of acclamation to take His children home.

We were blessed once again to have several ministers in attendance at today's services. These men preached a message from heaven which truly blessed our souls. The 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of I Timothy was read and the thought was "The spirit speaketh expressly." The spirit of God doesn't speak just to the preacher, but to each of us as lay members. The Holy Spirit must not be taken lightly. We must listen and obey when it speaks to us expressly. All of

us cannot preach the gospel, but we all must minister to those around us. By our example we can help win souls to Christ. We can't build anything in this lifetime that can stand, unless it is built on the foundation of the Lord. We have to stand for the Lord, for He will not lead us in any way that is not backed up by His word. As we are faced with situations where we don't know what to do, let us seek the counsel of God and He will show us the right way to go.

These men preached wonderfully to us from the word of God. After some wonderful testimonies, Sister Peggy Sizemore led the congregation in singing about the old ship of Zion as we were dismissed until next year. Our prayer is that God will bless each of our churches with many souls being saved.

Needless to say this has been a glorious week. My cup has been running over the entire time. I wish I had the words to say to the world to fully express what has happened here during this meeting. Many have said that the association just gets better each year. I don't fully understand all of it, but I have to agree. It may be we are getting a little older and we appreciate it more, but I believe the main reason is because God's children forgot the cares of this world and obeyed the Holy Spirit of God. Look around us at just what He has done for His children. If we will continue to obey Him, He can and will use each of us in a mighty way. You people mean more to me than I can put into words. Your help, kind words of appreciation and most of all your prayers are abundantly appreciated by me and my family. I only wish I had the words to truly express my love for each one of you. I pray that the Lord will continue to bestow exceedingly abundant blessings on each one of you and our churches, that He will receive all the honor and glory due Him and we can see many souls saved. May God bless and keep each one of you until we meet again.

## **CIRCULAR LETTER**

To the churches composing the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists.

Greetings to all brothers and sisters of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. We welcome the privilege of being asked to help write the 146<sup>th</sup> circular letter for the year 1998. From 1848 at Blackwater Lick to 1998 at Blue Springs, we have seen many saints pass this way. This being the 150<sup>th</sup> year since this great body of people began gathering, many changes have come about.

The thought we have on our minds this afternoon is how Satan's devices are stealing our people out of the house of God. We see our people going after things of the world such as sports, lottery, bingo, etc. in record breaking numbers. This is heart breaking to visit some of our little churches and find so few in number, but He said if there be no falling away that the end could not come. Surely, surely we are in that day.

For example, Revelation 3:20 the Laodicean church was complacent and rich. They felt fulfilled but they didn't have Christ's presence among them. He knocked at the door of their hearts, but they were so busy enjoying worldly pleasures that they didn't notice He was trying to enter. The pleasures of this world; money, security, material possessions can be dangerous because their temporary satisfaction makes us indifferent to God's offer of lasting satisfaction. If you find yourself feeling indifferent to church, to God, or to the Bible, you have begun to shut God out of your life. Leave the door of your heart constantly open to God and you won't need to worry about missing His knock. Letting Him in is your only hope of lasting fulfillment. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Christ Jesus. How we build on this foundation is what counts. We know that God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men. God who is rich in mercy for His great love, wherewith He loved us according as He has chosen us before the foundation of the world that we should be boldly and without blame before Him in love. Walk in love as Christ also hath loved us and hath given Himself for us. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love. We love Him because He first loved us. Beloved let us love one another for love is of God. Greater love hath no man than a man lay down his life for a friend.

This is the stone which was set at naught of your builders which has become the head of the corner. There is no other name whereby we must be saved.

There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest. The word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Let us come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, and it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doeth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Follow peace, with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Be content with such things as you have, for he hath said "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. If God be for us who can be against us? Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up. Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of temptations and reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished." Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever.

This teaching and practice saved our grandparents and parents, and was good enough for them to live with and die with, so why should we not lay hold

on it? It has saved us and kept us this far and we have faith enough to believe that it will take us on to heaven.

Your Committee,

Brother Ralph Baker  
Brother Myrel Brown  
Brother David Horton

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

To merely say thank God for all He has done for us is a failure to say the least. He has so richly blessed each one of us during our life. So many times we take for granted just what He has done for us. His love for His children is beyond measure and His blessings far outweigh anything this old world can ever imagine. The world cannot offer anything to a child of God, for our Father owns it all and shares His riches beyond measure with them. If we look around us and see how He has blessed us, it boggles the mind. Just to be born into an area where we can attend church with no fear of any harm coming to us, worship Him in truth and spirit with no hindrance from others, and most importantly, hear His Gospel preached is a blessing that can't be expressed in words.

Blue Springs Church has done a wonderful job of taking care of God's children at this great gathering. I'm sure the blessings of the Lord far exceed any hardships they endured during their preparation. God is no respecter of persons, and will bless to the utmost those that are willing to step out and do His work. We thank these folks and the surrounding community from the bottom of our heart for all their efforts that went into making our stay here with them more enjoyable. May God continue to bless them in the years to come.

Sixty two churches contributed a total of \$5,585 to help their sister church in the care of the association. 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 ease the burden placed on the individuals of the church.

We thank Elder Terry Sizemore, our moderator, for all his time, prayers and guidance he has given to the association. We trust God's blessings will be upon him and his family in the future. Many have given of themselves to serve on the 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.

God created a way whereby all might come to know Him. The greatest gift ever known to mankind is free to them that will repent of their sins and accept Him as their Lord and Savior. It is amazing to see how anyone can even remotely function without Him in their life, but this old world goes from day to

day seemingly never giving the Lord a second thought. No doubt most think they are getting by and make fun of those that try to plead with them and tell them about the Lord. God's Word tells us that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord. It is only through His tender mercy that we receive our next breath. Hebrews 10:31 tells us: 'It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God.' One day we will all meet Him face to face, but to those that don't know Him as their Lord and Savior, He will say '*I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*' This will be a frightening time for those that don't know Him. While they cry for the rocks and mountains to fall upon them, the children of God will be with their Redeemer. God blesses His children with many wonderful talents. Everyone cannot preach or teach, be a deacon or sing a song, but each of us must search our heart and find that which the Lord has for us to do. When the Lord reveals unto us what He would have us to do, we must be willing to step out and work to the best of our abilities. Too many times we sit back and wait for someone else to come forward. We make excuses for not doing what the Lord has told us to do, or we try to do things in our own way without His leadership and guidance. When we set out on our own without His guidance, we have failed before we even get started. If we will seek His will in our lives and do these things for the glory and honor of the Lord, He will bless us in spite of ourselves. While I may write this resolution of thanks, each individual must strive within themselves to determine what resolution of thanks they have for the Lord.

Let us all strive to help those who don't know Jesus 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 dismissal;

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.

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

Ordered, therefore that the following decorum be a rule for the church to conduct herself 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 reprovved.

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.

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Church Membership</b>
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Baker, Lewis A., 867 Fall Creek Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-5529	Chestnut Flats
Banks, Charles, 25 Hitchcock Loop, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-3030	Richardson 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) 383-4142	Low View
Bowlin, John H., 205 E. Central, Bristol, TN 37620, (423) 764-1070	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Brown, Bob, Rt. 2, Box 3345, Bean Station, TN 37708, (423) 993-4960	Clear Springs
Burchett, Kenneth, Rt. 4, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-1280	Sneedville
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*Buttry, Jonathan, 1340 E. Main, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 921-9352	Pilgrim' s Rest
Calhoun, James, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA 24251	Sloantown
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Carter, Garry, 7977 Purtee Lane, Highland, OH 45132, (937) 780-6489	Macedonia
Carter, Robert E., 114 Stonehaven Dr., Jackson, TN 38305, (901) 668-1670	Gardner's Chapel
Caudill, Odus, 11 W 3rd St., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (540) 523-1557	Roller's Chapel
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*Davidson, Russell, 314 Magnolia Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 345-2254	House Chapel
*Davidson, Walter, 314 Magnolia Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 345-2516	House Chapel
Derrick, Gale, 144 Hemlock St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (423) 357-3446	West View
Drinnon, Neal, 200 Parker Ave., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-6582	House Chapel
Dutton, Brad, Rt. 2, Box 3338, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-3922	Garden of Hope

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Fitch, Asher Jacob, Rt. 2, Box 1700, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-4631	Garden of Hope
Fitch, Gary, Rt. 2, Box 2870, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-4429	Richardson Chapel
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Fletcher, Fred, 256 Clover Bottom Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 349-4356	Edwin Holbrook
Freeman, Basil, 1172 W. Carters Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 247-4498	Willow Chapel
Gilliam, Frank, 357 Virginia Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660-6253, (423) 378-5916	Willow Chapel
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*Gray, Curtis, Rt. 1, Bulls Gap, TN 37711	Guthrie' s Gap
*Gulley, Mark, Pleasant Hill Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711	Guthrie' s Gap
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Hart, Malcolm, Box 202, Ermine, KY 41845, (606) 633-2762	Hurricane Valley
Hatton, Bill, 156 Paradise Lane, Premium, KY 41858, (606) 633-5746	Little Dove
Head, Eckel, 232 Fletcher St., Kingsport, TN 37665, (423) 245-4597	Shelby Creek
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Helton, Charles, 497 Poor Valley Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857	Sulphur Springs
Hensley, Allen, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA 24251, (540) 452-4763	Walnut Chapel
Hensley, Arthur (Jack), 213 C US Hwy. 23 South, Weber City, VA 24290, (540) 386-1357	Cadet
Hickman, Arry, 130 Hickman Hill Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-2505	Jenkins Chapel
Hill, Gregory E., 148 Old Nickelsville Hwy., Gate City, VA 24251 (540) 386-3921	Walnut Chapel
Hill, Lewis E., Rt. 1, Blackwater, VA 24221 (540) 346-4557	Sloantown
Holder, Mark, 600 Caney Creek, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 357-1492	Long Hollow
Horne, Daris, 219 Chickasaw Circle, Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-1095	Peterson' s Chapel
Howington, A. D., 705 Sunnyview Dr., Kingsport, TN 37665, (423) 246-3970	Walnut Chapel
*Hubbard, Eddie, Rt. 2, Box 3915, Bean Station, TN 37708, (540) 523-1199	Ayers Chapel

