

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

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**Thursday Morning, September 30, 2004**

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 152<sup>nd</sup> annual session with Beech Grove Church, Blackwater, Virginia.

Many years ago, people in the Beech Grove Community saw a need for a church. Beech Grove Primitive Baptist Church was organized and had their first meeting the first Saturday in March, 1907.

The church was then located down the hollow from the present church. According to the records that have been kept and the people of the community, the church thrived during the civil war period. The church joined the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists in October 1907, along with 3 others.

Since its organization, Beech Grove has hosted the association three times, 1918, 1937 and 1963. On the first Saturday night in 1925, plans were made to build a new building. This building remained and served the people of this community until January 1969. A new building was erected and nearly completed within the year. The building is still in use today. Over the years, many changes have been made and the people have changed, but the spirit of God has stayed the same.

The founder saw a need to teach and preach God's word and there's an even bigger need today. Some of the ministers that have served as pastor are: James Robinson, Freeman Johnson, H. V. Hall, J. R. Robinette, Bryan Moore, Gerald Hopkins, Walter Willis, Bazzle Manis, Tommy Seals, Jeffery Glass, Porter Silas Carroll, Coy Lawson, Rex Winstead, Clarence Miller, Coy Willis and Phil Crittenden.

As the morning fog lifted, God's children gathered at Beech Grove Church for the 152<sup>nd</sup> gathering of this grand body. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing several songs of Zion. Just over in the Glory Land we'll stand with the mighty host to look upon the face of our Savior. Let us hold to God's unchanging hand in our daily walk, so we can sing forever of His saving grace. There is no end to the matchless love of God, and the anguish He bore on Calvary deserves our undying love forever. His wonderful story of love keeps us moving thru this life, but it won't be very long till all the saints get home to receive our shining crown. The testimonies and tears of God's children were further evidence of His spirit here among us. We have a blessed hope that we'll live on through all eternity. All is vain unless the Holy Spirit comes down, thank God for the Holy manna that was showered all around us. Earnestly and tenderly Jesus is calling oh sinner come home.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service as he asked everyone to obey the Holy Spirit. If we will do this, then God can and will bless His children. The Witt sisters came forth and blessed us with their song

and testimony. We're dwelling on the mountain, looking toward the land of Beulah where the flowers bloom forever. There is hope of a land where we'll never have to part. Elder Sizemore welcomed Elder John Henry Sybert, former moderator of the association, in attending his 71<sup>st</sup> association. Due to his health, Elder Sybert was not able to lead the congregation in singing the association standard, "Brethren, We Have Met Again," so Sister Zula came forward to lead the congregation in singing this old hymn. When our work is done here below, we have a new home in heaven where we will go for eternity.

The moderator requested that any additional church letters, obituaries and financial contributions be placed in the box on the stand and for any donations to the host church to be made directly to them. He then appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which includes: Ralph Baker (Chairman), Chris Woods and Billy Jack Johnson.

Prayer requests were made for: the unsaved; Linton and Peggy Harrold at the passing of their son; Danny Johnson; Adam Lawson and Delmer Wallen, Jr. and all the other men and women who are serving our country in the military; Morris Giles; Beulah Fawbush's family; Faye Howington; Elizabeth Jenkins' son who is sick and lost; John Turner's wife, daughter and other children that are lost; Doris Burke's family; Jim Burke; Billy Jack Johnson's family and his wife's sister; Elder Earl Miles and his sister; Joe Sizemore's grandson; Steve Minton's mother-in-law and countless unspoken requests, signified by uplifted hands. Elder Harold Head led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

Brother Joe Sizemore blessed us with his wonderful testimony and song of praise. Being inside the gates of pearl will be worth it all, for we'll have that grand homecoming week the first ten thousand years.

Elder Phil Crittenden welcomed everyone to Beech Grove as he came forward to take the first part of the service. He read Proverbs 3:5-7 and used as a text, "Be what God wants you to be." We must be rooted and grounded in God so He can use us for His glory and honor. We may differ on some things here in this life, but if we trust in God we will be about His business. God is love and besides Him there is no other. When we fail, we must ask God for forgiveness and admit the failures to Him. He already knows, so why try to hide them? We trusted Him for salvation, we must trust Him with our life. May we continually strive to bring honor and glory to God. Elder A. D. Howington followed with another inspiring message from on high. May we walk in the old paths so God will lead and guide us in all things. The way that seems right to man leads to destruction, but the way of the Lord is eternal peace, joy and happiness. If we will draw close to God, we can enjoy these things now. He is worthy of all praise, we can't do too much for Him, because He does it all for us. Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and He will see you through. God's blessings are never ending, His love is inexhaustible and they will endure forever. These men preached so wonderfully to us. May we be what God wants us to be.

Adjourned for lunch with songs of praise.

## **Thursday Afternoon, September 30, 2004**

After the wonderful lunch served by the host church, the congregation came together singing songs of Zion. When our work here is done, we're going to a land that is fairer than day where we'll never grow old. Our tribute of praise for our Blessed Redeemer will ring out when we meet on that beautiful shore. The half has never been told of the joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. It is a great overflowing well, springing up in our soul which will bear us away to our new home. Heaven holds all to the children of God, for it is joy without measure.

We were so wonderfully blessed by special singing and testimonies from Patsy Hensley, Elder Roger VanHoose, and singers from Clear Springs and Blue Springs (Hiltons) churches. Beulah Land awaits those that know Him in the free pardon of sin. Some day we'll stand for eternity with the One who brought us to where our home will be eternal. The unseen hand still leads as we go, so let us trust it until that sweet day when we reach that strand. We have a longing to see the One who has guided us thru this weary land, but we don't have to worry for our real home is up there on high. We're looking for that time when a home in heaven will be ours as he beckons us home to stay. We are drinking living water and feasting on manna from above as our hearts overflow with God's love. Aren't you glad he found you and put His arms around you and lead you to the shelter, which is why we love Him ever and part from Him no never? The real joy of knowing that you are His is beyond words. We've started for heaven, we're well on our way and we mean to go thru.

The moderator asked once again that we obey the Lord in all we do. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Brother David Horton, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. The committee reported 65 churches which they recommend accepting. The letter from Union Hill was received late, and after examination and reading the church's report, they recommended accepting this church also. This makes a total of 66 churches. A clerical error was found on the letter from Swan Creek, but it was recommended by the moderator to go ahead and seat the church as part of the voting body. 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 report from the Committee on Religious Exercises was read by the moderator.

Thursday night:

Stand: Neal Drinnon and Mike Fullington.

Osborne's Chapel: Burnice Sybert, David Jerrell and Harmon Willis.

Roller's Chapel: Oscar Irvin, Lewis Baker and Jason Robinette.

Sneedville: Joseph Robinette, Donnie Wilson, Roger VanHoose and Bill VanHoose.

Friday Morning, October 1, 2004:

Stand: Oscar Irvin and John Arnott.

Church: Allen Hensley and Lewis Baker.

Prayer requests were made to include all those from the morning service, the unsaved, our association itself and Elder Neal Drinnon's wife. We were led to the throne of grace by Elder Neal Drinnon in a most humble and earnest prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business of the association.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. Elder Oscar Irvin was nominated. It was motioned, seconded and voted for him to serve during the election.

Brother Danny Lawson was nominated to serve as clerk and treasurer. No other nominations were made, and it was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Since no other nominations were made, he was elected by acclamation to serve as clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year. Elder Irvin asked the congregation to stand as a show of support that they would pray for him during this time.

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 nominations to cease. Since no other nominations were made, he was elected by acclamation to serve as moderator for the ensuing year. Elder Irvin also asked the congregation to stand as a show of support that they would pray for him during the year.

Elder Sizemore, on behalf of himself and the clerk, thanked the delegation for their support and most of all, their prayers. He encouraged each of us to do the duty set before us that God's will be done and many lost souls might be saved. We truly appreciate each one of you. It is extremely important for the officials to have the prayers of God's children. Elder A. D. Howington came forward to thank God for our moderator and the stand he takes.

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

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers – Lewis Baker (chairman), Burnice Sybert and Greg Hill; Deacons – Bradley Bowen and Pete Marcum; Laymen – Delmer Wallen, Sr. and Darrell Smith.

Committee on Finance: Bill VanHoose (chairman), Mike Fullington and David Smith.

Committee on Obituaries: Arry Hickman (chairman), Bill Winstead and Shane Russell.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: John Arnott (chairman), John Bowlin, John Turner, Fred Gilreath, Roger Trent, Jason Robinette and Hasco Jenkins.

Committee on Electrical and PA System: Delmer McPherson (chairman), Elders Carl Lawson, Howard Sybert and David Jerrell, Scott Mellons, Bobby Caudill and Danny Lawson.

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

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 1, 2004.

## **Friday Morning, October 1, 2004**

The congregation gathered for the second day of the association as the beautiful sunshine covered the hills and valley. Everyone was still rejoicing from the wonderful services of yesterday. Songs of praise for our Lord and Savior filled the air as Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation. To be washed in the blood of the lamb brings joy, peace and love that is beyond compare. We should never be discouraged, but just take it to the Lord in prayer, for it is there we find our solace. We must stand on the solid rock, Jesus Christ, for all other ground is sinking sand. Oh the joy of that glad meeting just inside the eastern gate with all the saints gone before.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone and asked all the delegates to come into the tent. Sister Doris Burke blessed us with her testimony and song of praise to our blessed Savior. He calls for those that don't know Him and is ready to receive them if they will just lay off the old coat and put on the new. Jesus didn't come here to stay, but He came to atone for the sins of this world and show us the way, then He got on a cloud and went home.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service and thanked God for taking charge and helping the host church in the blessed way they are taking care of the association.

Continue to pray for the unsaved, all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military; our country; preaching brethren; Josh and

Justin Jones; Pleas Lawson's brother; Bernice Sanders Wallen; Fred Gilreath's son; Brenda Russell's family; Micah Evans, Ty Ellison and their parents; Ada Wright; Harlee Ellison; Beulah Caudill; Daphne Stapleton; Teddy and Debbie Sturgill; Erick and Kevin Sturgill and many others the clerk was not able to get plus many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother Joe 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.

The moderator reported that the correct member total of 291 had been received from Swan Creek Church and the church letter has been changed to reflect this new number.

Elder John Arnott, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. In God there is no variable; He has not changed, may we get back to the old paths. He quoted portions of scripture from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts, using as a text "Let us glory in the Lord." We can be deceived in this world, for Satan is a great deceiver that challenges us in all we do. We see many things happen in today's world that claim to be of God, but we know the God we serve does not sanction these types of events. Let us open our prayer rooms and call upon God in a mighty way. Too many religious organizations have made the church into a business. Preaching the gospel is not something man can learn on his own, but he must be called of God, for only He can call a man to preach and those He calls, He qualifies. He created all things and regardless of what man might say, He is still in control where He sits at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us. We must be blind to this old world to be truly looking for Christ. Words can't describe what an almighty God we serve. Paul had great zeal to worship God; may we each strive to develop this zeal in our lives so we can worship Him the way He truly deserves. Elder Oscar Irvin followed with a wonderful message from God. It is not the number that we have in our association, for God said where two or more are gathered in my name there I will be in the midst of them. Little is much when God is in it. There is only one true and living God, but unfortunately most of the world serves some form of God in vain. Each individual must take a stand for God and shout it from the mountain tops that our God is alive and alive forevermore. His arm is not too short that He can't reach down and save those that call on Him. Let us not bind ourselves up, but allow the Lord to use us in any way He may desire. He may be unknown to the world, but He is well known by His children. We have a blessed hope and our treasure lies just beyond this vale of tears. He wants our praise, our love, our hearts and our lives. Everything we have is a gift from God; let us never use it for the wrong purpose. Pride has crept in and robbed us of the true joy of what it is to serve God. Don't love one another in word, but love one another in deed. Let us go into the highways and byways and compel sinners to come in. These men preached the truth; may it find its way into our hearts that we might draw closer to God. God so wonderfully blessed this place during the

services in the tent and the church. Shouts of praise rang out from all over the grounds as His children praised Him.

Adjourned for lunch.

## **Friday Afternoon, October 1, 2004**

Everyone was completely filled this morning as they ate spiritually and physically. The host church served another bountiful meal as we continued to eat the spiritual food during lunch. With songs of praise, the congregation assembled in the tent for the evening proceedings, still rejoicing from the morning services. The old rugged cross is despised by the world, but let us hasten to the one who hung on it in our place. We must resolve to leave the paths of sin and enter into the righteous paths so Jesus can come into our heart.

