

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, September 29, 2005

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 153rd annual session with Riverside Church, Kyles Ford, Tennessee.

Riverside Primitive Baptist Church was organized the second weekend of August, 1894. Elder Alfred Wallen was elected pastor; Elder Joseph Wallen, assistant pastor and Brother Nicholas Alder, church clerk.

The Riverside Church lettered in to the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists at the Blackwater Church in Hancock County, Tennessee in October, 1894. Many church records were destroyed in a fire, but were restored as much as possible by the members and church clerk at the time. We have record of 24 pastors in the 111 years since the church was established. They are Elders Alfred Wallen, J. B. Wallen, Andrew Johnson, E. A. Robinette, Pleas Jenkins, Clarence Johnson, Milum Johnson, Nicholas Alder, Lloyd Odell, H. V. Hall, Logan Willis, Landon Trent, Ben Hill, T. R. Russell, Milum Kinsler, George L. Goins, John Purkey, Clarence New, Fremon Thacker, Cecil Collins, Eckel Head, Billy Fields, Terry Sizemore and the present pastor, Roger Trent.

The first church building was lost in a flood some time around the turn of the century. A new building was erected on a different site provided by Brother Nicholas Alder. This building served the church until a new building was constructed on the same location in 1993.

Even though many things have changed over the past 111 years since the church was organized, the church body still believes that worship is the main purpose of gathering. The building may have changed over the years, but the spirit and power of God is still the same in the new building as it was in the old.

God blessed us with some much needed showers of rain, as well as showers of blessings. Sister Zula McCullough sang praises to God as she led the congregation in several old hymns. The anguish He bore all alone shows once again what matchless love our Savior has for us. Let us hasten to Him as we steal away to pray. It won't be very long till Jesus shall appear and we will meet on that beautiful shore. If we steal away to pray, we find it always pays to be all alone with Christ our Lord. Let us offer our tribute of praise, for in the sweet bye and bye we'll join the happy angel band to stand with the mighty host. For the saints of God, it will be a wonderful time when this earth shall pass away. Yes, we'll be home, but we should enjoy the journey here. Trust the unseen hand that guides us through this weary land. We long to see the Savior's face and one day soon on that golden strand we'll shake His hand. Sister Zula praised God for allowing her to attend since 1963.

Thanking God for everything, Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service. Christ is our everything, praise His Holy name! As a member of Riverside, he asked everyone to obey the Holy Spirit so they could feel welcome. Sister Zula led the congregation in singing the association's

song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." Let us wait patiently until our loving Savior shall appear. The moderator extended a special welcome to Elder John Henry Sybert in attendance at his 72nd association, and to all our Elders of the association, we thank them for their dedication and service over the years. He brought to the attention of the association the passing of Elders Wayne Morgan and Earl Miles since we last met. Their dedicated service knew no bounds as these men so faithfully served throughout the years. Our prayer is that the Lord will deal with the hearts of those that may not know Him.

Since Brother Marvin Ketron was not able to attend, the moderator made some changes to the Committee on Church Letters. These are: Joe Pitzer (chairman), Darrell Sizemore, Steve Minton, and Billy Jack Johnson (alternate).

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which includes: Ralph Baker (Chairman), Delmer Wallen, Sr. and Clifford Bledsoe.

Prayer requests were made for: the unsaved, our churches, those in the south devastated by the recent hurricanes, all the men and women serving our country, family of Darrell Parker, Ruf Presley, James Lykins, John Turner and his wife, Gleason Storie, Juanita Proffit, Tonya Little, Glennis Little's brothers and sisters, Pete Marcum, Patty Neeley, VA State Trooper Jim Day who was in bad accident, Fred Robinette, each other, Jim Burke, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Hasco Jenkins led us to the throne of grace in a most humble and soul stirring testimony and prayer.

Brother Jim Bowlin blessed us with his testimony and song. Let us give Him our all, for tis so sweet to know we'll be ready when He comes.

Elder Roger Trent, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to Riverside as he came forward to take the first part of the service. Let us all be mindful of the Holy Spirit, for He is always the same, only we have changed. He read from 2 Kings 4:1-3, using as a text a portion of the 2nd verse "What shall I do for thee?" We should always be willing to ask, "What can we do?" No other name is given whereby we must be saved. Many of God's children are willing to do the work of the association, so let us continue to show the world we serve a risen Savior. Let us take care of our widows, elderly and especially show the young people our Savior. We must forget the petty things of this life so we can shout from the roof tops that Jesus is mine. Sometimes we get satisfied too quickly when we shouldn't get satisfied at all, but instead fall out with the love of sin. Be sure your sins will find you out. Satan is after our young and old alike and many say we can't do anything about it, but we can take them to Jesus. God hasn't revealed to us all things, but He will reveal all to us in due time. We must distinguish between the carnal side and the spiritual side and bring our lost people to Jesus. Elder Jim Jarnigan followed with a God-sent message from on high. If we'll turn loose and let God have His way in our life, then He'll increase the oil in our vessel. Are we the same folks we used to be? God has not changed, but it is us. What would we have Jesus to do in our lives? We must be careful what we ask for and what we promise, for Jesus will deliver and He expects us to do the same. Let us ring the prayer bell and see what this man Jesus will do.

If God sends you, He is always there for you. If we'll get where we should be with the Lord, He'll save our people and bless His children. Ask the Lord to fill you up so you can help someone along this way. What do we want from Jesus? These men preached so wonderfully and the Lord blessed His children as evidenced by tears of joy and shouts of praise. May God bless you and keep you. We are free from this world of sin because we are saved by His wonderful grace.

Adjourned for lunch with shouts of praise and tears of joy as we praised Him in song.

Thursday Afternoon, September 29, 2005

The host church served us a wonderful lunch and afterwards the congregation assembled in the tent. Oh, the land of an uncloudy sky! Won't it be wonderful where the soul of man never dies? There will be no sad farewells, no tear dimmed eyes, but all is peace, joy and love forever. I am so glad that Jesus loves even me.

We were so wonderfully blessed by special singing and testimonies from Doris Burke, Elder John Bowlin and the West View singers. Truly the best thing we've ever done is to lay off the old coat and put on the new. Heaven holds all to those who long to see what heaven will be when we shall that city behold. What a Savior is He that loves me and answers my prayers!

The moderator welcomed everyone back after lunch, praising God for the message of God we heard during the morning service. We need to hear what thus sayest the Lord. What a wonderful Lord and Savior we serve!

Prayer requests include: unsaved, our churches, especially those with no pastor, all those made in the previous service, Faye Howington, Morris and Sue Ella Giles, young man with neck injury, and those serving our country. With a wonderful testimony and praise for our Savior, Elder Neal Drinnon took our petitions to the Lord.

The moderator made several announcements concerning revivals, and about the availability of a song written by David Lloyd.

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

Thursday night:

Stand: Richard Seiber and Oscar Irvin.

Sneedville: Derrick Cantwell, Josh Couch and Travis Lipe.

Little Redeemed: Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Joe Pitzer and Patrick Pitzer.

Flower Gap: Jason Robinette and Lewis Baker.

Friday Morning, September 30, 2005:

Stand: Bob Brown and Greg Hill.

Elder Joe Pitzer, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. The letters from several churches were not received. These letters will be reviewed as they are received. A total of 61 churches were recommended to be accepted by the committee. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association.

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

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

It was motioned and seconded for Brother Danny Lawson to serve as clerk and treasurer. No other motions were forthcoming so it was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. It was voted that he serve for the ensuing year.

It was motioned and seconded for Elder Terry Sizemore to serve as moderator of the association. Since no other nominations were made, he was elected by unanimous consent to serve as moderator for the ensuing year.

Elder Sizemore, on behalf of himself and the clerk, thanked the delegation for their confidence, support and all their prayers. The blessings of the Lord are what get us through. May we grow as an organization, and we can if we will trust in the Lord. Our hope is that our children will have the opportunity to witness what we did while growing up under the gospel.

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 – Greg Hill (chairman), Roger VanHoose and Jamie Jarnigan; Deacons – Bud Haire and Don Gordon; Laymen – Larry Russell and Dan Cross.

Committee on Finance: John Bowlin (chairman), Rod Raleigh and Shane Russell.

Committee on Obituaries: Bill LaFollette (chairman), Clinton Rutherford and Jim Emery.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Burnice Sybert, Richard Seiber, Fred Gilreath, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head and Mike Fullington.

Committee on Electrical and PA System: Delmer McPherson (chairman), Elders Carl Lawson, Howard Sybert and David Jerrell, and Brothers 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 clerk reported on several issues to inform the delegation. These include:

- Due to the clerk's lack of internet capabilities, the electronic form of the Church Letter was not functioning correctly until recently.
- In 2004 it was motioned, seconded and voted to wait until 2005 to print new direction books. The cost to print the books will be the same as it was last year - 1,000 books, \$1,225.00.
- A financial report was given to the delegation showing where all monies had been spent during the year.
- The clerk reported in 2004 that the Hawkins County Genealogical Society was not able to get the minutes microfilmed as was originally planned. Later Elder Howard Sybert offered to let them use his set of minutes for microfilming. This process was completed and our minutes are preserved on microfilm with copies in the State of Tennessee archives, the Hawkins County Genealogical Society and the clerk has a copy.
- The clerk prepared a School Absence Authorization Form for use by our young people at their respective schools.
- The association's insurance agent recommended that we insert a statement in the minutes showing our beliefs dealing with the marriage of two men or two women as concerning the homosexual movement in our land today. After much discussion from the floor, it was motioned, seconded and voted to include the following statement: Our elders should neither engage in nor marry two men or two women, neither will we accept the homosexual lifestyle of the gay or lesbian as ministers or elders. We believe that God's view of a family consists of a man and a woman and that homosexuality is a sin and an abomination to God according to His word in several accounts such as: Romans 1:24-32, Leviticus 20:13, etc. It was also motioned, seconded and voted for the moderator to appoint a committee to check into the legal wording to make sure we have properly protected our association. The moderator then appointed the following committee: Burnice Sybert (chairman), Delmer Wallen, Sr. and Oscar Irvin.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, September 30, 2005.

Friday Morning, September 30, 2005

The congregation gathered for the second day of this blessed event. God's wonderful story of love was evident once again as Sister Zula McCullough led this grand old body in song. The showers of blessings we need here won't be needed when the roll is called up yonder. God's amazing grace lets us shout glory to Jesus we're saved, saved, saved. When we've been there ten thousand years, we'll have no less time to sing God's praise.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone and thanked God for the wonderful service of yesterday. Evidence of God's blessings surrounds us on every hand and His never ending love for His children warrants our praise in every thing we attempt. Let us offer Him our never ending praise, bless His Holy name! We ought to obey God rather than man.

The moderator thanked Belinda and Virgil Brackett for their donation of six nearly new tires for the association kitchen. Belinda's mother, sister Ruby Hatfield, attends Little Cowan Church and is a sister to Elder Woodrow Fields. The association truly appreciates this very significant donation and we pray the Lord will richly bless them for their generosity.

The singers from Riverside blessed us with their wonderful testimony and songs. We can tell you the time and the place where the Lord saved us, but we can't tell you how; but He'll tell us all about it in the bye and bye. The saved of God will never forget when He spoke to us gently and saved us by His wonderful grace. Through it all we don't regret a mile we've traveled for the Lord, and we have many miles behind us, but there's not many more to go. God will deliver on what He promises just like He said He would send down the fire and He did. Brother Joe Sizemore blessed us with his testimony and wonderful song. Sometimes we have a heavy cross to bear here in this walk, but what a great homecoming time there will be just inside those gates of pearl.

Words don't exist to be able to express what it is to serve our Lord. He is truly a consuming fire, praise His Holy name! May each of us be refreshed in the Lord.

Continue to pray for the unsaved, all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military; our country; preaching brethren; Henry Wheeler, Mattie Neeley family, Joshua and Justin Jones, John & Maude Turner, Fred Robinette, Joe Sizemore's niece, Terry Miller, those that have cancer, Brenda Russell's grandchildren and son, Marvin Ketron and lost in his family, John Henry and Stella Sybert, Dustin Dunsmore, several more the clerk could not understand, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Scott Tipton took us to the throne of grace after his stirring testimony.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

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

Elder Roger Trent, pastor of the host church, came forward to give a special thanks to the churches of the association, individuals who brought food and helped in various ways, those who helped in the kitchen, the surrounding community and all those that played a role in helping to make our stay at Riverside more enjoyable. May God bless each and every one that has helped.