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, 1332 Longs Bend Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 345-3474..... Jenkins Chapel  
 Jerrell, David, 2901 Boatman 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, 561 Oak Grove 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, 2100 Pressmen' s Home, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 921-9983..... Pilgrim's Rest  
 Kinsler, Johnny, Rt. 4, Box 510, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-1938..... Union Hill  
 Kinsler, Ronnie, Rt. 1, Box 94, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-1548..... Union Hill  
 LaFollette, Bill, 2848 Stanley Valley Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 345-3490..... House Chapel  
 \*Lampkin, Willie, 1517 Buffalo Trail, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-5230..... Butcher' s Valley  
 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  
 Lipe, Virgil, 121 Sulphur Springs Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-3239..... Pilgrim's Rest  
 \*Little, Tony M., 162 Highway 2035, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-0218..... Little Cowan  
 Malone, Eddie, 1655 Billy Bible Rd., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 234-1972..... Caney Creek  
 Manis, Bazzle, 175 Lawson Rd., 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, 5591 Thompsie Dr., Russellville, TN 37860, (423) 581-0586..... Little Redeemed  
 Meade, Tommy, P. O. Box 162, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-6205..... Richardson Chapel  
 Miles, Earl, Rt. 1, Box 6, Dryden, VA 24243, (540) 546-1572..... Wallen's Creek  
 Miller, Larry, 1531 Shinbone, Russellville, TN 37860, (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, Frank, Rt. 1, Box 81, Blackwater, VA 24221, (540) 940-5194..... Walnut Chapel  
 New, Clarence, 133 York St., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-5269..... Guthrie's Gap

Osborne, Tommy, 5091 Gate City Hwy., Bristol, VA 24201, (540) 466-5598.....Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA  
 Phillips, Clyde, 1530 Wildcat Rd., 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  
 \*Qualls, Larry, 12040 E. Carters Valley Rd., Gate City, VA 24251 ..... Walnut Chapel  
 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 ..... Clear Springs  
 \*Rogers, Carl, Rt. 3, Box 133, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (540) 523-1781 ..... Low View  
 \*Russell, Shane, 1170 Cherry Blossom Ln., Talbott, TN 37877, (423) 581-0762 ..... Oak Grove  
 Rutherford, Clinton, Sr., 105 Westlake Dr., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-1931 ..... Oak Grove  
 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  
 \*Sloan, Burley, Rt. 1, Duffield, VA 24244, (540) 431-2310 ..... Roller' s Chapel  
 Smith, Carl, 323 Fourth St., Gate City, VA 24251, (540) 225-8325 ..... Willow Chapel  
 Strong, Paul, 311 Spruce St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (423) 357-2267 ..... Willis Chapel  
 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  
 Tipton, Scott, 235 Santa Fe St., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 246-0175 ..... Burke' s Union  
 Trent, Roger, 1234 Slate Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-4883 ..... Riverside  
 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, 7315 Center Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 383-3487 ..... Macedonia  
 VanHoose, Roger, 384 Thorne Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 382-8654 ..... Clear Springs  
 \*VanHoose, Tommy, Rt. 267, Box 6010, Lowmansville, KY, (606) 297-4257 ..... Richardson Chapel  
 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  
 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
Beech Grove - Elizabeth A. Moore	Rt. 1, Box 58, Blackwater, VA 24221, (540) 346-3140
Blackwater Lick - Anita H. Moore	Rt. 2, Box 317, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (540) 546-3383
Blair Chapel - Rod Raleigh	P. O. Box 98, Dayhoit, KY 40824, (606) 573-0560
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	752 Highway 113, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 235-7957
Cadet - Vicky Jones	1716 Dawson Ave W, 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	95 Clydesdale Ln., 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. 2, Box 1645, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-4662
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 Arnott .....	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 - Cody Cornett .....	2785 Hwy. 510, Gordon, KY 41819, (606) 589-5864
Irondale - Alice Phillips.....	1529 Irondale Rd., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (540) 523-2621
Jenkins Chapel - Opal Hickman .....	130 Hickman Hill Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-2505
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 .....	49 Cassel C Br., Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-2873
Little Dove - Lillian Walker.....	89 5 <sup>th</sup> St., Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-7712
Little Redeemed - Valerie M. Shaver.....	2831 Shaver Rd., White Pine, TN 37890, (423) 674-2764
Long Hollow - Margie Charles.....	1038 Stanley Valley Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 345-2825
Low View - Evelyn Orick .....	Rt. 3, Box 341, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (540) 546-1528
Macedonia - Karen McDaniel.....	2845 East Turtlecreek Dr., Fairfield, OH 45014, (513) 874-1769
Marion Robinette Memorial - Evelyn Jessee .....	7355 Gap Creek Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711-2469, (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 - Ludie Eldridge .....	Evarts, KY 40828
New Life - Debbie Britt.....	3217 Cherokee Dr., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-6601
Oak Grove - Karla Furches.....	441 Victor Lane, Whitesburg, TN 37891, (423) 235-6005
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley .....	Rt. 1, Box 7A, Blackwater, VA 24221, (540) 346-3563

Peterson's Chapel - June Fannon .....	Rt. 1, Box A 21, Duffield, VA 24244, (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, Surgoinville, TN 37873, (423) 357-7588
Pond View - 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 White House Rd., Whitehouse, KY 41240, (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 - Jessica Turner .....	395 Robert Simmons Dr., Carlisle, OH 45005, (513) 746-0175
Shelby Creek - Dorothy Presley.....	457 Virgil Ave., Kingsport, TN 37665, (423) 245-2383
Slate Hill - Wayne Drinnon.....	1899 Slate Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-4541
Sloantown - Virginia Grace Hill .....	P. O. Box 5, Blackwater, VA 24221, (540) 346-4557
Sneedville - Beulah Seal.....	Rt. 2, Box 165, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2563
Sulphur Springs - Brenda L. Smith .....	112 Livesay Circle, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-7852
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) 733-4579
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 37660-2596, (423) 247-3933
Willis Chapel - Genia Eldridge-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 – Bloomer’s Chapel Church in Scott County, Virginia, hosted the 46<sup>th</sup> annual session beginning September 29, 1898. Elder John W. Dean preached the introductory sermon reading from St. Matthew 28:20, “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.” Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and J. P. Pearson, clerk and treasurer. Although the constitution appeared to be pre-established, this was the first time it was printed in the minutes according to records available from 1881 forward.

75 Years Ago – On Thursday, October 4, 1923 the 71<sup>st</sup> annual session began at Jenkins Chapel Church in Hawkins County, Tennessee. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. M. Fuller from a portion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse of the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation: “Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.” Elder E. A. Robinette, the alternate, followed from the same text. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator, Elder Amos Osborne, clerk and treasurer, and Elder Hampton Osborne, assistant clerk.

50 Years Ago – Ida Church in Scott County, Virginia hosted the 96<sup>th</sup> annual session beginning on September 30, 1948. Elder Joe Hickman preached the introductory sermon after reading the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Matthew beginning with verse 13 and reading the rest of the chapter. He used the 18<sup>th</sup> verse for his text: “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Elder Frank Brown, the alternate, followed him using the same text. The association elected Elder T. R. Carter, moderator, Elder J. H. Sybert, assistant moderator and Elder H. G. Busic was elected clerk and treasurer. They also elected Elder Harrison Burke as chairman. I’m not sure what this job entailed, the chairman later asked for any queries, but I could not find any other duties for him. This position was filled for more than this one year.

25 Years Ago – October 4, 1973 was the beginning of the 121<sup>st</sup> annual session, hosted by Liberty Chapel Church. Elder H. V. Hall preached the introductory sermon using verses 14 through 24 of the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews using as a text the 24<sup>th</sup> verse, “And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of Abel.*” He was followed by Elder Glen Williams, the alternate. Elder Basil Freeman was chosen moderator and brother Burnice R. Sybert was elected as clerk and treasurer. This was the first year the association had a 40’ x 60’ tent available for their use. They made good use of it and since it was for sale, they asked each church to decide if the association should purchase it and if so, to send their donations to the association clerk.

**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 (April – October) and EST is Eastern Standard Time (November – March). Starting times for Sunday School are not included.)

**AYERS CHAPEL:** Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Emma Jean Webb, Eddie Hubbard, Rose Hubbard and Clara Elkins; alternate: Mattie Slemp. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 38; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EDT). Harold Head, moderator.

**BEECH GROVE:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Zelma Lawson, Joe Dorton, Ralph Moore and Elizabeth Moore; alternates: Kate Arrington and Venus Lawson. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$65.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Ralph Moore, moderator pro-tem.

**BLACKWATER LICK:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Madge Canter, Gerald Moore, J. T. Osborne and Maybelle Osborne; alternates: Pauline Lawson and Gladys Huff. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 7; total number on roll, 189; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning, Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May. Elders Walter Willis and Fred Gilreath asked to attend. Carl Lawson, moderator.

**BLAIR CHAPEL:** Blair, Ky. Delegates: Bill Maggard, Hubert Payne, Tip Sexton and Eugene Stagnolia; alternates: Roger Raleigh and Rod Raleigh. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 261; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Bill Maggard, moderator pro-tem.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Earl Miles and Mary Miles. Total number on roll, 19; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night. Earl Miles, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Hiltons, Va. Delegates: W. D. Bowlin, James Bowlin, John Bowlin and Don Yates; alternates: Brenda Horton and Brenda Bowlin. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 91; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August. John Bowlin, moderator.

**BURKE'S UNION:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Delmer McPherson, Clifford Bledsoe, Edna Bledsoe and Greg Hood; alternates: Scott Tipton and Nancy Bledsoe. Received by experience and baptism, 6; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 2; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 108; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July. Scott Tipton, moderator.

**BUTCHER'S VALLEY:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Willie Lampkin, John Collins, Terry Johnson and Morris Goodson; alternates: Dee Richards and Bill Parr. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 69; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May. Jerry Johnson, moderator.

**CADET:** Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Jess Akens, Jr., Lillie Akens, Vicky Jones and Roy Jones; alternate: Herb Shortt. Excluded, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in April. A. D. Howington, moderator.

**CANEY CREEK:** Greeneville, Tn. Delegates: Eddie Malone, Wanda Malone, Andrew Steele and Imogene Ball; alternates: Otis Roberts and Frances Armstrong. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST) following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Eddie Malone, moderator.

**CHESTNUT FLATS:** Gate City, Va. Delegates: Ralph Baker, Tom Baker, Lewis Baker and Dan Cross; alternate: Wayne Gibson. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday. Lewis A. Baker, moderator.

**CLEAR SPRINGS:** Spring Valley, Oh. Delegates: Terri VanHoose, Shelly Stroud, Joseph Robinette and Joe Robinette; alternate: Tom Stroud. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 151; contribution, \$80.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September. Bill VanHoose, moderator.

**COPPER CREEK:** Nickelsville, Va. Delegates: Clarice Gillenwater, JoAnn Enix, Evelyn Dougherty and Allen Addington; alternates: Marie Addington and Danny Howell. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 72; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Excluded, 2; total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Memorial service, last Sunday in May. Glenn Cornett, moderator.

**DAVIS CHAPEL:** Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Janie Woodward, Pete Marcum, Fern Marcum and Etta Osborne; alternates: Luther Fletcher and Patton Elkins. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July. Richard L. Seiber, moderator.

**EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** Ermine, Ky. Delegates: Pat Holbrook, Basil Holbrook, Pearl Noble and Beulah Webb; alternates: Henrietta Adams and Sheilah Holbrook. Total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$45.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April. Fred Fletcher, moderator. Arthur Hensley, honorary moderator.