Continued blessings were forthcoming with special singing from June Kail, Blue Springs Church singers and Terry Sizemore. We are pilgrims here and as such we must press along to that beautiful city, ever praying and ever singing where our faith will end in sight. Some call it heaven, but it is home for the saints of God. Elder Sizemore thanked God for His omnipresence here on these grounds. When Jesus is there, miracles do take place. Christ went away, but He did not leave us comfortless. Jesus did not come to stay, only to show us the way, then He got on a cloud and went home. Basking in His love, we're moving higher and higher every day. Nothing can surpass the joy of knowing His love, for He is truly the dearest friend we've ever known. Whosoever will, come and go with us, for we are bound for the promised land.

Prayer requests were made for all those in the previous services; the unsaved; Brenda Horton's nephew; Henry Wheeler; Tee and Rosie Johnson's family; Ronnie Johnson's family; A. D. and Faye Howington and the lost members of their family and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Carson Johnson blessed us with his wonderful song just before leading us to the throne of grace.

Blessings from the Lord just kept on coming with testimony and song from Patsy Hensley and others. We're going to a homecoming day in the sky to meet Jesus and never more die. Jesus continued to pour out His blessings on His children.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

Friday night:

Stand: David Jerrell, James Jarnigan, Harold Shaw and Harold Head.

Liberty Chapel: Oscar Irvin and Neal Drinnon.

Osborne's Chapel: Ohio connection.

Sneedville: Roger Trent, Bob Brown and David Smith.

Saturday morning, October 2, 2004:

Stand: Terry Sizemore and Greg Hill.

The moderator announced some special services at various locations.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 2005, which includes: Marvin Ketron (chairman), Joe Pitzer, Darrell Sizemore and Steve Minton (alternate).

Special recognition was given to Elder James Jarnigan, Elder Woodrow Fields, H. C. Johnson and Jim Burke for their help each year to the host church. These men continually give of themselves in order to help the host church, no matter where it might be. Many others also contribute of their time and skills to ensure that everyone is taken care of in the best way possible.

The Committee on Finance reported \$9,331.00 in receipts for the year.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 69 had been received at this time.

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

The moderator reminded those serving on the committees that they were released when their final report is given.

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 to allow the clerk \$1,000 in appreciation for his services.

With the passing of Brothers Wendell Parsons and Cassel Caudill, two of our Kentucky trustees, and a request from Elder Burnice Sybert to be removed as a Tennessee trustee because of his ordination into the ministry and serving as pastor of two churches, the moderator reviewed the list of association trustees. The moderator appointed Bobby Caudill and Bill Maggard to serve as trustees in Kentucky and Delmer Wallen, Sr. to serve as a trustee in Tennessee. The association trustees include:

Kentucky: Jack Creech, Bobby Caudill and Bill Maggard  
Virginia: Jess Akens, Jr., Carl Peterson and Ralph Baker

Ohio: Morris Giles, Joe Pitzer and Ray Eldridge  
Tennessee: Bill Poole, Billy Jack Johnson and Delmer Wallen, Sr.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that one query had been received. The committee acted on the query and decided not to present it to the delegation. A request from the floor was made to the chairman as to why they chose not to present the query to the delegation. The chairman was ready to proceed when it was brought to the attention of the chairman and moderator that a motion and second would be needed to proceed with the request. The moderator then asked for a motion to proceed with this request; however, a motion to dispense with the reading of the query was made, followed by a second and vote of the delegation. The query was not presented to the delegation.

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

The members of the Circular Letter Committee came forward. Elders John Turner and Jim Emery looked on as Elder Oscar Irvin read the letter. Its message was to the association as a whole that we might know, believe and hold fast to the beliefs that this organization is based on. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

The clerk reported on several issues to inform the delegation. These include:

- An electronic form of the Church Letter has been created and used for the first time this year. With such a document, a hand written signature is not possible, but the information is intact and the source is known to the clerk when it is received. It was requested of the delegation to allow the electronic form to be used in its original format, with a typed name of the church moderator and clerk instead of hand written signatures. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the use of the electronic version as an optional method of completing the church letter.
- The supply of the direction books is getting very low. Changes need to be made for at least one church and maybe more. The cost to print 1,000 copies of the books would be \$1,225.00. It was motioned, seconded and voted to wait until next year to print new direction books.
- A financial report was given to the delegation showing where all monies had been spent during the year.
- The clerk reported that the Hawkins County Genealogical Society was not able to get the minutes microfilmed as was originally planned. The minutes sent to Nashville were not the originals and the society was afraid of copyright infringements, even though they were informed, in writing, of the association's approval to do so.

- It was motioned, seconded and voted to print the names of the minister's wives in the minute. This is not a requirement, but an option to be addressed by each minister and his wife.

The moderator appointed the Circular Letter Committee for 2005, which includes: Elders A. D. Howington, Silas Carroll and Virgil Lipe.

There were 5 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These were Beech Grove, Burke's Union, Fairview (OH), House Chapel and Riverside. During the plea process, Burke's Union and House Chapel withdrew, leaving the vote between Beech Grove, Fairview (OH) and Riverside. There was not a clear majority during the first vote, so another vote was taken between the two churches receiving the most votes, which were Riverside and Fairview (OH). By a clear margin, the delegation voted to send the association to Riverside, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (September 29, 2005) before the first Saturday in October, 2005. Introductory – Elder Roger Trent; Alternate – Elder James Jarnigan.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 2, 2004.

### **Saturday Morning, October 2, 2004**

The rain fell from heaven much like the showers of blessings that have fallen throughout this association. As the people gathered in the tent, Sister Zula McCullough led them in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When the redeemed gather in, how we'll sing and how we'll shout. Thank God that when the roll is called up yonder, we'll be there. His wondrous love and care guides us through this life. As Christian soldiers, we should keep our lamps trimmed and burning so we will be a light for Jesus every day. There'll come a glad day after while when we can lay down these heavy loads and receive our heavenly crown. Since Jesus came, our feet have found a resting place and we're on the rock at last. When the saints go marching in, there will be no canes or walkers; oh how great it will be to be in that number!

Special singing from Kathy Robinson blessed our hearts. Thank God for all His blessings. The things of this world don't matter because we have the Lord in our lives. If it satisfies the Lord, then we are satisfied as well.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service, thanking God for the showers of blessings throughout this association and the freedom we have to worship Him. God is the same yesterday, today and forevermore.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

Brother H. C. Johnson came forward to let the association know that a new first aid kit was needed in the kitchen, as well as some other supplies. He asked the association to remember him and his grandson, who is in service to our country, in your prayers. It was noted that authority has already been given to the host church to get whatever is needed, and this was considered a reminder to take care of these things.

Elder Phil Crittenden came forward to thank everyone that has helped take care of the association. Many have helped, and he didn't want to call any names for fear of leaving someone out, but he wanted to thank them all for everything they have done to help the host church.

The moderator reminded the delegation that Sister Eileen Brown still sends out notices of revivals and special services if they will let her know. He also announced the start of several revivals and special services that will begin soon. We were also reminded of the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday night service that moves to various churches that ask for it.

Elder Sizemore read the report of the Committee on Religious Exercises:

Saturday night:

Stand: No services were held due to a death in the community.

Butcher's Valley: David Jerrell.

Jenkins Chapel: Burnice Sybert and Bob Brown.

Liberty Chapel: John Arnott and Virgil Lipe.

Osborne's Chapel: Phil Crittenden, Del Harris and David Smith.

Poplar Grove: Roger VanHoose and Bill VanHoose.

Sunday morning, October 3, 2004:

Stand: To be determined that morning.

Kingswood: Ohio connection.

Roller's Chapel: Mike Fullington and Joseph Robinette.

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

Special singing by Elder Sizemore and the Under Grace Trio blessed us. He took us to Calvary and washed us whiter than snow. We may not have much money or this world's noted fame, but Jesus knows us by name. Saved by His marvelous grace, a child of that heavenly place, we are kept by His

power and hid in the rock. When all others forsake us, there is strength in the Lord that is beyond measure in His comforting word.

Prayer requests were made for all those made in previous services; the unsaved; Doyle Gilliam; Fred and Betty Jean Sizemore; Carla Osborne; Donald and Lola Sybert; Frank Mullins; all those dealing with cancer; Maxie Marcum and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. Elder Carl Lawson took our petitions to the Lord.

The moderator read the list of names of those that have passed from us since last year. We mourn their passing, but we thank God for their lives and for allowing us to have them with us for as long as we did. Thank God for the precious memories He gave us.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Greg Hill came forward to take the first part of the service. He read from Deuteronomy 3:24-29 for his inspiring message. The gateway to heaven is before us if we'll follow the Lord instead of man. God is able to watch over our children as He did Moses when his mother placed him in the basket. At the Red Sea, Moses told them to stand still and see the glory of the Lord; we need to do the same thing many times in our lives. One day soon we'll reach the top of our Mt. Pisgah and look over to the other side. We've seen His goodness and greatness here on these grounds, but more importantly, we've felt it deep down in our soul. He is the way, the truth and the life. Elder Terry Sizemore took the second part of the service, preaching another wonderful message given him by the Lord. We are all examples and this responsibility is not to be taken lightly. Just as these dear departed saints were great examples, we need to strive to be the best for the Lord. The saints can leave this life with a great smile on their face because they see a land not made with hands. We have a better home waiting when we leave behind all the troubles and trials of this old world. We can go forward with great confidence because we know God is with us. Many friends have come to the end of the way, but it is a new beginning for them. They laughed at Noah and they may laugh at us from time to time, but when the Lord returns in the clouds to receive His children, they won't be laughing anymore. Moses didn't get into the promised land to walk around, but he was able to look in, just as we get a foretaste of heaven. There's a day coming when we'll have a body that is worthy to praise the Lord in the way He deserves. These saints are gone, but we're still here to fight the battles before us; but look up for we have Jesus with us always. These men preached so wonderfully and offered such a special tribute to these fallen saints. We thank God for them and their lives and the special time we had with them. We can take solace in knowing that to be absent from this body is to be present with the Lord. Jesus said, "*today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*" Let us remember the precious memories these dear saints left us. They will never be forgotten, but they will live on forever in our hearts.

Songs of praise and shouts of joy rang out from the children of God as we adjourned for the day.

**Sunday Morning, October 3, 2004**

The last day of this association began much like the others, with God blessing His children with singing as the church family gathered for the last day of services. Smiles were abundant as everyone still rejoiced from the earlier services. It is still refreshing to hear the old, old story of how our Savior came from glory to save a wretch like me. Our darkest night will turn to light where the soul of man never dies. Some day, some happy day we'll be where all is peace, joy and love and our trials will be over. Oh, I want to see Him and look upon His face. On the streets of glory, let us lift our voice for we'll be home at last, ever to rejoice.

Elder Phil Crittenden welcomed everyone to today's service as he thanked God for the wonderful services during this association. We can have these services anytime and anywhere we go if we will crucify this flesh and obey God in all things. Phil preached to us so wonderfully. The spirit of God will change us if we obey. Let us go to our brothers and sisters in love and faith, believing that God will lift us up out of every circumstance. God has no respect of persons, for what we need to do, we need to do it for the glory of God.

Mitzie Crittenden, Doris Burke's granddaughter, the young people of the church, Sister Christine and Stevie Collins blessed us with their testimonies and songs of praise. The world may not think much of someone being saved, but the children of God have had one birth they can't remember and one they can't forget. Aren't you so glad that Jesus loves even you? It is wonderful to be in the glory land way where it groweth clearer each and every day. When Jesus passes by, miracles take place, thank God He is still passing by. When our way groweth drear, our precious Lord will linger near to take our hand and lead us home.

We thank God for all the visiting ministers that were in attendance at today's services. Elders Carl Lawson, Donald Sybert, Wayne Morgan, Howard Sybert and David Smith blessed our hearts with words of praise for our Lord and Savior. These men preached the word today. God takes care of His children and will continue to do so as long as time goes on. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to them that will believe. The instructions given us by God are not just mere words, but they are essential in our daily walk with Christ, so He can use us in any way He sees fit. Jesus came willingly, even though He knew what He must face; may we all come willingly to fulfill the desires that God places within our heart. Let us continually watch and pray that we enter not into temptation. If we'll go in faith believing, God will bless us, but He won't stop there. He will take what we do and increase it many fold so it will bring honor and glory to Him. Let us reach out to the lost to help them get into the family of God. We can't save them, but we can tell them and show them the wonderful God we serve. Thank God for these men that have been on the road for many years. The stand these men have taken over the years will continue even after they are gone. Testimonies from all over the house praised the Lord for all He has done. It is better felt than told, praise God for all the saints. Shouts of praise and tears of joy were evident

all over the house. Thank God for the blessings on His people. After wonderful testimonies, we were adjourned with prayer until we meet again.