Elder Bob Brown, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. After thanking God for His Holy Spirit and the many blessings, he read from II Corinthians

3:11-18 and used as a text, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." The ways of God are spiritually discerned. Once we come to the Lord He will remove the veil from us. We had to realize there is no other way to lift the bondage of sin, except through Christ. Until we come to the place where we cry out to Jesus, "not my will but thine be done," He cannot use us as He would like. The greatest liberty we know is when we were set free by the grace of God. We could not deliver ourselves from our bondage, only the spirit of God can do this. It is not the big things in this life that gives us peace, but rather that still small voice that so many times speaks to us through the wonderful Spirit of God. The precious blood of Jesus signed our pardon that we could go free. The same power that brought Jesus out of the grave will deliver us to our heavenly home. Elder Greg Hill followed with another wonderful message from on high. Until Jesus, no sacrifice was sufficient to deliver us from our sins. He left the splendors of heaven to be tempted in every way that we might be saved. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. They did not take His life, but He willingly gave it that we might have eternal life. Most importantly is that He rose on the third and appointed morning. Sitting on the right hand of the Father, Jesus is making intercession for us so there is no reason we would go to the priest. Greater is He that dwells within than he that is in the world. God wonderfully blessed these men to preach the gospel and for this we give Him all the honor, praise and glory. He is a present help in the time of need. Our prayer is that someone would come to know the Lord.

Adjourned for lunch.

Friday Afternoon, September 30, 2005

The congregation came together in the tent with songs of praise after a delicious lunch served by the host church. Won't it be a wonderful time when the redeemed gather in our new home? When we are in doubt or troubled in soul, He whispers sweet peace. If we have built our hope on Christ, then we are on solid ground; for everything else is sinking sand.

God continued the blessings with testimony, preaching and special singing from June Kail, Terry Sizemore, Clear Springs singers, Jerry Scalf and his wife, and Roger Van Hoose. We're headed to a place that some call heaven, but God's children call it home. Jesus came to show us the way, then He got on a cloud and went home, but He will come again in like manner. What a man that willingly gave His life for me! He is my dearest friend and He's the only one who could heal the sick and make the lame to walk. Jesus is there all the time with comfort and joy and whatever we need. Such a wonderful feeling it is to say Jesus is mine. We belong to a King and in that we know our real home is up there on high. Some day when we've traveled our last mile here, we'll enter that life boat that will carry us over the river. He will hold to our hand if we're ready to go to that golden shore where we can stroll over heaven and praise our Redeemer. God wants to bless His people and He did. He left His home in glory, but no one knows how Jesus suffered to give us eternal life. Let us sing of our Redeemer till the day He calls, where in His likeness we'll be shining.

Prayer requests were made for all those in the previous services and the unsaved as Elder Frank Mullins led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

Friday night:

Stand: Burnice Sybert and Bill LaFollete.

Liberty Chapel: Oscar Irvin and Joe Pitzer.

Sneedville: Roger VanHoose, Bill VanHoose and Patrick Pitzer.

Beech Grove: Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette and Bill Winstead.

Saturday morning, October 1, 2005:

Stand: Terry Sizemore and John Arnott.

Elder Joe Pitzer, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, reported that the letters from Jenkins Chapel and Mountain View had been received. After examination of the letters and reading the church's report, they recommended accepting these churches. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat their delegates as part of the voting body. The letters from Ayers Chapel, Sloantown and Mt. Zion have not been received. It was motioned, seconded and voted upon receipt and examination by the clerk, the church information should be added to the minutes as deemed appropriate.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 2006, which includes Darrell Sizemore (chairman), Steve Minton, Billy Jack Johnson and Bill Maggard (alternate).

The Committee on Finance reported \$8,155.00 in receipts for the year.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 51 have been received at this time.

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

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that one query had been received. Elder Oscar Irvin, chairman of the committee, presented it to the delegation according to our rules of decorum by reading it three times. The query asked: Is it proper procedure for the ordained deacons and elders of the Eastern District Association to participate in ordination of brethren from other churches or church organizations that have not joined our membership? It was motioned, seconded and voted for the Committee to give their answer/recommendation which states: No, an ordained deacon or minister of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists has no authority to serve on the presbytery for the ordination of someone outside the association. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the committee's answer. A question was made as to where it should be included in the

minutes. Elder Irvin clarified the committee's intent in that when a deacon or minister sits on an ordination presbytery, they agree to support the individual being ordained, but they cannot do this if they are in another organization. After this clarification, it was motioned, seconded and voted to print this in the Procedures for Ordination Of Minister and Deacon section of the minute.

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.

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

It was motioned to allow the clerk \$1,500 in appreciation for his services. At the request of the clerk, this motion was withdrawn. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk \$1,000 in appreciation for his services.

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 and Elder A. D. Howington requested that Elders Silas Porter Carroll and Virgil Lipe stand with him during the reading of the letter. In the absence of Elder Lipe, Elder A. D. proceeded with the reading of the letter. It is intended for your edification and instruction of this great body. Since some are not adhering to the articles of faith and rules of decorum as was intended at their writing, the timeliness of this letter is appropriate indeed. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

In regards to the previously established committee for ensuring the proper wording of the insurance recommendations so as to protect the association, Elder Burnice Sybert, chairman of the committee, asked if the committee incurs expenses will the association authorize payment of these by the clerk? It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the committee to seek advice and for the association to pay or reimburse any amounts deemed reasonable and appropriate by the committee.

The moderator appointed the Circular Letter Committee for 2006, which includes: Elders John Arnott, Lewis Baker and Robert Carter.

An offering was taken up to help defer the costs of printing the direction books. A total of \$1167.92 was collected.

It was recommended that the things which are standard be printed in a separate book to help reduce the cost of our minutes. The clerk will check on this and report to the association next year.

There were 10 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Beech Grove, Burke's Union, Clear Springs, Fairview OH, Flower Gap, House Chapel, Liberty Chapel, Oak Grove, Riverside and Slate Hill. Before the plea process started, Slate Hill, Clear Springs, Beech Grove, Riverside, House Chapel and Burke's Union withdrew. The plea process left the vote between Fairview OH, Flower Gap, Liberty Chapel and Oak Grove. By a clear majority, the delegation voted to send the association

to Flower Gap, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 5, 2006) before the first Saturday in October, 2006. Introductory – Elder Greg Hill; Alternate – Elder Rod Raleigh.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 1, 2005.

Saturday Morning, October 1, 2005

Our memorial service began much the same way our two previous services did - with God's blessings overflowing His children. As the people gathered in the tent, Sister Zula McCullough led them in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We cling to the old rugged cross, but one day we will exchange it for a crown. Jesus is the Lilly of the valley, our bright and morning star; for He is the fairest of ten thousand to our soul. My feet have found a resting place; I'm on the rock at last. We read of a place called heaven and we long to see that fair haven of rest for the weary, oh how beautiful heaven must be! It won't be very long till Jesus shall appear and this short life shall end. Will you be ready then?

Bob and Eileen Brown and a group consisting of Terry Sizemore, Roger, Jeanette and Misty Trent blessed us with their singing and wonderful testimonies. Oh what a city He's gone to prepare, on the hills of Zion we'll stand. For God's children who've all overcome the trials of this life, awaits a city not made with hands. There is no need for the sun there, because its light would be to dim in comparison to the light within that city. In the dark of the midnight when there is no hiding place, let us dwell with the Lord till the storm passes by. Hold fast; let me stand in the hollow of thy hand. There is coming a day when our Jesus we shall see.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service, once again thanking Jesus for the many blessings. Praise God for that wonderful peace we have in Jesus. What a feeling it is to know that when this life shall end, we'll be with the Savior. Where the spirit of God is, there is liberty.

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.

The moderator appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of getting a trailer to haul and store the association tent, chairs and associated equipment. The committee consists of: David Smith (chairman), Larry Dean and Chris Woods.

The moderator reminded the delegation that Sister Eileen Brown still sends out notices of revivals and special services if they will let her know. Try to let her know at least a couple of weeks in advance.

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

Saturday night:

Stand: Jason Robinette and Dax Taulbee.

Liberty Chapel: Terry Sizemore and Virgil Lipe.

Valley View: Frank Mullins and Mike Fullington.

Roller's Chapel: John Arnott and Bob Brown.

Poplar Grove: Ohio Connection.

Sunday morning, October 2, 2005:

Stand: To be determined that morning.

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.

Bill Winstead and his family blessed us with their wonderful song and testimony. The lights of that city are so bright, we see them as we're nearing the shore. It is joy to know we're nearing that shore where He will welcome His children home.

Prayer requests were made for all those made in previous services; the unsaved; Carl Lawson, young man at Macedonia who lost his mother and stepfather, young people, Carl Peterson, Maggie Lawson, Maxie Marcum, the family of Henrietta Adams, Clarence Belcher family, Pleas Lawson's nephews and nieces, L. E. Hill, L. J. Johnson, Virgia Grace Hill's children, all the revivals beginning soon, we ask God to move among our people in His love, and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. Elder Lewis Baker led us to the throne of grace.

The moderator read the list of names of those that have left our ranks since we last met. Although we mourn their passing, we want to thank God for them and for the privilege of having them with us during their life here. Thank God for the precious memories He gave us.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder John Arnott came forward to take the first part of the service. He read from John 12:1-8 using as a text, "Remembrance." To prove the power of God, Jesus delayed His going to Lazarus. He has all power in heaven and earth. When He got there, Lazarus had already died. Mary had faith that Jesus could deliver. Just as the odor of the ointment Mary put on Jesus' feet filled the whole house, when we obey God, His spirit will fill our house as well. Don't look to find fault in others, but take care of yourself. Real knowledge and faith in Jesus Christ will see us through it all. Let us offer Jesus the very best we have as Mary did. No greater power is known unto man than Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son are not just words we hear and sometimes repeat, but they are the very essence of our salvation. No man can take the life of Jesus, but He alone had the power to lay it down. Without the death of the testator, there is no testament. Elder Terry Sizemore took the second part of the service, preaching another wonderful message given him by the Lord. Jesus loved Lazarus long before he died and He wanted to use his death to show His great power. This power that brought Lazarus from the dead is the same power that filled the house when we got saved. Thank God we understood and have already been part

of that first resurrection. God's grace will deliver us from the troubles and trials, but it is sufficient for everything that may come our way. When the Lord is on hand, His grace will allow us to enjoy the true blessings of our Redeemer. We must understand that we can't do anything, but God can do it all. Our charge is that the world would see Jesus in our life. We must tell our people there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. God left us here for this purpose, let us honor Him not with enticing words, but with our hearts, for it is then our action will go forth into the world to give Him the honor, glory and praise for it all. Our lost people are blinded to the truths of God, so we must help them find Him as their Redeemer. Our obligation is to seek after God's will and please Him with our obedience. These men poured their hearts out as they preached the truth today. Let us rejoice in the message sent from Jesus Christ.

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

Sunday Morning, October 2, 2005

Our time together has swiftly passed and our last day of the association is now upon us. The smiling faces, the hugs and emotional greetings showed us that God was still in the midst of His people. Thank God for His blessings on this grand body. Several churches dismissed their services to be with the host church on this last day. Those gathered for the last day of this great gathering were rejoicing and thanking Him for all He has done. Brother Darrell Sizemore led several songs. Many steps we've traveled for the Lord and although our steps are getting slow, we press on because we've been waiting Lord to go. Some glad morning we shall see Jesus in the air coming after you and me. What a day of singing and shouting when we meet our blessed Savior yonder in the sky. We'll be singing with the heavenly host praising Christ while ages roll. May we always go on business for the King. We don't have long to stay as we float down the stream of time and before we know it, the lifeboat will come to gather the jewels home. We are pilgrims and strangers here seeking a city to come, so cheer my brother cheer, for our trials are almost done. Let us hold to God's unchanging hand, because even though we don't know about tomorrow, we are assured that whether we go or whether we stay, we are a winner either way.