**FAIRVIEW:** Bellbrook, Oh. Delegates: Morris Giles, Warren Kail, Bill Vanover and Kellis Smith; alternate: Kenneth Mitchell. Received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 150; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Hasco Jenkins, moderator.

**FAIRVIEW:** St. Charles, Va. Delegates: Campbell Witt, Bertha Scott and Brenda Witt. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 24; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, Tuesday (6:30 p.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May (10:30 a.m.). Richard Seiber asked to attend. 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May. Charles Bernard, moderator.

**FLOWER GAP:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Pleas Lawson, T. H. Johnson, Douglas Willis and David Horton; alternate: Eugene Sullivan. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 98; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May. Gordon Justice, moderator.

**GARDEN OF HOPE:** Louisa, Ky. Delegates: none. Received by experience and baptism, 11; received by relationship, 8; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 80; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Brad Dutton and Darrell Ratliff, moderators.

**GARDNER'S CHAPEL:** Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Donald Huffman, Doug McClain, Robert Carter and Terrell Smith; alternates: Greg Laughlin and Burl Lyons. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 546; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and following Sunday (all day). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (2:00 p.m.). Robert E. Carter, moderator.

**GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Sue Phippen, Janie Hensley, Cathy Baker and Gary Baker; alternates: Hiram Gardner and Joe Hensley. Total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Bill LaFollette, moderator pro-tem.

**GUTHRIE'S GAP:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Barbara Covey, Ed Walker, Dan Winstead and Wilson Covey; alternate: Mark Gulley. Received by experience and baptism, 6; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 180; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

night and Sunday morning. Sunday night (6:30 p.m. EDT). Memorial service, June. Don Fawbush, moderator pro-tem.

**HOPEWELL:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Odell Arnott, John Arnott, Grace Hawkins and Frank Lane; alternates: Marion K. Robinette and Margie Lane. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 37; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. John Arnott, moderator.

**HOUSE CHAPEL:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Darrell Manis, Sherelene Manis, Rena Hurley and Eric Manis; alternates: Mac Manis and Audrey Manis. Dismissed by letter, 13; total number on roll, 211; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday night. 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday night following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Neal Drinnon, moderator.

**HURRICANE VALLEY:** Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Glenn Cornett, Grace Cornett, Roger Cornett and Elaine Absher; alternates: Pamela Frazier and Cody Cornett. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 23; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (5:00 p.m. EDT). Glenn Cornett, moderator. Malcolm Hart, honorary moderator.

**IRONDALE:** Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Clyde Phillips, Frankie Phillips, Ann Phillips and Iloe Collier. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 32; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Clyde Phillips, moderator.

**JENKINS CHAPEL:** Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Ralph Cox, Fred Gilreath and Arry Hickman; alternates: Vivian Blair and Brenda Roller. Excluded, 2; total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August (10:30 a.m.). Arry Hickman, moderator.

**KINGSWOOD:** Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Jim Emery and Jerry Michaels. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 81; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. Dennis Purkey, moderator pro-tem.

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Gene Ward, Larry Ward and Orbin Ward; alternates: James Jarvis and James Cupp. Dismissed by letter, 3; excluded, 6; total number on roll, 75; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night. Hancel A. Winegar, moderator pro-tem.

**LITTLE COWAN:** Whitesburg, Ky. Delegates: Chester Rayburn, Jeanette Day, Harold Day and Emma Campbell; alternates: Paula Early and Verna Rayburn. Received by experience and baptism, 3; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 110; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May. Woodrow Fields, moderator.

**LITTLE DOVE:** Eolia, Ky. Delegates: Nora Walker, Iona Scott and Lillian Walker. Total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June at the J. D. Maggard Cemetery in Eolia, Ky. Bill Hatton and Carl Lawson, moderators.

**LITTLE REDEEMED:** Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Margaret Buchan, Van Shropshire, Charlie Shropshire and Christine Conley; alternate: Donnie McNabb. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 65; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Donnie McNabb, moderator.

**LONG HOLLOW:** Surgoinville, Tn. Delegates: Howard Horne, Virgie Williams, John Fields and Betty Fields; alternate: Gordon Justice. Received by experience and baptism, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 220; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST), every Sunday night (except 3<sup>rd</sup>) (6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday, May 16, 1999. Gordon Justice, moderator.

**LOW VIEW:** Pennington Gap, Va. Delegates: Elsie Burton, Evelyn Orick, Austin Miles and Virginia Miles; alternate: Cathy Miles. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning and every Saturday night. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Don Woodward, moderator.

**MACEDONIA:** Wilmington, Oh. Delegates: David VanHoose, Parmer Robinette and Lori Jo Robinette; alternate: Vivian Stroud. Received by experience and baptism, 4; total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$43.75; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. David VanHoose, moderator.

**MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Billy Robinette, Larry Justis, Elizabeth Manes and Dorothy Robinette; alternates: Evelyn Jessee and Polly Penley. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 49; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning. John Arnott, moderator.

**MILLER'S CHAPEL:** Bristol, Va. Delegates: Myrt Worley, Mary Denton, Margaret Helvey and Nancy Evans; alternates: W. C. Denton and Georgia Denton. Total number on roll, 14; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday. John Bowlin, moderator.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bradley Bowen, Pat Lawson, Vanessa Dockery and Broten Smith; alternates: Angela Lawson and Juanita Bowen. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 48; contribution, \$15.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May. Richard Seiber and Wayne Morgan, moderators.

**MT. MITCHELL:** Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Jim Parker, Harry Morgan, Olen Gilreath and Cliff Parker; alternates: Mollie Gilreath and Ann Parker. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 10; excluded, 4; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 132; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday night. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Lowell Johnson, moderator.

**MT. ZION:** Evarts, Ky. Delegates: none. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 5; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. No moderator.

**NEW LIFE:** Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Jessica Mullins, Debbie Britt, Jim Mullins and Terry Cobb. Received by relationship, 2; total number on roll, 33; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m. EDT). David Jerrell, moderator.

**OAK GROVE:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Clinton Rutherford, Sr., Walter Self, Doug Jones and J. D. Dyer; alternates: Donnie Furches and Chris Woods. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received or restored by recantation, 6; excluded, 3; total number on roll, 153; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Wednesday night, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Bill LaFollette, moderator.

**OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Howard Sybert, Edith Sybert, James Davidson and Carolyn Fannon; alternates: Larry Fannon and Ruth Wallen. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$85.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. Frank Gilliam, moderator.

**PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Leonard Flanary, Carl Peterson, Michael Peterson and June Fannon; alternate: Lola Peterson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Thanksgiving service 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and Saturday night and Sunday morning in November. Daris Horne, moderator.

**PILGRIM'S REST:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Don Gordon, Michael Burton and J. C. Gordon; alternate: Reba Burton. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 78; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning, Wednesday night and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Virgil Lipe, moderator.

**PINK HILL:** Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Charles Thacker, Quinton Thacker, Don Thacker and Virgie Thacker. Excluded, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 125; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. Richard Watts, moderator.

**POND VIEW:** Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Charles Sizemore, Sue Sizemore, Wayne Bledsoe and Gloria Bledsoe; alternates: Carl Collins and Lela Castle. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EDT). Delmas Harris, moderator.

**POPLAR GROVE:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Austin Adams, Orbin Dockery, Jr., Bill Poole and Gary Short; alternate: Kathleen Poole. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day. Oscar Irvin, moderator.

**RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** Richardson, Ky. Delegates: Tommy Meade, John Borders and Rose Borders; alternates: Charles Banks and Gary Fitch. Received by experience and baptism, 8; received by relationship, 8; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 3; total number on roll, 283; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator. Charles Banks, assistant moderator.

**RIVERSIDE:** Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Gary Sizemore, Darrell Sizemore, Charley Johnson and Larry Delph; alternates: David Smith and Roger Trent. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 76; contribution, \$80.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Ruth Hood, Kim Robinette and Burley Sloan; alternates: Wilma Bledsoe and Laura Nell Osborne. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 67; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

**ROSE CHAPEL:** West Carrollton, Oh. Delegates: Leon Ritchie, Gleason Storie, John Turner and Bill Turner. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 4; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. John Turner, moderator.

**SHELBY CREEK:** Eidson, Tn. Delegates: Echol Fansler, Gladys Fansler, Eckel Head and H. C. Johnson. Dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 15; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). No moderator.

**SLATE HILL:** Mooresburg, Tn. Delegates: Robert Ferrell, Grover Ferguson, Wayne Drinnon and J. C. Gibson. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 180; contribution, \$90.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night. James E. Jarnigan, moderator.

**SLOANTOWN:** Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Virgia Grace Hill, Aubra Hill, Kyle Robinette and Ethel McNutt; alternates: Linda Hill and Tammy Pendleton. Received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 32; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday night. Greg Hill, moderator.

**SNEEDVILLE:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Carson Johnson, Wilma Johnson and Charlie Crawford. Received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 65; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and Sunday morning. Kenneth Burchett, moderator.



**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Bazzle Manis, Johnny Mowell, Mackey Smith and Brenda Smith; alternate: Vernie Mowell. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 104; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and Sunday. Charles Helton, moderator.

**SWAN CREEK:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Silas Carroll, Larry Coleman, Clarence Morgan and T. J. Elliott; alternates: Donnie Fannon and Tony Mathis. Received by experience and baptism, 12; received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 314; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Silas Carroll, moderator.

**UNION HILL:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Carson Creech, Chris Kinsler, Marvin Kinsler and Amy Kinsler. Received or restored by recantation, 1; total number on roll, 76; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.). Donny Clifford, moderator.

**VALLEY VIEW:** Dryden, Va. Delegates: Clay Jones, Charles Thompson, Lillie Jones and Nancy Thompson. Deceased, 5; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday. Carson Johnson, moderator.

**WALLEN'S CREEK:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Doris Burke, Richard Seiber, Vivian Seiber and Clara Fannon; alternates: Bill Tomlinson and Ed Williams. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 59; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May. Elders Eckel Head and Wayne Morgan asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

**WALNUT CHAPEL:** Gate City, Va. Delegates: Frank Mullins, Billy Jack Johnson, Ronnie Johnson and Paul Johnson; alternate: Allen Hensley. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 3; dismissed by letter, 3; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 165; contribution, \$84.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June. Allen Hensley, moderator.

**WEST VIEW:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Burnice Sybert, Jack Osborne, Earl Johnson and John H. Osborne, Jr.; alternates: Joy Osborne and Zula McCullough. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 67; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April. J. H. Sybert, moderator.

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Morris Fleenor, M. R. Hall, Junior Wallen and Boyd Wallen; alternates: Paul Strong and Henry Hurd. Received by letter, 2; excluded, 2; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 147; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October. Paul Strong, moderator.

**WILLOW CHAPEL:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Garnetta Miller and Carl Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. Carl Smith, moderator.