### **CIRCULAR LETTER**

We feel at this time that it is necessary for us to write this circular letter to the members (churches and ordained ministers) of the Eastern District Association as a reminder of our doctrine, which is based upon the faith once delivered to the saints. Even though it has been stated by some that you do not have to believe, we know that Christ said, Except you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins and where I am you cannot come. He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. We must believe the record God gave of His Son. That record is Christ died, was buried and God raised Him from the dead. We must hold fast to the belief in the foreknowledge of an all wise, almighty God. In turn, according to the Scriptures, our belief is that if all were dead, then Christ died for all. We hold steadfastly to the scripture in John's writings, *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* Our faith deems that you must be born again, not of a corruptible seed, but of an incorruptible. By the Word of God that liveth and abideth forever, we believe that no man cometh to God except by Jesus Christ, and that no man can come to Christ except his father who sent Him draw him. We hold belief that God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men to believe in this man called Jesus Christ. The Bible assures us there is a hell to shun and a heaven to gain, and lets us know by the Spirit that Christ Jesus is the only door into the sheepfold.

We believe the Kingdom of God does not come with observation, but is in the hearts and lives of them that believe. We hold firmly that we are now in the Kingdom and that Christ has now made us kings and priests. We believe in a general resurrection of both the just and the unjust; and that Christ will come in the clouds of great glory. Those that are dead in Christ will arise first and us that are left remain standing shall be changed in the moment and a twinkling of an eye and we shall be caught up in the clouds to ever be with the Lord. We are certain of these things that are most commonly believed among us because of the scriptures and the spirit of God, which dwells in our lives. The doctrine and faith of our forefathers has stood in the halls of time. God almighty has honored this doctrine and if we will stand in the path that Jesus laid down, God will honor us as His people. Forsaking the world and the religious organizations, let us hold fast to the doctrine of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and of the apostles that we may draw joy from the wells of salvation, redeeming the time and honoring the true God of all grace and glory. May the God of heaven bless you with all spiritual blessings.

Elder Oscar Irvin  
Elder Jim Emery  
Elder John Turner

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Once again God has allowed us to meet together in heavenly places. As we renew old acquaintances and friendships, let us praise His name for the freedom we enjoy in this world. Freedom is something we sometimes take for granted, but the Lord has blessed our nation beyond measure. We are truly fortunate to be living in an area where we can hear the gospel preached and worship God without any fear of harm coming to us.

As everyone gathered at Beech Grove Church for the 152<sup>nd</sup> gathering of this great body of God's children, we can see that no detail has been left undone to help make everyone as comfortable as possible. Just looking around, we can see God's handiwork everywhere. We offer our utmost thanks to the Lord of Lords for His mercy and our prayer is that we have come together in one mind and one accord to worship Him in truth and spirit. We know the Holy Spirit has welcomed you, and we thank God for all those that have come forward with helping hands and willing hearts to carry on the Lord's 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 more enjoyable. May God richly bless them in the coming years.

Those who made individual donations and the 59 churches who contributed a total of \$6,770.00 to help their sister church in the care of the association are greatly appreciated. To the many who have given of their time and supported all the work that has gone on, we pray the Lord's blessings will continue. For each of you who have quietly labored and given of yourselves or made donations in one form or another, be assured your labors are not in vain. The unselfish acts of fellow Christians ease the burden placed on the individuals of the church.

For the time, prayers and guidance our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore, has given to the association may God continue to richly bless him and his family. For all those who have given of themselves to serve on the committees and represent their churches as delegates to carry on the business of the association, we offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Thank God for each of you and your willingness to see His work continue.

Our country enjoys many freedoms today and for that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who have served this country since its creation. Countless numbers have fought in battles and stood watch to protect the freedoms we now enjoy. We all know and understand we live in the best nation on earth, and we are truly thankful for all the many blessings we enjoy. While the blessings are many and truly wonderful, we owe it all to Jesus Christ, for it is by and through Him that we have these freedoms to enjoy. He is the true freedom we enjoy and the more we do for Him, the better our freedom becomes. Jesus willingly gave His life that we might enjoy eternal life. For those who know the Lord as their Savior, we have something the world is searching for. All we need to do is use our free gift for His glory and this freedom will grow. It is always easier to sit back and let someone else do the task, but we must stand firm and know that everything we do brings glory and

honor to Him. Jesus is the only freedom we will ever need, and for this we are thankful.

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

*Terry Sizemore*

Moderator

*Danny Lawson*

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.

(Revised in 1959)

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

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

1. Conference shall consist of members of the church and visiting members of sister churches of the same faith and order if so desired.
2. Conference shall be opened and closed with praise and prayer to Almighty God. I Tim. 2:1; I Thess. 5:17, 18.
3. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of "Brother Moderator," to whom every speech shall be perfectly directed.
4. The members' names being regularly enrolled shall by the Clerk be distinctly called over.

5. A door shall be open when thought necessary for admission of new members into the church. But none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and shall first verbally relate their experience and give an account of the work of God in their hearts; and secondly, of their faith and principles, if the church requires it; and thirdly, the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct. When full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Moderator shall manifest the same by giving the right hand of fellowship and thus receive them in order.
6. No complaint shall be brought in the Conference respecting crimes of a private nature until the grieved party has complied with the directions of our Lord in Matt. 18:15.
7. Every motion and second shall come under the consideration of the Conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it.
8. Every query presented shall be three times read. When it is read, the Moderator shall put it to a vote to see if the majority is for or against answering it. The query shall be debated if deemed necessary, but the querist may withdraw it any time providing that no intricate question be asked.
9. If the minority at any time should be grieved at the determination of the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.
10. Section 1. All business of the Conference shall be recorded by the clerk before the conference rises; the same shall be distinctly read and corrected, if need be.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 8. Any member speaking or acting in wrath or anger, or in threatening or disregarding manner, as it shames religion, wounds the

cause of Christ, and grieves the true Christian, is hereby deemed disorder.

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

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















## A LOOK INTO THE PAST

**100 Years Ago** – Enterprise Church in Scott County, VA, hosted the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Eastern District Association beginning September 29, 1904. Elder E. A. Robinette preached the introductory sermon from II Timothy 3:16-17 to deliver his message. Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and E. A. Robinette, clerk and treasurer.

Hopewell Church in Hawkins County, TN, hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Southwestern Division beginning September 1, 1904. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Alfred Wallen from Revelation 19:13. Elder Ezekiel Barker was elected moderator and Nicholas Alder, clerk and treasurer.

**75 Years Ago** – On October 3, 1929 the 77<sup>th</sup> annual session met with Burke's Union Church, Scott County, VA. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. A. Robinette from I Peter 1:25 and he was followed by Elder H. S. Laster. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator, J. W. Hurd, clerk and treasurer and Julia A. Walker, assistant clerk.

**50 Years Ago** – Blair Chapel Church in Blair, KY, hosted the 102<sup>nd</sup> annual session beginning on September 30, 1954. Elder Basil Freeman read I Corinthians 1:1-10 for his introductory sermon. Elder Dana Crawford, the alternate, came forward using the same subject. The association elected Elder J. H. Sybert moderator and G. D. Smith, clerk and treasurer.

**25 Years Ago** – October 4, 1979 was the beginning of the 127<sup>th</sup> annual session, hosted by Mountain View Church, Duffield, VA. Elder J. H. Sybert preached the introductory sermon after reading Romans 8:26-39 using the 32<sup>nd</sup> verse as a text. He was followed by Elder Coy Lawson, the alternate. Elder Basil Freeman was chosen moderator and Burnice Sybert was elected clerk and treasurer.

## 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: Frank Clark, Sarah Clark and Maxie Marcum; alternate: Emma Jean Webb. Total number on roll, 45; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning. Frank Clark, moderator pro-tem.

**BEECH GROVE:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Hollie Lawson, Ralph Lawson, Sr., Zelma Lawson and Effie Mae Moore; alternates: Kate Arrington and Venus Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Phil Crittenden, moderator.

**BLACKWATER LICK:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Pauline Lawson, Gerald Moore, Jason Nichols and Sarah Parsons; alternates: Hershel Baker and Anita Moore. Dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 110; contribution, \$250.00; 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 Fred Gilreath and Walter Willis asked to attend. David Smith, moderator.

**BLAIR CHAPEL:** Blair, Ky. Delegates: Roger Raleigh, Hilda Raleigh, David Whitaker and Jack Creech; alternates: Alvin Chandler and Freida Creech. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 7; total number on roll, 262; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Rod Raleigh, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night. Earl Miles, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Hiltons, Va. Delegates: Jim Bowlin, John Bowlin, Gary Hall and Courtney Osborne; alternates: Brittany Bowen and Brenda Bowlin. Total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August. John Bowlin, moderator.

**BURKE'S UNION:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Delmer McPherson, Clifford Bledsoe, Scott Tipton and Ada McPherson; alternate: Imogene McPherson. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 125; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), every Sunday morning and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July. Scott Tipton, moderator.

**BUTCHER'S VALLEY:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Morris Goodson, Walter Bailey, John Collins and Carol Collins; alternates: Georgia Richards and Anna Deloach. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 110; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May. Russell Davidson, moderator.

**CADET:** Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Jess Akens, Jr., Lillie Akens, Roy Jones and Vicky Jones; alternate: Lois Collier. Total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

**CANEY CREEK:** Greeneville, Tn. Delegates: Lloyd Morelock, Eddie Malone, Wanda Malone and Otis Roberts; alternate: Frances Armstrong. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Eddie Malone, moderator.

**CHESTNUT FLATS:** Gate City, Va. Delegates: Lewis Baker, Ralph Baker, Dan Cross and Wayne Gibson; alternate: Tom Baker. Excluded, 3; total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and following Sunday. Lewis Baker, moderator.

**CLEAR SPRINGS:** Spring Valley, Oh. Delegates: Joe Pitzer, Donny Wilson, Josh Robinette and Bill VanHoose; alternates: Joe Robinette and Jacob Robinette. Received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 160; contribution, \$300.00; 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 (ADDINGTON FRAME):** Nickelsville, Va. Delegates: Allen Addington, Clifton Horne, Nadine Horne and Steve Minton; alternates: Anita Howell and Flo Minton. Received by experience and baptism, 3; total number on roll, 80; contribution, \$80.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October; Elder Bob Brown asked to attend. Eckel Head, moderator.

**COYLE'S BRANCH:** Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Eunice Browning and Irene Cornett. 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: Etta Osborne, Coy Willis, Pete Marcum and Fern Marcum; alternate: Roberta Willis. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April (May 1, 2005). Richard Seiber, moderator.

**EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** Ermine, Ky. Delegates: Henrietta Adams, Pat Holbrook and Basil Holbrook; alternate: Beulah Webb. Total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:00

p.m.) and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April. Fred Fletcher, moderator.

**FAIRVIEW:** Bellbrook, Oh. Delegates: Warren Kail, Hasco Jenkins, Kellis Smith and June Kail; alternate: Ruth Osborne. Received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 140; contribution, \$250.00; 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. Jason Robinette, moderator.

**FAIRVIEW:** St. Charles, Va. Delegates: Earnest Bledsoe, Leonard Flanary and Brenda Witt; alternates: Linda Edwards and Dena Rowe. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 21; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.); Elders Richard Seiber and Wayne Morgan asked to attend. Earnest Bledsoe and Leonard Flanary, moderators.

**FAITHFUL MINISTRY:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Charles Bernard, David Moody and Leah Moody. Total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May. David Moody and Charles Bernard, moderators.

**FLOWER GAP:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: T. H. Johnson, Doug Willis, Pleas Lawson and David Horton; alternate: Helen Willis. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 87; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May. Greg Hill, moderator.

**GARDNER'S CHAPEL:** Bristol, Va. Delegates: Bobby Carter, Terrell Smith, Douglas McClain and Burl Lyons; alternates: Donald Huffman and Darrell Laughlin. Received by experience and baptism, 9; excluded, 2; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 523; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and following Sunday. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (2:00 p.m.). Bobby Carter, moderator.

**GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Hiram Gardner, Gary Baker, Cathy Baker and Sue Pippin; alternate: Janie Hensley. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 109; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Wayne Morgan, moderator.