We were privileged to hear some special singing from the Riverside Trio, Kathy Robinson, Carol Lipe, Riverside Church singers, Virgil Lipe, Roger Trent and Joe Sizemore's niece, Melissa. We'll make it through, praise God because of Him. It's not what we see that makes us a king, but what is on the inside. He is truly all we need. If we've been to Calvary, then we've seen more than this world could ever offer. Just to know Jesus is mine is worth it all. As Elder Roger Trent moved around the church, many wonderful testimonies were given as God blessed the hearts of His children.

The flame may have flickered, but it has never gone out. How could this be that your loving Son gave his life for me, but He is not dead for He came back from the grave? He's alive, He's alive, and the grave could not hold Him. Lord, open our eyes and let us know when it's our time to let our light shine

and give us the words you'd have us to say. When we laid off the old coat and put on the new, it was the best thing we ever did do. The congregation wished Mrs. Sizemore and Fleeta Mae Miller a happy birthday. God sent down the fire to Elijah just like He sends down His blessings to His children.

Many prayers have already been answered. Wonderful testimonies from all over the church blessed our hearts. When folks will stand and tell what the Lord has done, God is honored and He will bless His people.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, all those of previous services, Pleas Lawson's brother, Elders Carl Lawson, John Henry Sybert and Howard Sybert, Adam Lawson, Donald, a lost man in the community, Dustin and Misty Lawson, Ruth Glass and her brothers and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. As everyone gathered around the altar to pray, Elder Howard Sybert led us to the throne of grace.

We thank God for all the visiting ministers that were in attendance at today's services. Woodrow Fields, Daniel Hurd, Howard Sybert and Virgil Lipe.

Elder Daniel Hurd delivered a message from God above. He read from Nehemiah 4:6 and used as a text, "The people had a mind to work." The church is the mother of those that know the Lord. Let us work together in love, helping each other along the way; not just through the association, but throughout the year. When God puts it on our heart, we must obey His spirit. God will show us if we'll listen and hasten to His will. Let us be extremely careful how we treat the things of God. God always gives the increase when we have a mind to work. We are a great people because of what God does through us. We must continually keep a mind to work for the Lord.

Brother James T. Osborne led us in singing songs of Zion in honor of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Praise His Holy name for all the blessings He bestows on His children. May His amazing grace continually sweep over our spirit with fathomless billows of love. Grace has brought us this far and it will lead us home. Elder Virgil Lipe dismissed us in prayer as we enjoyed another bountiful meal supplied by the host church.

The ending of a gathering like this is always a solemn time, and although we hate to leave, we must go our separate ways. Thank God for this wonderful time we have been given, not only to meet with one another, but for being able to meet with Him once again. Thank God again for all those that have helped in any way. I pray the Lord will bless you and keep you in the days to come.

I wish there were words to express what all of you mean to me. I thank you for your prayers and your kind words and I ask you to remember Terry and myself in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days. We serve a wonderful God and I know He is always there leading the way. If possible, I would create new words that show what you all mean to me, but those that express it best are Jesus Christ. Praise His Holy name! Peace, joy and the love of God go with each of you till we meet again.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the brothers and sisters that compose the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists.

Being blessed to meet in this 153rd annual session held with Riverside Church, Kyles Ford, Tennessee.

This circular letter is intended to be to your edification and instruction.

We know that the only thing that can edify the church is the word of God. So men can only preach and teach that which God has brought them to the understanding of. Using only the gifts that God has given. He said in his word when he ascended on high, "He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men." So these gifts are the only thing that men can use to instruct or edify the church of God.

It seems these days there are many theories being preached and taught. Some say you do not have to believe, while others say you are predestined to go to heaven or hell. But we believe all that will come to Him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit He will in no wise cast out.

Members of the church can only gain strength as they grow in grace and knowledge of the truth. Knowing that the word of God is the only rule to govern the Church of God. His precepts and examples are of divine authority and excludes all teaching of men's ideas and theories.

As the text was in last year's introductory sermon, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." As the Apostle Paul instructed the Corinthian Church, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the spirit and of power that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

This is a day of many forms of worship, theories, and doctrines. But the church is known by walking in the light and observing gospel order. Having no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, which false doctrine produces but rather reproveth them.

We still have it among us that Christ is yet to set up a kingdom here on earth. Beware of these theories, for this has already been fulfilled. As Daniel the prophet said to Nebuchadnezzar, the spiritual meaning of that great image he saw, saying, During the reign of the fourth kingdom, Christ will set up a kingdom that will not be moved. Neither shall they say lo here or lo there. For behold the kingdom of God is within you. For the kingdom of God is not meat or drink. But righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost.

The church should labor for oneness in faith and doctrine. For the scriptures tell us how can we walk together except we agree and also to mark them which cause division contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned and avoid them. It seems that these are they which are leaning to their own understanding which profiteth nothing and does not edify the church. We

know the only way our lost people can be saved is through the preached gospel which is the power of God unto salvation.

Jesus Christ in praying for his disciples in John 17 ended his prayer by saying, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." The New Testament King James Version 1611, we believe to be the word confirmed unto us by them that heard Him and should be the only Bible used from our pulpits.

Brethren, be not deceived. There are many spirits gone out and they all teach something; but the Spirit of Christ is the only true spirit that teaches truth. This will edify the church and instruct the brethren in preaching and teaching in power.

God has promised everyone eternal life through the preached truth if they will believe. Commanding all men everywhere to repent and believe the gospel. Christ offers life through no other source than Himself. These that believe not and obey not the gospel have sentence pronounced. Eternal condemnation!

We are not to judge each other. We show what we are by what we preach and teach and the way we walk and conduct ourselves before others, so the word that we preach and teach should always be by the spirit, for we speak that which we know and testify of that which we have been enlightened with. For the carnal mind is not subject to the laws of God neither indeed can be.

Let us search for the old paths and walk therein and not try to substitute any new way which leads to confusion and division, for if we be divided we shall fall. The scriptures have said that a house divided against itself cannot stand.

If we stand united, we remain in fellowship and union; and where there is union, there is strength. As the scriptures have instructed us, let us all speak the same things and let us all mind the same thing. Let us take the advice of the Apostle Peter and add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, (to exist in plenty and to have in generous measures) they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

So let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. If we do these things, we shall never fall.

This association does not in the least desire to lord over God's heritage. The association does respectfully insist that The Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be observed and kept to the strictest letter.

The ministers and deacons were ordained to uphold our Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, Church Constitution and Church Covenant. If any violate these rules, then they should be instructed by their respective church to

uphold the ordinances they were ordained to uphold, and if the church will not instruct them, then the association should take a stand observing gospel order. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8

If we stand fast in God's ordinance, He will bless this association beyond measure.

By keeping His ordinance we can say, "Open the gates that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in."

The Lord said, "He loved the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." The word Zion is the church of the sheepfold. Christ has only one church, one song and one doctrine to be sung.

He said, "Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound." Let us say here that everyone who hath believed and been blessed to repent of their sins can sing this song.

The church is here on earth and will stay here until He comes for it.

We believe John the Baptist was the first to sing this song on the banks of old Jordan saying, "Repent and believe the gospel for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

This song is still being sung, which is the gospel, the door is still open; come ye and be saved.

May the Lord bless this association to stand strong together and defend the doctrine that we were organized upon.

"The mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined." Psalm 50:1-2. So let this organization stand in the truth and shine out unto a lost and dying world that we might see our people saved.

Elder A. D. Howington
Elder Silas Porter Carroll
Elder Virgil Lipe

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

What a joy it has been to meet together another time this side of heaven. The blessings of God never fail to amaze and astound our hearts. With each passing day, we resolve to be the Christian we know we should be and deep within our hearts we long to be, but this world keeps bombarding us from every side. That is what makes us so fortunate to have Riverside as a place where we can meet to truly praise and worship our heavenly Father. The

world doesn't know what this is all about, but praise be to God, we know and are truly thankful to have this heaven bought privilege.

Riverside Church has hosted this 153rd meeting while they opened their hearts so our visit with them would be something more than ordinary, but indeed special. The details that have gone into this event are but the tip of the iceberg of all the work that has been done in Christ's name. May the Lord receive all the honor and glory for it all, for without Him in our midst, all our efforts would be vain attempts accomplishing nothing. We pray 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 the surrounding community for all their efforts that went into making our stay here more enjoyable. We pray God will richly bless them in the coming years.

Individual donations made to the host church are greatly appreciated and because many have given of their time and supported this work, we ask the Lord to give them a special blessing. To the 59 churches who contributed a total of \$7,505 we offer our heartfelt thanks because they cared enough to send what they could. For those who have quietly labored and given of themselves, rest assured your work is not in vain. The noble acts of a few do not go unnoticed in God's eyes.

Leadership, caring, and prayers are just a few words describing our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts for these characteristics he so wonderfully exhibits for our association. We pray God will continue to richly bless him and his family. Committee members, church delegates, church clerks and pastors are all required to carry on the business of the association. Thank God for those performing these tasks. We know the Lord will continue His blessings on each of you and we pray your eagerness to see His work continue will multiply greatly.

In today's war on terrorism, many have already given the ultimate sacrifice in order to preserve and expand the freedoms we enjoy every day. Our resolution of thanks should be that we have made up our mind to praise, honor and glorify the name of the Lord in everything we do. God in His infinite wisdom watches over us each and every minute, yet we hear many ask, "Where is God?" They search day after day and can't see God in anything, but we look and see Him in everything. As we see God in all things, the world generally dwells on the bad. In our personal resolution of thanks, let us strive to continually give Him the honor and glory for everything, knowing that the world can see Him through our lives. Let us resolve to thank Him for all He has done and for all He is going to do.

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) 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)

(D) 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)

(E) Is it proper procedure for the ordained deacons and elders of the Eastern District Association to participate in ordination of brethren from other churches or church organizations that have not joined our membership?

Answer: No, an ordained deacon or minister of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists has no authority to serve on the presbytery for the ordination of someone outside the association.

(Riverside Church - 2005)

When the church is satisfied concerning the candidate for ordination and has 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 reproved.
Section 10. The woman hath not the right by the law of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore ought not to speak in church, only in case of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the case may require it.
Section 11. Amendments to these rules may be made at any time when the conference shall deem necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God as revealed in the Bible and the Holy Trinity by the name of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I John 5:7.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scripture, as recorded in the King James translation of 1611, to be the written and revealed Word of God. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:20, 21.

3. We believe God created the heaven and the earth and all things therein. Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16, 17; Rev. 4:11.
4. We believe God made man of the dust of the earth, and He made him good and He gave him a law to keep and man transgressed the law and fell from his first estate and lost his righteousness. Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 2:16, 17, 3:6-23.
5. We believe in the total depravity of man, that he was unable to redeem himself from the fallen state he was in. Gen. 3:24; Rom. 5:9-19.
6. We believe God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16; I John 2:2.
7. We believe sinners are justified by faith and saved by grace. Eph. 2:8; Rom. 5:1, 2.
8. We believe the Gospel is the only means God has ordained by which sinners are brought to Christ. I Cor. 1:21-24.
9. We believe he that believeth in the Son of God hath the witness in himself. I John 5:10.
10. We believe baptism, the Lord's Supper, and feet washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ given to the church by example and command for us to observe until He comes again. Matt. 28:19; John 13; I Cor. 11:23-26.
11. We believe the only scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion of the whole body in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and believers are the only fit subjects for baptism. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Matt. 28:19.
12. We believe all the saints will persevere through grace and never fall away. Eph. 1:13, 14; I Pet. 1:5; John 10:28, 29.
13. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God and the sanctification of the Spirit through the belief of the truth. Eph. 1; I Pet. 1:2, 3.
14. We believe the church is the light of the world and is made manifest by keeping the commandments and examples of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church in all things. Matt. 5:14; Eph. 1:22, 23.
15. We believe God chooses, calls and qualifies those whom He would have to preach the gospel, and God has promised temporal support of His ministers. Rom. 10:14, 15; I Cor. 1:25-29; I Cor. 9:7-11.
16. We believe in a restricted communion confined to the church in fellowship, walking in the light and observing gospel order. I Cor. 5:11, 12; John 13; I Cor. 11:31, 32.
17. We believe Christ is the only lawgiver in Zion, and the New Testament scripture is perfect, a thorough furnisher to the man of God unto all good works. James 4:12; II Tim. 3:16.
18. We believe Jesus Christ, during the time of His earthly ministry, set up a spiritual kingdom on earth, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy; He

being the King and all born again believers the subjects of the Kingdom, and they are now reigning with Him as Kings and priests on the earth. Dan. 2:44; Isa. 9:6, 7; Matt. 3:2; Luke 17:20, 21; John 18:36; Rev. 1:5-7.

19. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by His Son, Jesus Christ, and this day will be after the death of the body. Heb. 9:27; John 5:22; Acts 17:31.
20. We believe there will be a general resurrection at the last day, both of the just and the unjust; this will also be the day of final judgment and the eternal destiny of all people, of all ages, will then be made known. Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:23, 24, 54; I Thess. 4:14-17; II Thess. 1:7-10.
21. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 25:46.

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists."
2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and producing letters from their respective churches shall be entitled to seats.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number in fellowship and gains and losses since the last Association.
4. The members chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, neither any clerical power over churches, nor shall they infringe upon the material rights of any church in the union.
5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. New churches may be admitted into the union by letter and delegates; and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted into the Association and manifested by the moderator giving each the right hand of fellowship.
8. Each church shall be entitled to one and not more than four representatives in the Association.
9. Each query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Each motion and second shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
11. The Association shall furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association.
12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund for defraying expenses, for the raising and supporting of which it shall be the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they may deem proper and send it by the hands of their delegates to the Association.
13. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk, who shall have a compensation for his trouble.
14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.
15. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, if they deem it necessary.
16. The Association shall have power to provide; first, for a general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty.
17. The Association shall have power to inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.
18. The Association shall have power to appropriate the money contributed by the churches to any purpose it may think proper.
19. The Association shall have power to appoint any member or members to transact any business it may deem necessary.
20. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church that violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the principles of orthodox religion.
21. The Association shall have power to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association.
22. The Association shall have power to adjourn to meet at any future time or place it may deem proper.
23. Each church shall endeavor to have its letter and delegates present on the first day of the Association. Any church not represented at that time shall report to the committee on letters giving their reason for delay.

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago – Flat Rock Church in Scott County, VA, hosted the 53rd annual Eastern District Association beginning October 3, 1905. Elder E. S. McPherson preached the introductory sermon from Acts 28:22 to deliver his message. Elder McPherson was later elected moderator and E. A. Robinette, clerk and treasurer.

Blackwater Church (Willis Chapel) in Hancock County, TN, hosted the 8th annual Southwestern Division beginning August 31, 1905. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. R. Fields from 2nd Timothy 3:17-19. Elder H. R. Fields was elected moderator and J. M. Brotherton, clerk and treasurer.

Note: It was agreed by both associations that they reunite and be one body.

75 Years Ago – On October 2, 1930 the 78th annual session met with Jenkins Chapel Church, Hawkins County, TN. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. T. Carroll from Acts 8:5 “Then Phillip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them.” He was followed by Elder L. C. Bledsoe. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator, J. W. Hurd, clerk and treasurer and Maudie May Brotherton, assistant clerk.

50 Years Ago – Fairview Church Bellbrook, OH, hosted the 103rd annual session beginning on September 29, 1955. Elder Alex Willis read from Galatians 6 using the 16th verse as a text: “And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.” for his introductory sermon. Elder H. V. Hall, 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 2, 1980 was the beginning of the 128th annual session, hosted by Swan Creek Church, Sneedville, TN. Elder Bobby Williams preached the introductory sermon after reading Isaiah 42:1-12, using as a text the 4th verse. He was followed by Elder Eckel Head, 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 and Emma Jean Webb. Received by relationship, 3; total number on roll, 48; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday morning. Bazzle Manis, moderator.

BEECH GROVE: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Ralph Moore, Ralph Lawson, Sr., Zelma Lawson and Phil Crittenden; alternates: Elizabeth Moore and Lucy Gilliam. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 48; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial

service, Sunday morning following the 3rd Saturday in May. Phil Crittenden and Daniel Hurd, moderators.

BLACKWATER LICK: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Pauline Lawson, Gerald Moore, Jason Nichols and Sarah Parsons; alternates: J. T. Osborne and Maybell Osborne. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 107; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning, Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May; Elders Fred Gilreath and Walter Willis asked to attend. Burnice Sybert, moderator pro-tem.

BLAIR CHAPEL: Blair, Ky. Delegates: Rod Raleigh, Bill Maggard, David Whitaker and Jack Creech; alternates: Roger Raleigh and Alvin Chandler. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 262; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4th 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, 2nd Saturday night. Earnest Bledsoe, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, Va. Delegates: Jim Bowlin, John Bowlin, Brenda Bowlin and Joe Horton; alternates: Gary Hall and Courtney Osborne. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday in August. John Bowlin, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Delmer McPherson, Clifford Bledsoe, Scott Tipton and Teresa Tipton; alternate: Ada McPherson. Received by experience and baptism, 4; total number on roll, 129; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), every Sunday morning and the 2nd Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in July. Scott Tipton, moderator.

BUTCHER'S VALLEY: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Marie Goodson, Walter Bailey, Vickie Russell and Daniel Smith; alternates: Ricky Burns and Mark Holder. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 6; total number on roll, 117; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3rd 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, 40; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning following the 1st Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in August. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, Tn. Delegates: Lloyd Morelock, Sheryl Hensley, Wanda Malone and Otis Roberts; alternates: Frances Armstrong and Eddie Malone. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll,

88; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday night following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, Va. Delegates: Lewis Baker, Ralph Baker, Dan Cross and Mary Baker; alternate: Lindia Baker. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday. Lewis Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, Oh. Delegates: Joe Pitzer, Dennis Stewart, Patrick Pitzer and Bill VanHoose; alternate: Jim Compton. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 162; contribution, \$240.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September. Bill VanHoose, moderator.

COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): Nickelsville, Va. Delegates: Allen Addington, Roger Manring, Flo Minton and Steve Minton; alternates: Anita Howell and Nell Kendrick. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 78; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd and 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in October; Elder Bob Brown asked to attend. Eckel Head, moderator.

COYLE'S BRANCH: Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Celinda Cornett and Irene Cornett. Total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday. Memorial service, last Sunday in May. Glenn Cornett and John G. Banks, moderators.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Etta Osborne, Richard Seiber, Pete Marcum and Fern Marcum; alternate: Janie Woodward. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April (April 9, 2006). Elders John Arnott and Walter Willis asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, Ky. Delegates: Henrietta Adams, Pat Holbrook, Pearl Noble and Basil Holbrook; alternate: Beulah Webb. Total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in April. Fred Fletcher, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, Oh. Delegates: Warren Kail, Hasco Jenkins, Charlene Mitchel and June Kail; alternate: Cleve Mitchell. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 135; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in May (May 21, 2006). Jason Robinette, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: St. Charles, Va. Delegates: Earnest Bledsoe and Leonard Flanary. Total number on roll, 21; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.); Elder Richard Seiber asked to attend. Earnest Bledsoe and Leonard Flanary, moderators.

FAITHFUL MINISTRY: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Charles Bernard and Leah Moody. Total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. David Moody and Charles Bernard, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: T. H. Johnson, David Horton, Pleas Lawson and Doug Willis; alternates: Charlotte Horton and Helen Willis. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; received or restored by recantation, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 89; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Greg Hill, moderator.

GARDNER'S CHAPEL: Bristol, Va. Delegates: Bobby Carter, Darrell Laughlin, Terrell Smith and Douglas McClain; alternates: Joseph Estes and Burl Lyons. Received by experience and baptism, 6; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 523; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and following Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (2:00 p.m.). Bobby Carter, moderator.

GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Hiram Gardner, Janie Hensley, Cathy Baker and Sue Pippin; alternate: Gary Baker. Total number on roll, 109; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Bill LaFollette, moderator.

GUTHRIE'S GAP: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: David Wheeler, Keith Wallen, Cindy Wallen and Debbie Wheeler; alternates: Ed Walker and Grace Hawkins. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 7; total number on roll, 216; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in June. Larry Miller, moderator.

HOPEWELL: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Odell Arnott, Frank Lane, George Richards and Margaret Richards; alternate: L. D. Delph. Received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in October. John Arnott, moderator.

HOUSE CHAPEL: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Darrell Manis, Sherelene Manis, Mack Manis and Audrey Manis; alternates: Neal Drinnon and Michael Chandler. Received by experience and baptism, 7; received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 244; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and Wednesday night, 1st and 4th Saturday night, 2nd and 4th Sunday night and 5th Sunday night following the 4th Saturday. Neal Drinnon, moderator.

HURRICANE VALLEY: Gordon, Ky. Delegate: Glenn Cornett. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 21; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday evening (5:00 p.m.). Glenn Cornett, moderator.

IRONDALE: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegate: Clyde Phillips. Total number on roll, 38; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Clyde Phillips, moderator.

JENKINS CHAPEL: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Paul Strong, Arry Hickman, Curtis Blair and Fred Gilreath. Total number on roll, 54; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Wednesday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and 2nd Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in August (10:30 a.m.). Paul Strong, moderator.

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Denise Brooks, Justin Richardson, Wanda Richardson and Ronnie Brooks; alternates: Eileen Brown and Bud Haire. Total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in April. Terry Sizemore, moderator.

LIBERTY CHAPEL: Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Larry Ward, Orbin Ward, Dwight Ward and Kim Ward; alternate: James Cupp. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday (11:15 a.m.). Fred Gilreath, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, Ky. Delegates: Doris Banks, Robert Caudill, Ramona Caudill and Verna Rayburn; alternate: Charlie Little. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 103; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. Woodrow Fields, moderator.

LITTLE DOVE: Eolia, Ky. Delegates: Brian McCown, Amanda McCowan, J. D. Bedwell and Iona Scott. Received by experience and baptism, 6; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 33; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in June at the J. D. Maggard Cemetery in Eolia, Ky. Ronnie Smith, moderator.

LITTLE REDEEMED: Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Null Lawson, Donnie McNabb, Gary Brewer and Louie Weston; alternates: Georgia Lawson and Laura McNabb. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 3; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 98; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Donnie McNabb, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Virgie Williams, Jennifer Dalton, Terry Yount and Danny Bailey; alternates: Harold Head and Delmas Harris. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 3; excluded, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 198; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (except 3rd) (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 28, 2006. Harold Head, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, Va. Delegates: Don Woodward, Luther Burton and Elsie Burton; alternate: Sue Bledsoe. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 49; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday morning and every Saturday night. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Daniel Smith, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, Oh. Delegates: Connie Nelson and David VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in May. David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Evelyn Jessee, Dorothy Robinette, Rose Manes and Billy Robinette; alternate: Billy Jeff Burns. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday morning and the 4th Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May. John Arnott, moderator.

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

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bradley Bowen, Juanita Bowen and Mable Fields. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 39; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in May. Richard Seiber, moderator.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Frank Mullins, Wally Berry, Peggy Harrold and Molly Gilreath. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 123; contribution, \$275.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Frank Mullins, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, Tn. Delegates: C. W. Lowery, Charlene Lowery, Christine Conley and David Jerrell. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 5; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 59; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 2nd Wednesday night. David Jerrell, moderator.

OAK GROVE: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Dan Winstead, Larry Russell, Jim Woods and Henry Wheeler; alternates: Jim Harmon and Chris Woods. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 6; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 180; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, Wednesday night, 2nd and 4th Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 1st and 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. James Jarnigan, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Larry Fannon, James Davidson, Carolyn Fannon and Jerry Bishop; alternates: Mary Ruth Davidson and Amanda Manis. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$85.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Jim Emery, moderator.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Carl Peterson, Lola Peterson, Charlotte Bishop and June Fannon. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 3; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning in November. Bill LaFollette, moderator.

PILGRIM'S REST: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Joshua Couch, Don Gordon and Brandy Couch. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 85; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.), Wednesday night and the 4th Saturday night. David Smith, moderator.

PINK HILL: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Quinton Thacker, Mary Ann Shildres, Isabeth Christian and Derrick Cantwell. Total number on roll, 139; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. Richard Watts, moderator.

POND VIEW: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Charles Sizemore, Sue Sizemore, Bengie Collins and Barbara Lawson; alternates: Tammy Bledsoe and Clinton Rutherford. Total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$65.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday. Memorial service, May 28, 2006 (1:30 p.m.). Clinton Rutherford, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Austin Adams, Marvin Ketron, Bill Poole and Charles Young; alternate: Kathleen Poole. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 90; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Richardson, Ky. Delegates: John Borders, Rosemary Borders, Tiffany Brooks and Tommy Meade. Received by relationship, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 198; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday and Sunday. Memorial service, last Sunday before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator.