**TOTALS:** 67 churches (25 in Va., 29 in Tn., 9 in Ky., and 4 in Ohio.) Received by experience and baptism, 108; received by letter, 11; received by relationship, 48; received or restored by recantation, 7; dismissed by letter, 31; excluded, 56; deceased, 102; total number on roll, 6,281. There are 53 ministers serving as pastors - 46 are serving 1 church; 6 are serving 2 churches and 1 is serving 3 churches. There are 6 churches with a moderator pro-tem. 2 churches have no moderator. There were 2 ministers listed as honorary moderators. There were 43 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

## **UNION MEETINGS - 1999**

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

### **- APRIL -**

**1 - ROSE CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Lucian Lane, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

**2 - VALLEY VIEW:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Earl Miles, Carl Rogers, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Walter Willis.

**3 - WEST VIEW:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Robert Carter, Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

**4 - DAVIS CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent, Walter Willis and all others who wish to attend.

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

**6 - PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Darrell Ratliff, Terry Sizemore and J. H. Sybert.

**7 - GARDEN OF HOPE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette and Bill VanHoose.

**- MAY -**

**1 - CLEAR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Darrell Ratliff, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and John Turner.

**2 - SWAN CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Donny Clifford, Eckel Head, Harold Head, A. D. Howington, James Jarnigan, Lowell Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Walter Willis.

**3 - MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Fred Gilreath, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Clarence New, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**4 - OAK GROVE:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Clyde Tipton, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, our pastor and ministers of the church.

**5 - SLOANTOWN:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Fred Fletcher, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arthur Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Carl Lawson, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Walter Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**6 - COPPER CREEK:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Daris Horne, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

**7 - OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**8 - BEECH GROVE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Terry

Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Coy Willis, Walter Willis and all others who wish to attend.

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

**10 - POND VIEW:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, A. D. Howington, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Carl Rogers, Roger Trent and Don Woodward.

**11 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Robert Carter, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, David Jerrell, Lowell Johnson, Charlie McCorry, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose and Richard Watts.

## - JUNE -

**1 - GUTHRIE'S GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Mark Holder, Daris Horne, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Clarence New and Terry Sizemore.

**2 - NEW LIFE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Mark Holder, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Lucian Lane, Virgil Lipe, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

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

**4 - AYERS CHAPEL:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong and Scott Tipton.

**5 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, Va.):** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Leonard Flanary, Wayne Gilley, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Carl Lawson, Wayne Morgan, Clyde Phillips, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong and Don Woodward.

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

**7 - SLATE HILL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Silas Carroll, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carl Lawson, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

**8 - UNION HILL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Lowell Johnson, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Paul Strong, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

**9 - HURRICANE VALLEY:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, Earl Miles, Larry Miller, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Scott Tipton and all others who wish to attend.

**10 - LONG HOLLOW:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, Clarence New, Richard Watts and Henry Wheeler.

**11 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Donny Clifford, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Mark Holder, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Lucian Lane, Roger Manring, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

**12 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA):** To begin on Thursday night (7:30 p.m.) before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, James Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Roger Manring, Clarence New, Tommy Osborne, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Roger Trent and Walter Willis.

**13 - LOW VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: 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, Roger Manring, Earl Miles, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Don Woodward.

**14 - WALNUT CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Woodrow Fields, Arthur Hensley, Daris Horne, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and all former pastors.

**- JULY -**

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

**2 - LIBERTY CHAPEL:** To begin on Monday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Basil Freeman, Fred 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, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**3 - RIVERSIDE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, J. H. Sybert, Roger VanHoose, Richard Watts and all others who wish to attend.

**4 - SHELBY CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Howard Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

**5 - BURKE'S UNION:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Gale Derrick, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Daris Horne, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**6 - HOUSE CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Gale Derrick, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, 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, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

**7 - PINK HILL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

**- AUGUST -**

**1 - WALLEN'S CREEK:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Fred Gilreath, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Odus Caudill, Glenn Cornett, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, Harold 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 - SULPHUR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Lowell Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Wayne Morgan, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

**4 - MILLER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Bob Brown, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and Walter Willis.

**5 - MT. ZION:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers will be called at a later date if there is to be a meeting.

**6 - POPLAR GROVE:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Daris Horne, Hasco Jenkins, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**7 - WILLIS CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Clarence New, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Scott Tipton.

**8 - COYLE'S BRANCH:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**9 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Basil Freeman, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Bill LaFollette, Wayne Morgan, Clarence New, Tommy Osborne, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Walter Willis.

**10 - FAIRVIEW (VA):** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Gale Derrick, Leonard Flanary, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Coy Willis and Don Woodward.

**11 - IRONDALE:** To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Leonard Flanary, Wayne Gilley, A. D. Howington, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, J. F.

Robinette, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

**12 - MACEDONIA:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Darrell Ratliff, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore and Howard Sybert.

**13 - MT. MITCHELL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Lucian Lane, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Scott Tipton and Roger Trent.

**14 - LITTLE DOVE:** To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Fred Fletcher, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Lucian Lane, Wayne Morgan, Terry Sizemore, Howard Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

**15 - BLAIR CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Lucian Lane, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

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

**17 - JENKINS CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Basil Freeman, Hasco Jenkins, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Paul Strong, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

#### **- SEPTEMBER -**

**1 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Lucian Lane, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Wayne Morgan, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

**2 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Jerry Johnson, Lucian Lane, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**3 - LITTLE COWAN:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller,



Wayne Morgan, Darrell Ratliff, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

**4 - LITTLE REDEEMED:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Donny Clifford, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Jerry Johnson, Ronnie Kinsler, Lucian Lane, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**5 - SNEEDVILLE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Donny Clifford, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Delmas Harris, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

**6 - KINGSWOOD:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Jim Emery, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Lowell Johnson, Lucian Lane, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Clarence New, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

**7 - CHESTNUT FLATS:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Odus Caudill, Basil Freeman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Terry Sizemore and J. H. Sybert.

**8 - WILLOW CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Basil Freeman, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

**9 - FLOWER GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Walter Willis.

**10 - GARDNER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night (7:30 p.m.) before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Von Burton, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Lucian Lane, Bazzle Manis and J. H. Sybert.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance from 1997.....	\$ 6,600.53
Receipts from 1998.....	4,617.75
Interest .....	267.26
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$11,485.54</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Rental of safety deposit box .....	48.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability) .....	771.00
Charter registration fee .....	20.00
Checking Account Expenses.....	6.20
Postage.....	73.19
New Public Address (PA) System & Electrical supplies .....	1,306.95
Clerical supplies.....	50.03
Tent & Kitchen supplies .....	29.26
Clerk's allowance .....	850.00
Printing and packaging 2,700 copies of 1998 minutes .....	3,175.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>	<b>\$6,329.63</b>
<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY .....</b>	<b>\$5,155.91</b>

**NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$ 1.18**

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

From Kingsport, Tennessee go North on Highway 23 to Duffield, Virginia, then turn left on Highway 58 and go 0.8 of a mile, turn left on Highway 604, then go 3.8 miles and bear left on Highway 603, then go 0.2 of a mile and the church is on the right.

From Jenkins, Kentucky, go South on Highway 23 to Duffield, Virginia, then turn right on Highway 58 and go 0.8 of a mile, then turn left on Highway 604, go 3.8 miles and bear left on Highway 603, then go 0.2 of a mile and the church is on the right.

From Ohio, take Interstate 75 South to Highway 25E to Middlesboro, Kentucky, and take Highway 58 to Duffield, Virginia, then turn right on Highway 604 and go 3.8 miles, then bear left on Highway 603, and go 0.2 of a mile and the church is on the right.

**MEMORIAM**

“PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD  
IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.”

– Psalm 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.

AKENS, Jess Lynn, Sr.  
ATKINS, Anna Jolene  
BELL, George F.  
BLEDSOE, Josie Bishop  
BROWN, Clyde  
CLARK, Gloria  
CLIPSE, Peggy Jane Godsey  
CONDRA, Ruffie  
DAY, Orpha  
FLETCHER, Lawrence Wayne  
GILES, Charles Porter  
\*HALL, Elder Hobert V.  
JOHNSON, Allen James  
KETRON, Helen Laverne Salyer  
LAWSON, Martha Goins Gibson  
LLOYD, Clara Mable  
MCMURRAY, Sarah Viola Ramey  
\*MENDENHALL, Elder George R.  
MULLINS, Martha Elizabeth  
PERRY, Hettie  
RATLIFF, William (Sweetpea)  
ROBINETTE, Trilby J.  
ROYSTON, Clyde Lono  
SIZEMORE, Henry John  
SLAGLE, Silas Hascue  
STILL, Alma L.  
TANKERSLEY, Erma Robinson  
VANZANT, Frederick B. (Ted)  
WARD, Loyce Mae  
WILLIAMS, Maggie  
WINEGAR, Ruby Pauline

AKENS, Lillie Horton  
\*BANKS, Elder Aster  
BLEDSOE, Bessie Pearl  
BLEDSOE, Larry C.  
CASTLE, Vada Peters  
CLAY, Minnie Ison  
COFFEY, Johnny, Jr.  
COX, Hugh  
FLEENOR, Charlotte Bledsoe  
FREEMAN, Lizzie Jones Head  
HALL, Eva Wallen  
HARLESS, Steve Menk  
JONES, Andy  
LANE, Sarah Zella Baker  
LEDBETTER, Ruby E. Helton  
MCCONNELL, Henry Ford  
MCPEEK, Mary Helen Hickman  
MESSER, Mary Ruth Nichols  
NAPIER, John M. (June)  
PETERS, Laura Ethel Osborne  
REEVES, Criss  
RODEFER, Della Baker  
SIZEMORE, Elsie Mae  
SIZEMORE, Lela  
SPRIGGS, Curtis H., Sr.  
\*SYKES, Elder Johnny  
TERRY, Eva Mae  
VAUGHN, Bradley  
WHITAKER, Paul  
WILLIS, Leonard Milum

\*Ministers

**JESS LYNN AKENS, SR.** was born October 18, 1902 and departed this life October 21, 1998. He was the son of Isaac and Effie Guinn Akens. By

reason of strength received of the Lord, he was able to see 96 years and 3 days.

He was married to Lillie Horton on April 10, 1921. They were permitted to enjoy 76 years together. Lillie preceded him in death only ten months ago.

To this union were born 2 sons and 4 daughters. Surviving are: Jess Akens, Jr., Kenneth R. Akens, Eula Tignor, Gerline Hayes, Tanya Guess, 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson and 2 sisters, Mae Moody and Irene Daughtery.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; 1 daughter, Blanche Elizabeth Akens; 1 brother, Jim Akens and 3 sisters, Iva, Mernith and Lavina.

He was an avid mechanic. He also served in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Red Men.

Professing faith in Christ and joining Cadet Primitive Baptist Church in 1921, he was a member for 75 years. He was the oldest member of the church and was a faithful member as long as health permitted, serving as Trustee, Superintendent and Treasurer.

We loved him dearly, but God called him home. He has climbed the last hill – the last stab of pain has been felt – and the last groan from this tabernacle has been heard.