**GUTHRIE'S GAP:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Grace Hawkins, Keith Wallen, Cindy Wallen and Larry Miller. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 5; dismissed by letter, 7; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 222; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night, Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June. Larry Miller, moderator.

**HOPEWELL:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Odell Arnott, Frank Lane, George Richards and Margaret Richards; alternate: Kathy Eldridge. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 34; contribution,

\$150.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October. John Arnott, moderator.

**HOUSE CHAPEL:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Darrell Manis, Sherelene Manis, Betty Davis and Shirley Helton; alternates: Mack Manis and Audrey Manis. Received by experience and baptism, 6; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 240; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and Wednesday night, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday night and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Neal Drinnon, moderator.

**HURRICANE VALLEY:** Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Glenn Cornett, Grace Cornett, Pamela Frazier and Emily Cornett. Received by experience and baptism, 2; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 22; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday (5:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (6:30 p.m.). Glenn Cornett, moderator.

**IRONDALE:** Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Clyde Phillips, Iloe Collier and Joan Bowen. Excluded, 3; total number on roll, 38; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Clyde Phillips, moderator.

**JENKINS CHAPEL:** Surgoinville, Tn. Delegates: Paul Strong, Arry Hickman and Fred Gilreath. Total number on roll, 60; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Wednesday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August (10:30 a.m.). Paul Strong, moderator.

**KINGSWOOD:** Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Bud Haire, Mary Lou Haire, Eileen Brown and Ronnie Brooks; alternates: Justin Richardson and Wanda Richardson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April. Terry Sizemore, moderator.

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Larry Ward, Orbin Ward, Gene Ward and Kim Ward; alternate: James Cupp. Received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 78; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night. Fred Gilreath, moderator.

**LITTLE COWAN:** Whitesburg, Ky. Delegates: Rex Fields, Tilda Fields, Chester Rayburn and Verna Rayburn; alternate: Robert Caudill. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 112; contribution, \$500.00; 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: June Maggard, Judy Corder, J. D. Bedwell and Brian McCown; alternates: Iona Scott and Lillian Walker. Received by experience and baptism, 5; total number on roll, 31; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday in June at the J. D. Maggard Cemetery in Eolia, Ky. Ronnie Smith, moderator.

**LITTLE REDEEMED:** Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Null Lawson and Georgia Lawson; alternate: Donnie McNabb. Total number on roll, 95; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Donnie McNabb, moderator.

**LONG HOLLOW:** Surgoinville, Tn. Delegates: Virgie Williams, Jennifer Charles, Rick Harris and Harold Head; alternates: Judy Head and Delmas Harris. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 1; received or restored by recantation, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 5; total number on roll, 195; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (except 3<sup>rd</sup>) (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 15, 2005. Harold Head, moderator.

**LOW VIEW:** Pennington Gap, Va. Delegates: Evelyn Orick, Sue Bledsoe and Luther Burton; alternates: Don Woodward and Elsie Burton. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$40.00; 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: Terrence Pigg, Terry Pigg and Clem Simmons. Received by experience and baptism, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 58; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May. David VanHoose, moderator.

**MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Evelyn Jessee, Dorothy Robinette, Rose Manes and Billy Robinette; alternate: Frankie Manes. Total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May. John Amott, moderator.

**MILLER'S CHAPEL:** Bristol, Va. Delegates: Myrt Worley, Margaret Helvey, Linda Ramsey and Nancy Evans; alternate: Mary Denton. Total number on roll, 11; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bradley Bowen, Juanita Bowen and Vanessa Dockery; alternate: Mable Fields. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$30.00; 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. Wayne Morgan and Richard Seiber, moderators.

**MT. MITCHELL:** Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Frank Mullins, Janet Mullins, Shirley Dalton and Molly Gilreath; alternate: Michael Snapp. Received by letter, 2; excluded, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 124; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Frank Mullins, moderator.

**MT. ZION:** Evarts, Ky. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 4; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night. Bazzle Manis, moderator.

**NEW LIFE:** Whitesburg, Tn. Delegates: Dennis Purkey, Imogene Purkey, Christine Conley and Carolyn Greene; alternate: David Jerrell. Received by relationship, 6; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 54; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday night. David Jerrell, moderator.

**OAK GROVE:** Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Dan Winstead, Larry Russell, James Dyer and J. D. Dyer; alternates: Chris Woods and Jim Woods. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 6; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 175; contribution, \$200.00; 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.). Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. William Childer, moderator pro-tem.

**OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Everette Donald Neeley, James Davidson, Johnny Willis and Jerry Bishop; alternates: Larry Fannon and Steve Jones. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 1; deceased, 7; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$85.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. Jim Emery, moderator.

**PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Carl Peterson, Lola Peterson, Charlotte Bishop and June Fannon; alternate: Joan Templeton. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 60; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and Saturday night and Sunday morning in November. Kevin Yose, moderator pro-tem.

**PILGRIM'S REST:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: J. C. Gordon, Don Gordon, Walter Lipe and Gary Henard. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.), Wednesday night and the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night. Virgil Lipe, moderator.

**PINK HILL:** Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegate: Quinton Thacker; alternate: Isabeth Christian. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 139; contribution, \$200.00; 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, Tammy Bledsoe and Barbara Lawson; alternates: Janice Collins and Lori Castle. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 3; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$111.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Memorial service, May 29, 2005 (1:30 p.m.). Clinton Rutherford, moderator.

**POPLAR GROVE:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Austin Adams, H. C. Johnson, Bill Poole and Charles Young; alternate: Paul Wallen. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 94; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night.

Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

**RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** Richardson, Ky. Delegates: John Borders, Rosemary Borders and Thomas Meade. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 196; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday. Brad Dutton, moderator.

**RIVERSIDE:** Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Darrell Smith, Darrell Sizemore, Larry Delph and Gary Sizemore; alternates: Roger Trent and Joshua Johnson. Dismissed by letter, 3; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$120.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day at Davis Chapel Cemetery (2:00 p.m.). Roger Trent, moderator.

**ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Ellis Persinger and Kim Robinette; alternates: Jerelene Persinger and Kathy Lawson. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 68; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

**ROSE CHAPEL:** West Carrollton, Oh. Delegates: Janus Lykins, Anita Newkirk, Mark Newkirk and Gleason Storie; alternates: James Bledsoe and David Burkett. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$125.00; 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: None. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Harold Head, moderator.

**SLATE HILL:** Mooresburg, Tn. Delegates: Wayne Drinnon, Jerry Harris, Grover Ferguson and Robert Ferrell; alternates: Clint Short and James Jarnigan. Received by relationship, 2; excluded, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 183; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night. James Jarnigan, moderator.

**SLOANTOWN:** Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Aubra Hill, Virgia Hill, Tammy Pendleton and Joe Robinette; alternates: Donna Griffen and Joan Griffen. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 32; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Greg Hill and Frank Gilliam, moderators.

**SNEEDVILLE:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Jason Cotter, Carson Johnson, Shane Russell and Velma Mabe; alternates: Dorothy Delph and Ester Jones. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; total number on roll, 75; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night. Shane Russell, moderator.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Bill Winstead, Michael Burton, Betty Winstead and Anna Collins; alternates: Von Burton and Ursula Stewart. Received by experience and baptism, 7; received by relationship, 8;

dismissed by letter, 4; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 96; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night. Bill Winstead, moderator.

**SWAN CREEK:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Rodney Dodson, Silas Carroll, Clarence Morgan and Doyle O'Dell; alternates: Clarence Dodson and Earl Dodson. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 3; dismissed by letter, 4; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 291; contribution, \$350.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June. Silas Carroll, moderator.

**UNION HILL:** Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Marilyn Kinsler, Carson Creech, Ronnie Kinsler and Ola Belcher; alternates: Amy Shepard and Brandy Kinsler. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 87; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night. Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.). Donny Clifford, moderator.

**VALLEY VIEW:** Dryden, Va. Delegates: Jeff Witt, Barbara Taylor, Anna Duncan and Ed Duncan; alternates: Mary Witt and Charles Thompson. Excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 53; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Charles Thompson, moderator pro-tem.

**WALLEN'S CREEK:** Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bill Tomlinson, Eddie Williams, Zelta Miles and Donna Williams; alternates: Doris Burke and Vivian Seiber. Total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. 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: Allen Hensley, Billy Jack Johnson, Paul Johnson and A. D. Howington; alternates: Sidney Grizzel and Patsy Hensley. Excluded, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 138; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June. Allen Hensley, moderator.

**WEST VIEW:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Eugene Wallen, Delmer Wallen, Sr., John Osborne, Jr. and Dewey C. Sanders; alternates: Jack Osborne and Earl Johnson. Received by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 61; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST), every Sunday morning and every Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April. J. H. Sybert and Burnice Sybert, moderators.

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Junior Wallen, Mike Fullington and Morris Fleenor; alternate: Millard R. Hall. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 113; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September. Mike Fullington, moderator.

**WILLOW CHAPEL:** Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Janice Jones, Garnetta Miller Carl Smith and Earika Marshall. Excluded, 3; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. Carl Smith, moderator.

**TOTALS:** 66 churches (26 in VA., 28 in TN., 8 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 73; received by letter, 16; received by relationship, 38; received or restored by recantation, 2; dismissed by letter, 31; excluded, 37; deceased, 80; total number on roll, 5,959. There are 57 ministers serving as pastors - 50 are serving 1 church; 5 are serving 2 churches and 2 are serving 3 churches. There are 4 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 62 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

## **UNION MEETINGS - 2005**

(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, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

**2 - VALLEY VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Jason Cotter, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Earl Miles, Carl Rogers, Shane Russell, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**3 - WEST VIEW:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Hasco Jenkins, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Paul Strong and Howard Sybert.

**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, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

**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, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, 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: Woodrow Fields, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

**- MAY -**

**1 - CLEAR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

**2 - OAK GROVE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

**3 - SWAN CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Donny Clifford, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

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

**5 - SLOANTOWN:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Mike Fullington, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

**6 - COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME):** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Harmon Willis.

**7 - OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (includes Saturday morning, Saturday night and Sunday morning). Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, David Smith and J. H. Sybert.

**8 - BEECH GROVE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Coy Willis and Walter Willis.

**9 - HOPEWELL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, 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, John Bowlin, Leonard Flanary, A. D. Howington, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Bazzle Manis, Earl Miles, Jason Robinette, Carl Rogers, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Don Woodward.

**11 - PILGRIM'S REST:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Von Burton, Derrick Cantwell, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Clinton Rutherford, David Smith, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Bill Winstead.

**12 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Charles Bernard, Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Donnie McNabb, David Moody, Shane Russell, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

**- JUNE -**

**1 - NEW LIFE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Jerry Bledsoe, Bob Brown, Derrick Cantwell, Glenn Cornett, Phil Crittenden, Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Shane Russell, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

**2 - 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, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

**3 - RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Gale Derrick, Delmas Harris, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger VanHoose and Henry Wheeler.

**4 - AYERS CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh and Paul Strong.

**5 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, Va.):** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Glenn Cornett, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Wayne Morgan, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert 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, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Richard Watts.

**7 - SLATE HILL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Silas Carroll, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Wayne Gulley, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Gordon Justice, Carl Lawson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Henry Wheeler.

**8 - UNION HILL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Adrion Kinsler, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Shane Russell, David Smith, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Henry Wheeler.

**9 - HURRICANE VALLEY:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Bob Brown, Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, David Smith 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: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice and Henry Wheeler.

**11 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Donny Clifford, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Eddie Malone, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**12 - LOW VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Derrick Cantwell, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Roger Manring, Earl Miles, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert and Roger Trent.

**13 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA):** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Frank

Gilliam, Greg Hill, James Jarnigan, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

**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, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Oscar Irvin, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**- JULY -**

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

**2 - MT. ZION:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Gordon Justice, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Carl Rogers and Richard Seiber.

**3 - LIBERTY CHAPEL:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Russell Davidson, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

**4 - RIVERSIDE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, J. H. Sybert and Richard Watts.

**5 - SHELBY CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Mike Fullington, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber, Ronnie Smith, Burnice Sybert and Howard Sybert.

**6 - BURKE'S UNION:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Jason Cotter, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Carl Rogers, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Burnice Sybert, Howard Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

**7 - HOUSE CHAPEL:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, David

Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Bazzle Manis, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Frank Mullins, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

**8 - PINK HILL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, David Smith, 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, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Clyde Phillips, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Donald Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**2 - SULPHUR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore and Henry Wheeler.