RIVERSIDE: Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Darrell Smith, Darrell Sizemore, Larry Delph and Gary Sizemore; alternates: David Smith and Josh Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 5; dismissed by letter, 3; total number on roll, 84; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, 3rd and 4th Saturday nights. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day at Davis Chapel Cemetery (2:00 p.m.). Roger Trent, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Karen Hood, Greg Hill, Ellis Persinger and Joe Robinette; alternates: Kim Robinette and Kathy Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 4; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 71; contribution, \$130.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, Oh. Delegates: Ann Lykins, Jim Lykins, Mark Newkirk and Gleason Storie; alternates: Anita Newkirk and John Turner. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 95; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday (10:30 a.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Turner, moderator.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, Tn. Delegates: None. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Harold Head, moderator.

SLATE HILL: Mooresburg, Tn. Delegates: Roger Purkey, Jamie Jarnigan, Grover Ferguson and Robert Ferrell; alternates: Wayne Drinnon and Joan Drinnon. Received by experience and baptism, 5; total number on roll, 188; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night. Jamie Jarnigan, moderator.

SLOANTOWN: Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Virgia Grace Hill, Joann Griffin, Elwood Griffin and Frank Gilliam; alternates: Donna Falin and Tammy Pendleton. Received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 32; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Frank Gilliam, moderator.

SNEEDVILLE: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Jason Cotter, Carson Johnson, Shane Russell and Harry Ebert; alternates: Bethel Ebert and Velma Mabe. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 3; dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 76; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Shane Russell, moderator.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Bill Winstead, Michael Burton, Betty Winstead and Anna Collins; alternates: Roy McClellan and Cindy McClellan. Received by relationship, 3; total number on roll, 99; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Bill Winstead, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Rodney Dodson, Silas Porter Carroll, Clarence Morgan and Doyle O'Dell; alternates: Clarence Dodson and Earl Dodson. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 290; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June. Silas Porter Carroll, moderator.

UNION HILL: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Marilyn Kinsler, Ronnie Kinsler and Amy Shepard; alternate: Carson Creech. Total number on roll, 87; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.). Donny Clifford, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, Va. Delegates: David Parsons, Ronnie Leonard, Anna Duncan and Ed Duncan; alternates: Sandra Leonard and Charles Thompson. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 2nd 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 Dorris Burke; alternates: Joyce Skidmore and Vivian Seiber. Excluded, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in May; Elders Eckel Head and Richard Seiber asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

WALNUT CHAPEL: Gate City, Va. Delegates: Allen Hensley, Billy Jack Johnson, Paul Johnson and Patsy Hensley; alternates: Sidney Grizzel and David Lloyd. Received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 137; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th

Saturday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in June. Allen Hensley, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Jean Wallen, Delmer Wallen, Sr., Zula McCullough and Dewey Sanders; alternates: Billy Walton and Kathy Walton. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 58; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST), every Sunday morning and every Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd 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. Received or restored by recantation, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 114; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September. Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Janice Jones, Garnetta Miller, Jewel Clamon and Earika Marshall; alternate: Carl Smith. Total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September. Carl Smith, moderator.

TOTALS: 65 churches (26 in VA., 28 in TN., 7 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 69; received by letter, 21; received by relationship, 38; received or restored by recantation, 3; dismissed by letter, 21; excluded, 20; deceased, 60; total number on roll, 6,170. There are 60 ministers serving as pastors - 52 are serving 1 church; 7 are serving 2 churches and 1 is serving 3 churches. There are 2 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 51 ministers and 7 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2006

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

- APRIL -

1 - ROSE CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Jason Cotter, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Frank Mullins, Shane Russell, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

3 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Hasco Jenkins, Larry Miller, David Smith, Paul Strong, Roger Trent and Walter Willis.

4 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd 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 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, 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 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Woodrow Fields, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

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

- MAY -

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

2 - CLEAR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Jason Cotter, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Shane Russell and Terry Sizemore.

3 - SWAN CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Donny Clifford, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, 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 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

5 - SLOANTOWN: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd 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 and J. H. Sybert.

6 - COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): To begin on Friday night before the 2nd 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 2nd Saturday (includes Saturday morning, Saturday night and Sunday morning). Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Silas Porter Carroll, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carl Lawson, Donnie McNabb, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, David Smith, J. H. Sybert and Richard Watts.

8 - BEECH GROVE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis, our pastors and all others who wish to attend.

9 - HOPEWELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Henry Wheeler.

10 - POND VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, John Bowlin, Leonard Flanary, A. D. Howington, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Bazzle Manis, Jason Robinette, Carl Rogers, Daniel Smith, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler, Bill Winstead and Don Woodward.

11 - PILGRIM'S REST: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th 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, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Bill Winstead.

- JUNE -

1 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st 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, Rod Raleigh, Shane Russell, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

2 - GUTHRIE'S GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st 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, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

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

4 - CANEY CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Shane Russell and Terry Sizemore.

5 - AYERS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Woodrow Fields, Harold Gilley, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Carl Rogers and Paul Strong.

6 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, Va.): To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Carl Rogers, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Don Woodward.

7 - SLATE HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Silas Porter Carroll, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, 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 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Adrion Kinsler, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Shane Russell, David Smith, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

9 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Henry Wheeler and Bill Winstead.

10 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Donny Clifford, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Gordon Justice, Ronnie Kinsler, Paul Strong, Terry Sizemore, Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

11 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Derrick Cantwell, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Roger Manning, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Carl Rogers, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Howard Sybert and Roger Trent.

12 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA): To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, James Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

13 - WALNUT CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Oscar Irvin, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

- JULY -

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

2 - HURRICANE VALLEY: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, 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, Frank Mullins, Ray Raleigh, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, David Smith and all others who wish to attend.

3 - LIBERTY CHAPEL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Joshua Couch, Derrick Cantwell, Russell Davidson, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

4 - RIVERSIDE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, J. H. Sybert and Richard Watts.

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

6 - BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th 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 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, 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, Larry Miller, Frank Mullins, Paul Strong, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

8 - PINK HILL: To begin on Friday night before the 4th 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, Robert Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Virgil Lipe, David Smith, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

- AUGUST -

1 - WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carl Lawson, 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 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Neal Drinnon, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Virgil Lipe, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore and Richard Watts.

3 - BLACKWATER LICK: To begin on Friday night (7:00 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Burnice Sybert, 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 1st 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 and Paul Strong.

5 - POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Mike Fullington, Allen Hensley, Charley Johnson, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

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

7 - COYLE'S BRANCH: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd 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, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber and all others who wish to attend.

8 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bill LaFollette, I. W. McNamara, Tommy Osborne, Paul Persinger, Shane Russell, Carl Smith, Burnice Sybert and Donald Sybert.

9 - FAIRVIEW (VA): To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Glenn Cornett, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Scott Tipton, Richard Watts and Don Woodward.

10 - IRONDALE: To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Harold Gilley, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Carl Lawson, J. F. Robinette, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

11 - LITTLE DOVE: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Harold Head and Oscar Irvin.

12 - MACEDONIA: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Greg Hill and Harmon Willis. Ohio ministers asked to attend on Thursday night.

13 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Virgil Lipe, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, David Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

14 - BLAIR CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: 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, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

15 - MOUNTAIN VIEW: To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, 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 4th 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 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

2 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, John Bowlin,

Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, J. H. Sybert and Harmon Willis.

3 - LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Fred Fletcher, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

4 - LITTLE REDEEMED: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd 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, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, David Smith, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

5 - SNEEDVILLE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd 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 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Larry Miller, David Smith and Roger Trent.

7 - CHESTNUT FLATS: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh and Burnice Sybert.

8 - WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Jerry Persinger and Paul Strong.

9 - FLOWER GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Phil Crittenden, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, David Smith, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and Walter Willis.

10 - GARDNER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (7:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday (1:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Von Burton, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Balance from 2004..... | \$ 6,487.03 |
| Receipts from 2005..... | 8,155.00 |
| Special Offering..... | 1,167.92 |
| Personal Donations..... | 1,050.00 |
| Interest..... | 43.09 |
| TOTAL | \$ 16,903.04 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Rental of safety deposit box..... | \$ 60.00 |
| Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability) | 2,062.00 |
| Charter registration fee..... | 20.00 |
| Postage | 39.76 |
| Clerical supplies | 39.83 |
| Electrical and PA supplies..... | 14.08 |
| Clerk's allowance | 1,000.00 |
| Printing and packaging 2,600 copies of 2005 minutes | 4,725.28 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$ 7,960.95 |
| BALANCE IN TREASURY | \$ 8,942.09 |

**NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$1.82
 The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes
 ordered was \$3.06**

DIRECTIONS TO FLOWER GAP CHURCH

From Rogersville, take Route 70 to Route 33. Turn right on 33, travel to 600, turn left on 600. Church is 2.6 miles on right.

From Sneedville, travel 33 to 600. Turn left on 600. Church is 2.6 miles on right.

From Jonesville, travel 70 to 604. Turn left, travel 604 0.7 mile to 600. Turn right. Church is 2.9 miles on left.

From Big Stone Gap, travel 23 to 600. Turn right on 600, travel 18.7 miles to church.

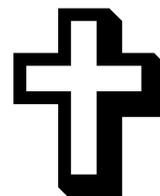
From Kingsport, travel 23 to 600. Turn left on 600, travel 18.7 miles to church.



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.

ALVIS, Birtie Williams
BOGGS, Hattie Collier
BYINGTON, Margaret “Mag” Davis
COLE, Sherman Ray
CORNETT, Grace Elaine
EATON, John Ben “Joe”
FANNON, Rosa Victoria Osborne
GREENWOOD, Joann
HARKLEROAD, Elva Ramey
JAMES, Flora Ann Wallen
JOHNSON, George “Roscoe”
KEATON, Dana Hairm
LAWSON, Carson V.
LLOYD, Maggie Pearl Ford
MITCHELL, Eric Wayne
*MORGAN, Elder Howard Wayne
NEELEY, Mattie Juanita
PURKEY, Purley
RHOTON, Marvin K.
ROWE, Ashley Lou-Ann
SCAMMAHORN, Virginia G.
SMITH, Madge Presley
STURGILL, Callie Sumpter
TRENT, Kyle Herman
WALLEN, Doyle J.
WILLIAMS, Virgie Mae

BLEDSOE, James Stern
BROCHERS, Mamie
CAUDILL, Beulah Gibson
COLLIER, Lola
DUTTON, Irene VanHoose
ELLIOTT, Linda Sue
FLEENOR, Mabel Peterson
HALL, Sammy
*HARPER, Elder Kermit L.
JOHNSON, Colonel Dawes
JOHNSON, Maude E. Smith
KITE, Mildred Beatrice Burchette
LAWSON, Sarah Venus
*MILES, Elder Charlie Earl
MOORE, Alma Elizabeth
MOSES, Jewel Faye Lindsey
PURKEY, Mary Brewer
QUALLS, Lisa Elizabeth Moore
ROLLER, Willard Kay
RUSH, Carolyn Louise
SHUFFLEBARGER, Herman W.
STAPLETON, Daphne Kilgore
TAYLOR, James Ray
TURNER, Mary Ruth Osborne
WALLEN, Evan D.

*Ministers

BIRTIE WILLIAMS ALVIS was born May 20, 1911 and passed away June 7, 2005 at the age of 94 years and 18 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Jessie Loyd Alvis; parents, Flernoy Isaac and Ora Estella Franklin Williams; 3 sisters, Nora Williams Pettit, Grace Williams Larkin and Earnestine Williams Jordan; 2 brothers, Edward and Cecil Williams; and 1 step grandson.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Wilma Jean Floyd and Delores LaRoy; 5 step grandchildren; 7 step great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Kathleen Williams

Salyers and Peggy Jean Williams Clonce Payne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was saved at a young age and had a wonderful, inspiring testimony. Her face would simply glow as she told of her experience of grace. Sister Alvis was devoted to God, her church and her family. She was a member of West View Church, and at the time of her death, the oldest member.