Our memories are sweet and pleasant. We know there is another meeting place where the trials and toils of this journey shall be passed and we shall never know sorrow or care – because all things will be made new.

- Written by Elder J. H. Sybert

**LILLIE HORTON AKENS** was born October 29, 1902 and departed this life December 18, 1997 at the age of 95 years, 1 month, and 19 days. She was married to Jess Lynn Akens for 76 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie E. and Margaret Ellen Lawson Horton; one daughter, Blanche Elizabeth Akens; two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her husband, J. L. Akens, Sr.; 3 daughters Eula Tignor, Gerline Hayes and Tanya Guess; 2 sons, Jess Akens, Jr. and Kenneth Akens; 12 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; five sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Lillie professed faith in Christ, was baptized, joined Cadet Primitive Baptist Church as a charter member and was married at the age of 18, in the year 1921. She loved to work in the church, teaching the little ones and instructing those in need of spiritual understandings. She delighted in singing the songs of Zion.

For several years she missed going to her home church, but she never failed to tell everyone she met how the Lord loved us and of the greatest gift to mankind, Jesus Christ. She seldom missed testifying for her Lord at church services. To us she was a precious jewel.

Her membership remained at Cadet until her death, where she attended faithfully as long as she was able. She is missed by her family and a host of friends, but we know she is in that heavenly resting place waiting our coming.

- Written by the family

**ANNA JOLENE ATKINS** was born June 3, 1928 and went home to be with the Lord August 13, 1998.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fernoy and Bertha Giles Atkins and an aunt, Verda Giles.

Jolene gave her heart to the Lord at an early age and united with Ayers Chapel Church where she attended faithfully until illness prevented her from doing so.

Although Jolene never married, she leaves a host of cousins and friends to mourn her loss.

She is survived by cousins: Edith Sturgill, Margie Jones and Grace Masters. We are confident we will see Jolene again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by Ruby Giles

**ELDER ASTER BANKS** passed away April 20, 1997 at the age of 73. He had just finished preaching at Sloantown Church. He sat down to rest and suffered a heart attack.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane Miles Banks; his parents, Monroe and Mary Jane Holcomb Banks; 4 brothers, Eugene, Asble, Estle and Kermit Banks.

Surviving are 5 daughters: Carol Harkness, Paulette Caldwell, Debbie Dye, Amanda Barker and Marianne Williams; 4 sons, Johnny, Roger, Larry and Daniel Banks; 22 grandchildren; 7 step-grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He was a prayer warrior, as well as a devoted father and grandfather. Elder Banks was a true friend to everyone that he knew. He was a retired coal miner and pastored several area Primitive Baptist Churches. He was serving as pastor for Gardner's Memorial and Sloantown Churches at the time of his death. Earthly noises will not stir the body of our brother in Christ, but in that great morning, we will all rise to meet the Lord in the air and forever be with Him. Farewell old soldier.

- Written by his son-in-law, Dana Caldwell

**GEORGE F. BELL** passed away November 27, 1997 at the age of 77.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lois Marie Hawkins Bell; 1 son, Dannie Bell; 1 daughter, Charlene Ratliff; 4 grandchildren; 1 brother, J. C. Bell; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

He was a member and deacon at Guthrie's Gap Church for 38 years and was retired from American Enka, Lowland, Tennessee.

Sleep on, daddy, for it can't be long until we meet again to part no never. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

**BESSIE PEARL BLEDSOE** was born November 20, 1910 and went to be with the Lord March 3, 1998 at the age of 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Bledsoe; her parents, John and Bell Scalf; 2 sons, Jack and Cecil; 1 daughter, Coleen Byington; 3 sisters; 1 brother and 3 grandchildren.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Texie Balden and Brenda Lister; 4 sons, James, Roy, Floyd and Earnest Bledsoe; 17 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren and 1 brother.

She was a member of Low View Church since it was organized over 50 years ago. She attended faithfully as long as she was able. She was a kind friend and loving mother. Everyone who ever had the privilege of knowing Sister Bledsoe knew she loved the Lord. She is sadly missed, but one day soon we will be reunited never to part again.

- Written by Evelyn Orick

**JOSIE BISHOP BLEDSOE** was born October 14, 1900 and went to be with the Lord April 20, 1998.

She married Hop P. Bledsoe in 1925 and this union was blessed with one son, Glen Carl Bledsoe and 3 daughters, Lena Gibson, Jean Moore and Jerry Broadwater.

She is survived by her 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, one step granddaughter and 2 step great grandchildren.

She faithfully attended Peterson's Chapel for over 70 years. She and her family donated the property for the church that was destroyed by fire June 20, 1996. She told us many times of her hope of a heavenly home with Jesus and His redeemed people.

- Written by June Fannon

**LARRY C. BLEDSOE** was born November 18, 1948 and went home to be with the Lord July 1, 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; 1 daughter, Lori Godsey; 1 granddaughter; 2 sisters, Sue Light and Sonjua Phillips and his parents, Cecil and Myrtle Bledsoe.

Larry was a faithful member of Pink Hill Church and was loved and respected by all who knew him. He left a wonderful testimony behind. He was a kind and loving man and is sadly missed by family and friends, but we look forward to meeting him again in heaven.

- Written for the family by Charles K. Thacker

**CLYDE BROWN** was born April 6, 1915 and departed this life February 1, 1998 at the age of 82.

He was the son of Harvey and Ollie Parsons Brown who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Maurine Brown; 3 sons, Gary, Larry and Jerry Brown; 1 daughter, Carolyn Randolph and 9 grandchildren.

He was a member and trustee of Valley View Church. He was a retired coal miner and a farmer. He spent his entire life in Dryden, Virginia.

- Written by Nancy Thompson

**VADA PETERS CASTLE** was born September 2, 1901 and departed this life November 8, 1997 at the age of 96 years, 2 months and 6 days.

She was the daughter of the late Andy Peters and Lana Fisher Peters Lawson.

She was married to Martin Castle and they were blessed with 5 children. Martin, 1 son and 1 daughter preceded her in death. She later married Curtis

Childress. They had 1 son and 1 daughter. Curtis and their daughter preceded her in death also.

Vada is survived by 3 sons, Conley and Eugene Castle and Carl Childress; 1 daughter, Virginia Marshall; 9 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Stella Sybert, Litha Gibson and Addie Goins; 1 brother, Echol Lawson and several nieces and nephews.

She was a wonderful mother, always concerned about the welfare of her children and family. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and was a humble and faithful Christian until death.

Her family was blessed to have had her with them for many years, but we are sure she is now resting with the Lord.

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

**GLORIA CLARK**, age 65, died July 7, 1998 at her home after a long illness.

She is survived by her husband, John D. Clark; 2 sons, James and Johnny Chandler; 3 granddaughters; 4 brothers, James, Theodore, Douglas and Donald Collier; 5 sisters, Billie Lou Schroetter, Jackie Robinette, Patricia O'Hair, Virginia Berhns and Dorothy June McKinney and several nieces and nephews.

Gloria was a faithful member of Irondale Church until her illness. She is resting with the Lord where there are no more tears or pain. We miss her, but some day we will all be together again.

- Written by her family

**MINNIE ISON CLAY** was born November 26, 1919 and departed this life February 22, 1998 at the age of 78.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Clay; 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

She is survived by 2 sisters, Polly Marie Redmon and Cindy Caudell and 2 half-sisters, Nila Johnson and Odessa Lay.

She was a devoted member and worker of Valley View Church until failing health hindered her. Minnie is sadly missed by all who knew her.

- Written by Nancy Thompson

**PEGGY JANE GODSEY CLIPSE**, daughter of Charlie and Townsey Godsey, was born December 7, 1938 and departed this life September 1, 1997 at the age of 59.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eual B. Clipse; an infant son and her father, Charlie Godsey.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Ida Belle Roberts; 1 granddaughter; her mother, Townsey Hickman; 5 brothers and 8 stepchildren.

She was a member of Long Hollow Church and is sadly missed by all who knew her.

- Written by Mary Godsey

**JOHNNY COFFEY, JR.**, age 57, passed away August 8, 1998 after a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Leona Coffey and 1 brother, Kenneth Coffey.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Coffey; 2 daughters, Katrina Norris and Brenda Smith; 3 granddaughters; 1 grandson; 3 sisters; 4 brothers and several nieces and nephews.

He joined Sulphur Springs Church on July 17, 1983.

He is greatly missed by family, friends and all who knew him. We hope to meet again in heaven.

- Written by his daughter

**RUFFIE CONDRA** was born September 7, 1905 and died June 19, 1998.

He is survived by 1 son, Kenneth Paul Condra; 1 daughter, Laura Lou Golden; 1 brother, Arnold Condra; 1 sister, Russeline Graham; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was a long time member of Blair Chapel Church.

He is sadly missed by the church, family and friends.

- Written by friends

**HUGH COX** passed away July 6, 1998 at the age of 90.

He was preceded in death by 1 son, Milford Cox; his parents, John & Cara Salling Cox; 4 brothers, Henry, Charlie, Emmit and Loren Cox and a son-in-law, Joe McNew.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel Matlock Cox; 1 daughter, Jane McNew; 1 son, Cecil Cox; 1 granddaughter; 2 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Bessie Matlock and several nieces and nephews.

He was a life long resident of Clinchport, Virginia. He retired from Bays Mountain Construction and was a farmer. He was a Baptist and attended the old Flat Rock Church. He was a wonderful father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

- Written by members of Shelby Creek Church

**ORPHA DAY**, daughter of the late John W. and Alice Gilley Day, was born September 8, 1921. She entered eternal life March 8, 1998 at her residence, being 76 years and 6 months of age at her passing.

Orpha was preceded in death by her husband, Clayton Day; and 2 sisters, Dorothy Day and Patsy Stidham.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Sandra Day, Kathy Soward, Marcia Roberts and Barbara Banks; 3 sisters, Nellie Kilgore, Opal Frost and Johnola Wyatt; 1 brother, Steve Day; 7 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

She was a faithful member of Little Cowan Church for 32 years.

**CHARLOTTE BLEDSOE FLEENOR** was born October 20, 1901 and went home to be with the Lord January 13, 1998. She was 96 years old.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roe Fleenor; her parents, Allen and Ellen Scalf Bledsoe; 4 sisters and 4 brothers.



She is survived by several nieces, nephews and friends who loved her and miss her.

Charlotte stated she had accepted Jesus as her Savior and was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church.

- Written by the family

**LAWRENCE WAYNE FLETCHER** was born January 19, 1939 and departed this life May 25, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor Byron and Mabel Henry Fletcher.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda S. Fletcher; 1 daughter, Ronda F. Smith; 1 stepdaughter, Robin Meels; 1 son, Daryl W. Fletcher; 1 stepson, Rick Seals; 3 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; a stepmother, Rebecca Fletcher; 1 sister, Christine Lord; 2 brothers, William Carl and Donald B. Fletcher; 1 half sister, Beatrice Fletcher Dingus and 1 half brother, Jereial Fletcher.