**3 - BLACKWATER LICK:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Ronnie Kinsler, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

**4 - MILLER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

**5 - POPLAR GROVE:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, Bob Brown, Mike Fullington, Allen Hensley, Charley Johnson, Eddie Malone and J. H. Sybert.

**6 - WILLIS CHAPEL:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Coy Willis.

**7 - COYLE'S BRANCH:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Russell Davidson, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber and all others who wish to attend.

**8 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, I. W. McNamara, Wayne Morgan, Tommy Osborne, Paul Persinger, Shane Russell, Carl Smith, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

**9 - FAIRVIEW (VA):** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Wayne Morgan, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Carl Rogers, Clinton Rutherford, Scott Tipton, Richard Watts, Coy Willis and Don Woodward.

**10 - 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, Harold Gilley, Wayne Gilley, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, J. F. Robinette, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

**11 - LITTLE DOVE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis and Wayne Morgan.

**12 - MACEDONIA:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Greg Hill and Harmon Willis. Ohio ministers asked to attend on Thursday night.

**13 - MT. MITCHELL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Jason Cotter, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Virgil Lipe, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, Shane Russell, Paul Strong, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**14 - BLAIR CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Frank Mullins, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

**15 - MOUNTAIN VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**16 - JENKINS CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Allen Hensley, Hasco Jenkins, David Smith, Burnice Sybert, Henry Wheeler, 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 Banks, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Wayne Morgan, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

**2 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, J. H. Sybert and Harmon Willis.

**3 - LITTLE COWAN:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

**4 - LITTLE REDEEMED:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Derrick Cantwell, Donny Clifford, Phil Crittenden, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Ronnie Kinsler, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

**5 - SNEEDVILLE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Donny Clifford, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

**6 - KINGSWOOD:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Shane Russell, David Smith and Roger Trent.

**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, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Wayne Morgan and Burnice Sybert.

**8 - WILLOW CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Oscar Irvin, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**9 - FLOWER GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, David Smith, 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, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2003.....	\$ 3,251.28
Receipts from 2004.....	9,331.00
Interest.....	14.50

**TOTAL .....** **\$ 12,596.78**

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box.....	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability).....	2,062.00
Charter registration fee.....	20.00
Postage .....	38.24
Clerical supplies .....	98.68
Electrical and PA supplies.....	745.83
Clerk's allowance .....	1,000.00
Printing and packaging 2,775 copies of 2004 minutes .....	4,700.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....** **\$ 8,724.75**

**BALANCE IN TREASURY .....** **\$ 6,487.03**

**NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$1.70**  
**The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes**  
**ordered was \$3.14**

### DIRECTIONS TO RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

From Big Stone Gap, take 23 to 600 Virginia to Tennessee 33 South 19 miles to Kyles Ford Bridge. Turn right on 70. Turn left on 33 South. Go approximately 5.5 miles to church on left.

## 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 mourns their passing.

ADAMS, Vanessa Kay  
ADDINGTON, Fred E.  
BARNETT, Jack Wesley  
BLEDSOE, Dollie  
BRADLEY, Melissa Gayle  
CAUDILL, Cassel Robert  
DISNEY, Alice Maggard  
DYER, Ruth Banks  
FIELDS, Raymond  
GARDNER, Margaret Ann  
GLASS, Dixie Roller  
GOINS, Addie Rebecca Lawson  
GREER, Kate Horton  
HUFF, Gladys Osborne  
JOHNSON, Nancy Ann  
JOHNSON, Ursula  
LAWSON, Rachel Adams  
LEWIS, Ethel Fields  
LONG, Kenneth Wayne  
MORGAN, Arnold  
PANNELL, John  
PRUITT, Mabel Reed  
RALEIGH, Wincie Ann  
ROBINETTE, Marion Kenneth “Red”  
SALYER, Hobert Henry  
SHORT, Beulah Dalton

ADDINGTON, Delmar Dalton  
ANDERSON, Ethel Mae  
BATES, Ina Mallory  
BLEDSOE, Reba Catherine  
BURKE, Grace Martha  
COLLIER, Carl V.  
DISNEY, Jessie Raymond  
ENSOR, Deborah Faith Drinnon  
FRANCE, Woodrow W. “Bud”, Sr.  
GILLENWATER, Reba A.  
GLASS, Dora  
GOINS, John George  
HORTON, Imogene  
HURD, Gladys  
JOHNSON, Ronnie Monroe  
LAWSON, Mona McPherson  
LAWSON, Una Mae  
LIVESAY, Cornie Poteet  
MATHIS, Lena Ruth Johnson  
NICHOLS, Tammy Lawson  
PRATT, Claude Lee  
PURKEY, Pierce Albert  
RICHARDS, Elbert “Dee”  
RUSSELL, Thomas Wayne  
SEXTON, Eula Kate Robinette  
STEWART, Thelma Frances Day

STROUPE, Carl Clifton  
 TAYLOR, William Scott  
 THACKER, Ossie B.  
 VICARS, Elmer Koy  
 WALLEN, Fred Milford  
 WARD, Christine Sizemore  
 WHITSON, Laura Mae  
 WILLIS, Lucy V.  
 WITT, Victor C. "Camel"

TACKET, Marshel  
 THACKER, Frank D.  
 TOMLINSON, Henry Tucker  
 WALLEN, Arnold R.  
 WALLEN, Mary Mildred "Mimi"  
 WATSON, Thelma M.  
 WILKERSON, Zelda Mae Lawson  
 WITT, Minnie Ethel

\*Ministers

**VANESSA KAY ADAMS** was born November 11, 1960 into the home of Evelyn and Elder Delza Adams. She departed this life May 16, 2004, making her life on earth 43 years, 6 months and 5 days.

In addition to her mother, Vanessa is survived by 2 brothers, Rodney and Greg Adams; 3 sisters, Belinda Browning, Paquita Shoupe and Delbretta Adams; grandmother, Orlena Banks; 10 nieces and nephews and 12 great nieces and nephews, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

She loved and attended Mount Zion Church. Vanessa was a special lady in so many ways. God blessed her with a special gift and love for children, especially her nieces and nephews and their children. Their love for her was shown in their daily lives. Few families are bound by the love this family has, especially as that shared by Vanessa and Delbretta. Her innocent, divine beauty touched all who knew her. Her end came so suddenly and her life was so short, but let us never think that Vanessa got cheated or deprived. God blessed her with so much that it made her special. Farewell dear friend until we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by Elwood Cornett

**DELMAR DALTON ADDINGTON** was born June 7, 1916 and departed this life May 18, 2004 at the age of 87.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh M. and Mattie E. Addington; 3 sisters, Louella Hilton, Lyndell Addington and infant, Elva Lucille Addington; 2 brothers, Larlyn and infant R.G. and an infant great grandson.

Surviving are his wife, Leta; 1 daughter, Doris Keith; 1 son; Allen L. Addington; 1 sister, Virginia Addington; 2 brothers, Bruce and Gladstone Addington; 3 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was a lifelong farmer and lived in Nickelsville his entire life. He professed faith in Jesus Christ late in life and faithfully attended Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He now rests peacefully in the arms of Jesus.

- Written by the family

**FRED E. ADDINGTON** was born January 22, 1929 and departed this life September 1, 2002.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Norma Addington; 1<sup>st</sup> wife, June Gillenwater Addington; 1 brother, Glen Addington and 1 great granddaughter.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Stapleton Addington; 1 daughter, Doris Dougherty; 3 sons; Gary, Ronnie and Tony Addington; 1 sister, Eileen Castle; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Fred joined the church at Copper Creek (Addington Frame) at a young age. He was an avid outdoorsman and gardener, who was always a friend and a helping hand. He is surely missed by family and many friends.

- Written by the family

**ETHEL MAE ANDERSON** went home to be with the Lord March 21, 2004. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rhea and Elsie Robertie Baker Anderson; 1 infant sister, 1 niece and 1 great nephew.

She is survived by 5 brothers, Robert, Joe, Kermit, Wayne and Billy Jack Anderson; 3 sisters, Elsie Taylor, Virginia McClain and Mary Evelyn McConnell; several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

Mae was saved at an early age and joined Gardner's Chapel Church, where she remained a true and faithful member until her death. Mae loved her Lord, her church, and her family. She was a wonderful sister and aunt. We loved her dearly and miss her each and every day.

- Written by her family

**JACK WESLEY BARNETT** was born February 7, 1936 and passed away peacefully July 15, 2004 at the age of 68.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Eula Barnett.

Surviving are his wife, Barb; 1 brother; 2 sons; 3 granddaughters; 1 grandson and 1 great granddaughter.

Jack was a member of Clear Springs Church. Even though Jack was unable to speak for years and was bedridden with multiple sclerosis, he never complained and always had a positive attitude. He always gave a "thumbs up" showing that he was patiently enduring his illness and trusting the Lord. I know you are now talking and walking on the streets of gold.

- Written by his niece, Susie Pitzer

**INA MALLORY BATES** was born September 27, 1955 and departed this life October 27, 2003.

Ina was preceded in death by her mother, Joanne Price Mallory.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Bates; father, W. Hayden Mallory; 1 daughter, Wendie C. Douthat; 2 grandsons; 1 sister, Elizabeth Ann Gosnell and 1 brother, Douglas W. Mallory.

She was a member of New Life Church and sang with the Old Time Gospel Singers. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

- Written by her husband, Robert Bates

**DOLLIE BLEDSOE**, age 93, went to be with the Lord on December 7, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Easter and Hugh Bledsoe; 4 brothers, Marion, Lawrence, Virgil and Kermit Bledsoe; 4 sisters, Allie Brotherton, Oma Overstake, Ruby and Sally Bledsoe.

Dollie is survived by 2 brothers, Gomer and Hiram Bledsoe; 1 sister, Eva Kerns; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Fairview (OH) Church. She is sadly missed by family and friends for her great mind and stories of years passed.

- Written by her family

**REBA CATHERINE BLEDSOE** was born May 22, 1927 and departed this life January 12, 2004. She was the daughter of Elder Charles T. and Pearl Mae Pearcy Roller.

Reba was preceded in death by her parents; 2 sisters, 1 brother and 2 husbands, Davy Smith and James Bledsoe.

She is survived by 6 children, Wardella Dotson, Ronnie Bledsoe, Jerilyn Miller, Sandy Carter, Jimmy Bledsoe and Anita Mummert; 2 sisters, Vivian Stroud and Anna Cole; 1 brother, J. T. Roller and a host of loving grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends.

Reba professed faith in Christ at an early age and was a member of Rose Chapel Church until her death. She is greatly missed by her family, but her loving memories will sustain us until that grand reunion day.

- Written by her family

**MELISSA GAYLE BRADLEY**, age 34, went to be with the Lord January 18, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Rev. Lee and Carrie Jinks; grandfather, Lonzo Lamons; grandmother, Pauline Hinson; 1 brother, Toby Lamons; 1 stepsister, Vickie Thacker and 1 uncle.

She is survived by her husband, John Bradley; 1 son, Johnny Bradley; mother, Dorothy Jinks; father, Calvin Eugene Lamons and wife, Etta Lamons; 1 brother, Clint Cope; 1 sister, Amanda Mabe; 1 step brother, Alfred Thacker; 3 step sisters, Teresa Morrisette, Phyllis Reaves and Star Keith and several nieces and nephews.

She was saved at an early age and was a member of Oak Grove Church. Melissa loved everyone and she was one of God's special people who loved to sing and talk about Jesus to anyone who would listen. She is sadly missed by all who knew her and loved her. Melissa, we will see you on that morning.

- Written by her mother

**GRACE MARTHA BURKE**, daughter of the late Aultman H. and Etta Osborne Glass was born January 21, 1919 and went to be with the Lord January 2, 2004 at the age of 84 years. She was married to Dewey E. Burke, son of the late Elder Harrison and Louisa Burke, who predeceased her.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Elva Barnett and Madge Noel; infant twin brothers, Roy and Coy Glass; and 2 brothers, Frank and Bascom Glass.

She is survived by 1 sister, Berniece Livingston; stepmother, Dora Glass and numerous nieces and nephews.

She attended Osborne's Chapel Church in her youth and after moving to Ohio she attended and supported Fairview Church. She is missed by her family, but it is a comfort to know her suffering is over and she is at rest in the presence of God where there is no more pain, heartache or separation.

- Written by her niece, Betty Livingston

**CASSEL ROBERT CAUDILL**, son of Hiram S. and Anna Vermillion Caudill, was born May 27, 1901 and departed this life October 21, 2003, being 102 years old at his passing.

Surviving are his wife of 74 years and 4 months, Beulah Gibson Caudill; 1 son, Robert G. Caudill; 4 daughters, Thelma Ison, Carolyn Gilliam, Janice Wolod and Susan Stamper; 2 brothers, Edison and Bernice Caudill and 2 sisters, LouAnna Day and Elsie Banks.

Cassel was preceded in death by 2 sons, Stuart M. Sigrest and George F. Sigrest; 1 daughter, Emma Lou Campbell; and 1 granddaughter.

His descendents include 24 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren, 14 great-great grandchildren and 3 step grandchildren – and he loved every one of them.

Cassel surrendered his life to Christ in March, 1941 and became a member and later a deacon of Little Cowan Church, where he served faithfully and attended regularly until his health began to fail. The truth of Cassel's wisdom shone brightest when being asked of his greatest experience in life, he looked lovingly at his wife and said, "When the Lord saved me."

Cassel was a house painter by trade and a lifelong farmer. He enjoyed gardening and sharing the Lord's provisions.

Cassel was a friend to all at work, church and in the community. He loved all and loved sharing his wealth of life's experiences and stories.

- Written by the family

**CARL V. COLLIER** was born September 22, 1917 and went home to be with the Lord September 7, 2004 at the age of 86 years and 11 months. He was the son of James and Eliza Gilley Collier.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 sisters, Evangie, Sally and Wilhite; 1 brother, Willard and an infant son, Carl Edward Collier.

Carl is survived by his wife, Lola Collier; 3 daughters, Doris Fannon, Ruth Glass and Joyce Fannon; 3 sons, James, Bruce and Coy; 1 sister, Ida Bowens; 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Carl was a member of Beech Grove Church and a veteran of World War II. He is greatly missed by family and friends.

- Written by his family

**ALICE MAGGARD DISNEY** was born April 9, 1905 and went to be with the Lord December 23, 2003 at the age of 98.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Disney; 3 infant children; 1 son; 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

She is survived by 4 sons, Ralph, Clyde, Raymond and Don; 14 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

She was a member of Blair Chapel Church and a homemaker. Through the loss of so many loved ones before her, she kept the faith and fought the good fight. What a joyous reunion one day when we'll see her and all our loved ones again.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

**JESSIE RAYMOND DISNEY** was born May 19, 1929 and the Lord called him home April 23, 2004. He was the son of Jim and Alice Disney.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 infant brothers; 1 brother, Charles Disney and 1 infant sister.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Cress Disney; 6 children, Patricia Loving, Larry Disney, Ann Lay, Sue Bird, Gordon Williams and Greg Disney; 3 brothers, Ralph, Clyde and Don Disney; 9 grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and his church family.

He loved to fish and became a fisher of men when he professed faith in Christ and was baptized at Blair Chapel Church. He later joined Kingswood Church. Although he was saved late in life, he definitely made up for all the years he was lost. He loved to go to church and would go anywhere, anytime to hear the gospel. Although we miss him very much, we know he no longer suffers and many precious memories will always be in our hearts and minds.

- Written by his daughter, Ann Lay

**RUTH BANKS DYER**, daughter of the late Patrick and Etta Collins Banks was born October 7, 1920 and entered into eternal life September 25, 2004. She was 83 years, 11 months and 18 days of age at the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Dyer and 4 brothers, Bernard, Bert, James Elmo and William Clifton Banks.

She is survived by 1 brother, Clayton Banks; 3 sisters, Lucy Montgomery, Elsie Boggs and Rilla Van Risner; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives to mourn her passing.

She was a member of Little Cowan Church. Her professional career had been that of a teacher and her life's career was that of a loving and caring lady.

- Written by her family

**DEBORAH FAITH DRINNON ENSOR** went to be with her Lord and Savior March 2, 2004.

She is survived by her mother, Lucy Drinnon; husband, Ronald Ensor; 1 son, Tony Matthew Bartlett; 1 daughter, Sunshine Ensor; 3 brothers, Elder Neal Drinnon, Curtis Drinnon and Billy Drinnon; 3 sisters, Marie Gatewood, Angela Hicks and Carolyn Porter.

She was a faithful member of House Chapel Church and a beloved Sunday School teacher for many years. She firmly believed in God's healing power and knew she was truly a winner either way. Even though she suffered down here, she knew one day she'd be in a place where no pain or suffering would ever come.

- Written by Sister Julie Thomason

**RAYMOND FIELDS** was born February 8, 1934 and entered eternal life May 9, 2004.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Alonzo Fields.

He is survived by his mother, Maude Shepherd Fields; his wife, Wyvonne Taylor Fields; 3 children, Roberta Augusta, Debbie Chamberlain and David Fields; 2 brothers; 1 sister; 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A lifelong resident of Cumberland, KY he established several businesses in his lifetime. He was a faithful member of Blair Chapel Church. He fought a good fight with his sickness right up to the end, and he enjoyed having his friends to talk to. He is very much missed by the church family, his friends and family. He just went to sleep for a little while, but will awake in the morning where we will all be together on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

**WOODROW W. "BUD" FRANCE, SR.** passed away December 3, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Shepherd France.

He leaves his second wife, Mayme S. France; 2 sons; 1 daughter; 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren to mourn his passing.

He was a dedicated Christian and a faithful member of Blair Chapel Church. Bud always enjoyed working in his garden and flowers and always kidding with people. He is missed by his church friends and family.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

**MARGARET ANN GARDNER** was born August 20, 1940 and departed this life April 6, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jessee and Evelyn Thacker.

She is survived by her husband, Hiram Gardner; 2 daughters, Penny and Diana; 2 brothers, Billy and Roy Thacker and 1 sister, Barbara Hedneck.

She was a member of Gardner's Memorial Church. She is missed by all who knew her, may she rest in peace.

- Written by Hiram Gardner

**REBA A. GILLENWATER** was born April 24, 1924 and departed this life May 5, 2003. She was the daughter of the late Warren and Madge Addington McConnell. Her mother died when she was five years of age, and she was raised by her uncle and aunt, D. J. and Hesba Addington.

She was married to Lloyd E. Gillenwater, who preceded her in death. Her brothers, Ford and Jack McConnell, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Jimmy Gillenwater; 1 sister, Marie McConnell Kilgore; 2 step grandchildren, 4 step great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Reba joined Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church and was baptized August 25, 1935. She dearly loved her church, and during her sickness when we visited, many times would say, "My greatest desire is to get better so I can go to church."

Reba was one that found joy in encouraging and helping others. She is truly missed by her family, her church family, all relatives and everyone that knew her.

- Written by her cousin, Bruce Addington

**DIXIE ROLLER GLASS** was born October 14, 1918 and went home to be with the Lord July 21, 2004 at the age of 85 years and 9 months. She was the daughter of John and Lucy Salling Roller.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George Glass Sr.; 1 son; 3 sisters, Maude, Ruth and Hassie and 1 brother, George Roller.

She is survived by 3 sons, Wayne Roller, George Glass, Jr. and Dwight Glass; 6 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and 1 sister, Imogene Horton.

Dixie was a member of Beech Grove Church. She is greatly missed by family and friends.

- Written by her family

**DORA GLASS** went home to be with the Lord March 26, 2004 at the age of 89. She was born and spent her entire life in Blackwater, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by 2 husbands, 4 brothers and 6 sisters.

She is survived by 1 son, T. J. Glass; 1 grandson; 1 great grandson; 1 step granddaughter and 4 step great grandsons.

Dora was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church. She would tell those who visited her about the time the Lord came into her life. She is greatly missed by family and friends, but we'll meet again.

- Written by her family

**ADDIE REBECCA LAWSON GOINS** was born September 14, 1920 and passed on to her eternal reward January 4, 2004 at the age of 83 years, 3 months and 21 days. She was the daughter of William S. and Lana Fisher Peters Lawson.

She was married to Joe Goins and to this union were born 2 sons, Joe, Jr. and Buford Goins and 3 daughters, Shirley Roberts, Jane Tyson and Phyllis Puckett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 sisters, Ollie Willis and Ella Sherrill; 2 brothers, Tommy and Coy Lawson; 3 half sisters, Verdie Neeley, Lizzie Creech Barker and Vada Castle and 1 half brother, Charles Lawson.

She is survived by her children; 9 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Stella Sybert and Litha Gibson and 1 brother, Echol Lawson.

She lived in Columbia, Maryland for over 50 years and was at the home of her daughter, Phyllis in Arizona when she died. She was saved as a young girl at Blackwater Lick Church. She never became a member of a church, but her testimony attested to her belief in the Lord Jesus Christ and her hope of heaven. We will see you again when all of God's children are safely home.

- Written by her sister, Stella Sybert

**JOHN GEORGE GOINS** was born February 1, 1921 and went to be with the Lord August 17, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Orlena Goins; 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

He is survived by his niece, where he made his home, Marjorie Lawson; 3 sisters, Ina Mae Parson, Isabelle Quillen and Christine Hurd.

John George was a simple man who had worked hard all of his life. He loved going to different churches in Blackwater and attending dinner on the ground meetings in the ridge and at Flower Gap. Many times he would come the day before the meeting and spend the night. So long, dear friend, until we meet again on that bright and shining shore over in heaven.

- Written by a friend

**KATE HORTON GREER** was born April 9, 1922 and went home to be with the Lord April 11, 2004. She was the daughter of Mack and Mary Lindsey Horton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Gather Greer; 3 children, Mary Greer, James Greer and Joann Manis; 2 granddaughters; 2 brothers, Jack and Hiram Horton; 4 sisters, Iva Horton, Mary Chess, Lena Chess and Hazel Phillips.

She is survived by 6 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Kate professed faith in Christ and joined Long Hollow Church where she remained a member until death. She was the last member of the Mack and Mary Horton family, who are greatly missed in the community. Sleep on, Kate, until we meet in heaven some day.

- Written by a friend, Virgie Williams

**IMOGENE HORTON** was born March 16, 1921 and departed this life September 9, 2004 at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 24 days. She was the daughter of the late Johnny and Lucy Sallings Roller.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Elwood Horton; 2 grandchildren; 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

Imogene professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Beech Grove Church, where she was a faithful member until the last year of her life, when she was no longer able to attend. She served as church clerk for over 20 years. Her conversation in the last few months was about the association coming to Beech Grove and how she hoped she would be able to attend and work. Mommy has gone to the big association and her working days are over. I'm sure she is enjoying all heaven has to offer. She is greatly missed

by all that knew her, but one day soon we will be reunited for a reunion that will never end.

- Written by her son, Douglas Joe Horton

**GLADYS OSBORNE HUFF** was born March 12, 1918 and went to be with the Lord March 29, 2004.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, Amos and Bessie Osborne; her husband, Lester Huff; 1 brother, J. T. Osborne and 1 sister, Elma Osborne.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Anita Moore; 1 son, Jim Huff; 2 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sarah O. Parsons and Beulah O. Huff and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gladys professed faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized into Blackwater Lick Church in 1932. She was a devoted and faithful Christian who loved her family, her church and the Eastern District Association. A strong witness for Jesus Christ, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, she is sadly missed by all those she left behind. It is impossible to know how many lives she touched as a teacher in the Lee County School system, but we know her faithfulness is a pattern for us all. Her pain and suffering is over and she is at rest until we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her family

**GLADYS HURD** was born November 9, 1922 and departed this life May 26, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kyle Hurd and her mother and father, Henry and Cassie Tonker.

She is survived by 1 son, Bill Hurd; 1 daughter, Janie Woodward; 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She professed faith in Christ in 1994 and joined Davis Chapel Church.

- Written by her family

**NANCY ANN JOHNSON** was born August 18, 1948 and peacefully entered into the arms of Jesus July 10, 2004 at the age of 55. She was the daughter of Ernest and Bessie Wallen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 1 brother, Rogan and 1 infant sister, Joyce Elaine.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne; 1 daughter, Penny L. Johnson; 4 sisters, Charlsie, Wilma, Yvonne and Barb; 4 brothers, Junior, Clifford, Edsol and Sonnie, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Fairview Church in Ohio. Nancy fought a courageous battle with cancer and continued to come to church at Clear Springs and do for the Lord as long as she was able. She always requested prayer for her husband and daughter and their need for the Lord in their lives. Her faith never wavered and she loved us "more." She is greatly missed by family and friends. I know your pain and suffering is over and we will meet again in our real home on high. Heaven is blessed.