- Written by Elder Burnice Sybert

JAMES STERM BLEDSOE entered into rest on September 10, 2005 at the age of 92. He was the son of the late Pharoah and Martha Maness Bledsoe.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Chainey Eva Bledsoe; 1 son, Lowell Bledsoe; 1 daughter, Joy Ellen Maness and several brothers.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Bledsoe; 1 brother, Arch Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Narcissis Willis and Cora Roller; 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He was a retired farmer in the Blackwater community and a longtime member of Beech Grove Church where he served as a deacon and delegate to the association for many years.

- Written by the family

HATTIE COLLIER BOGGS was born August 7, 1918 and departed this life April 19, 2005, being 86 years, 8 months and 12 days of age at the time of her passing. She was the daughter of the late Willard and Allie Boggs Collier.

In addition to her parents, Hattie was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Boggs; 2 children: twins Oval and Noble Boggs; and 1 grandson.

She is survived by her daughter, Frieda Johnson; 2 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was a member of Little Cowan Church. Hattie worked outside the home early in life, but she was a homemaker at heart. She was a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother.

- Written by the family

MAMIE BROCHERS was born September 9, 1942 and departed this life February 21, 2004 to be with her Savior.

She is survived by her 5 children, Terry, James, Kathy, Debbie and Tammy Pigg.

She professed faith in Christ and joined Macedonia Church and left behind 9 grandchildren and many good Christian friends.

She was a wonderful mother and a loving grandmother. She enjoyed singing in church, testifying for the Lord and cooking wonderful meals.

She has no more pain to endure and she left knowing she was on her way to glory land. One sweet day we all will be with her again. Even though we miss and mourn her, we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by Terry Pigg

MARGARET "MAG" DAVIS BYINGTON passed from this world to the world of eternity on August 21, 2005 at the age of 91 years and 28 days.

Mag was married to Earnest Byington and to this union was born 3 children: Wayne and Jim Byington and Janette Byington Williams.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earnest Byington, 1 son, Wayne; 6 sisters and 4 brothers.

Mag will be greatly missed by her daughter, Janette Williams and son, Jim Byington; 3 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

She lived in Hawkins County all her life. She joined Mt. Mitchell Church and remained a faithful member as long as she was able to attend.

- Written for the family by Elder Bobby Williams

BEULAH GIBSON CAUDILL was born September 20, 1907 and passed away January 8, 2005, being 97 years, 3 months and 18 days of age. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Hop and Minerva Adams Gibson.

She was preceded in death by her 1st husband, George F. Sigrest; 2nd husband, Cassel Caudill; 2 sons, George F. and Stuart M. Sigrest; 1 daughter, Emma Lou Campbell; 1 brother, Edwin Gibson; 5 sisters, Nora Boyd, Thelma Banks, Geneva Caudill, LouAma Banks and Minnie Vae Banks.

Surviving are 1 son, Robert G. Caudill; 4 daughters, Thelma Ison, Carolyn Gilliam, Janice Wolod and Susan Stamper; 2 sisters, Mattie Vern Banks and Virginia Brown; 24 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren; 14 great-great grandchildren and 1 daughter-in-law.

Beulah was a member of Little Cowan Church from 1932 to 2005 and was a Sunday School teacher for as long as she was able to get around. She gave her life to the Lord when she was 14 years of age. She was a member of Whitesburg First Baptist Church from 1922 to 1932. Beulah was an inspiration to all who knew her and she had a special place in her heart for the young people. She will be missed in the church and community.

- Written by the family

SHERMAN RAY COLE was born March 16, 1933 and passed on to his eternal reward May 12, 2005 at the age of 72.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rex and Thelma Cole and 1 brother, Buddy Cole.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Anna Cole; 3 sons, Bobby, Charles and Dale; 1 daughter, Brenda; 5 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

Sherman professed faith in Christ and joined Fairview Church in Ohio, where he remained a member until his death. He is greatly missed by family and friends. Sleep on, Sherman, until we meet in heaven some day.

- Written by his nephew, Ronnie Bledsoe

LOLA COLLIER was born March 1, 1924 and went home to be with the Lord May 6, 2005 at the age of 81 years, 2 months and 5 days. She was the daughter of the late Own and Nannie Collier.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Collier; 1 son, Carl Edward; 1 sister, Eula Mae; and 2 brothers, Harrison and F. G. Collier.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Doris Fannon, Ruth Glass and Joyce Fannon; 3 sons, James (Jimmy), Bruce and Coy; 8 grandchildren; 8 great grand-

children; 1 sister, Genieva Jones; 1 brother, Elgin Collier; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Lola professed faith in Christ at an early age and in later years joined Beech Grove Church.

Mom we miss you very much but will meet again on heaven's bright shore.
- Written by the family

GRACE ELAINE CORNETT was born March 3, 1936 and departed this life June 3, 2005 at her home following a long illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Byrd O. and Mary Miller Fields; 3 brothers, Willis J., Charles and Wayne; 2 sisters, Loranis June Fields and Helen Huff, and 1 great grandson.

She is survived by her husband, Elder Glenn Cornett; 3 daughters, April Joy Smith, Karen D. Edwards and Kimberly D. Kelsay; 1 son, Randy K. Blevins; 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Grace was a lifelong resident of Gordon, Kentucky and a very faithful member of Hurricane Valley Church. She loved the old time way and went to church as long as she could go. She was a retired Postmistress of 30 years and the last Postmaster of the Gordon, Kentucky post office. She was also the owner of Cornett's Grocery and Café.

She was a pastor's wife and my greatest supporter in my life. She loved her God. She is greatly missed by me and the family. Her suffering is all over. She went to sleep in my arms while I was singing "Wonderful Peace." She's gone to be with the Lord. To be absent from this body is to be present with the Lord. Sleep on, my dear one. I will meet you again on that beautiful shore and we will never be separated anymore. I miss her singing the old time songs so much. God bless my companion forever more.

- Written by her loving husband, Elder Glenn Cornett

IRENE VANHOOSE DUTTON was born July 12, 1918 and went to be with the Lord May 2, 2005 at the age of 86. She was the daughter of Jessie and Elizabeth Dawson VanHoose.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Dutton; 1 son, Rodney E. Dutton and 4 brothers.

Surviving is 1 son, Bradley Dutton; 1 daughter, Patsey Williams; 2 sisters; 2 brothers; 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Irene was a homemaker and a loving wife and mother. She was a member of Richardson Chapel Church where she served as deaconess and was a faithful and active member until she became too ill to attend. She touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

- Written by the church clerk, Rosemary Borders

JOHN BEN "JOE" EATON was born September 24, 1911 and went to be with the Lord on April 23, 2005 at the age of 93. Joe was the son of James and Bertha Godsey Eaton.

He married Beulah Carter in 1946 and to this union was born one daughter, Glenna Joann.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

He is survived by his daughter, 2 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Joe retired from Eastman and was a farmer in Scott County, VA. He was a great role model for those around him and was loved and respected by everyone. In 1991 he turned his life over to the Lord and joined Gardner's Chapel Church where he was a faithful and dedicated member. He also contributed to other community churches and organizations.

Joe was a very loving and supportive husband and father. His loving smile will be missed by all who knew him.

- Written by his granddaughter, Elizabeth Hayes

LINDA SUE ELLIOTT departed this life on July 22, 2005 at the age of 58, after a courageous 1 year and 8 month battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dana Brewer.

Survivors include her mother, Goldie Depew; 1 daughter, Kim Davis; 1 granddaughter; many aunts, uncles and friends.

She was a faithful member of Swan Creek Church and had sung in churches most of her life.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her, and there will always be a vacant place in her home and in church. She loved her church and loved to go to church and sing the songs of Zion.

- Written by her family

ROSA VICTORIA OSBORNE FANNON was born March 28, 1920 and went home to be with the Lord October 20, 2004. She was the daughter of the late Jesse and Latisha Osborne.

She was preceded in death by her husband of almost 60 years, Roe W. Fannon; 6 brothers and 3 sisters.

Surviving are 2 sons, Perry J. and Lester Fannon; 3 daughters, Sue Osborne, Wonda Sage and Latrena Smith; 3 sisters, Thelma Barnette, Zelma Davis and Jessie Lee Fannon; 12 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

Rosa was a homemaker and a member of Keysville Baptist Temple. Before leaving Lee County, she was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church for 40 years. She sang with the Fannon Trio, which included her husband and daughter, Latrena, at the Lee County Singing Convention many times. She and Roe enjoyed singing together and she would talk about meeting her Lord and Savior many times. Mother, we will meet you again in heaven some sweet day.

- Written by the family

MABEL PETERSON FLEENOR was born October 20, 1914 and departed this life on September 7, 2005 at the age of 90. She was the daughter of Kelly E. and Emma Hill Peterson.

She was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Lucille Bishop, Natalie Baker and Ruth Gilliam and 1 brother, Eugene Peterson.

Survivors include her daughter, Patsy June Collier; 2 grandsons; 4 great grandchildren and 1 brother, Carl Peterson.

Mabel moved to Elgin, SC to live with her daughter and family in her latter years. She joined Peterson's Chapel Church where she was a faithful member until death. Mabel was a kind and gentle person who touched the lives of many people. Heaven is blessed with her presence.

- Written by her brother, Carl Peterson

JOANN GREENWOOD was born October 4, 1948 and departed this life on December 6, 2004. She was the daughter of Albert and Edith (Paul) Sweat.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 1 daughter, Tammy Cupp and 2 brothers, Roy and Clarence.

Survivors include 1 son, Jim Greenwood; 1 daughter, Mary Greenwood and 1 brother, Ray; 2 sisters, Wanda Jaworski and Wilma Bolling and 2 grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of Clear Springs Church. Her love of the Lord was expressed with her wonderful smile. Although she suffered much while on this earth with sickness, she is now free and will never suffer again. We miss her and will never forget her. We shall meet again.

- Written by Elder Bill VanHoose

SAMMY HALL was born September 5, 1938 and passed away September 28, 2004 at the age of 66. He was the son of Anna B. Hall and the late Sam Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Thacker Hall and a stepson, Junior Morelock.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Rogersville, but he attended Marion Robinette Memorial Church many times over the past 8 years. He loved the church and its members and he had great respect for its pastor, Elder John Arnott.

He was loved by many people and will be greatly missed.

- Written by his loving wife, Karen

ELVA RAMEY HARKLEROAD was born March 21, 1921 and was called to her heavenly home on March 7, 2005. She was the youngest daughter of the late Isaac and Palestine Ramey.

She married Ray Harkleroad in 1944 and he preceded her in death. Also preceding her were 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

Elva is survived by 2 daughters, Linda Dickenson and Barbara Musselman; 1 son, Terry Harkleroad; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandsons and 1 sister, Beulah Laughlin.

She was a faithful charter member of Gardner's Chapel Church who loved the Lord, her family and her church. A loving mother, grandmother and strong in her faith in the Lord, she was an inspiration to all who knew her. She loved her pastor, Bobby Carter and being with her church family. She was sad when she was unable to attend church. Mom always put the Lord first. She is dearly missed by family, church members and friends. What a day that will be when we will all be together with our Lord in our heavenly home.

- Written by her family

ELDER KERMIT L. HARPER was born April 21, 1925 and departed this life October 26, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elisha (Lish) and Thursia Olinger Harper.

Kermit was a faithful member of Blue Springs (Hiltons) Church where he exercised his many talents; preaching, praying, singing and exhortation. During his courageous battle with cancer he was a true witness, often he

would instruct his Christian friends not to pray for him to live, he would say I'm going home. Even in his lowest hours, he would point toward heaven. His example is worthy to be compared with the scripture, I have fought a good fight, I've kept the faith.

- Written by a friend, James E. Bowlin

FLORA ANN WALLEN JAMES was born February 24, 1921 and went to be with Jesus, our Lord and Savior on December 23, 2004 at the age of 83.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Garfield and Paralee Willis Wallen; 1 sister, Mary W. Johnson; and 5 brothers, Roy, Fred, Phillip, Jim and Joe Wallen.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Mary Ruth Davidson, 1 son, James Larry Fannon; 1 brother, Evan Wallen; 5 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was saved at an early age and became a member of Osborne's Chapel Church, where she attended until she was unable to go. She was always interested in the growth and upkeep of the church and contributed financially when she could.