He was a member of Copper Creek Church (Addington Frame) and was a retired engineer from American Electric Power. He also had served many years in the National Guard and received medals for outstanding service.

Wayne's father, Byron Fletcher, held revivals in Scott County, Virginia and was truly a great worker for the Lord. Wayne's great grandfather, Joseph J. Addington, was clerk of the Eastern District Association from 1914 through 1921.

We miss Wayne so much, but are thankful for the precious hope of being together again in heaven's fair land.

- Written by a cousin, Bruce Addington

**LIZZIE JONES HEAD FREEMAN** was born September 5, 1945 and departed this life September 24, 1997.

She was preceded in death by her father, App Jones; 1 son; 1 brother and 1 sister.

She is survived by her mother, Venus Jones; 2 sons; 2 daughters; 6 grandchildren; 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Wallen's Creek Church.

She is sadly missed by family and friends.

- Written by the Obituary Committee, Wallen's Creek Church

**CHARLES PORTER GILES**, age 95, went to be with the Lord September 22, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jonathan T. and Allie Rigsby Giles; 2 brothers, Roy and U. B. Giles; 3 sisters, Lenna Bowen, Maggie Legg and Teresa Hounshell and a son-in-law.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Giles; 1 son, James C. Giles; 2 daughters, Betty Sue Vance and Sona Giles; 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

He was a retired coal miner. He was a member of Fairview Church, St. Charles, Virginia. He is sadly missed by his family and everyone who knew him.

**EVA WALLEN HALL** was born January 1, 1907 and departed this life March 31, 1998 at the age of 91 years, 2 months and 30 days. She was the daughter of Leeander and Ida Waddell Wallen.

She married Earl Hall on January 22, 1928 and to this union 4 children were born, one of which died at birth. Her husband also preceded her in death.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Mae Eldridge, Betty Yount and Pauline Yount; 1 brother, Lon Wallen; 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; 1 nephew and a host of friends and relatives.

Eva was saved at home and united with Willis Chapel Church in April, 1924. She loved her church and had a desire to be in service with her brothers and sisters in Christ. She often talked of the Lord and His goodness and was blessed at times to shout praises unto her God. Proverbs 31 describes Eva so well in speaking of a virtuous woman in that "Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also and he praiseth her." We thank the Lord that our lives have been so richly blessed with such a precious wife, mother, grandmother and friend. The love that she has shown us will always live in our hearts and life.

- Written by her granddaughter, Deborah Eldridge

**ELDER HOBERT V. HALL** was born February 11, 1906 and passed from this life March 11, 1998 at the age of 92 years and 1 month. He was the son of the late Marion and Lucinda Rasnic Hall.

He was married to Winnie Baker on August 25, 1926 and to this union 6 children were born.

He was preceded in death by his first wife; 3 children; 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

He was married to Ossie Childress Miner on February 9, 1952 and to this union 1 son was born.

He is survived by his second wife, Ossie; 2 sons, Millard Ray and David Hall; 2 daughters, Juanita Howard and Betty Leach; 1 sister, Ollie Capps; 2 brothers, Gay and Clarence Hall; 8 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and many friends and loved ones to mourn his passing.

He professed faith in Christ in South Carolina in 1926. He moved near Kyles Ford, Tennessee soon afterward and joined Willis Chapel Church. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel at this church in June, 1934. During this span of almost 64 years in the ministry, he pastored at least 12 churches in the Eastern District Association. He moved his membership to Davis Chapel in 1956, where he remained a faithful member and pastor until his death. In these years of holding revivals, pastoring churches, union meetings and conducting funerals, he has touched many lives for which he will be remembered and will live on in their heart and lives for years to come. He will also be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. A minister that stood firm in the teachings of the old time way. With all the trouble and trials of this life, death, sickness and heartaches, he bore it all with Christian patience. His gift from God allowed him to cry, laugh, sing, pray and rejoice with his brothers and sisters in Christ. With all of his accomplishments, he always gave God the honor and glory for it all. Rest in peace until we meet again.

- Written by the family

**STEVE MENK HARLESS** was born December 28, 1929 and departed this life April 7, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Emma Harless; 1 brother, Ed Harless; 4 sisters, Mary Hubbard, Anna Lee Hubbard Bridgeman, Grace Pratt and Marjorie Henry; 2 infant brothers, Frank and Johnny.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Harless; 2 sons, Michael and David Harless; 3 daughters, Nancy Fender, Penny Hayes and Tracie Foster; 7 grandchildren; 1 brother, Charlie Harless; 3 sisters, Beulah Grogg, Beatrice Hughes and Virgie Hurd.

Steve joined Mt. Mitchell Church on October 27, 1948. He is missed by family and all who knew him. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by his wife, Shirley Harless

**ALLEN JAMES JOHNSON** was born July 9, 1920 and departed this life February 21, 1998 at the age of 77.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Milum and Rhode Cole Johnson; his wife, Lona V. Johnson and 1 daughter, Delia Gibson.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Lois Gibson and Angeline B. Johnson; 1 son, Allen Johnson, Jr.; 2 brothers, Rev. John and Arnold Johnson; 2 sisters, Ethel Sizemore and Cassie Fields; 10 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Riverside Church.

- Written by Viola Johnson

**ANDY JONES**, age 69, passed away December 26, 1996. He was the son of Robert D. and Bobbie Seals Jones.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, William and Mack Jones; 2 sisters, Dora Greer and Leetha Ann Jones.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ester Jones; 1 son, Rev. Benny Jones; 2 daughters, Lucille Jones and Linda Burke; 1 brother, George Jones; 1 half-brother, Joe Horton; 5 sisters, Mary Rorak, Jane Bontom, Martha Ely, Argle Lawson and Dorothy Evans and 7 grandchildren.

Andy professed faith in Christ on April 13, 1975 at Sneedville Church. He was a faithful husband and father. He is sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

- Written by his wife and children

**HELEN LAVERNE SALYER KETRON** was born July 22, 1921 and departed this life May 30, 1998.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hobart Lee and Lydia Falin Salyer and 1 brother, Freddie Salyer.

Surviving are her husband, Marvin Ketron; 4 daughters, Priscilla Irvin, Shirley Berry, Sissy Wallen-Gilliam and Lola Mae Arnold; 2 sons, Wade and Terry Ketron; 11 grandchildren. 2 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was a dedicated member of Poplar Grove Church for many years. One of the greatest joys in her life was cooking for and serving her natural and Christian family. She was loved by all who knew her and is greatly missed. Like all of God's children who have gone on, her labors are over and we know we'll meet again in a land of no heartaches, sickness, death and pain.

- Written by her daughter, Priscilla Irvin

**SARAH ZELLA BAKER LANE** was born May 10, 1911 and departed this life October 25, 1997 at the age of 86 years, 5 months and 15 days.

She was married to Sherman Baker and they were blessed to be the parents of 4 sons. Her husband died in 1946. She was then married to Elder Lucian Lane June 8, 1975, and they were blessed to have more than 20 years together in the service of the Lord.

She is survived by her husband; 4 sons, Clyde, Gerald, Sidney and Fred Baker; 2 step daughters, Helen McDavid and Selma Kerns; 7 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 11 step grandchildren and several step great grandchildren.

Sarah professed faith in Christ in her early years and joined Ayers Chapel Church, where she was a faithful and devoted member until death. She was a loving wife, a wonderful mother and grandmother, and a true Christian. Her desires and prayers were always for the unsaved and those who carried heavy loads of the burdens of life. As a young widow and mother with young children, she worked hard and patiently trusted the Lord for help and guidance. She loved the church and the worship of the Lord in His house and gave testimony many times of His love and the presence of the Spirit in her life.

So well it is said of the virtuous woman – “Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.” Even by the hundreds who knew her and loved her, they also give praise to the Lord who gave us all such a great Christian friend and neighbor. We all await that glorious day when we shall meet inside the gates of home.

- Written by Elder J. H. Sybert at the request of Brother Lane

**MARTHA GOINS GIBSON LAWSON**, was born July 14, 1911 and departed this life March 19, 1998 at the age of 86. She was the daughter of Alex and America “Merky” Collins Goins.

She married John Gibson December 31, 1930, and to this union 5 children were born. John preceded her in death and she later married Joe Lawson who also preceded her in death. In addition to them, she was preceded in death by her parents; 3 children, Ruby Carroll, Mattie Pattie Bowlin and Mathis Ralph Gibson; 3 son-in-laws; 1 granddaughter; 3 sisters, Winnie Jarnigan, Fannie Moore and Veda Lemarr and 2 brothers, Herbert and Batavia (Jack) Goins.

She is survived by Betty Mahan, Johnnie Clyde Rhea and Willie Jack Gibson; 3 grandchildren that she raised, Lowell Carroll, Deanna Carroll and Judy Goodman; 15 other grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was a member of Sneedville Church.

- Written by her daughter, Johnnie Clyde Rhea

**RUBY E. HELTON LEDBETTER** was born February 7, 1941 and passed away October 17, 1997.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sherfey Ledbetter and her parents, Margie and Marsh Helton.

She is survived by by 2 sons, Robert and Donald Ledbetter; 1 granddaughter; 1 brother, Ben Helton; several aunts, nieces and nephews, and a host of cousins.

A devoted Christian, Ruby was a member of Long Hollow Church. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and loving person who worked hard all her life. Her work and worries are over, and we know she is resting in peace. One glorious day we will see her again.

- Written by her family

**CLARA MABLE LLOYD** was born August 8, 1904 and passed away March 19, 1998 at the age of 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Brice Lloyd; 1 daughter, Anna Ruth Larkins; 2 infant daughters; her parents, John Ruble and Dora Larkins Sensabaugh and 3 brothers; Edd, Kelly and Emory Sensabaugh.

She is survived by 2 sons, Edd and Robert Lloyd; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church.

- Written by her family

**HENRY FORD MCCONNELL** was born March 8, 1919 and departed this life May 30, 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Nell Stapleton McConnell; 1 daughter, Faye Gilreath; 1 son, Maynard McConnell and 2 sisters, Reba Gillenwater and Marie Kilgore.

Ford was saved at Copper Creek a few years ago and joined the church soon after. He was a faithful member while his health permitted him to attend. He was quiet and enjoyed his family and many friends. Ford was well liked, was always a willing helper to neighbors, community and church. He proudly served his country in World War II. He will certainly be missed by his loving wife and family, as well as by his friends and the church. We know Ford is at peace and free from pain and suffering. God's great plan of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ gives us the blessed hope of joining him when our time too, on earth is done.

- Written by his sister-in-law, Flo Minton

**SARAH VIOLA RAMEY MCMURRAY** was born December 9, 1904 and departed this life April 25, 1998 at the age of 93.

The oldest daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Tina) Mullins Ramey she married Willis McMurray March 23, 1923. This union was blessed with 4 children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; 3 children; 1 granddaughter; 1 sister and 3 brothers.