- Written by her niece, Susie Pitzer

**RONNIE MONROE JOHNSON** was born January 24, 1948 and went to his peaceful resting place with the Lord August 10, 2004.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Allen Johnson; 1 son; Jason Allen Johnson; 2 grandchildren; parents, T.H. and Rosie Virginia Fisher Johnson; 1 sister, Charlotte Ruth Johnson Horton; 1 brother, Billy Jack Johnson; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a great host of friends.

Ronnie was a lifelong member of Flower Gap Church, where he was very faithful when work didn't interfere. He rejoiced in his salvation and had many experiences, with tears of joy, while traveling here on earth. He loved to sing the songs of Zion for the Lord. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, a devoted son, and a most helpful and understanding brother and uncle. He was a friend to all as evidenced by the large crowd at his visitation. What a joyous reunion it will be in heaven when we see Ronnie and all our loved ones again. We miss you and love you so much.

- Written by the family

**URSULA JOHNSON** was born November 3, 1916 and went to be with the Lord March 26, 2004 at the age of 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George B. Johnson and her parents, Kyle and Willie Price.

She is survived by 1 son, Kyle H. Johnson; 1 daughter, Stella Morgan; 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

She was a member of West View Church. She is sadly missed by her family and all who knew her, but I know one day we will see her again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her daughter, Stella Morgan

**MONA MCPHERSON LAWSON** was born December 24, 1912 and went to sleep in the arms of the Lord on September 12, 2004. She was the daughter of the late A. W. and Melvina McPherson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Lawson; 3 brothers, Claude, Doyle and Roy McPherson; 1 half brother and 1 half sister.

Mona leaves to mourn her passing 3 nieces; 4 nephews; a host of friends and neighbors and two special friends who were like her own family.

She professed faith in Jesus Christ at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick Church where she was a faithful member as long as she was able. She often walked to church when she could. She touched and helped many children along the way while teaching in the Lee County school system for over 33 years. Her teaching and friendship touched many lives and she was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by her family

**RACHEL ADAMS LAWSON** completed her earthly journey on December 18, 2003 at the age of 81 years. She was the daughter of the late Patton and Inze Bowen Adams and was married to the late Emmitt Lawson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and 1 son, James Lawson.

Rachel is survived by 1 daughter, Mary Frances and 2 sons, Billy and Guy.

Being widowed at an early age, Rachel had a hard time raising her children. On profession of faith at the close of a revival at Peterson's Chapel Church, she and her daughter united with the church. She was truly one of God's jewels and she will return with Jesus on the cloud when He comes back for His church.

- Written by a friend, June Fannon

**UNA MAE LAWSON** was born October 22, 1908 and passed away October 8, 2003 at the age of 94. She spent most of her life living in Blackwater and Jonesville, moving to Kingsport in 2002.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ewing Lawson; parents, Emmitt and Belle Osborne Rutherford; 1 sister, Golden Beason and 2 brothers, Wheeler and Bradley Rutherford.

Surviving are 2 sons, Johnnie and Ronald Lawson; 7 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

We had her a long time here, but only a moment compared to eternity.

- Written by Elder Howard Sybert and the family

**ETHEL FIELDS LEWIS** was born January 1, 1914 and went to be with the Lord February 28, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her parents and all her brothers and sisters; her first husband, Elder Henry Fields and her second husband, Arvel Lewis.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Ethel was a lifelong member of Blair Chapel Church, where she was a faithful member until sickness prevented her from going. She is missed by all who knew her.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

**CORNIE POTEET LIVESAY** was born September 15, 1908 and went to be with the Lord January 9, 2004 at the age of 95 years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Mode Poteet. She later married Roy Livesay, who also preceded her in death. Also her parents, A. J. and Josie Ely; 4 sisters and 5 brothers.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Nella Mae Doreel and Pauline Pursley; 2 sons, Clarence and Charles Poteet and 1 stepson, Harold Poteet; 11 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and 1 brother, Earl Ely.

Cornie was a member of Low View Church where she enjoyed coming as long as she was able to attend.

She is loved and missed by family and friends, but she is where there is no pain. Some day we will be together again.

- Written by the church clerk

**KENNETH WAYNE LONG**, age 72, went to be with the Lord August 30, 2004. He was the son of the late Owen and Bessie Long.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers and 1 grandson.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; 2 sons; 3 grandchildren; 2 great grandsons; 1 brother and 3 sisters.

He was a member of Clear Springs Church. He retired from General Motors in Dayton, Ohio. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

- Written by Eileen Brown

**LENA RUTH JOHNSON MATHIS** was born September 14, 1921 and went to be with the Lord June 11, 2004 at the age of 82.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ellis and Betty Johnson and 1 brother, Millard Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, George T. Mathis; 1 daughter, Delilah Fugate; 1 granddaughter; 2 sisters, Gladys Brewer and Ruby Wilder; 2 brothers, Franklin and Ellis Johnson, Jr.; several nieces, nephews and friends.

She was saved at an early age and joined Riverside Church, where she remained a member until her death. Lena Ruth was one of the oldest remaining members left of the church.

She will be missed by all that knew her.

- Written by the church clerk, Viola Johnson

**ARNOLD MORGAN** was born October 17, 1905 and departed this life December 14, 2003. He was the son of the late Robert and Cynthia Ison Morgan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 1 sister and 3 brothers.

He is survived by 5 children.

He belonged to Blair Chapel Church, where he was a member for many years. He is sadly missed by his family and friends, but we will always cherish our sweet memories with Arnold.

- Written by a niece

**TAMMY LAWSON NICHOLS**, age 41, went to be with the Lord on August 11, 2004. She was the daughter of Tommie and Betty Jo Lawson.

Surviving are her husband, David Nichols; 1 daughter, Amanda Nichols; 1 son, Jason Nichols; her parents, several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

She professed faith in Jesus Christ at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick Church, where she was a devoted and faithful member. Tammy touched the hearts and lives of everyone she came in contact with. Her outgoing personality was a help to many, her friendly smile was always there to greet everyone. She reached out to everyone, young and old alike, especially to the children in the Lee County School system, where she worked for over 23 years. She taught the children's Sunday School class at Big Door for many years and was always willing to help out with anything and everything that needed to be done. Her teaching and friendship touched many lives and she was loved by all who knew her. She is truly missed by everyone, but she will never be forgotten. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written for the family by the clerk

**JOHN PANNELL** was born May 3, 1911 and went home to be with the Lord August 7, 2004. He was the son of Will and Nannie Jones Pannell.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Minnie Roberts Pannell; parents; infant daughter; 7 sisters; 3 brothers; 1 grandson and 1 granddaughter.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Nellie Pannell; 3 daughters, Charlotte Richards, Joyce Castle and Rosie Harless; 1 son, Marcus Pannell; 1 sister; 2 stepdaughters, Betty Kilgore and Patty Darnell; and a host of grandchildren; great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U. S. Navy. He loved and supported his home church of Peterson's Chapel. He served as a trustee and he was a very active member. Mr. John is missed by his family and friends, but we know that we will meet him again in the city prepared for the children of God.

- Written for the family by a friend, June Fannon

**CLAUDE LEE PRATT** was born March 20, 1914 and departed the walks of this life August 13, 2004 at the age of 90.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gracie Harless Pratt; parents, Frank and Myrtle Jones Pratt; 1 sister, Lena Mellons; 2 brothers, John and Bruce Pratt and 1 grandson.

Survivors include 4 daughters, Joyce Simpson, Dorothy Taylor, Elizabeth Wallen and Zinda Alley; 10 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; 1 sister, Mary Housewright; several nieces and nephews; 11 step great grandchildren and 11 step great-great grandchildren.

Claude professed faith in Christ and joined Mt. Mitchell Church. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by his granddaughter

**MABEL REED PRUITT** departed this life May 28, 2004 at the age of 88.

She was married to Kyle J. Pruitt and they were blessed with two daughters, Helen Jo Thomas and Patsy Dash and 4 grandchildren who survive her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, Rufus and Polly Reed; 1 sister and 2 brothers.

Mabel was a member and former Sunday School teacher at Peterson's Chapel, but she has been unable to attend due to an extended illness. She is missed by her family and friends.

- Written by a friend, June Fannon

**PIERCE ALBERT PURKEY**, age 78, went to be with the Lord February 8, 2004.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Purkey; parents, George and Bertha Purkey; 1 sister and 4 brothers.

He is survived by 3 daughters and 3 sons.

He was a member of Slate Hill Church and always enjoyed coming when he was able, for he loved it so much. His seat is empty now and he is greatly missed. He went to sleep down here to wake up on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by his family

**WINCIE ANN RALEIGH** was born March 26, 1924 and passed from this life October 24, 2003. She was the daughter of the late Mart D. Whitson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hobert Raleigh; 1 brother, John Dudley Whitson and 1 sister, Betty Jo Raleigh.

At that time, she was survived by her mother, Laura Whitson, who has since passed on. She is survived by 2 children, Roger Raleigh and Lela Doss; 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

She was a devoted and faithful member of Blair Chapel Church until her sickness prevented her from going. She was a loving mother, grandmother and housewife. She always tried to make everyone feel welcome and loved doing for others. She is sadly missed by her church, family, friends and all who knew her. God saw she was getting tired and needed to rest. We are thankful that she isn't suffering any more and is in God's hands. You will forever be in our hearts.

- Written by her granddaughter

**ELBERT "DEE" RICHARDS**, age 71, went to be with the Lord March 27, 2004.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob Lee and Lethia Richards and 2 brothers, Lee (Hoss) and Joe Richards.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia Richards; 2 daughters, Ruth Walker and Rose Mary Richards; 3 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Geneva Burns and Serena Sauceman; several nieces, nephews and cousins and a host of friends and relatives.

He was a member and deacon of Butcher's Valley Church. He is greatly missed by family and friends.

- Written by his family

**MARION KENNETH "RED" ROBINETTE** was born July 19, 1922 and went home to be with the Lord March 14, 2004 at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 24 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Willie Robinette, 1 son and 1 brother.

He is survived by his wife, Margie; 2 sons, David and Danny; 3 daughters, Vivian Morrow, Vickie Goforth and Donna Graham; 10 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren; 1 brother; 1 sister and several nieces and nephews.

Kenneth was a faithful member of Hopewell Church, where he taught Sunday School for more than 20 years. He was also faithful to visit the sick and homebound. The "Uncloudy Day" was his favorite song and John 3:7 'Ye *must be born again*' was his favorite scripture. I have never had a dearer friend and I miss him so much. By the grace of God we shall live forever.

- Written by his pastor, Elder John Arnott

**THOMAS WAYNE RUSSELL** was born October 2, 1941 and entered into eternal rest September 7, 2003 at the age 61.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Russell and 1 sister, Carmenia Russell Osborne.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Moody Russell; mother, Grace Eldridge Russell; 2 daughters, Kimberly Carico and Kristy Lingerfelt; 5 grandchildren and 1 nephew.

Wayne was of the Baptist faith. He served his country in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. He will always be remembered as a good, kind, loving son, husband, father and grandfather who was a jolly, fun-loving person who enjoyed life. He is sadly missed by family and friends, but he will be waiting to join them in heaven.

- Written by his family

**HOBERT HENRY SALYER** was born September 8, 1933 and went home to be with the Lord June 12, 2004.

He was preceded in death by his son, Officer Steve Riner; 2 infant sons; parents, Henry and Lydia Falin Salyer; 1 sister, Helen Ketron and 1 brother, Freddie Salyer.

Henry is survived by 1 daughter, Melissa Ferrell; 2 sons, Jeff Simpson and Randy Salyer; 9 grandchildren; 1 step granddaughter; several nieces and nephews.

Henry was a member of Walnut Chapel Church. He was loved by all who knew him. After he was saved, his greatest joy was attending church and helping others. Many times he expressed what a blessing he received when he was able to give to others. He enjoyed fellowship with both his natural and spiritual family. He greatly desired that his natural family know Christ as their personal Savior. We miss his love and laughter, but know he is resting in a place free from pain and sorrow.

- Written by his family

**EULA KATE ROBINETTE SEXTON** was born September 1, 1919 and went to be with the Lord on February 6, 2004 at the age of 84.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion Carson and Clara Barton Goan Robinette and 1 brother, Marion Carson Robinette, Jr.

She is survived by her children, Dorcas Fairchild, Phillip Riley Sexton, Gloria McLain and Joy Phillips; 5 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Evelyn Jesse, Millicent Thacker and Polly Penley; 1 brother, Wayne Robinette and several nieces and nephews.

She professed faith in Jesus Christ at an early age and joined Bandy's Chapel Methodist Church. She later moved her membership to Marion Robinette Memorial Church and then to Speedwell Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death. She was truly a virtuous woman who dedicated her life to God and her family.

- Written by her family

**BEULAH DALTON SHORT**, age 73, went to be with Jesus on October 14, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Stella Dalton and 1 brother, Nelson Dalton.

She is survived by her husband, Clint Short; 2 sisters, Shirley Ellison and Ida Trent; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Slate Hill Church. She was loved by everyone that knew her. She is greatly missed, but she's singing with the angels on heaven's bright shore where the roses never fade.

- Written by her family

**THELMA FRANCES DAY STEWART**, daughter of Jeanette Banks Day and the late James D. Day was born November 22, 1948 and entered eternal life October 7, 2004, being 55 years, 10 months and 15 days of age at the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by 1 brother, James R. "Buddy Badeye" Day.

Besides her mother, she is survived by her husband, Guy Stewart; 2 sons, Kevin and Brett Day; 1 daughter, Jennifer Day; 1 stepdaughter, Amanda Marie Stewart; 4 brothers, David, Charles, Anthony "Tony" and Harold Day; 2 sisters, Doris A. Caudill and Karen E. Day; 5 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Frances was a member of Little Cowan Church and a member of the Whitesburg American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

- Written by her family

**CARL CLIFTON STROUPE** was born October 16, 1917 and departed this life June 25, 2004 at the age of 86.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Sudie Powell Stroupe; parents, Henry and Hillia Cradic Stroupe; stepmother, Ola Marshall Stroupe Campbell; 2 brothers, Herman and Kyle Stroupe; 2 sisters, Mattie Lou and Bina Grace Stroupe.

He is survived by his wife, Nealie Parker Stroupe; 2 sons, Robert C. and Tim C. Stroupe; 1 daughter, Linda K. Correll; 3 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter and 3 sisters, Mary Craddock, Hilda King and Doris Gaw.

He was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church and was a retiree of Mason Dixon and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, he was faithful to attend church, where he loved to sing. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by his wife and family

**MARSHEL TACKET**, son of the late Joe and Peggy Tacket, was born July 8, 1933 and passed from this life March 19, 2004, being 70 years old at the time of his passing.

Marshel was preceded in death by 1 brother, Walker Tacket and 1 sister, Maudella Tacket Martin.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dorothy Tacket; 1 son, Albert Tacket; 4 daughters, Charlene Mason, Jeanette Yonts, Lucille Graves and

Delores Holbrook; 2 brothers, Ed and Hubert Tacket; and 3 sisters, Dora Ball, Yvonne Hall and Esther Wagner; 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was saved when he was 15 years old and was a member of Little Cowan Church.

Marshel was a veteran, serving in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

- Written by the family

**WILLIAM SCOTT TAYLOR** was born June 17, 1941 and departed this life August 14, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emory "Pete" and Hazel Wilson Taylor; 1 brother, James Donald Taylor and an infant twin brother.

Surviving are his wife, Geneva Dean Taylor; 1 uncle; 3 aunts and several cousins.

Scott professed faith in Christ at Gardner's Chapel Church. He was a compassionate person, always ready to share and lend a helping hand to those in need. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and neighbors, but we look forward to meeting him again on the great resurrection day.

- Written by the family

**FRANK D. THACKER** went to be with the Lord July 27, 2004 at the age of 63.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bazle and Ella Thacker and 1 brother, Johnny Thacker.

He is survived by his wife, Opal Thacker; 2 brothers, Quinton and Roy Kyle Thacker and 1 sister, Sue Fuller.

He was a member of Pink Hill Church and sung with the Thacker Family Quartet. He was loved by his family and is greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by his wife, Opal Thacker

**OSSIE B. THACKER** was born August 1, 1896 and went home to be with the Lord June 21, 2004 at the age of 107 years, 10 months and 20 days. She was blessed to live in 3 centuries.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Thacker; 2 sons; 2 grandsons; 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

She is survived by 1 son; 1 sister; 8 grandchildren; several great and great-great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Hopewell Church. She was a great friend and sister in Christ. She had a radiant smile and outlook on life.

- Written by her pastor, Elder John Arnott

**HENRY TUCKER TOMLINSON** was born July 7, 1948 and went home to Jesus on June 12, 2004.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Rufus and Dora Tomlinson.

He is survived by his wife, Gaye; 2 sons, James and Henry Tomlinson, Jr.; 1 daughter, Laura Evans and 4 grandchildren.

He was saved several years ago and was a member of Burke's Union Church. He loved hearing the word of the Lord preached and looked forward to being with Jesus and his loved ones. Through all his pain and suffering, he held on to God and thanked Him for all He had done for him. I miss you, my shining star, but your suffering is over. I will join you soon never to be separated again.

- Written by his wife

**ELMER KOY VICARS** was born August 17, 1912 and went home to be with the Lord December 24, 2003. He was the son of the late Charlie and Lettie Vicars.

He was preceded in death by 1 sister, Aubrey Depew and 1 brother, Guy Vicars.

He leaves his wife, Mabel Vicars to mourn his passing.

He was a member of Beech Grove Church until his death. He is missed by everyone that knew him.

- Written by a friend

**ARNOLD R. WALLEN** departed this life at the age of 72 and entered his eternal rest September 14, 2004.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Elmer E. and Bessie Roberts Wallen and 1 brother, Wilmer James Pete Wallen.

He is survived by 3 brothers, Rod, Wayne and Vernon "Sweet Pea" Wallen; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the U. S. Air Force, having served in Korea.

Arnold was a member of Sloantown Church, where he served as deacon and clerk for several years. His health prevented him from attending for the last few years. When he did attend, he was very concerned about the church, lack of attendance and membership. He would take care of the bills and anything he could do for the church. He loved the Bible and always wanted to know more about his Lord. He visited the older ministers and traveled with them to visit the sick. He is greatly missed by our church and everyone who knew him. Rest in peace till we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the church clerk, Aubra Hill

**FRED MILFORD WALLEN** was born March 10, 1912 and departed this life May 19, 2004 at the age of 92 years, 2 months and 9 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Thomas Wallen and Nannie Wallen Walton; 1 brother, Mack Wallen; 1 half sister, Maude Walton; his grandparents, Davey and Polly Wallen with whom he made his home since he was 12 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Annalou Moore Wallen; 2 sons, Billy Tom and Frank Wallen; 1 daughter, Shirley Castle; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; 2 half sisters and four half brothers.

Fred was a retired carpenter, brick mason and farmer. He loved to work and took great pleasure in using his talents. He always worked hard and gave an honest day's work for his hire.

During a revival in 1951, he professed faith in Christ and joined Willis' Chapel Church, where he was the oldest member on the church book at the time of his death. He loved going to church and walked as long as his health permitted. Even when his strength would no longer allow him to make the journey, someone would come by and drive him to the church. A few weeks ago, he shared a dream of going to heaven with his family and friends. As he lay in his hospital bed, he told us it was the most beautiful sight he had ever seen. As he lay quietly in his bed, he said he had been talking to the Lord and thinking about that beautiful place he dreamed of. We thank God for such a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and we loved him so much. Our loss is heaven's gain and we anxiously wait for that time when we shall meet in that beautiful place called heaven to part no more.

- Written by his family

**MARY MILDRED "MIMI" WALLEN** was born December 28, 1922 and went home to be with the Lord May 4, 2004 at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 6 days.

She was the daughter of the late Clive and Johnnie Dillow Wells. She married Ellis I. Wallen, Sr. and they were blessed with 2 children.

She was preceded in death by her husband; 1 son, "Ikey" Wallen and 2 sisters, Ruth Ison and Shirley Adams.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Joyce Greer; 4 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter; 2 sisters, Thelma Fleming and Opal Wallen; 1 brother, Charles Wells; several nieces and nephews.

She was saved in the "chicken house" and became a member of Poplar Grove Church, where she worked for the Lord teaching Sunday School and influencing the lives of many young people. She was also a great help to the Eastern District Association during the 13 years her husband served as clerk and treasurer of the organization. She was a dear Christian lady who always had kind words for all her brothers and sisters in the Lord. She will be remembered as one who feared the Lord and spoke often concerning her Savior. Our book of remembrance of her will always be open to remind us of the great love of God and Sister Mimi's love for Him.

- Written by a Brother-in-Christ, Elder Burnice Sybert

**CHRISTINE SIZEMORE WARD** was born June 7, 1917 and went to be with the Lord November 3, 2003 at the age of 86 years, 3 months and 27 days. She was the daughter of the late Benjamin Franklin and Eiffie Roberts Sizemore.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant twins, Jerry and Jeanne Ward; 1 grandson and 1 sister, Lillie Pearl McClain.

She is survived by her husband, Orbin Ward; 2 sons, Raymond "Butch" and Dwight Gene Ward; 6 grandchildren; 1 sister, Ethel Sizemore Stout and 2 nieces.

She was saved at an early age and joined Liberty Chapel Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death. Our memories are sweet and pleasant. To us she was a precious jewel and one day we will see her again.

- Written by her family

**THELMA M. WATSON** was born September 14, 1925 and passed away August 28, 2004. She was the daughter of the late Alton and Inez Hale.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Watson; 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

She is survived by 1 stepdaughter, Patricia Quinn and 1 brother, Ralph Hale.

Thelma was a member of Rose Chapel Church. She will be greatly missed by the church and all who knew her.

- Written by Maude Turner

**LAURA MAE WHITSON** was born June 15, 1905 and entered eternal life April 3, 2004 at the age of 98.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Mart D. Whitson; 1 son, John Dudley Whitson; 2 daughters, Wincie Ann Raleigh and Betty Jo Raleigh; 1 granddaughter; 2 great grandsons; 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

She is survived by 6 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren.

She was a member of Blair Chapel Church. She is home now with all her family where the circle will never be broken.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

**ZELDA MAE LAWSON WILKERSON** was born March 22, 1938 and went home to be with the Lord June 25, 2004 at the age of 66. She was the daughter of the late Harmon and Bessie Goins Lawson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Donald; 2 sons, Tim and Doug; 2 brothers, Harmon James and Guy; 3 sisters, Venus, Elva and Shirley Grace.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Nina; 2 sons, Darryl and Grant; 3 brothers, Pleas, Leroy and Ralph; 3 sisters, Glendolyn, Madge and Dorothy and 2 grandchildren.

She was saved at an early age and joined Flower Gap Church. She later moved her membership to Beulah Baptist. We will miss her, but we have the assurance of seeing her again in heaven.

- Written by the family

**LUCY V. WILLIS** was born March 9, 1924 and passed away February 21, 2002. She was the daughter of Conley and Verdia Neeley.

She was married to Rod B. Willis in 1946 and they were blessed with two daughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband; 1 daughter, Darlene; her parents and 1 brother, W. R. Neeley.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Ealine Bristol; 2 grandsons; 1 great granddaughter; 3 sisters, Dolly Horton, Imogene Dawson and Dorothy Moore and 1 brother, Frank Neeley.

Lucy was saved at an early age and joined Willis Chapel Church, where she remained a member until her death. She was a loving and caring daughter for her parents, as well as a devoted and loving wife and mom. She is loved and missed by all who knew her. Her suffering and pain have ended and she is at rest with the King, for to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

- Written by her daughter, Ealine Bristol

**VICTOR C. "CAMEL" WITT** was born February 22, 1918 and went to be with the Lord on December 4, 2003.

**MINNIE ETHEL WITT** was born May 19, 1916 and departed this life October 21, 2003.

They were preceded in death by 3 sons, Larry, Garry and Dana and 1 granddaughter.

They are survived by 1 son, David Witt; 8 daughters, Charlotte Duncan, Brenda Witt, Linda Edwards, Dena Rowe, Lena Edwards, Diana Reasor, Phyllis Travis and Darlene Huff.

Daddy joined Fairview (VA) Church and was a devoted and faithful servant, Sunday School teacher and deacon when the Lord called him home. Just like Paul of old, he fought a good fight and kept the faith.

Mommy also joined Fairview (VA) Church, where she attended as her health permitted. A loving and faithful wife, caring mother and encouraging grandmother, her delight was her family and home. Like the virtuous woman of Proverbs, she looked well to the ways of her household.

They both talked of going home to be with the Lord. Both are sadly missed by family and friends. Our home will never be the same, but we know they are at rest and peace with the Lord and some day we will join them, where our hearts will never be broken and we will never shed any more tears.

- Written by their daughter, Dena















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