She suffered with rheumatoid arthritis and congestive heart failure for many years, and battled many afflictions and complications caused by the diseases. Her strong desire to remain independent, and her will to live was an inspiration to all who knew her. Mom was happiest when she was doing things for other people, often putting their needs before her own. She often talked about when death would come, and how she dreaded to leave her loved ones. She has fought the last battle, and we stood by as her weak, frail, and disease-ridden body slipped from us into the arms of Jesus. She has finished the course set before her with so much dignity and patience, and sweet rest and peace is now hers. We will miss you so much each and every day as we remain to continue our life's journey. You will always be with us in spirit, and in our hearts and memory forever until we meet again. We love you dearly.

- Written by her daughter, Mary Ruth Davidson

COLONEL DAWES JOHNSON was born February 3, 1929 and went home to be with Jesus on November 2, 2003 at the age of 74 years, 8 months and 30 days. He was the son of the late Marion and Alwildia Hill Johnson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 1 son, Randy and 4 brothers, Melvin, Curtis, Coy and M. G. Johnson.

Survivors include 3 sisters, Laura Sullivan, Maxine Belcher and Yvonne Johnson; 1 brother, A. J. Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He was saved and joined Willis Chapel Church then later moved his membership to Flower Gap Church where he remained a member for almost 40 years. He admitted to making his share of mistakes and encouraged everyone not to follow the same paths. During his sickness, he thanked God for his grace which was always sufficient to lead lost lambs home when they go astray. He lived in Blackwater, VA and worked at Robinette Store and Funeral Home for many years. He served in the U. S. Air Force for 4 years. God chose a beautiful Sunday to call you home, "Bud." Someday we'll all sing together. So for one last time, we love you. You are home.

- Written by his family

GEORGE "ROSCOE" JOHNSON was born December 5, 1927 and entered eternal rest on October 23, 2004. He was the son of George and Mary Johnson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 1 sister, Bertha Deaton and 4 brothers, Astor, Roy, Robert and Eulibee Johnson.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Metcalf Johnson; 1 daughter, Brenda Hoskins; 2 sons, Roscoe and Ronnie Johnson; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Callie and Marie Johnson; 2 brothers Sigel and Luther Johnson and his church family.

He was a faithful member of Rose Chapel Church. He always loved to hear singers sing and preachers preach. He had a heart full of love and compassion for anyone in need and was there to help in any way he could. He was a giving man. The church all loved him and we miss him very much. Many precious memories will always be in our hearts and minds.

- Written by a friend, Maude Turner

MAUDE E. SMITH JOHNSON was born December 25, 1906 and went to be with the Lord on September 9, 2004 at the age of 97 years and 9 months.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, John R. Johnson; her parents; 4 sisters; 1 brother and 2 grandsons. She was the last one in her family.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Arizona Collins and Evelena McGee; 3 sons, H.C., Guy and Wiley Johnson; 7 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Maude professed faith in Christ and joined Shelby Creek Church where she remained a member until her death, which would have been about 80 years. She loved to support her church and worship the Lord. She is truly missed by all that knew her.

- Written by the family

DANA HAIRM KEATON departed this life August 12, 2005 at the age of 69, after an 8-month battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah and Mary Keaton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Dorothy Keaton; 1 daughter, Teresa Ferguson; 1 sister, Evelyn Elliott; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was a lifelong farmer and a faithful member of Swan Creek Church.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends. He was a loving and caring husband, father and brother.

- Written by the family

MILDRED BEATRICE BURCHETTE KITE was born September 4, 1917 and went to be with the Lord January 30, 2005 at the age of 87 years, 4 months and 26 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Kite; parents, Jeff and Virginia Robinette Burchette; 1 brother, Carson Burchette; 6 sisters, Ethel Noel, Gertrude Burns, Gladys Sparks, Madge Kyle, Bernice and Rosa Burchette.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Elizabeth Rose Manes and 1 grandson.

She professed faith at the age of 12 and was baptized by her grandfather, Elder Marion Robinette. She joined Hopewell Church and later moved her

membership to Marion Robinette Church, where she remained a loyal member until death.

She was a very loving person to her family and friends and was always willing to do all she could to help someone in need. She was a devoted Christian and loved going to church.

She is sadly missed by her family and friends, but her loving memories live on in our hearts until we meet again.

- Written by her daughter, Elizabeth Rose Manes

CARSON V. LAWSON passed away April 26, 2005 at the age of 82.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carter and Ruhama Lawson; 3 brothers, Freeman, Emmett and Dewey Lawson.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Venus; 3 daughters, Ella Ree Jordan, Valla Ree Myers and Brenda Mays; 4 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Hollis Lawson and 1 sister, Kate Arrington.

He was a well known farmer and business owner. He operated Lawson's Greenhouse for 40 years and was still active in it until his death. Carson was a good Christian man and a life long member of Beech Grove Church and the area Men's Christian Fellowship in Blackwater. He was a kind, caring person, loving husband and father and a friend to all that knew him. He is truly missed by all.

- Written by the family

SARAH VENUS LAWSON passed away May 4, 2005 at the age of 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carson Lawson; parents, Null and Pearl Wallen; 4 brothers, Jack, Guy, Mitchell and Charles Wallen and 1 sister, Bonnie Hurd.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Ella Ree Jordan, Valla Ree Myers and Brenda Mays; 4 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 4 sisters, Ova Wallen, Ann Addington, Wanda Jean Osborne and Mary Ruth Roller; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a good Christian lady and a long time member of Beech Grove Church. A kind and caring person who loved to cook and feed anyone who came by. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and friend to all.

- Written by the family

MAGGIE PEARL FORD LLOYD was born October 17, 1917 and passed away October 12, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reece Lloyd and 2 daughters.

She is survived by 4 daughters; 1 son, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church.

- Written by her daughter, Nita A. Dixon

ELDER CHARLIE EARL MILES was born October 26, 1926 to the family of Lawrence and Edith Cunningham Miles and passed from this life June 13, 2005 at the age of 78 years, 7 months, and 18 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 1 brother, Frank Miles.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Mary Helen Miles; 3 sisters, Vivian Seiber, Zelta Miles and Wilma Jean Giles; 1 brother, Estel Miles; several nieces and nephews, and a host of cousins and friends.

He professed faith in Christ at a young age and was called to preach the gospel to a lost and dying people. He united with Livingston's Chapel Church, which later became Wallen's Creek Church. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Blue Springs Church.

He remained a faithful Christian until death. Sleep on, dear brother, until Jesus comes.

- Written by a sister, Zelta Miles

ERIC WAYNE MITCHELL was born August 17, 1967 and left this world for his new home in heaven February 2, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elder Kenneth A. Mitchell and his grandfather, William C. Slagle.

Eric was a member of Fairview Church (Bellbrook, Ohio) where he served as a trustee until he moved his membership to the then newly founded Macedonia Church. He remained a member of Macedonia until his passing.

He was very active in helping at the EAILEASY Foundation, especially with their mud volleyball and putt-putt golf fundraisers. He was also active in the Masonic Lodge and was a member of the Shriner's Clown Troop and the Hillbilly Clan.

Eric touched many lives and knew no strangers. He looked for and found the best in each and every one. He wanted to live life to the fullest with God in the lead - and he did.

Eric will be missed by many - family, friends and those whose lives he touched, even briefly.

- Written by the family

ALMA ELIZABETH MOORE was born January 31, 1934 and departed this life to be with our Lord on May 15, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William (Sam) Moore; 1 daughter, Lisa Elizabeth Qualls; parents, John H. and Anna Lee Barnes; 1 brother, Gene and 1 sister, Maxine.

She is survived by 1 son, William (Bill) Moore, 2 daughters, Barbara L. Dugger and Tamra S. Fawver; 10 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 5 sisters, Myrtle, Grace, Janie, Margaret and Wilma; 5 brothers, Henry, Carson, Junior, Jimmy and Earl; and special friends.

She was a member of Oak Grove Church and was faithful in serving God, her family and friends. She was a loving mother, wife, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was an inspiration and a joy to all. She was dearly loved and will be dearly missed. We want to thank God for putting her at rest with no more sickness and pain where she can sing with the angels. We know one day we will see her again in our heavenly home.

- Written by her daughter and granddaughter, Barbara and Krissy Dugger

ELDER HOWARD WAYNE MORGAN was born February 3, 1938 and went to be with the Lord March 13, 2005 at the age of 67 years, 1 month and 10 days. He was the son of the late Emory and Blanche Sizemore Morgan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers, Reed, Mack, Charles and Samuel Morgan; and 1 sister, Marion Morgan Jarvis.

He is survived by his wonderful Christian wife, Stella Johnson Morgan; 1 son, Eddie Morgan; 2 daughters, Ann LeVeck and Mary Gilliam; 5 grandchildren; 1 brother, Harry Morgan; 1 sister, Lois Parrott and several nieces and nephews.

He was saved at a young age, and throughout his life was a great help to the church, as he was willing to serve in any capacity where he was needed. He was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church for many years. He later joined West View Church, where he was ordained into the Gospel Ministry. He greatly enjoyed standing to proclaim the love of God and the saving power of Jesus Christ.

He often spoke of a revival held at Mt. Mitchell Church, where Elder J. H. Sybert was serving as pastor at the time. During this revival, all three of his children were saved. It greatly pleased him that Elder Sybert asked him to help in the baptism of his children.

He delighted in going and preaching for the smaller churches in the association. He felt strongly that the few needed to be fed, just as did the many. He had served as pastor of the churches of Beech Hill and Sulphur Springs. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Gardner's Memorial Church and with Elder Richard Seiber, co-pastor of Mountain View Church.

He was such a great help to the church at West View as he was always ready and willing to fill the stand when Elder J. H. Sybert was hospitalized or away for any reason. A number of times he had other plans, but would change them to help his home church. After Elder Sybert became unable to preach in 2004, he preached during the Sunday morning service twice a month in addition to going to the churches he pastored.

He will be greatly missed until we meet on heaven's bright shore.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

JEWEL FAYE LINDSEY MOSES was born June 9, 1930 and departed for glory July 5, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Grace Brice Horne; 2 brothers, Murl and Howard Horne; 1 sister, Ada Mitchum; first husband, James Isaac Lindsey and her second husband, Walton Allen Moses.

She is survived by 2 sons, Raymond and Ralph Lindsey; 2 step daughters, Brenda Bethea and Betty Jo Huckaby; 3 grandsons; 3 step grandsons; 5 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She was an active member of Long Hollow Church. A caregiver who always put others first, she was a loving mother and grandmother. Everywhere she went she was a light to those around her. Remembering you is easy, but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. We love you and miss you. Thank God for the loving and caring mother you were.

- Written by her son, Ralph Lindsey

MATTIE JUANITA NEELEY was born August 15, 1922 and went to be with Jesus on September 30, 2005 at the age of 83.

She was preceded in death by her parents, June Clarence Hughes and Hazel Hinkle Hughes; 1 brother, E J Hughes and 1 sister, June Hughes.

Mattie is survived by her husband, Ezra Neeley; 2 daughters, Paula Ayers and Juanita Bowen; 2 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and a great host of friends.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Mountain View Church where she was a devoted and faithful member. God blessed us with a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother who we shall meet again in heaven.

- Written by the family

MARY BREWER PURKEY was born August 31, 1908 and departed this life April 1, 2000 at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Will and Bower Brewer; husband, Alvin Purkey; 1 son, Harold Smith Purkey; 5 brothers, Herman, Woodrow, Isaac, Smith and Claude Brewer; and 2 sisters, Laura Mullins and Hazel Angle.

She is survived by 2 sons, Lonnie and Fay Dean Purkey; 5 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a lifelong member of Swan Creek Church.

- Submitted by Lonnie Purkey

PURLEY PURKEY, age 91, departed this life for a home in heaven September 21, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tyler and Cora Keaton Purkey; 2 sisters, Laura Stanifer and Verda Fultz; 4 brothers, Emory, Wiley, Alvin and Everette Purkey; and several nieces and nephews.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

She was a faithful member of Swan Creek Church.

- Submitted by Lonnie Purkey

LISA ELIZABETH MOORE QUALLS was born January 23, 1973 and departed this life to be with our Lord on March 15, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her father, William (Sam) Moore.

She is survived by her husband, Christopher Lynn Qualls; 2 sons, Alexander and Jacob Qualls; 2 sisters, Barbara Dugger and Tamra Fawver; 1 brother, William (Bill) Moore; 5 nieces and 2 nephews.