Surviving are 1 daughter, Nell Guthrie; 2 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson and 3 sisters, Elva Harkleroad, Willie Kate Laughlin and Beulah Laughlin.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and was a charter member of Gardner's Chapel Church. She loved her Lord and faithfully attended church as long as she was able, always expressing sorrow when she became unable to attend in her latter years. She will be missed by her family, members of her church, and friends who loved her dearly.

- Written by Nell and Harold Guthrie

**MARY HELEN HICKMAN MCPEEK** was born May 7, 1935 and departed this life June 14, 1998.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Hickman; 1 son, Sammy Doyle McPeek and 1 daughter, Mary Elizabeth McPeek.

She is survived by her husband, John Everett McPeek; 4 sons, George Everett, Stanley Wendell, Johnny Matthews and Randy Keith McPeek; her mother, Alice Hickman; 3 sisters; 7 brothers; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was saved at an early age and joined Long Hollow Church in 1952. Our best memories are of the love she had for her family. We all have mourned her passing, but knowing that we will see her again soon on the beautiful streets of heaven gives us strength to continue on and hope for what is yet to come.

- Written by her family

**ELDER GEORGE RANDOLPH MENDENHALL** was born November 29, 1932 and departed this life September 30, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessee and Cara Elizabeth Bledsoe Mendenhall; 1 half sister and 2 brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Jane Dulaney Mendenhall; 1 daughter, Angela Free; 1 son, Terry Mendenhall; 1 grandson; 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

George professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Roller's Chapel Church, where he was ordained into the ministry. He was chosen as one of the pastors of Wallen's Creek Church on May 7, 1983. In 1985, he moved his membership there and remained a dedicated pastor and faithful member until his death.

His life was an inspiration to all who knew him. We were blessed by his testimony, singing and preaching.

- Written by a brother in Christ and friend, Elder Richard Seiber

**MARY RUTH NICHOLS MESSER** departed this life December 27, 1997 at the age of 66.

She was preceded in death by 1 son, Glenn Messer.

Survivors include her husband, Robert L. Messer; 2 sons, Johnny and Bobby Messer; 3 grandchildren; 4 brothers, Howard, Marvin, Audley and Othie Nichols; several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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

- Written by Viola Johnson

**MARTHA ELIZABETH MULLINS** died October 28, 1997 at the age of 68.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Omer Mullins; 1 son, Johnny Mullins; 3 daughters, Juanita Cutshall, Betty Penley and Doris Cutshall; 9 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Grace Mysinger and 5 brothers, Vester, Maxie, Harvey, Nathan and Jesse Hayes.

Elizabeth was a member of Caney Creek Church.

Mom, we miss you so much.

- Written by the family

**JOHN M. (JUNE) NAPIER** was born June 23, 1920 and departed this life February 27, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Henry and Maggie Lambert Napier; 2 sons, Bill and Joe Napier; 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Parsons Napier; 1 son, Clarence (Bud) Napier; 1 daughter, Betty Stidham; 5 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and 1 sister, Margaret Parsons.

He was a member, trustee and song leader of Valley View Church.

- Written by his sister

**HETTIE PERRY** was born January 21, 1909 and entered into her eternal rest February 14, 1998.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Emma Jean Webb, Mary Ellen Powers, Retha Williams and Shirley Kyle; 2 sons, Jimmie and Ronnie Perry; 21 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild and 1 sister.

She was a devoted member of Ayers Chapel Church where she remained faithful as long as her health permitted her to attend. She touched many lives on this earth, and was loved by all who knew her. She is so sadly missed by all her family and friends, but we are all looking forward to that great homecoming where we will never say goodbye again.

- Written by her daughter, Emma Jean Webb

**LAURA ETHEL OSBORNE PETERS** was born January 21, 1913 and departed this life February 23, 1998. She was the daughter of Enoch and Kate Carty Osborne.

In 1933 she married Elmer Peters and to this union were born 1 son, Jerry Peters and 1 daughter, Alice Peters Horton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; 6 sisters and 3 brothers.

Surviving are her 2 children; 6 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Maude Wallen and Dona Elkins and several nieces and nephews.

Laura professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick Church where she remained a faithful member until her death. She taught the children's Sunday school class for many years, where she touched many children's lives over the years. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

- Written for the family by her brother-in-law, Eugene Wallen

**WILLIAM (SWEETPEA) RATLIFF** was born April 5, 1938 and was tragically robbed, murdered and taken from his family March 20, 1998.

His 3 children and 2 grandchildren, along with a host of family and friends, miss him so much. William was a very kind and loving father. Our church has dedicated a plaque in his memory in the Garden of Hope Church for his help in putting our roof on the church. We truly miss you.

- Written by Darrell and Sharon Ratliff

**CRISS REEVES** was born May 28, 1957 and went home to be with the Lord August 1, 1998 at the age of 41.

His mother and 1 brother preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa Turner Reeves; his father; 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Criss was a faithful member of Rose Chapel Church and attended faithfully until his death. He fought cancer for 2 years and 2 months. His labors and suffering are over, and we rejoice in the hope of meeting him again on heaven's bright shore. He fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith. Criss is sadly missed by his family and friends, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by Jessica Turner

**TRILBY J. ROBINETTE** was born September 19, 1917 and went to be with the Lord June 16, 1998.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Robinette; her parents and 1 brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Nell Cross; 1 grandson; 3 sisters, Butis Bledsoe, Bunnie Stallard and Kasel Westbrook and 1 brother, Vermland Robinette.

Trilby was a member of Irondale Church. She lived in the Big Stone Gap, Virginia area all her life. A long-time teacher, she was greatly loved and respected and will be missed in her community.

- Written by the family

**DELLA BAKER RODEFER** was born September 14, 1916 and departed this life March 22, 1998. She was the daughter of Mike and Mary McMurray Baker.

Della was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Charles Rodefer; 1 son, Jerry Rodefer; 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Louise Lemmons; 2 sons, Cecil and James Rodefer; 1 sister, Margaret Whitaker; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Della professed faith in Christ and united with Gardner's Chapel Church at an early age. She was a kind person who was very dedicated in caring for her family. Although she was ill for several years, she bore her illness with patience. She is missed by family and friends.

- Written by friends



**CLYDE LONO ROYSTON**, age 54, passed away August 6, 1998 after suffering a massive stroke.

He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Royston and several aunts and uncles.

Survivors include his mother, Gustava Royston; 1 daughter, Tami Gibson; 1 son, Tommy Royston; 1 sister, Loretta Lawson; 2 brothers, Leroy and Johnny Wayne Royston and several nieces and nephews.

Clyde was a member of Swan Creek Church.

- Written by the family

**ELSIE MAE SIZEMORE** was born April 11, 1914 and departed this life April 13, 1998, at the age of 84 years and 2 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mack and Sophia Sizemore; 2 children, Junior and Glen; 1 grandson; 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

She was married to the late George "Bee" Sizemore for 63 years. To this union 10 children were born.

She leaves to mourn, (and yes to rejoice, for a child of God to die is gain) 3 sons, Fred, Jack and James Allen; 5 daughters, Maxine Nichols, Mildred Gibson, Opal Johnson, Janice Johnson and Carolyn Lawson; 13 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 2 sisters and many friends and loved ones.

Ma professed faith in Christ at the age of 14 and joined Davis Chapel Church. She later joined Riverside Church and became a great pillar of the church. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her happiest times were at church shouting the praises of God. Her prayers were that ALL her children would meet her in heaven.

So rest on, sweet mother and grandmother, until we meet again.

- Written by the family

**HENRY JOHN SIZEMORE** was born May 7, 1929 and departed this life February 28, 1998 at the age of 68.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fate and Lily Sizemore.

Survivors include his wife, Argalene Sizemore; 2 sons, Darrell and Gary Sizemore; 3 grandchildren; 1 brother, Wiley Joe Sizemore; 2 sisters, Ruth Lawson and Dorothy Fields; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Riverside Church, where he was ordained as a deacon in 1968. He sang in several quartets and blessed all that heard him. He was a faithful member and deacon.

Henry is greatly missed at Riverside. He didn't say much in church, but when he got to feeling the Lord in his singing, his lips would start to tremble and tears would start to flow. When he raised his hand, you felt heaven all around. He lived the life and walked before us as a Christian should. Sleep on, Henry, it's not goodbye. It's just goodnight.

- Written by Viola Johnson

**LELA SIZEMORE** was born February 10, 1920 and departed this life September 2, 1998.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Sizemore; her parents, Sterling and Sally Morgan; 1 sister, Leona and 1 great granddaughter.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Doris Webb; 2 sons, Donnie and Eddie Sizemore; 4 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; twin sister Reba and a host of friends.

The oldest member of Kingswood Church, Lela was very faithful to her church and everyone loved her so much. She blessed everyone with her singing and kindness. Lela will be greatly missed by all.

- Written by Carol Sizemore

**SILAS HASCUE SLAGLE** was born October 30, 1914 and departed this life August 7, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Morrison and Mary Yeary Slagle; 11 brothers and 1 sister.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nellie Parsons Slagle; 1 son, Loran E. Slagle; 3 daughters, Florence Helton, Phyllis Jones and Audrey Nickels; 6 grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 3 step great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was a member of Valley View Church.

- Written by his sister-in-law, Margaret Parsons

**CURTIS H. SPRIGGS, SR.**, age 59, passed away suddenly November 25, 1997. He was the son of the late Albert and Irene Spriggs.

He is survived by his wife, Cleo Spriggs; 1 son, Curtis H. Spriggs, Jr.; 1 granddaughter; 1 grandson; 1 sister and several nieces and nephews.

He was saved at Sulphur Springs Church and joined the church on September 7, 1985. He was a faithful member and served as Sunday School Superintendent. He is greatly missed by family, friends and loved ones. Our church has lost a dear member, but we are thankful for the blessed hope we have of meeting again in heaven.

-Written by his niece, Brenda Smith

**ALMA L. STILL** passed away in September, 1998.

She is survived by her husband, B. P. Still; children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She joined Kingswood Church in October, 1994 and was a member there until her death. She was loved by all and will be sadly missed by everyone.

- Written by Carol Sizemore

**ELDER JOHNNY SYKES** was born August 1, 1908 and went to be with the Lord November 7, 1997.

He was called into the ministry and later ordained to preach the gospel. He was a member of Liberty Chapel Church. He stood firm in the word of God and no doubt has touched many souls over the years. It saddens us that he is gone from among us, but we know Johnny is at rest with the Lord. Some day soon we will meet on heaven's bright shore never to part again.

- Written for the family by the clerk

**ERMA ROBINSON TANKERSLEY** was born June 10, 1919 and departed this life July 28, 1998 to go home to be with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. James O. and Laura Robinson; her husband, Cecil Tankersley and 1 brother, Wilburn Robinson.