She was a member of Oak Grove Church. She was a loving mother and friend who was always concerned about the welfare of her family and friends. She had a lot of friends in this life who loved her dearly, and we miss her very much. We know that she suffered in her sickness, and all we can do now is thank God for taking her to paradise to wait with Him where sickness can never reach her again. We shall all meet again one day beside that beautiful river.

- Written by her sister and niece, Barbara and Krissy Dugger

MARVIN K. RHOTON was born May 24, 1911 and went peacefully to sleep in the arms of Jesus on January 27, 2005 at the age of 93 years, 8 months and 3 days. He was the son of the late William (Bill) and Rebecca Bishop Rhoton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virgie Jane Clendenin Rhoton; 1 son, Ulyes; 1 daughter, Laura Kate; 2 grandchildren; 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

He is survived by 1 son, Bruce Rhoton; 3 daughters, Dorothy Qualls, Rebecca Jones and Darlene Castle; 7 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 2 step grandsons; 1 step great grandson and 1 great-great granddaughter.

Dad professed faith in Christ many years ago. He was a member and served as a deacon of Walnut Chapel Church for several years. He attended church as long as his health permitted.

Dad was a wonderful loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather and friend. He was a kind, gentle and generous man and an inspiration to all, who was always ready to help his fellow man. He had to work hard for the survival of his family. His faith in God gave him strength to overcome all hardships of life. May we evermore endeavor to walk in his footsteps. Dad was noticeably moved by the Holy Spirit and joyfully rejoiced in His blessings. His work in this life is finished, but his testimony will live on. We will find comfort and strength in all the precious memories of him, knowing that this brave soldier of the cross has laid his armor down here on earth, but has received his heavenly crown. We will soon be united again for that great homecoming on that final resurrection morning never to part again.

- Written by his children

WILLARD KAY ROLLER was born October 28, 1915 and went home to be with Jesus April 28, 2005.

Kay was preceded in death by his wife, Mary "Polly" Bledsoe Roller; parents, Eliza Lawson and Emit Roller; stepmother, Randa Bledsoe Moore Roller; 2 sisters, Minnie Wallen and Lucy Hamilton; 1 brother, Mannie Roller and 1 stepbrother, T. M. Moore.

He is survived by 1 son, Jack Roller; 4 daughters, Linda Charles, Debra Price, Vickie Roller and Lucy Roller; 4 grandchildren; 1 sister, Elsie Roller; 5 brothers, Conley, Gene, Carroll, Harold and Donald Roller.

Kay was saved, baptized and joined Beech Grove Church, but later he and Polly moved their memberships to Mt. Mitchell Church, where they taught Sunday School and worked diligently for the cause of Christ. He was a devout Christian and spent much of his time studying, meditating and discussing the scriptures. He always had a good testimony. Kay often would say he was glad of the day he came to know the truth.

We are glad he had his hope in Christ. We miss our precious daddy, but we know we will see him again because we share the same hope. One day we will sing with momma and dad the song the angels can't sing!

- Written by a daughter, Debra Price

ASHLEY LOU-ANN ROWE was born August 12, 2005 at 4:30 PM and went home to be with the Lord at 4:40 PM.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, William and Angus Rowe, Anne Marie Adams and Carroll Flank Bloomer.

She is survived by her parents, Will and Sherry Rowe; grandparents, William and Joann Brown, Thomas H. and Bonnie Rowe, Parmer Robinette, Bonnie Robinette and Morris Mounts; great grandparents, Harry J. Adams,

Joe and Emma Jean Robinette and Gertrude Hall; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Baby Ashley was with us for only a short time, but now she has gone on to be with the Lord. She will forever live in our hearts and minds. She'll never suffer and face temptation or pain. Now she is forever cradled in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- Written by Kristy Robinette

CAROLYN LOUISE RUSH went home to be with the Lord on May 16, 2005 at the age of 50.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harry Frank Estes.

She is survived by her husband, Sanford "Pete" Rush, 2 sons, Sanford D. "Bud" and Jason Rush; 2 granddaughters; mother, Gwendolyn Estes; 3 sisters, Shirley McCarter, Betty Sexton and Delina Rines and 1 brother, Johnny Estes.

She was a faithful member of Little Redeemed Church. She had a long battle with cancer but she kept the faith, she always put others before herself even through her sickness. She is sadly missed by the church, her family and friends.

- Written by the family (Betty)

VIRGINIA G. SCAMMAHORN was born July 4, 1930 and went home to be with the Lord May 25, 2005. She was the daughter of Osa and Marvin Stewart.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her parents; 1 brother, Denzil Stewart; and 2 sisters, Marie Robinette and Jewell O'bryan.

She is survived by 3 sons, Ron, James and John; 4 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Juanita Payne; 1 brother, James Stewart and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Virginia was saved at a young age and joined Osborne's Chapel Church, where she remained a member until death.

We cherished the times she shared her experiences in life with us. We loved you dearly and will meet on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her niece, Penny VanHoose

HERMAN W. SHUFFLEBARGER was born on July 12, 1912 and passed from this life into the arms of Jesus on August 16, 2005 at the age of 93.

Herman was preceded in death by his parents, Harry W. and Nettie Mae Parsons Shufflebarger.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Cordie Faye Vaughn Shufflebarger; 1 daughter, Barbara Poe; 1 son, Bill Shufflebarger; 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Herman was a deacon and trustee for many years at Valley View Church where he was a faithful member until his health failed.

- Written by his family

MADGE PRESLEY SMITH was born April 23, 1909 and departed this life December 3, 2004 at the age of 95 years, 7 months and 10 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Fred Smith; parents, Tom and Rosa Presley; and 5 brothers, Graham, Taulbee, Harless, Sam and Jack Presley.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Louise Smith; 3 sisters, Edna Morris, Gladys Breeding and Sylvia Breeding; and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Madge was a devoted Christian and was always beside her husband as he went about among the churches preaching the gospel. At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of West View Church.

- Written by Elder Burnice Sybert

DAPHNE KILGORE STAPLETON passed away October 16, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Noah C. Stapleton; parents, John and Mary Ellen Kilgore; 1 sister, Mayda Fletcher; 1 daughter, Gaye Blankenbeckler; 1 son, Larry Stapleton; 2 grandsons and 3 infant great grandchildren.

Surviving are 5 daughters, Joann Palmer, Nell Kendrick, Marie Addington, Flo Minton and Carol Culbertson; 2 sons, John and Roy; 1 foster son, John Stapleton, Jr.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren; 13 step grandchildren; 34 step great grandchildren; 22 step great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

She was a loving, kind person who raised a large family, cared for many sick people, remained a solid rock in the family, and a strong pillar in the community and church. She was a member of Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church for more than 80 years, having joined in 1924 and attended faithfully as long as health permitted.

She is missed so much by her family and friends, but we know she is resting from her labors until the time we can all be together again in heaven.

- Written by the family

CALLIE SUMPTER STURGILL was born June 18, 1915 and passed from this life June 14, 2005 being 89 years, 11 months and 27 days old.

Callie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charlie Sturgill; 1 daughter, Doris Rasnick; 1 adopted son, Michael Sturgill; parents, William Henry and Susannah Day Sumpter; 6 brothers and 4 sisters.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Betty Stagnolia and Davetta Dobb; 1 sister, Lina Boggs; 10 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

She was a long time, faithful member of Blair Chapel Church until her illness prevented her from attending services. All the family misses her beautiful smile and her special ways, but we know she is now resting in peace and suffering no more. We'll be together again some day.

- Written by her daughter, Betty Stagnolia

JAMES RAY TAYLOR was born November 22, 1925 and went to live with Jesus December 31, 2004.

He was preceded in death by 1 daughter, Wilma Taylor; parents, James and Mattie Taylor; and 2 brothers, Clyde and Robert Taylor.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Hildred Taylor; 1 son, Danny Taylor; 1 grandson; 2 sisters, Lola Taylor and Mae McMurray; and a host of family and friends.

Ray sang with the Taylor Quartet for years traveling to area churches and radio broadcasts. After the death of his brother and sister-in-law, he sang in church by himself and everyone would ask for him to sing "Preaching by the Roadside," one of his favorite songs. Ray was loved by all that knew him and always had a smile on his face. Ray attended New Hurland Baptist Church

and also attended special services at Hickman Memorial and Gardner's Memorial.

- Submitted by his family

KYLE HERMAN TRENT was born March 25, 1911 and passed away September 10, 2003. He was the father of Elder Roger Trent and the grandfather of Elder Terry Sizemore.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Cody Trent; 1 daughter, Matilda Trent; 1 son, Gerald Trent; and his parents, Milum Trent and Laura Winstead.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Trent; 4 daughters, Juanita Lawson, Betty Sizemore, Ruth Manning and Phyllis Brooks; 1 son, Elder Roger Trent and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren, many friends and loved ones. He has gone to be with Jesus where he will suffer no more.

- Written by the family

MARY RUTH OSBORNE TURNER was born May 20, 1922 and departed this life September 19, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. R. R. Turner; and parents, James K. and Molly Horton Osborne.

She is survived by her daughter, Ellen Gutierrez; 3 grandchildren; 1 brother, Aaron Osborne; 2 sisters, Ester Roop and Evelyn Muller; numerous nieces and nephews and generations of Carson-Newman College alumni, whom she taught and many friends in Jefferson County.

Mary Ruth was the widow of prominent Carson-Newman professor and Jefferson County minister, Dr. R. R. Turner. She began her lifelong teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Lee County, VA, as well as in the high schools of Lee and Wise Counties in Virginia and Jefferson County, TN. She became an assistant professor at Carson-Newman College, where she taught English until her retirement. She was a super lady who loved to be around her many friends and help those in need. She is greatly missed by her family, friends and church.

- Written by the family

DOYLE J. WALLEN was born May 10, 1916 and passed away February 6, 2005 at the age of 88 years, 8 months and 27 days.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ora Wallen; 1 daughter, Geneva Wallen; parents, Jimmy and Doshie Wallen; 5 brothers and 1 sister.

He is survived by his wife, Manilla O. Wallen; 2 sons, B. K. (Jim) and Duffer Wallen; 3 stepdaughters, Judy Robinette, Iretta Johnson and Dovia Osborne; 6 grandchildren; 5 step grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 4 sisters, Bessie Hall, Ruby Eldridge, Cleo Blevins and Blonde Livesay; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was a loving father, grandfather, devoted husband and a wonderful friend. He always had a smile and lived life to the fullest.

Doyle never joined a church, but for a number of years he attended West View Church. He sang bass for the Sullivan County Harmonizers for several years and loved listening to gospel music

- Written by Elder Burnice Sybert

EVAN D. WALLEN was born September 5, 1909 and went to be with Jesus on August 8, 2005 at the age of 95 years. He was the last surviving sibling of the late Garfield and Paralee Willis Wallen.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Mary W. Johnson and Flora W. James; 5 brothers, Fred, Roy, Phillip, Jim and Joe Wallen and 2 granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Euna Willis Wallen; 2 sons, E. B. and Eugene Wallen; 2 daughters, Leo Bumgardner and Bertie Hammond; 11 grandchildren and several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was saved at an early age and remained a member of Osborne's Chapel Church where he was the oldest living member at the time of his death. He also attended Heritage Wesleyan Church in Whitmire as long as his health permitted. He loved to rejoice in the Lord when people would visit him in his home. He served his country in the U. S. Army during World War II and was a retiree of Lydia Mill in Clinton, SC. He had suffered from declining health for several years, but now has entered into eternal peace and rest. He is loved and missed by his family and friends, but he will live on with us in our hearts and memories until we meet again.

- Written by his nieces, Mary Ruth Davidson and Carolyn Fannon

VIRGIE MAE WILLIAMS was born September 23, 1927 and went to be with the Lord on December 27, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clyde Williams Jr.; second husband, Tom Williams; 1 son, Clinton Lamar (Toad) Williams; parents, Floye and Joe Bailey and 1 brother, Walter Clinton Bailey.

She is survived by 1 son, Billy Joe Williams; 1 stepson, Tim Williams; 2 grandsons; 2 great grandsons; several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Long Hollow Church where she is missed very much. Sleep on Virgie till we meet again.

- Written by a special nephew, Danny Bailey

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