Surviving are 2 sons, Jay and Carl Tankersley; 1 daughter, Mobe Bledsoe; 1 sister, Odella Helton; 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Willis Chapel Church where she remained a member until her death. She was devoted to her family, always supplying their needs. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her. God chooses special people to be mothers and she was indeed special. He also chooses people who have been bought by the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to be part of His kingdom. Our great loss is heaven's sweet gain. She's walking the streets of pure gold, hand in hand with the one who gave His life for us all. One day soon we will be together, never to part again.

- Written by her granddaughter, Cherlene Johnson

**EVA MAE TERRY** was born April 25, 1947 and departed this life May 25, 1998.

She was a charter member of the Garden of Hope Church. She was a very dedicated worker and wonderful Christian lady.

Surviving are Bill Terry, our oldest deacon; 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Her family, as well as her church family, sadly miss her but we know our loss is heaven's gain.

Rest, our dear sister, until we meet again.

- Written by Sharon Ratliff

**FREDERICK B. (TED) VANZANT** was born March 3, 1932 and departed this life September 28, 1998. He was the son of Kyle and Della Bledsoe Vanzant.

He married Dorothea M. Cherpeski on June 8, 1957 and she survives him along with 1 son, Frederick D. Vanzant; 3 daughters, Phyllis Eckes, Doris Smith, Kimberly Coveyou; 2 brothers, Kyle Jr., and Paul Vanzant; 3 sisters, Marie Vieweq, Juanita Miller and Georgia Evans; 10 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He retired from Dayton Tire and Rubber Company and was a lifetime member of VFW 8312 and a veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a devoted member of Fairview Church, Bellbrook, Ohio. He will be missed by his family and many friends, but we know he is at rest with the Lord.

- Written by his family

**BRADLEY VAUGHN** was born June 21, 1911 and departed this life November 11, 1997.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Wesley and Mary Hinkle Vaughn Spears; 7 brothers, Dennis, Henry, Willie Ray (Tom), Greely, Claude, Millard and Ed and 1 half brother, Roy Jack Spears.

He married Mary M. McReynolds on October 10, 1934 who survives him, along with several nieces and nephews.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Mt. Mitchell Church June 29, 1986.

Bradley worked hard all his life. From farming to working in the cotton mill, he fulfilled his family's needs. He was a very giving person, always thinking of others before himself. He is sadly missed by family, friends and all who knew him. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by his niece, Mary Ann Coleman

**LOYCE MAE WARD** was born May 17, 1927 and departed this life March 6, 1998 to go home to be with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. James O. and Laura Wallen Robinson; her husband, Charlie Ward and 1 brother, Wilburn Robinson.

Surviving are 2 sons, Delmar and James Ward; 2 sisters, Erma Tankersley and Odella Helton; 2 granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

She professed faith in Christ and joined Willis Chapel Church in 1941, where she remained a member until her death. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister and grandmother who loved her family dearly. One of her greatest joys in life was to sing. In her early years, she sang with her mother and sister using the great talent God gave her. She will be greatly missed by family and friends but in this life, but thanks be unto God she will suffer no more. She's gone to be with friends and loved ones, but most of all to be with the one whom she served, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Written by her niece, Cherlene Johnson

**PAUL WHITAKER** was born March 23, 1922 and departed this life December 30, 1997.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Ida Whitaker, and 2 sisters.

He married Lillie June McMurray on August 27, 1963.

He leaves his wife, 1 half brother and a host of friends to mourn his death.

Paul loved God, the Bible and the church. He is missed so much by his family and friends. He talked about how happy he would be when he reached his eternal home. Rest on, dear husband, and I'll see you soon.

- Written by his wife, Lille June Whitaker

**MAGGIE WILLIAMS** was born April 9, 1898 and departed this life December 22, 1997 at the age of 99 years, 8 months and 14 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac and Pheebie Williams; 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews and one niece which she depended on like a daughter, JoAnn.

Maggie professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Sloantown Church and remained a faithful and devoted member until death. Her greatest joy was to stand with great spirit and tell of her salvation and how much she loved everyone. She longed for that country called Beulah Land in her last days of suffering and pain. Our tears still flow and our hearts still ache, along with family and friends at our little church. Sister Maggie fought a

good fight, she kept the faith and she has taken her heavenly flight of rest and peace till we meet again.

- Written for the family by Aubra Hill

**LEONARD MILUM WILLIS** was born July 8, 1908 and departed this life July 1, 1998, at the age of 89 years, 11 months and 23 days. He was the son of the late Leonard "Clem" and Ida Bledsoe Willis. He married Sudie Thomson in 1930 and to this union were born 4 children.

His wife; 2 daughters, Yvonne Steward and Barbara Willis; 2 half sisters and 4 half brothers preceded him in death.

He is survived by 2 daughters, June Hall and Sandra Smith; 1 sister, Goldie Kirk; 6 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

He professed faith in Christ and joined Willis Chapel Church where he remained a member until his death. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be sadly missed by the family and the friends who knew him. Sleep on until we meet again at that glad reunion day.

- Written by Millard Ray Hall

**RUBY PAULINE WINEGAR** was born June 12, 1937 and was carried by the angels to her eternal life on December 27, 1997 at the age of 60.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carter and Alvie McPeek Mayo and 1 sister, Mary Alice Davis.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Billy Winegar; 2 daughters, Kathy Derrick and Mellissa Barton; 2 sons, Micheal and Steve Winegar.

Mom came to know Christ at an early age and joined Long Hollow Church and later attended Mt. Vernon Church, where she was a faithful member until her illness prevented her from going. Mom retired from Quebecor Printing after 20 years, and during this time she made many friends and touched hearts with her special smile and ways. She left behind only one request, that we meet her in heaven. We share a deep sense of loss, and at the same time we are thankful God gave her a healthy body and a big smile. Keep watching over us mom until the day when we will never have to part or say goodbye. Sleep on until morning comes. We love you and miss you deeply.

- Written by her daughter, Mellissa Barton

**HISTORICAL DATA****Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists organized 1835**

YEAR	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	INTRODUCTORY SERMON
1835	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	Moses McGinnis
1836	Blackwater, TN	Daniel Howery	Moses McGinnis	James Gilbert
1837	War Creek	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1838	Gap Creek	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	Isaac Crisman
1839	Thompson Settlement	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1840	New Found	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1841	Greasy Rock	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1842	Little Sycamore	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1843	Deep Springs	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1844	Beens Creek	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1845	Richardson's Creek	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1846	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
1847	Zion	James Gilbert	William McNeil	
Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists organized 1848				
1848	Blackwater Lick	Isaac Crisman	John Hurst	Mark Hurst
1849	Blackwater, TN			William White
There are no records available from 1850-1880. It is known no annual meetings were held during the Civil War, (1861-1865?)				
1881	Blackwater, TN	I. S. Robinette	William Henry	I. S. Robinette
1882	Sulphur Springs	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	S. R. T. Robinette
1883	Hopewell	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	I. S. Robinette
1884	Swan Creek	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	J. P. Peters
1885	Zion	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	I. S. Robinette
1886	Piney Grove	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	E. D. Bowen
1887	Walnut Grove	George Edens	A. T. Bowen	E. S. McPherson

1888	Blackwater Lick	George Edens	A. T. Bowen	George Edens
1889	Hopewell	E. D. Bowen	John Walker	E. D. Bowen
1890	Enterprise	E. D. Bowen	William Henry	George Edens
1891	Swan Creek	George Edens	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Peters
1892	Beech Hill	J. P. Peters	William Henry	Alfred Wallen
1893	Sulphur Springs	George Edens	E. S. McPherson	John Dean
1894	Blackwater, TN	George Edens	William Henry	E. S. McPherson
1895	Blackwater Lick	Alfred Wallen	A. Y. Willis	J. P. Peters
1896	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	William Henry	J. B. Wallen
1897	Flat Rock	E. S. McPherson	John Walker	E. A. Robinette
Two associations formed, divided by Virginia-Tennessee state line, in 1898				
Eastern District in Virginia: Southwestern District in Tennessee				
1898	Bloomer's Chaped – ED	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Pierson	John Dean
1898	Hopewell – SWD	John Dean	G. W. Johnson	Alfred Wallen
1899	Natural Tunnel – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	M. F. Robinette
1899	Long Hollow – SWD	William Henry	A. Y. Willis	J. B. Wallen
1900	Dry Creek – ED	E. S. McPherson	G. W. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1900	Blackwater, TN – SWD	John Dean	A. Y. Willis	John Dean
1901	Sloantown – ED	E. S. McPherson	G. W. Johnson	T. H. Franklin
1901	Pilgrim's Rest – SWD	John Dean	Ezekiel Barker	Johnny Johnson
1902	Zion – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1902	Sulphur Springs – SWD	Alfred Wallen	M. H. Johnson	William Henry
1903	Osborne's Chapel – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1903	Swan Creek – SWD	John Dean	Ezekiel Barker	Ezekiel Barker
1904	Enterprise – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. A. Robinette
1904	Hopewell – SWD	Ezekiel Barker	Nicholas Alder	Alfred Wallen
1905	Flat Rock – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1905	Blackwater, TN – SWD	H. R. Fields	J. M. Brotherton	H. R. Fields
The two associations united again in 1906				
1906	Natural Tunnel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette

1907	Mountain View	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette
1908	Blackwater Lick	E. S. McPherson	Nicholas Alder	J. P. Peters
1909	Riverside	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1910	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1911	Zion	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1912	Osborne's Chapel	E. S. McPherson	Amos Osborne	J. P. Peters
1913	Ayers Chapel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1914	Copper Creek	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington	E. A. Robinette
1915	Ida	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1916	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1917	Hopewell	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1918	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	C. M. Fuller
1919	Mountain View	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1920	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1921	Blackwater, TN	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	F. M. Long
1922	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne Hampton Osborne, Ass't.	A. N. Joyner
1923	Jenkins Chapel	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne Hampton Osborne, Ass't.	C. M. Fuller
1924	Hopewell	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne	H. S. Laster
1925	Valley View	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1926	Big Cut	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	E. A. Robinette
1927	Hurricane Gap	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	A. N. Joyner

1928	Robinette Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. Barker
1929	Burke's Union	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. A. Robinette
1930	Jenkins Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd Maudie May Brotherton, Ass't.	F. T. Carroll
1931	Little Cowan	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	E. A. Robinette
1932	Osborne's Chapel	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	F. T. Carroll
1933	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette F. J. Johnson, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	Pleas Jenkins
1934	Cox's Chapel	E. A. Robinette W. H. Burke, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	F. J. Johnson
1935	Cadet	E. A. Robinette B. L. Lawson, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	T. R. Carter
1936	Pleasant View	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	F. T. Carroll
1937	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson
1938	Little Dove	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	E. A. Robinette
1939	Spires Chapel	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	F. J. Johnson
1940	Peterson's Chapel	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	F. M. Phipps
1941	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1942	Fairview (OH)	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1943	Big Cut	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	L. R. Hensley
1944	Fairview (VA)	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1945	Alvis Chapel	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	Claude Taylor
1946	Willis Chapel	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson

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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
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin