

# **PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

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**Thursday Morning, October 1, 2009**

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 157<sup>th</sup> annual session with Fairview Church, Bellbrook, Ohio.

Over 70 years ago, people from various mountain sections of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky began to migrate to this area of Ohio as they sought a more prosperous way of life. Many found employment in industrial plants in this area and established their homes and farms in the vicinity.

Although they were enjoying their new homes and better means of earning a living, there was something not quite to their satisfaction. They visited various churches and sought to worship with them, but there was a spiritual atmosphere they had known previously that was missing from them here. They started having services in their homes, in groves, or wherever a building could be found when weather conditions prevented them from meeting outside. As they enjoyed these services, a need for a church building of their own was felt.

The location where the church now is, and where an old church building had stood many years ago with an adjoining cemetery, was offered to them and arrangements were made for it to become the permanent location of a band of Primitive Baptist people. This was made possible with the help of "Uncle" George Driskel, who owned the land. Although he was a member of another organization, he was a true friend of this church.

The original building was erected and in August, 1938 the church was formally organized with the help of Elders E. A. Robinette, W. H. Burke, H. V. Hall and J. H. Sybert. The building was dedicated, and the first Union Meeting held. The church was admitted to the Eastern District Association in October, 1938 with 37 members on roll.

The original 18 charter members included Brothers Orbin Barnett, Claude Barnett, Clyde Barnett, Jesse Barnett, Dewey Bledsoe, Hammie Fleenor, Lewis Joyner, Bryan Moore, Rhea Johnson, and Clarence Slagle and Sisters Minnie Barnett, Hattie Barnett, Helen Barnett-Slagle, Lillie Bledsoe, Ollie Fleenor, Mary Gilliam, Euna Joyner and Mary Moore. These brothers and sisters have all gone on to be with the Lord.

The original building was remodeled and improved from time to time. The present building was completed and dedicated in November, 1965. The old building is presently being used as a Fellowship Hall. Present membership is 133.

Elder Clarence Slagle, who was the first pastor, served in that capacity the greater part of the time until 1976, and others who have served as pastor include the following: Elders Joe Dean, Frank Brown, Roland Callahan, Charles Roller, Luther Abrams, Bryan Moore, Elmer Parsons, Crawford Sage,

Ron Bledsoe, Kenneth Mitchell, and Hasco Jenkins, who just recently passed away. Current pastors are Elders Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, his son and assistant.

The first Deacons included Brothers Orbin Barnett, Lewis Joyner and Bryan Moore, who all are at rest with the Lord. The influence from their guidance is still remembered and felt here. Others who have served as Deacons in the past were Brothers Owsley, Leonard Davis, Homer Lovins, Jim Osborne, Crawford Sage, Bobby Taylor, William Vanover, Kyle Vanzant, Ron Bledsoe, Kenneth Mitchell, Emerson Browning and Morris Giles. Current Deacons are Brothers Ray Eldridge and Eldon "Sonny" Wallen.

Brother Lewis Joyner was the first Clerk/Treasurer and served the church well until moving to Florida in 1966. The next Clerk was Sister Virginia Hall Osborne, daughter of Elder Hobart Hall, who served until her untimely death in January, 1974. Next was Sister Berneda Moore Vanover, daughter of Elder Bryan Moore, who served until 1979 when she moved to Tennessee. She was followed by Sister Betty Barnett Livingston, granddaughter of Brother Orbin Barnett, who served until 1982. She was succeeded by Brother Kenneth Mitchell, until his untimely death in 2002. He was succeeded by his wife, Sister Charlene Slagle Mitchell, who is still serving as Clerk, with Sister Lois Taylor as her Assistant.

In 1950, Sister Georgia Moore Sage, daughter of Elder Bryan Moore, was elected as Treasurer, and served well until her death in 2008. The current Treasurer is Betty Barnett Livingston, with Brother Keith Sage, son of Georgia Sage, as her Assistant.

Presently serving as Trustees are Brothers Eldon "Sonny" Wallen, Cleve Mitchell, and Will Rowe. Trustees who served over the years include Brothers Orbin Barnett, Bryan Moore, Claude Baker, Harry Brown, Cleveland Slagle, John Osborne, Lace Maynard, Homer Lovins, Kenneth Mitchell, Ron Bledsoe, George Livingston, Morris Mounts, William Webb, Leonard Davis, Dewey Bledsoe, Sherman Cole, Dale Cole, Chuck Davis, Warren Kail and Eric Mitchell.

In the name of the Lord, we thank each of you here today and all those who have gone ahead of us to meet the Lord, for the strength and guidance you have given this church throughout the years.

The setting of this association is the 4<sup>th</sup> time the association has met with this church since it came to be a part of this body. We take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to all sister churches who have in any way assisted in preparing for this 157<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. May God's richest blessings be upon you all.

The frosty morning gave way to bright sunshine, which warmed the air as God warmed the hearts of His children. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in song. This world and its sorrows will all pass away in the sweet bye and bye when we meet on that beautiful shore. God's matchless

love assures us that forever we will be with the One who suffered in our place. Draw us nearer, blessed Lord to the cross where Thou hast died. We are on our way to a land where our darkest night will turn to day and the soul of man never dies. Joy without measure will be our treasure in our heavenly home where loved ones are watching and waiting our coming. Don't long for this world and its sorrows, for Jesus bled and died to take away our sin. Then sings our soul, our Savior God to thee, how great Thou art!

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service with a verse of Amazing Grace. We were once blind, but now we see clearly. When we've been there ten thousand years, we'll just begin to live. These hallowed grounds are precious to us. As we look out over these memorials, we know this is not the final resting place for the saints of God. We thank God for each one, for we know they wait on the Lord's return to receive His children home.

Sister Zula led the congregation in singing the old song that has become the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." Let us pray that holy manna will be showered all around.

Elder Sizemore mentioned the passing of Elder Hasco Jenkins since we last met. It was also noted that Elder James (Jimbo) Calhoun passed from us, too. He reminded everyone to turn in church letters and obituaries. Don Gordon was appointed as an alternate on the Church Letter Committee during 2008, which would make two voting members from the same church on the committee. Don agreed to hold off until next year, so the moderator appointed David Horton to the Church Letter Committee for 2009.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises which includes: Joe Robinette (chairman), Sam VanHoose and Billy Jack Johnson.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our country, our churches, those serving in the military, each other, Sister Townsie Godsey's family, Bobby Williams, Tammy Pendleton, Allen Hensley, Tee and Rosie Johnson, John Turner, Josh Jones, Eckel Head, Clifton Horne's mother and brothers, A. D. Howington, Lolita Horne, John Bowlin, Jim Bowlin, Maxie Marcum, Henrietta Adams, John Arnott, Jess and Lillie Akens, Donald Lowell Johnson and family, those that could not be here in the service, and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. After his wonderful testimony, Elder John Turner led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

Elder Jason Robinette, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone with his testimony and song. We shall wear palms of victory and crowns of glory, for deliverance will come and we will reach the Promised Land.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Robinette took the first part of the service. He read Psalm 87, the same chapter read in 1974 by his grandfather, Ben Hill, and used as a text "The City of God." Let us come forward that others can see our true and living God. We were on the outside looking in, but thanks to God, He made the way for us to enter the city not made with hands. The foundation was laid long ago and we have a home

whose builder and maker is God. Alienated and far off, God made a way for us that we might be heirs and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Now we are the light of the world - a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid. The best is yet to come for God's children. Jesus will descend from heaven and we'll meet in the air, ever to be with the Lord.

Elder Joseph Robinette took the second part of the service. We're headed for a city where no sorrows ever come, and we'll all live together over there. Thank God for that city. He read from Hebrews 11:13-16, "God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city." Though we are now in a wilderness, we seek a country to come, a city not made with hands. He takes care of our treasures in His vast storehouse. While the inward man is renewed daily, this outward man is appointed once to die, but this inward man will live throughout eternity. Our steps may be getting slower, but one day we'll run. God holds the key to salvation and He is still able to save.

Adjourned for lunch.

### **Thursday Afternoon, October 1, 2009**

After a bountiful lunch served by the host church, the congregation gathered in the tent for the afternoon service. It won't be very long till Jesus shall appear; that day is drawing near. If we keep trusting the unseen hand that guides us through this weary land, it will lead us to our heavenly home. What joy it is to know that Jesus loves us. In God we can bid farewell to every fear and wipe our weeping eyes to face the frowning world. Some day when we've traveled our last mile here, we'll enter the lifeboat which will carry us safely home. Through Christ we will safely reach heaven our home, for He will hold to our hand. What a day, glorious day when we shall look upon the face of the One who saved us by His marvelous grace.

We were blessed with songs and testimony from Leona Keester, Elder Darrell Ratliff, Aubra Hill and Elder Terry Sizemore. We have a better home where no sin can ever come. Our faith will end in sight when we reach sweet Beulah land. There is a place where people don't die, hearts don't break and people live forever. Jesus came here to show us the way, and one day soon the saints will arise to meet in the skies to get on a cloud and go home.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service and thanked the host church for the wonderful lunch. We are truly thankful that He did not come here to save this body, but to show us the way of eternal peace and joy.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, those made during the morning service, Terry Ketron, L.E. Hill and his family, Kristi Snapp, Ruby Osborne, Gleason Storie, this grand old body, Ralph and Anna Lawson's sons and Anna's brother, all those serving our country in the military and their families, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Tommy Meade took our petitions to the Lord.

Brother Gary Henard, chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. He noted the letters from Jenkins Chapel and Shelby Creek were not received. A total of 63 churches were recommended by the committee to be accepted. 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.

This delegation was seated in order to conduct the business of the association.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. Elder Greg Hill was nominated. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Elder Greg Hill came forward to serve during the election.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as clerk and treasurer of the association. Brother Danny Lawson was nominated to serve as clerk and treasurer and a second was received for the nomination. It was motioned and seconded for nominations to cease. Through the vote by acclamation, he will serve for the ensuing year.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as moderator of the association. Elder Terry Sizemore was nominated to serve as moderator of the association and a second was received for the nomination. It was motioned and seconded for nominations to cease. Through the vote by acclamation, Elder Sizemore will serve as moderator for the ensuing year.

Elder Sizemore thanked Elder Hill for standing as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials.

Speaking for himself and the clerk, he thanked the delegation for the confidence placed in us for these positions. It is an honor to represent this grand old body. It is taken very seriously and every attempt is made to act in a manner befitting these offices that God may receive the honor and glory. We desire the prayers of God's children in everything we attempt during the next year.

The moderator asked for a motion and second to allow him to appoint all committees necessary to carry on the business of the association. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the moderator to appoint any and all such committees.

Brother Sam VanHoose of the Committee on Religious Exercises came forward to give the report.

Thursday night:

Stand: Scott Tipton and Gordon Justice

Clear Springs: Virgil Lipe, David Jerrell and Josh Couch

Macedonia: Greg Hill, Darrell Ratliff and Burnice Sybert

Rose Chapel: Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith and Oscar Irvin

Friday morning: October 2, 2009

Stand: John Turner and Roger VanHoose

Church: Greg Hill, Mike Fullington and Darrell Ratliff

The moderator appointed the Committee on Electrical and PA System: Delmer McPherson (chairman), Elders David Jerrell and Virgil Lipe, Scott Mellons, Bobby Caudill, Eric McPherson and Danny Lawson

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers – Eddie Malone (chairman), Jerry Johnson and Bobby Carter; Deacons – Steve Minton and Doug McClain; Laymen – Larry Russell and Null Lawson.

Committee on Finance: Jim Lykins (chairman), Bill Winstead and Daniel Smith.

Committee on Obituaries: Greg Hill (chairman), Josh Couch and David VanHoose.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Lewis Baker, Scott Tipton, Shane Russell, Burnice Sybert, Brad Dutton and Richard Seiber.

The moderator informed the delegation that excused absence forms for school are available from the clerk.

The clerk reported all financial transactions to the delegation.

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

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 2, 2009.

## **Friday Morning, October 2, 2009**

The Lord blessed us with rain on the second day of this grand event, but this didn't dampen the spirits of God's children as He so richly blessed. Sister Zula led the congregation in songs of praise. In that land where we'll never grow old, we can praise Him in the way He so richly deserves. Won't it be wonderful when the trials of this life are over and we can live with Christ some happy day?

The congregation was blessed with special singing and testimony from the Copper Creek Church singers and June Kail. Nothing but the blood of Jesus can wash away our sin and make us whole. The unseen hand leads us

through this world of woe and will lead us to that home where neither sin nor sorrow can come. Beyond the grave is a land prepared by God's own hand that will be home to all the saints of old.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service. Thank God for the blessing of gathering one more time with His children. God knows exactly what we need.

Elder Oscar Irvin apologized to the association and Elder Bobby Williams for the misinterpretation concerning the doctrine of the predestination of souls. Let us stand together that we may have the drawing power of God in our midst. When we walk together, Jesus' name will be lifted up and He will draw men to Him.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military and their families, our association, our country, Della Mae Malone and her family, Eckel Head, John Turner, Gary Fitch, Tammy Pendleton, Elizabeth Jenkins, Gerald Jones, Stella Sybert, Eugene Wallen, Eugene and Dexal Greer, Junior and Wanda Osborne, Emily Snell and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. Elder Neal Drinnon blessed us with his wonderful testimony just before taking us to the throne of grace in a soul-stirring prayer.

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 John Turner, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. His testimony blessed us so wonderfully as he described how he got started in this grand old body. He read St. John 1:36-46, using as his text a portion of the 46<sup>th</sup> verse, "Come and see." Nathaniel said, "Can there be any good thing come out of Nazareth?" When we see the Lord for ourselves, we can come to know Him. Jesus can give us a drink from which we will never thirst again. When we ask God in faith believing, we will receive. The woman at the well went away saying, "Come see a man who told me all things." Jesus is passing by, and all who believe shall be saved. Thank God for old time salvation. We have to come and see for ourselves to receive God's blessings.

Elder Roger VanHoose followed with another wonderful message and song. When we get saved, we learn what life is really about. Our real home is on high where no tear drops will dim our eyes. We must decrease that Christ might increase. God is well pleased with His son, and we depend on Him. God's word tells us the poor shall have the gospel preached unto them. We know that God is with us, for no man can do these miracles without Him. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Men shall not enter into heaven unless they are saved by grace through faith. Salvation will take us through this life safely to the other side. Because of Him we live today. Thank God for the privilege of meeting to

worship our Lord in truth and spirit. Pray that God will open the sinner's eyes that they can see what we have in serving our Lord.

The congregation worshiped God in song as we were adjourned for lunch.

## **Friday Afternoon, October 2, 2009**

The congregation came together in the tent with songs of praise after a wonderful lunch served by the host church. No matter what we may see in this old world, nothing is better than an old time Christian. Christ shed His own blood for our soul, our sin is nailed to the cross and we bare it no more; therefore, we can proclaim it is well with our soul. On Christ the solid rock we stand, for all other ground is as sinking sand.

We were blessed with wonderful songs and testimony by Joe Sizemore, Elder Daniel Smith and Faye Mallory. This weary land brings us pain and sorrow, but the first ten thousand years will be our grand homecoming as we step inside those gates of pearl. How sweet the sound of God's amazing grace that taught our heart to fear and grace our fears relieved. Grace led us safe thus far and it will lead us safely home. Jesus saved us and His sweet assurance is enough to take us home.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for the wonderful lunch and thanked God for such a wonderful place to be. We thank God most of all for the precious soul that was saved this morning in the church. Victoria Ramey came to know the Lord in the free pardon of sin. God is able to save those that will come to Him.

Prayer requests were made for all those in the previous services, the unsaved, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Michael Willis, Earl Johnson, Darrell Laughlin, Brenda Russell's grandchildren and daughter, Glennis Little's family, Eula Sturgill, Darrell and Shirlene Manis and family, Christy Thompson, Phil Crittenden's sister, Tanner, Marshall Johnson, Richard Stevens' brother and coworker, Missy Wallen and many unspoken requests. Brother Billy Jack Johnson blessed us with his testimony and led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Sam VanHoose read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Friday night:

Stand: Richard Seiber and Terry Sizemore

Clear Springs: Greg Hill and Daniel Smith

Macedonia: Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Bobby Carter and Gordon Justice

Rose Chapel: Burnice Sybert, Mike Fullington and Neal Drinnon



Saturday morning, October 3, 2009:

Stand: Burnice Sybert and Terry Sizemore

Saturday night:

Stand: Tommy Meade and Joe Pitzer

Clear Springs: Harold Shaw, Donald Lowell Johnson and Jerry Johnson

Sunday morning:

Stand: Daniel Smith and Josh Robinette

Rose Chapel: David Jerrell and Tommy Meade

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

The Committee on Finance reported \$9,028.40 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

Elder Bill Winstead praised God and thanked the association for their prayers and contributions on behalf of Donnie Johnson. The contributions allowed him to get water up on the mountain in his home and to fix other things.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 53 have been received at this time.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that one query had been received. The query had three parts as follows: 1.) Are all ministers listed in our minutes without an asterisk ordained? 2.) Does the asterisk by a name mean they have been set aside to be ordained? 3.) Is it also for those not set aside to be ordained? The chairman read the query to the delegation three times. Our minutes show the names, addresses and telephone numbers of ordained and liberated ministers with the name of the church where each retains his membership. At the end of the minister's list is a notation concerning the asterisk used to denote non-ordained, yet liberated ministers which states: \*These ministers have been recognized by their church as having a gift. Their church has given them the authority to exercise their gift. They are therefore liberated to preach, but are not as yet legally ordained ministers. The committee gave the following answers: 1.) Yes; 2.) No, but they are liberated to preach the gospel. The church that set them aside will ordain them when they are satisfied of their true calling. 3.) Yes. The committee recommended the words "as yet" be removed from the notation resulting in the following: \*These ministers have been recognized by their church as having a gift. Their church has given them the authority to exercise their gift. They are therefore liberated to preach, but are not legally ordained ministers. It was motioned, seconded and voted to bring it to the floor for discussion. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the committee's recommendation to make the change in our minutes. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendation of committee.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries recommended that some of the business be moved from Friday's business session to Thursday's session. Some things that could be considered to be moved are: the reading of the circular letter, discussion of the allowance granted to the clerk in appreciation for his services, allowing the clerk to replenish the necessary forms, etc. to save time and hopefully even out the business for each day. It was motioned, seconded and voted to address this request. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendation of the committee. It was motioned to give the moderator discretion to move business items as needed during the seating of the association. It was noted this has been done in the past and the moderator has this authority, but the motion was seconded and voted to ensure this authority was updated.

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

It was motioned, seconded and voted that the host church will be responsible for the maintenance of the kitchen, with any needed repair costs to be reimbursed by the clerk from association funds.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk \$1,200 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.

Brother Gary Henard came forward to give the final report of the Letter Committee. The letters from Jenkins Chapel and Shelby Creek were received and examined by the committee. They recommended accepting these churches and seating their delegates as part of the voting body of the association. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept these churches. This makes a total of 65 churches.

Elder Sizemore appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 2010 which includes: Ralph Baker (chairman), David Horton, Don Gordon and Bradley Bowen (alternate).

Elders Roger VanHoose, Eckel Head and Fred Gilreath prepared the circular letter. Elder VanHoose came forward to read the letter to this grand body. Its message was to everyone that we might recall the duties of a Christian. In God's eyes, we were all in sin, so let us walk upright in a manner pleasing to God. We must forgive as He forgives us. Keep pressing for the peace of God. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

Elder Burnice Sybert recommended that each pastor read the circular letter, articles of faith, rules of decorum and the church covenant during our church services to help people know and understand just what our association is about. A pastor's duty is to not only preach the gospel, but to

teach his congregation. There is no need for a motion in this matter, because our pastors should be more than willing to do this in our churches.

The moderator appointed the Circular Letter Committee for 2010, which includes: Layman Larry Russell, Elder Scott Tipton and Deacon Roy Jones.

Before the process began for deciding where the association will meet next year, the moderator reminded the delegation that only those chosen or appointed by their respective churches as delegates were allowed to vote. There were 3 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Beech Grove, Burke's Union and Richardson Chapel. Before the plea process started, Beech Grove and Burke's Union withdrew. By a unanimous vote, the delegation sent the association to Richardson Chapel, Louisa, KY where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (September 30, 2010) before the first Saturday in October, 2010. Introductory – Elder Neal Drinnon; Alternate – Elder Brad Dutton.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 3, 2009.

### **Saturday Morning, October 3, 2009**

The cool morning air gave way to bright, beautiful sunshine as God's people gathered for our memorial service. Our Savior hears our humble cry and when we trust His marvelous grace, He will not pass us by. Showers of blessings sent from the Savior above allow mercy drops to fall around us. There is a blessed happy meeting awaiting the saints of God in the morning just inside the eastern gate. Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning and for the bridegroom watch and wait. We see the stars; we hear the rolling thunder as God's power throughout the universe is displayed. As we think of God, His son not sparing, we scarce can take it all in. Marveling at His power, we bow in humble adoration and proclaim, "My God how great Thou art!"

Special singing from Sammy VanHoose was a wonderful blessing to the congregation. As we contemplate the fact that our heart is like a house and there are things we may not like to deal with. When we let Jesus in, He will clean out the hidden sins.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service as he thanked God for the beautiful morning. The markers remind us of precious memories of the dear saints that have gone on before us.

Jason Robinette, pastor of the host church, blessed us with his song of praise. Let us take off the old coat and put on the new coat of our Lord and Savior. He thanked the grand body and the local businesses for helping to make this gathering possible. A special thanks for the women of the church and the township trustees, but above all thanks to the great God of heaven.

We were further blessed by special singing from the Fairview Church youth. God loves the little children. They reminded us to build our house on

the Lord Jesus Christ. It takes the young, middle aged and the old for the church to function as it should. Just as these young people sang, everything's gonna be alright. When we go in God's name, everything will work out as it should.

Thank God for the precious memories of loved ones as we celebrate their lives today in our memorial service.

We need to pray that God will open the hearts of those who do not know Him so they can be saved; also remember in prayer the requests made in previous services, our young people, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Becky Justice, Gary Fitch and family, Eckel Head, Woodrow and Barbara Fields, John and Odell Arnott, John Turner's children, Jim Lykins and family, our churches, each other, Christy Thompson and many unspoken requests. Elder Harold Shaw blessed us with his wonderful testimony just before leading us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

The clerk requested that a change be made in the reading of Friday's minutes to include the name of the young lady, Victoria Ramey, saved in Friday's church service. It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as read with the change requested by the clerk.

The Committee on Religious Exercise conveyed their final report as they noted changes for Saturday night services. Rose Chapel will not meet so they can meet with the host church.

The moderator reminded the delegation that Sister Eileen Brown still sends out notices of revivals and special services. Please let her know by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the announcement to be included in the next month's announcements.

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.

The moderator read the list of names of those that have left our ranks since we last met. Thank God for the precious memories of these dear friends and loved ones that have gone on to their reward. These memories get us through the trying times of this old world.

Elder Tommy Meade requested that a change be made for the minister asked to preach the introductory sermon next year at Richardson Chapel. He asked that Elder Neal Drinnon preach the introductory sermon instead of himself.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercise, Elder Burnice Sybert came forward to take the first part of the service. We will

know our blessed Redeemer when we reach the other side. We long to see our Savior first of all. As we recall those who have passed on during this year and in years past, our hearts may be sad, but we rejoice in knowing they are with the Lord. It is extremely important to include our young people in church activities and in our association so they can understand what this grand body is all about. Elder Sybert read John 12:20-32 and used as his text a portion of the 21<sup>st</sup> verse, "We would see Jesus." God created the heavens and the trinity spoke and said, "let us make man in our own likeness." They knew what man would be; that he would sin, but making man was a labor of love. We can't comprehend what the Godhead may look like, but God's word tells us if you have seen me, you have seen the Father. As God walked in the cool of the day, He knew where Adam was, but He asked where he was. He knew man had failed and man has not walked in the same way with God since Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden of Eden. When we seek Jesus, we must have a desire to know about Jesus personally. To do this, He must be lifted up at Calvary through the preaching of the gospel. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." These dear saints are resting today in the presence of the Lord. Soon there will be revealed a mystery that we shall be changed in a moment and a twinkling of an eye.

Elder Terry Sizemore took the second part of the service, delivering another wonderful message from the Lord. We must recognize the order where God uses people. Let us go where our help will ultimately come from, Jesus. We have a responsibility to help our people see Jesus. We had to go to the source and we must show our people that the true source of our existence is Jesus Christ. Salvation can only come from Jesus. We can't save them, but we can take them where Jesus is. His power reveals the Lord to people today as in the past. God helps us to get the word out to our people that they might see Jesus. Our people will see Jesus in our lives if we live for Him and put Him first in our life. We are that light set on a hill and men must look at the church to see Jesus in the lives of the saints of God. We would see Jesus in each other, for God's children are the church and it is in our lives that others can see Jesus.

These men were a blessing, for they preached Jesus and Him crucified. Praise God for all our preaching brethren that stand from time to time and preach Jesus. The Lord is coming again. Heaven will surely be worth it all. Thank God for His storehouse of blessings that He has blessed us with during this time.

## **Sunday Morning, October 4, 2009**

God has really blessed his people this week and today we still rejoice on this, the close of the 157<sup>th</sup> Association. The weather is cool, but sunny.

You certainly could feel the spirit of God as the congregation sang "I'll Fly Away," "I'm Living in Canaan Now," "Redeemed" and "How Firm a Foundation."

Elder Jason Robinette opened the service, announcing there would be a baptizing following the service. Numerous prayer requests were made, including Sammy VanHoose's granddaughter; Sherry Rowe on behalf of Morris Mounts, Annie Cole's brother who is still out in sin and all those in sin. Elder Roger VanHoose led us to the throne of grace with a most humble prayer.

Elder Jason Robinette led the congregation in a song "When I Get Home" that Elder Clarence Slagle introduced to us many years ago.

Special singing by: The Fairview Youth sang "This Little Light of Mine" and "Everything's Gonna be Alright;" June Kail sang "I Call it Home;" Living Water sang "Mama's Just Walking by the Living Water with God" and "I'm Heading Home." The Clearview Singers sang "I've Got So Much to Thank Him For," "Four Days Late" and "When This World Comes to an End, Thank God with Him I Will Live Again."

Elder Daniel Smith sang "Hide Me Rock of Ages" and "Old Man." He then brought the message from Job 14:7, "The Hope of a Man," and the 14<sup>th</sup> verse – "If a man die, shall he live again?" Because He lives, you can live also.

Elder Josh Robinette came forward and read from Genesis 3:22. I'll never leave you nor forsake you, but I will go with you all the way. God is able.

There was definitely a convicting spirit felt by the elders and many others. The congregation sang "Holy Manna," "Do Not Pass Me By," "Kneel at the Cross" and "Precious Lord Lead Me On." No one came forward at this time, but by uplifted hands requests were made for the prayers of God's people.

In closing, singing "Amazing Grace" and "Crimson River," we moved on to the river side for baptizing.

We thank all for their love, prayers, donations and any way you have helped to make this grand old body what it is today. May God richly bless all who traveled the many miles. There is no greater love and friendship than with God's people.

We thank God for those souls saved in today's services. Dave Leisheit and Gary Penewit came to know the Lord as their personal Savior today.

Special thanks go to Sister Charlene Mitchell, clerk of the host church, for giving me the details of today's service and to Sister Betty Livingston for sending all the information to me. I really appreciate the assistance these ladies gave me during this wonderful gathering at Fairview.

## **CIRCULAR LETTER**

Brethren, by the grace of God we have been able to gather once again at our 157<sup>th</sup> session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. In these 157 years, there have been a lot of changes.

People used to take care of one another. When someone got sick, the community took care of them. We now have nursing homes and health care workers. We can call professionals, and they will be there in a matter of minutes. These are for the well being of the outward man.

We have had the opportunity to meet and talk with some of our older ministers. They have told of the things that have happened along the way in their lives. Reminiscing, as we all do, we tend to think about the things that have had the greatest impact on our Christian lives. When thinking about the church services that we have been able to be a part of, we often try to express these times to our children, hoping they will see and understand how wonderful it is to serve the Lord.

We talk about the old paths and what was laid out before us. Abel offered up his sacrifice by faith. We are still the light of the world. The duty of a Christian is still the same.

The question is often asked, "What ever happened to the old time way?" God has not changed! We still worship like our fathers before us in spirit and in truth.

As young Christians, we depended on the older ones to take care of the affairs of the church, such as opening the doors, cleaning and maintaining the building. These are the natural things that we try to teach the next generation. But it's not the natural things of the world that make us who we are. How can we be an example to our children and teach them about the old paths if we don't follow the spirit and walk therein? Looking back can sometimes show us what we need to be in the future, which is something that can be handed down to our children and our children's children.

Let us walk hand in hand for the cause of Christ. We must have forgiveness in our hearts for one another, looking beyond faults and failures. According to God, if you break one commandment, you're guilty of all. It doesn't matter what we think is more sinful. In God's eyes, we were all in sin. That he might bring forth his own righteousness which is Christ... This is why we should show love and compassion one toward another. Love shall hide a multitude of sins. Whatsoever you have done to the least of my brethren you have done unto me.

Jesus said that if a brother trespass against thee, rebuke him and forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day and seven times in a day turn to thee saying, "I repent," forgive him. In other words, we should not have an aught against anyone. If forgiveness is in our hearts, even if they don't ask, we should forgive. And if we forgive our brother their trespasses, our heavenly father will forgive us our trespasses. The scripture says, "in malice be ye children, but in understanding be ye men."

When we get saved by the grace of God, it's not us anymore, it's Him. We have been bought with a great price. Therefore, glorify God in your body and your spirit, which are God's. Peter said, "I write unto you in both, which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance."

So let us “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

May God bless you all.

Your brothers in Christ,  
Fred Gilreath  
Eckel Head  
Roger VanHoose

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

In nineteen hundred sixty six, or forty two year ago, our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers stood as we are today when this grand body convened in the one hundred forty second annual session of this association. They may have arrived in a completely different manner, but they came for the purpose of worshiping God and praising His holy name. Thank God for the privilege of meeting here some forty years later to do the same. The church at Fairview, OH has done everything in their power to make your stay with them enjoyable and blessed. There is no doubt their sacrifices are not in vain, for God has allowed us to partake of heavenly manna once again. Our heartfelt thanks go to the church and the surrounding community for all they have done.

Fifty eight churches sent donations totaling \$8,530 to their sister church to help with the costs for hosting this grand body. In addition, many have made private donations and given their time to support the church and all the members of this grand body. Our appreciation and sincere thanks go out to everyone who has taken part in this work of faith. I know the Fairview Church sincerely appreciates and offers their deepest thanks.

We have a devoted and supportive moderator in Elder Terry Sizemore. We thank him and his family for all they do throughout the year. His dedication and devotion to this position does not end when this session is over, but continues throughout the year. We pray God will continue to bless him in all his efforts. The type of job does not matter, for if you picked up a piece of trash or served a piece of cake, we tender our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who has given of themselves to serve. While the association business is not vast in the eyes of the business world, we thank those who helped in making it go forth according to God's will. Your willingness to do God's work is greatly appreciated.

Sometimes we fail to realize what a great God we serve. He tells us in Hebrews 13:5, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” He will go with us till the end. Even more importantly is the fact that He goes before us to prepare the way. It was recently said that in the coming years, it will be more difficult to stand on faith. Therefore, our faith must be strong so we can follow wherever Jesus leads. To question God is a sin that must be overcome regardless of the costs. We don't question our boss when we are asked to do a difficult task; therefore, we must endeavor to do God's will in everything and



every way possible. He has never failed us nor will He, so we must strive to do His will. We are thankful for our daily blessings. Fairview Church has depended on Him in every aspect of their work here. We thank them for all their efforts in making our stay in their community more pleasant. We pray God will continue to richly bless them in all they 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, 2005, 2006)

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.

(Adopted at Blackwater, Tennessee – 1881; published 1970)

(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.)

(Adopted at Piney Grove Church – 1886; published 1970)

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

Answer: No.

(Adopted at Jenkins Chapel Church – 1982; published 1983)

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

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

(Adopted at Blackwater Lick Church – 1978; published 1988)

(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.

(Adopted at Riverside Church – 2005; published 2005)

(F) Resolved, that the ministers and deacons of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists shall not officiate or participate in the marriage between two men or two women; neither will any who engage in a lifestyle contrary to the teaching of the Scriptures as recorded in the King James translation of 1611 be accepted as a minister or deacon in the Association.

(Adopted at Flower Gap Church – 2006; published 2006)

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 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.
22. We believe God instituted marriage as the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife and any other such union is an abomination. Gen 2:18-25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:24-32; Eph. 5:22-33; I Pet. 3:1-7.

## **ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

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



2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and producing letters from their respective churches shall be entitled to seats.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number in fellowship and gains and losses since the last Association.
4. The members chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, neither any clerical power over churches, nor shall they infringe upon the material rights of any church in the union.
5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. New churches may be admitted into the union by letter and delegates; and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted into the Association and manifested by the moderator giving each the right hand of fellowship.
8. Each church shall be entitled to one and not more than four representatives in the Association.
9. Each query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.
10. Each motion and second shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
11. The Association shall furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association.
12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund for defraying expenses, for the raising and supporting of which it shall be the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they may deem proper and send it by the hands of their delegates to the Association.
13. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by the clerk, who shall have a compensation for his trouble.
14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.
15. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, if they deem it necessary.
16. The Association shall have power to provide; first, for a general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the

churches; third, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty.

17. The Association shall have power to inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.
18. The Association shall have power to appropriate the money contributed by the churches to any purpose it may think proper.
19. The Association shall have power to appoint any member or members to transact any business it may deem necessary.
20. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church that violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the principles of orthodox religion.
21. The Association shall have power to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat in the Association.
22. The Association shall have power to adjourn to meet at any future time or place it may deem proper.
23. Each church shall endeavor to have its letter and delegates present on the first day of the Association. Any church not represented at that time shall report to the committee on letters giving their reason for delay.

## **BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN**

*By: Elder I. S. Robinette*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

## LIST OF MINISTERS

Names, addresses and telephone numbers of ordained and liberated ministers, with the name of the church where each retains his membership. Optionally listed is the wife's name in parentheses.

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Banks, Charles, (Elsie) 25 Hitchcock Loop, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-3030 .....	Richardson Chapel
Banks, John, (Barbara) 18 Soward Dr., Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-0443.....	Little Cowan
Bedwell, John D. II, 1664 Smith Creek, Eolia, KY 40826, (606) 633-3223 .....	Little Dove
Bernard, Charles, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 245-6087 .....	Faithful Ministry
*Berry, Wally, 119 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-8567 .....	Willow Chapel
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Bledsoe, Jerry, (Carrie) 937 Slop Creek Rd., Russellville, TN 37860, (423) 312-6259.....	Little Redeemed
Bowlin, John H., (Brenda) 205 E. Central, Bristol, TN 37620, (423) 764-1070 .....	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Brown, Bob, 297 Turtle Pointe, Bean Station, TN 37708, (865) 993-4960.....	Clear Springs
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Carter, Garry, Unknown .....	Macedonia
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Clifford, Donny, (Etta Mae) J.V. Circle, Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-3340 .....	Slate Hill
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Derrick, Gale, 144 Hemlock St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (423) 357-3446 .....	Liberty Chapel
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Gilliam, Frank, (Juanita) 357 Virginia Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 378-5916 .....	Sloantown
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Hill, Lewis E., (Virgia) Rt. 1, Box 9, Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 346-0303 .....	Sloantown
Holbrook, Jeffery, (Sheilah) P. O. Box 70, Ermine, KY 41815, (606) 632-1397 .....	Edwin Holbrook
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Irvin, Oscar, (Priscilla) 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-6226 .....	Poplar Grove
Jarnigan, James, (Janet) 1441 Hwy. 31, Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-9260 .....	Slate Hill
Jarnigan, Jamie L., (Kim) 1447 Hwy. 31, Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 921-3827 .....	Slate Hill
Jarnigan, Robert, (Kathy) 512 Midway Church Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-6427 .....	Slate Hill
Jarrett, Tim, 12422 Horton Hwy., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 234-0107 .....	Caney Creek

Jenkins, Robert, 1332 Longs Bend Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 345-3474 .....	Jenkins Chapel
Jerrell, David, (Verna) 2901 Boatman Mtn. Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-2838 .....	New Life
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Kinsler, Ronnie, 242 Dry Branch Rd., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 300-8957 .....	Union Hill
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*LaFollette, Josh, (Raven) 16 Shelter Cove Rd., Burgaw, NC 28425 .....	House Chapel
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Lipe, Virgil, (Carol) 121 Sulphur Springs Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 235-2014 .....	Pilgrim's Rest
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Manis, Bazzle, (Patricia) 175 Willard Lawson Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-9774 .....	Long Hollow
Manring, Roger, 3769 Fairview Rd., Clinchport, VA 24244, (276) 940-2900 .....	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
McNabb, Donnie, (Diane) 5591 Thompsie Dr., Russellville, TN 37860, (423) 581-0586 .....	Little Redeemed
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Miller, Larry, (Sue) 1531 Shinbone Rd., Russellville, TN 37860, (423) 581-4411 .....	Guthrie's Gap
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Robinette, Josh, (Kristi) 1575 Bowman Dr., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 376-2714.....	Clear Springs
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Smith, Daniel, (Mandy) 179 Willard Lawson Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857 (423) 312-3147.....	Sulphur Springs
Smith, David L., (Deborah) 1388 Wallen Town Rd., Kyles Ford, TN 37765, (423) 733-4583.....	Riverside
Smith, Stacy, (Rhonda) 7395 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Whitesburg, TN 37891, (423) 585-0189.....	Guthrie's Gap
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Watts, Richard, (Brenda) 173 Old Highway Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-4473.....	Pink Hill
Wheeler, Henry, (Launa) 7815 Lane St., Whitesburg, TN 37891, (423) 235-6583.....	New Life
Williams, Glen, (Janette) 340 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-5443.....	Mt. Mitchell
Williams, Robert E., (Juanita) 102 Tresa Rd., Gray, TN 37615, (423) 477-0676.....	Mt. Mitchell
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Willis, Walter C., (Alice) 218 Holston Circle Dr., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-7486.....	Beech Grove

Winstead, Bill, (Betty) 122 Henardtown Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-4405.....Sulphur Springs  
 Woodward, Don, Box 196, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (276) 546-3204 ..... Low View

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Blair Chapel - Wes Bailey .....	P. O. Box 66, Benham, KY 40807,	(606) 848-9008
Blue Springs (Duffield, VA) - Doris Fee .....	Rt. 1, Box 142D1, Duffield, VA 24244,	(276) 546-3549
Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA) - Brenda B. Horton .....	7514 Bristol Hwy., Hiltons, VA 24258-6406,	(276) 386-3535
Burke's Union - Ada McPherson .....	4650 Dry Creek Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 431-2756
Butcher's Valley - Tonda Clonce .....	275 Simpson Loop, Rogersville, TN 37857,	(423) 348-1346
Cadet - Vicky Jones .....	1716 Dawson Ave. West, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219,	(276) 523-3905
Caney Creek - Lloyd Morelock .....	P. O. Box 1085, Greeneville, TN 37744,	(423) 787-9342
Chestnut Flats - D. T. Cross .....	P. O. Box 415, Rural Retreat, VA 24368,	(276) 686-5573
Clear Springs - Kristi Robinette .....	1575 Bowman Dr., Xenia, OH 45385,	(937) 376-2714
Copper Creek (Addington Frame) - Flo Minton .....	439 Farmhouse Dr., Nickelsville, VA 24271,	(276) 479-2905
Coyle's Branch - Irene Cornett .....	95 Clydesdale Lane, Gordon, KY 41819,	(606) 589-4309
Davis Chapel - Janie Woodward .....	Rt. 3, Box 1161, Jonesville, VA 24263,	(276) 346-1403
Edwin Holbrook Memorial - Sheilah Holbrook .....	P. O. Box 70, Ermine, KY 41815,	(606) 632-1397
Fairview (OH) - Charlene Mitchell .....	4225 Delhi Dr., Riverside, OH 45432,	(937) 254-6614
Fairview (VA) - Linda Edwards .....	P. O. Box 177, St. Charles, VA 24282,	(276) 383-4790
Faithful Ministry - Annie Jessee .....	1221 South Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660,	(423) 963-5927



Flower Gap - Anna M. Lawson .....	Rt. 1, Box 141, Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 346-3044
Gardner's Chapel - Joseph H. Estes.....	2874 Crooked Oak, Germantown, TN 38138, (901) 413-9336
Gardner's Memorial - Betty Salley .....	288 Tri State Lime Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 956-1398
Guthrie's Gap - Billie Burns .....	1508 Allison St., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-7959
Hopewell - Deborah L. Eldridge .....	904 Third Street, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-1804
House Chapel - Rebecca Chandler .....	371 Sulphur Springs Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-5723
Hurricane Valley - Glenn Cornett.....	20085 Highway 160, Gordon, KY 41819, (606) 589-6769
Irondale - Ann Phillips .....	1529 Irondale Rd., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, (276) 523-2621
Jenkins Chapel - Debbie Eaton .....	143 Caney Valley Loop, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 357-8023
Kingswood - Denise Brooks.....	2020 Joe Stephens Road, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 231-2219
Liberty Chapel - Kim Ward .....	215 Locust St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (423) 357-3971
Little Cowan - Ramona Caudill .....	1229 Hwy. 2035, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-5105
Little Dove - Carolyn Lewis .....	289 Hwy. 3403, Partridge, KY 40862, (606) 589-2300
Little Redeemed - Deanna Eden.....	1705 Pembroke Dr., Morristown, TN 37813, (423) 318-8282
Long Hollow - JoAnn Jones .....	P. O. Box 415, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 345-2255
Low View - Barbara Bledsoe.....	817 Virginia Ave., Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (276) 546-5004
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Mountain View - Juanita Bowen & Paula Ayers.....	Rt. 1, Box 142-P, Duffield, VA 24244, (276) 546-1014
Mt. Mitchell - Shirley Dalton .....	4174 Carters Valley, Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 502-1853
New Life - Christine Conley.....	4471 E. A. J. Hwy., Lot 15, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-8821
Oak Grove - Sherry Dyer .....	149 Clemon Road, Whitesburg, TN 37891, (423) 235-7369
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley .....	Rt. 1, Box 7A, Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 346-3563
Peterson's Chapel - Michael Peterson.....	22694 U.S. Highway 23 North, Duffield, VA 24244, (276) 431-2752
Pilgrim's Rest - Don Gordon .....	1702 Hwy. 70 North, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-9584
Pink Hill - Lucille Winegar .....	1549 Caney Valley Loop, Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 357-8449
Pond View - Carl B. Collins.....	Rt. 1, Box 595, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (276) 546-1919
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Richardson Chapel - Rosemary Borders .....	13657 Hwy. 1690, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-4516

Riverside - Viola Johnson .....	4282 Main Street, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2928
Roller's Chapel - Kim Robinette .....	2516 Canton Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 431-4725
Rose Chapel - Jessica Moss .....	9349 Deardoff Rd., Franklin, OH 45005, (937) 790-8343
Shelby Creek - Thelma Tate .....	405 Anngea Lane, Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 247-2337
Slate Hill - Wayne Drinnon .....	1899 Slate Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-4541
Sloantown - Frank Gilliam .....	357 Virginia Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 378-5916
Sneedville - Miranda Russell .....	438 Treadway Circle, Thornhill, TN 37881, (423) 733-9359
Sulphur Springs - Betty Winstead .....	122 Henardtown Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-4405
Swan Creek - Danita Dodson .....	5444 Tazewell Hwy., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-8546
Union Hill - Marilyn Kinsler .....	P. O. Box 245, Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 312-7867
Valley View - Wanda Parsons .....	Rt. 1, Box 1300, Dryden, VA 24243, (276) 546-3643
Wallen's Creek - Vivian Seiber .....	Rt. 3, Box 1354, Jonesville, VA 24263-9651, (276) 546-3146
Walnut Chapel - David C. Lloyd .....	1211 Old Eliz. Hwy., Bluff City, TN 37618, (423) 538-8093
West View - Nancy McCullough .....	1675 Carters Valley Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 345-2838
Willis Chapel - Millard R. Hall .....	Rt. 3, Box 1182, Jonesville, VA 24263, (276) 346-3024
Willow Chapel - Earika Marshall .....	2100 Welch Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 288-3675

## A LOOK INTO THE PAST

**100 Years Ago** – Riverside Church in Hancock County, TN, hosted the 57<sup>th</sup> annual Eastern District Association beginning September 30, 1909. Elder E. S. McPherson delivered the introductory sermon from Acts 28:22, “But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.” Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and E. A. Robinett, clerk and treasurer.

**75 Years Ago** – On October 4, 1934 the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual session met with Cox’s Chapel Church, Scott County, VA. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. M. Johnson who read Haggai 2:3 and used as his text “Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now?” He was followed by Elder L. R. Hensley. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator, Elder W. H. Burk assistant moderator and E. I. Robinette, clerk and treasurer. It was moved and seconded to ordain James Hill, Lee Jessie and Harrison Vicars to preach the gospel. They were ordained with prayer by Elder Robert Carter and laying on of hands by the presbytery composed of Elders: E. A. Robinett, F. J. Johnson, T. R. Carter, D. F. Gilley and E. I. Robinette.

**50 Years Ago** – Peterson’s Chapel Church, Duffield, VA, hosted the 107<sup>th</sup> annual session beginning on October 1, 1959. Elder John R. Gardner read St. John 10:9 using “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” for his introductory sermon. Elder Elbert Morgan, the alternate, came forward using the same text. The association elected Elder J. H. Sybert moderator and Ellis I. Wallen, clerk and treasurer.

**25 Years Ago** – October 4, 1984 was the beginning of the 132<sup>nd</sup> annual session hosted by Slate Hill Church, Hawkins County, TN. Elder Henry Wheeler preached the introductory sermon after reading John 1:1-12, using as a text, “The Word.” Elder Richard Watts followed using the same thought. Elder J. H. Sybert 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 - November) and EST is Eastern Standard Time (November - March). Starting times for Sunday School are not included.

**AYERS CHAPEL:** Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Bazzle Manis, moderator.

**BEECH GROVE:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Shirley Lawson, Ralph Lawson, Sr., Ralph Lawson, Jr. and Phil Crittenden; alternates: Elizabeth Moore and Ralph Moore. Dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Phil Crittenden, moderator.

**BLACKWATER LICK:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Pauline Lawson, Anita Moore, Gerald Moore and Sarah Parsons; alternates: Becky Lawson and Scott Mellons. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 2; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 101; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning, Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May. Elders Fred Gilreath, Walter Willis and David Smith asked to attend. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

**BLAIR CHAPEL:** Blair, KY. Delegates: None. Received by relationship, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 252; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Rod Raleigh, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: None. Received by letter, 2; total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$80.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT - 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Earnest Bledsoe, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Joe Horton and Gary Hall. Total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May. John Bowlin, moderator.

**BURKE'S UNION:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Virgil Lipe, Delmer McPherson, Imogene McPherson and Ada McPherson. Received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 4; excluded, 3; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 114; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), every Wednesday night (6:30 p.m.), every Sunday morning and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July. Virgil Lipe, moderator.

**BUTCHER'S VALLEY:** Rogersville, TN. Delegates: None. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 4; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 9; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.), and Wednesday night. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May (2:00 p.m.). Russell Davidson, moderator pro-tem.

**CADET:** Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Lois Collier, Justin Jones, Roy Jones and Vicky Jones. Total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

**CANEY CREEK:** Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Tim Jarrett, Eddie Malone, Wanda Malone and Lloyd Morelock. Total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (9:30 a.m.) in June. Eddie Malone, moderator.

**CHESTNUT FLATS:** Gate City, VA. Delegates: Lewis Baker, Ralph Baker and Kay Baker. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and following Sunday. Lewis Baker, moderator.

**CLEAR SPRINGS:** Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Joe Pitzer, Josh Robinette, Sam VanHoose and Kristi Robinette; alternate: Roger VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 3; total number on roll, 147; contribution, \$105.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and every Sunday. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October (10:30 a.m.). Josh Robinette, moderator.

**COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME):** Nickelsville, VA. Delegates: Steve Minton, Clifton Horne, Nadine Horne and Flo Minton; alternates: Dan Sturgill and Eula Sturgill. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 72; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. Elder Bob Brown asked to attend. Eckel Head, moderator.

**COYLE'S BRANCH:** Gordon, KY. Delegates: None. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and every Sunday (10:30 a.m. EST). Memorial service, last Sunday (10:30 a.m.) in May. Glenn Cornett and John Banks, moderators.

**DAVIS CHAPEL:** Jonesville, VA. Delegate: Rita Marcum. Dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 45; contribution, \$90.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April. Elders John Arnott and Walter Willis asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

**EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** Ermine, KY. Delegates: Jeffery Holbrook and Sheilah Holbrook. Total number on roll, 37; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, first Sunday in April. Jeffery Holbrook and Jerry Persinger, moderators.

**FAIRVIEW:** Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Ray Eldridge, June Kail, Elizabeth Jenkins and Charlene Mitchell; alternate, Kay Jackson. Received by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 133; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, moderators.

**FAIRVIEW:** St. Charles, VA. Delegates: None. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Earnest Bledsoe, moderator pro-tem.

**FAITHFUL MINISTRY:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Charles Bernard, Leah Moody and David Moody. Total number on roll, 6; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (10:00 a.m.) in May. David Moody and Charles Bernard, moderators.

**FLOWER GAP:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Virgie G. Hill, Helen Willis, Doug Willis and T. H. Johnson; alternates: David Jerrell and Rosie Johnson. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May. David Jerrell, moderator.

**GARDNER'S CHAPEL:** Bristol, VA. Delegates: Bobby Carter, Darrell Laughlin, Douglas McClain and Don Huffman; alternates: Terrell Smith and Joseph McKinney. Received by experience and baptism, 6; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 8; total number on roll, 521; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and following Sunday. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (2:00 p.m.). Bobby Carter, moderator.

**GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** Blountville, TN. Delegates: Hiram Gardner and Gail Gardner; alternate: Tommy Osborne. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 108; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

**GUTHRIE'S GAP:** Bulls Gap, TN. Delegates: Keith Wallen and Cindy Wallen. Received by letter, 3; excluded, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 218; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June. Larry Miller, moderator.

**HOPEWELL:** Bulls Gap, TN. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 36; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning following the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. Memorial service, Sunday (10:45 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. John Arnott, moderator.

**HOUSE CHAPEL:** Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Neal Drinnon, Ruth Drinnon, Jerry Hurley and Robin Hurley. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 7; excluded, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 239; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.), Wednesday night, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday nights, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday night following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Neal Drinnon, moderator.

**HURRICANE VALLEY:** Gordon, KY. Delegates: Glenn Cornett and Delores Cornett. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 20; contribution, \$60.00; meeting

day, every Sunday evening (5:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Glenn Cornett, moderator.

**IRONDALE:** Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Frankie Phillips, Ann Phillips and Iloe Collier. Total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Frankie Phillips, moderator pro-tem.

**JENKINS CHAPEL:** Surgoinville, TN. Delegates: None. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 49; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.), Wednesday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August (10:30 a.m.). Paul Persinger, moderator pro-tem.

**KINGSWOOD:** Morristown, TN. Delegate: Eileen Brown. Received or restored by recantation, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 80; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April. Terry Sizemore, moderator.

**LIBERTY CHAPEL:** Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: None. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 75; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.), Sunday night and Wednesday night. Fred Gilreath, moderator.

**LITTLE COWAN:** Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Rex Fields, Tilda Fields, Brad Dutton and Linda Lucas. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 91; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May. Woodrow Fields and John Banks, moderators.

**LITTLE DOVE:** Eolia, KY. Delegates: John Bedwell, June Maggard, J. D. Bedwell and Judy Corder; alternates: Liz Sturgill and Liz Fairchild. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June. John Bedwell II, moderator.

**LITTLE REDEEMED:** Morristown, TN. Delegates: Null Lawson, Georgie Lawson, Valerie Shaver and Donnie McNabb. Received by experience and baptism, 2; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 107; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Donnie McNabb, moderator.

**LONG HOLLOW:** Surgoinville, TN. Delegates: Harold Head, Judy Head, Danny Bailey and Virgie Williams. Received by experience and baptism, 4; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 195; contribution, \$218.40; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.) and every Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday, May 16, 2010. Donald L. Johnson, moderator pro-tem.

**LOW VIEW:** Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: None. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received or restored by recantation, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Don Woodward, moderator.

**MACEDONIA:** Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Clem Simmons, Regena Duncan, Kenny Taylor and Clifford Wallen; alternates: Evelyn Shaw and Pam VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 8; received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 89; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May (10:00 a.m.). David VanHoose, moderator.

**MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Rose Manes, Polly Penley, Evelyn Jessee and Billy Robinette; alternates: Deborah Wright and Billy Jeff Burns. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 45; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May (10:45 a.m.). John Arnott, moderator.

**MILLER'S CHAPEL:** Hiltons, VA. Delegate: Myrt Worley. Total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday. Paul Strong, moderator.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 34; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May. Richard Seiber, moderator.

**MT. MITCHELL:** Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegate: Shirley Dalton. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 108; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Bob Williams, moderator pro-tem.

**NEW LIFE:** Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: Donald Johnson, Rick Burns, Jerry Johnson and Christine Daniels; alternates: Frankie McKenzie and Faye Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 3; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 68; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday (10:00 a.m.), Wednesday night, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night. Jerry Johnson, moderator; Henry Wheeler, honorary moderator.

**OAK GROVE:** Bulls Gap, TN. Delegates: Larry Russell, Brenda Russell, Jim Pike and Dan Winstead; alternate: J. D. Dyer. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; received or restored by recantation, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 8; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 155; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (9:45 a.m.), Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night; 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August



(10:30 a.m.) Family Day. Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. James Jarnigan, moderator.

**OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Larry Fannon, Carolyn Fannon, James Davidson and Mary Ruth Davidson; alternates: Karen McDavid and Sam McDavid. Received by experience and baptism, 10; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 74; contribution, \$95.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. Harmon Willis, moderator.

**PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Daniel Smith, Lola Peterson, Zach Berry and Tonya Berry; alternates: Michael Peterson and Jane Peterson. Total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) in November. Daniel Smith, moderator.

**PILGRIM'S REST:** Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Don Gordon, Doris Gordon, Joshua Couch and Brandy Couch. Received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 67; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August (10:30 a.m.) Arry Hickman, moderator.

**PINK HILL:** Surgoinville, TN. Delegates: None. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 144; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Richard Watts, moderator.

**POND VIEW:** Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Clinton Rutherford, Sue Sizemore, Charles Sizemore and Jackie Rutherford; alternates: Tammy Bledsoe and Jason Bledsoe. Received by relationship, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 63; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Clinton Rutherford, Sr. moderator.

**POPLAR GROVE:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Delores Hunt, Steve Hunt, Matthew Stevens and Richard Stevens; alternates: Amber Stevens and Lenora Stevens. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

**RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** Louisa, KY. Delegates: Nancy Cook, Frankie Spradlin, Edith Spradlin and Tommy Meade; alternates: Tim Moore and Tonya Moore. Received by experience and baptism, 8; received by relationship, 4; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 211; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday night before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator.

**RIVERSIDE:** Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Darrell Sizemore, Larry Delph, Larry Dean and Gary Sizemore; alternates: Roger Trent and Joe Sizemore. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 89; contribution, \$160.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:00 a.m.). Roger Trent, moderator.

**ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** Clinchport, VA. Delegates: Aubra Hill, Greg Hill, Kim Robinette and Joe Robinette; alternates: Emma Jean Robinette and Kathy Lawson. Received by letter, 2; total number on roll, 55; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

**ROSE CHAPEL:** West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Jim Lykins, Bethany Fuller, Luther Johnson and Sandy Johnson; alternates, Anne Lykins and Mark Newkirk. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 101; contribution, \$175.00; meeting day, every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. John Turner, moderator.

**SHELBY CREEK:** Eidson, TN. Delegates: None. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 7; contribution, none; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday nights. Harold Head, moderator.

**SLATE HILL:** Mooresburg, TN. Delegates: Allen Collins, Roger Purkey, Robert Ferrell and Jamie Jarnigan. Received by experience and baptism, 8; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 196; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Jamie Jarnigan, moderator.

**SLOANTOWN:** Clinchport, VA. Delegate: Frank Gilliam. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.). No service in January or February. Frank Gilliam, pastor; Gary Hall, moderator.

**SNEEDVILLE:** Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Carson Johnson, Terry Adkins, Billy Gobble and Shane Russell. Total number on roll, 77; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Shane Russell, moderator.

**SULPHUR SPRINGS:** Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Adam Justice, Becky Justice, Bill Winstead and Betty Winstead; alternates: Faye Mallory and Tim Mallory. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 8; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 111; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Bill Winstead, moderator.

**SWAN CREEK:** Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Johnny Bunch, Rodney Dodson, Carter Hager and Doyle Odell; alternates: Earl Lee Dodson and J. R. South. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 295; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). J. R. South, moderator.

**UNION HILL:** Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Carson Creech, Ronnie Kinsler, Marilyn Kinsler and Amy Shepard. Total number on roll, 85; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.) at Kinsler Cemetery. Donny Clifford, moderator.

**VALLEY VIEW:** Dryden, VA. Delegates: David Parsons, Ronnie Leonard, Wanda Parsons and Sandra Leonard; alternate: Mike Fleenor. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October. Mike Fleenor, moderator.

**WALLEN'S CREEK:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Richard Seiber, Vivian Seiber, Donna Williams and Eddie Williams; alternate: Ashley Williams. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May. Elders Eckel Head and Burnice Sybert asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

**WALNUT CHAPEL:** Gate City, VA. Delegates: Billy Jack Johnson, David Horton, Claude Smith and A. D. Howington. Received by letter, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 140; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June (10:00 a.m.). Allen Hensley, moderator.

**WEST VIEW:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Zula McCullough, Billy Walton, Kathy Walton and Burnice Sybert; alternates: Stella Morgan and Missy Walton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 56; contribution, \$275.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April (10:30 a.m.). Burnice Sybert, moderator.

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** Kyles Ford, TN. Delegates: Mike Fullington, Tina Fullington and Millard R. Hall. Excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 103; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Mike Fullington, moderator.

**WILLOW CHAPEL:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Janice Jones, Garnetta Miller, Jewel Clamon and Earika Marshall; alternate: Tony Smith. Received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 8; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 55; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

**TOTALS:** 65 churches (26 in VA., 28 in TN., 7 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 76; received by letter, 29; received by relationship, 41; received or restored by recantation, 3; dismissed by letter, 31; excluded, 40; deceased, 73; total number on roll, 6002.

There are 58 ministers serving as pastors - 53 are serving 1 church; 4 are serving 2 churches; 1 is serving 3 churches and 1 is serving as honorary pastor. There are 6 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 34 ministers and 1 visiting minister who signed the register at this year's association.

## **UNION MEETINGS - 2010**

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

### **- APRIL -**

**1 - ROSE CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert and Roger Trent.

**2 - VALLEY VIEW:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Mike Fleenor, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Clinton Rutherford, Daniel Smith, David Smith, Paul Strong and Burnice Sybert.

**3 - DAVIS CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

**4 - WEST VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Joshua Couch, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley and Greg Hill.

**5 - CADET:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Banks, Bob Brown, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fleenor, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and Roger Trent.

**6 - PETERSON'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore and Daniel Smith.

**7 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, Charles Bernard, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin,

David Moody, J. R. South, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

**8 - COYLE'S BRANCH:** Our union meeting will be held in conjunction with Hurricane Valley Church in April.

**9 - HURRICANE VALLEY:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Neal Drinnon, Brad Dutton, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Jeffery Holbrook, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

**- MAY -**

**1 - OAK GROVE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Bill LaFollette, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

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

**3 - SWAN CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Bob Brown, Donny Clifford, Joshua Couch, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

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

**5 - OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Silas Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, David Smith and Burnice Sybert.

**6 - SLOANTOWN:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; no Sunday service. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette and Richard Seiber.

**7 - COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME):** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John

Arnott, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Harold Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

**8 - BEECH GROVE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Joshua Couch, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Travis Lipe, Richard Seiber, David Smith, J. R. South, Roger Trent, Walter Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**9 - HOPEWELL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert and Henry Wheeler.

**10 - POND VIEW:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Bill Winstead and Don Woodward.

**11 - PILGRIM'S REST:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Von Burton, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Travis Lipe, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, J. R. South, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Bill Winstead.

## **- JUNE -**

**1 - NEW LIFE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Derrick Cantwell, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe, Joe Pitzer, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Paul Strong, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Harmon Willis, Bill Winstead and all others who wish to attend.

**2 - GUTHRIE'S GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Joshua Couch, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Rod Raleigh, Shane Russell, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

**3 - RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Travis Lipe, Rod Raleigh, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Scott Tipton, Roger VanHoose and Henry Wheeler.

**4 - CANEY CREEK:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Shane Russell and Terry Sizemore.

**5 - AYERS CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Woodrow Fields, Harold Gilley, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Rod Raleigh, Daniel Smith and Paul Strong.

**6 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, VA.):** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Don Woodward.

**7 - SLATE HILL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Silas Porter Carroll, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Bill Winstead.

**8 - UNION HILL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Silas Porter Carroll, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Harmon Willis.

**9 - LONG HOLLOW:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Joshua Couch, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Robert Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Charley Johnson, Donald Lowell Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Eddie Malone, Roger Manring, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and Bill Winstead.

**10 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Donny Clifford, Jim Emery, Fred Gilreath, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Robert Jenkins, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

**11 - LOW VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Derrick Cantwell, Mike Fleenor, Eckel Head, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Travis Lipe, Bazzle Manis, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Don Woodward.

**12 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA):** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Neal Drinnon, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Jeffery Holbrook, Bill LaFollette, Jerry Persinger and Harmon Willis.

**13 - WALNUT CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

**- JULY -**

**1 - FAIRVIEW (OH):** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert.

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

**3 - RIVERSIDE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, J. R. South and Bill Winstead.

**4 - SHELBY CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber and Paul Strong.

**5 - BURKE'S UNION:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Bill LaFollette, Joe Pitzer, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis and Bill Winstead.

**6 - HOUSE CHAPEL:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Donny Clifford, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Paul Strong, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

**7 - PINK HILL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath,



Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Robert Jenkins, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, David Smith, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

**- AUGUST -**

**1 - WALLEN'S CREEK:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert, Donald Sybert and Roger Trent.

**2 - SULPHUR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Joshua Couch, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe and Roger Trent.

**3 - BLACKWATER LICK:** To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.); Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Virgil Lipe, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

**4 - MILLER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: To be invited later.

**5 - POPLAR GROVE:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Joshua Couch, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Charley Johnson, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South and Burnice Sybert.

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

**7 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bill LaFollette, Paul Persinger, Shane Russell, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Donald Sybert.

**8 - IRONDALE:** To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Harold Gilley, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Roger Manring, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and all others who wish to attend.

**9 - LITTLE DOVE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow

Fields, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilley, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Jeffery Holbrook, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manning, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**10 - FAIRVIEW (VA):** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Mike Fleenor, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber, J. R. South and Don Woodward.

**11 - MT. MITCHELL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Richard Seiber and Walter Willis.

**12 - BLAIR CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

**13 - MOUNTAIN VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Roger Trent.

**14 - JENKINS CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Gordon Justice, Paul Persinger, Carl Smith, David Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

**15 - MACEDONIA:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Greg Hill and Oscar Irvin.

### **- SEPTEMBER -**

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

**2 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and Bobby Williams.

**3 - LITTLE COWAN:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Jeffery Holbrook, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle

Manis, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

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

**5 - SNEEDVILLE:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Arry Hickman, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Travis Lipe, Larry Miller, Joe Pitzer, Terry Sizemore, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose and Roger VanHoose.

**6 - KINGSWOOD:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.) [No Sunday School or evening services]. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Travis Lipe, Shane Russell, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

**7 - CHESTNUT FLATS:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

**8 - WILLOW CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Frank Gilliam, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all other ministers welcome.

**9 - FLOWER GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Joshua Couch, Phil Crittenden, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Travis Lipe, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis and Walter Willis.

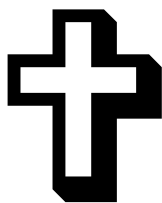
**10 - GARDNER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night (7:30 p.m.) before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (1:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

## **DIRECTIONS TO RICHARDSON CHAPEL CHURCH**

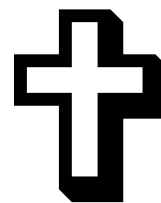
31 Highway 2033  
Louisa, KY 41230

From Paintsville, KY, travel on US 23 North 18 miles, then turn right on 645 at caution light. Travel 2 miles until you reach 1690 intersection, turn left on 1690 and travel 200 feet, then turn right and go about 100 feet, turn left into church driveway.

From Louisa, KY, travel on US 23 South about 17 miles to intersection of 645. Turn left on 645, go 2 miles until you reach 1690 intersection, turn left on 1690 and travel 200 feet, turn right and go about 100 feet, then turn left into church driveway.

**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, Randall Hugh  
BERRY, Barbara Joe  
BLAKE, Kae Sears  
BROWNING, Odis  
BYINGTON, Joyce Jeter  
CHRISTIAN, Isabeth Thacker  
CORNETT, Martha Shepherd  
ENIX, Lois Kilgore  
FANNON, Clara Jane Johnson  
FRANCE, Mayme Skidmore  
GIBSON, Delcie M.  
HUFFMAN, Howard Ingle  
JACKSON, Elavie (Babe) Henson  
JOHNSON, Burley B.  
JOHNSON, Kaden Boyd  
KAIL, Warren E.  
MCMURRAY, Shirley Laughlin  
MILES, L. Estel  
MOORE, Jerry Dean  
RUSSELL, Carl Reece  
SAMMONS, Lillian Laughlin  
SMITH, Irene  
SNAPP, Michael Paul  
SPIVEY, Ashleigh Raeann  
VANHOOSE, Chanie Wagers  
WILLIAMS, Ethel Bell Sloan  
WITT, Eric Cooper

BEHAN, Mildred Jean  
BISHOP, Jerry Lee  
BLEDSOE, Billy E.  
BURKE, Robert Champ  
\*CALHOUN, Elder James Edward (Jimbo)  
CLEVENGER, Robert Kyle  
ELDRIDGE, Edith Alice  
ERWIN, Andrea Greer  
FANSLER, Echol Virgil  
GARDNER, Louise Pullon  
GROSS, Alvie Leona Christian  
HURD, Connie L. Boyd  
\*JENKINS, Elder Hasco Lee  
JOHNSON, Candice Elaine Osborne  
JOYNER, Tennie C. Bledsoe  
LAUGHLIN, Beulah Ramey  
LUCAS, Billy Don  
MOORE, Harm Allen  
PARSONS, W. Marie Wright  
SAGE, Georgia Mae  
SHEPHERD, Billie Jean Browning  
SMITH, Vivian Loucile Couch  
SPEARS, Neal Axley, Sr.  
STEPP, Dixie Nell  
WHITAKER, David  
WILLIAMS, Janet Sue

\*Ministers

**RANDALL HUGH ALVIS**, 59, of Rogersville passed away suddenly on December 3, 2008 at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Iraq War, having served in the Army National Guard. He was employed by Baldor-Dodge Reliance of Marion, NC, formerly of Rogersville, TN.

He was a member of Long Hollow Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl William Alvis and Grace Fields Alvis; 1 sister, Linda Borghetti and 1 brother, Gene Alvis.

Survivors are his wife, Donna Lane Alvis of the home; 1 daughter, Beth Anne Biggs; 1 son, Brian Alvis; 4 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Brenda Burton, Jeraleen "Sis" Christian and Debbie Helton; 5 brothers, Edward, Danny, Elbert "Big", Delbert "Pete" and Dennis Alvis; several special nieces and nephews.

He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

- Written by the family

**MILDRED JEAN BEHAN**, 87, of Carlisle, OH passed away February 17, 2009. She was formerly of Parkersburg, WV. She was a member of Rose Chapel Church.

She was born March 30, 1921 to the late Harley and Delora McHenry LeMasters.

Mildred is survived by 3 daughters, Sandra Johnson, Carol Barth and Linda Ress; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Victor Behan, Jr. and 1 brother, Kenneth LeMasters.

She attended Rose Chapel faithfully until her illness prevented her from attending. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

- Written by the Church Clerk

**BARBARA JOE BERRY** was born October 3, 1953 and went home to be with the Lord December 20, 2008.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny; 1 son, Jonathan; 1 grandson; father, Dudley Bledsoe; 4 brothers, H. C., Robert, Ray and Fred Bledsoe; a host of relatives and friends.

She was a member of Burke's Union Church. Barbara was also a worker in the community to anyone who needed a helping hand. She will be greatly missed. Sleep on, our sister, until we meet again.

- Written by the Church Clerk

**JERRY LEE BISHOP**, 61, went home to be with God at his home in the early morning of March 19, 2009.

Jerry was born on December 31, 1947 and was a lifelong resident of Blackwater, VA. He retired from VDOT as an area superintendent at the Pattonville area headquarters where he had given 34 years of service. Jerry served as a deacon at Osborne's Chapel Church where he was a member. He also attended Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church. He was a member of McPherson Lodge No. 99 and was serving as a District Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Bishop and his mother, Ella Scott Bishop.

He is survived by Connie Bowen Bishop, his loving wife of 36 years; 1 son, Jason N. Bishop; 1 aunt; several cousins and a whole host of friends.

Jerry was a loving person to his family and our memories of him bring strength and comfort to us. In our hearts he lives on, and by the river of life's sparkling cool and clear water, we shall meet someday. We love him and miss him greatly.

- Written by his wife, Connie Bishop

**KAE SEARS BLAKE**, formerly of Cumberland, KY, passed away on October 9, 2008 at her home.

Kae was a native of Harlan County and lived in Cumberland until 1988 when her family moved to Fayette County. She was a homemaker and mother and a member of Little Cowan Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ray Sears and her paternal grandparents.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Blake, 1 daughter, Sarah Jordan Davis; her mother, Paula Jackson Sears; 1 sister, Kim Hadden; her maternal grandparents; and a host of other relatives and friends.

- Written by her mother, Paula Sears

**BILLY E. BLEDSOE**, age 71, passed away on July 5, 2009.

He was a member of Pond View Church.

Surviving are his wife, Tammy Bledsoe; 2 sons, Jason and Billy Bledsoe; 1 daughter, Michelle Hunley; 2 sisters, Gladys Wren and Ruth Depew.

He is sadly missed by his family and friends, but we know he is home in Glory rejoicing with the Lord.

- Written by his wife

**ODIS BROWNING** was born June 17, 1928 and departed this life October 8, 2008.

He was a member of Hurricane Valley Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bradley and Betty Sparkman Browning; 1 brother, Joe Browning; 2 sisters, Cassie Williams and Ida Mae Browning Mathis and 1 grandchild.

Surviving are his wife, Grace Williams Browning; 3 sons, Donnie, Larry and Terry Wayne; 2 daughters, Margie Lewis and Lois Hedrick; 1 sister, Cannie Browning Madden; 14 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

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

- Written by Elder Glenn Cornett

**ROBERT CHAMP BURKE** was born April 26, 1938 and departed this world on May 25, 2009 at the age of 71. He waited for months for his angel, so she came at 4 o'clock on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

He was saved at an early age, but he didn't get to go to church due to sickness. He couldn't wait to go see mom and dad and Zelma. Champ was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Miles Burke and Robert Zack Burke; 1 sister, Zelma Bower; and 1 infant brother, John David Burke.

He leaves to mourn his passing 3 sisters; 2 brothers; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and 1 special niece.

- Written by Wren, Vivian and Donna

**JOYCE JETER BYINGTON**, age 72, went home to be with the Lord on September 8, 2009.

She accepted the Lord at an early age and joined Mt. Mitchell Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nannie Jeter and 1 brother, Roy Jeter, Jr.

Joyce is survived by her husband, James A. Byington; 3 sons, R. C. Wright, Donnie Wright and Lynn Byington; 1 daughter, Kathy Wright; 4 grandchildren; father, Roy Jeter, Sr.; 1 sister, Jeanette Trent and 1 brother, Ralph Jeter.

We love you and you will be greatly missed.

- Written by the family

**ELDER JAMES EDWARD (JIMBO) CALHOUN** was born in Scott County, VA and departed this life January 31, 2009.

He was in churches preaching the Gospel until his health prevented him from going. His testimony was, "I know where I'm going and I can hardly wait for Jesus to come."

Elder Jimbo was laid to rest in the Holston View Cemetery in Weber City, VA.

- Written by Joann Griffin

**ISABETH THACKER CHRISTIAN**, 81, of Surgoinsville, went to be with the Lord August 8, 2009 at her residence following a 3½ year battle with heart attacks and multiple strokes. She was born September 16, 1927.

She was a member of Pink Hill Church, where she served as clerk for more than 40 years. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Christian; 2 sons, Jimmy and Ray Christian; parents, Merlin and Myrtle Thacker; 1 granddaughter; 2 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Mitchell Thacker and 5 sisters, Elta Crabtree, Mandy Winegar, Pearlie Linkous, Ellen Stapleton and Gracie Lindsey.

She is survived by 2 sons, Junior and Jeff Christian; 4 daughters, Bertha Byington, Bea Housewright, Mary Ann Childress and Virgie Falin; 14 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Willie Thacker and several nieces and nephews.

- Written by the family

**ROBERT KYLE CLEVENGER** departed this life on September 12, 2008, one day after his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday.

He was a member of Oak Grove Church.

Thank you Lord for answering prayers and for your amazing grace.

- Written by his daughter, Kimberley Woods

**MARTHA SHEPHERD CORNETT** was born February 8, 1922 and went to be with the Lord May 21, 2009.

She was saved in her early years and joined Coyle's Branch Church. She was a faithful member for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Cornett.

She leaves behind 1 son, Bristo Cornett and 1 daughter, Gail Cornett.



She was a loving wife and mother who is sadly missed by her friends and all that knew her. We know that one day we will see her again in beautiful heaven where there will be no more sickness and sorrow.

- Written by the Church Clerk, Irene Cornett

**EDITH ALICE ELDRIDGE** was born February 26, 1924 and went home to be with the Lord May 26, 2009 at the age of 85.

She was a member of Flower Gap Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Eldridge; 1 son, Arnold Eldridge; her parents, Libran and Mary Johnson Fisher; 2 brothers, Ray and Robert Fisher; 1 half brother, Ezra Fisher; 1 half sister, Della Fisher Johnson; 3 sisters, Stella M. Fisher Neeley, Ella M. Fisher Johnson and Amanda Fisher Fleener.

Survivors include 1 sister, Rosa V. Fisher Johnson; 1 son, Bernard Eldridge; 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She will be missed by family, friends and will always be in our hearts.

- Written by the family

**LOIS KILGORE ENIX** was born December 18, 1918 and departed this life to be with the Lord September 9, 2009. She lived her entire life around the Copper Creek community. She joined the church in 1951 and was a very faithful member for over 58 years.

Her husband, Charlie Enix and 1 granddaughter preceded her in death.

Surviving are her son, Randell Enix; 1 daughter, Myrtle Smith; 1 grandson; 2 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Lois was a faithful, hard working wife, loving mother and grandmother. She always cared about everyone in the community. "Go home with me," she would always say to everyone at church. She loved to have someone to go to her house and eat with her. She certainly will be missed in the community and the church, but God has given her a resting place where we can all "go home with her" if we make preparations here to meet with Him.

- Written for the family by the Church Clerk, Flo Minton

**ANDREA GREER ERWIN** was born March 19, 1954 and departed this life on July 17, 2009 at the age of 55 years, 3 months and 28 days. She was the daughter of Dexal Laster and Dallas Eugene "Buddy" Greer.

She was saved when she was a senior in high school and attended West View Church.

She is survived by her husband, Toney Erwin, 1 daughter, Melanie Jones; 3 sons, Anthony Greyson, Joshua Lee and Joseph Foster Erwin; 4 grandchildren; her parents; 2 sisters, Sharon Jordan and Colleen Frazier, as well as several nieces, nephews and special aunts and uncles.

She was a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She devoted much of her life to others. Her sweet smile and helpful spirit will be long remembered by all who knew her.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

**CLARA JANE JOHNSON FANNON** was born May 20, 1915 and departed this world on June 26, 2009 at the age of 94.

She professed faith in Christ at the age of 13 and joined Wallen's Creek Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C. C. Fannon; 1 brother, Charlie Johnson; 2 sisters, Nannie Johnson and Zella Fisher.

She leaves to mourn her death 3 daughters; 1 grandson; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends who attended church with her.

- Written by the Wallen's Creek Obituary Committee

**ECHOL VIRGIL FANSLER**, 88, was born June 1, 1921 and departed this life July 15, 2009.

He was a member and deacon of Shelby Creek Church. He loved going to church and singing and testifying for the Lord. He had sung in several area churches.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Winegar Fansler; mother, Cora Fansler; 1 sister, Alice and 1 brother, James.

Surviving are 2 sons, James and Ronald Fansler; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Echol is sadly missed by his family and friends. We know in our hearts that we will see him again in heaven, where there will be no more sickness and where he can sing forever.

- Written by his sons, James and Ronald Fansler

**MAYME SKIDMORE FRANCE**, age 86, passed away May 10, 2009. She was a longtime resident of Benham, KY. After the death of her husband, Woodrow "Bud" France, she made her home with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Myrtle Skidmore; 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Survivors include 3 stepchildren, James France, Woodrow France and Priscilla Tudor; 5 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Mayme was a longtime member of Blair Chapel Church. She and Bud loved their church and attended regularly until sickness no longer let them attend. They are both resting now in the pearly white city.

- Written by the Church Clerk, Wesley Bailey

**LOUISE PULLON GARDNER** was born May 27, 1927 and departed this life June 12, 2009.

She is survived by her husband, Mansey A. Gardner; 2 sons, Hiram and Jim; 2 daughters, Ruth and Sandy; 4 sisters, Nina Lee, Emma, Fredna and Margaret; 1 brother, Andrew; 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

She was a member of Gardner's Memorial Church. She is sadly missed by family, friends and all who knew her.

- Written by the family

**DELICIE M. GIBSON**, age 83, passed away January 22, 2009.

She was a member of Slate Hill Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Gibson; parents, Calvin and Florence Stubblefield; 1 daughter, Rita Murphy and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Carolyn Gulley, Shirley Taylor and Linda Purkey; 2 sisters; Francis Louise Ridley and Minnie Wolfe; 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

She loved coming to church and always went when she was able. She is greatly missed by family and friends, but we know she is at rest on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by Joan Drinnon

**ALVIE LEONA CHRISTIAN GROSS**, age 69, of Rogersville, went to be with the Lord April 19, 2009 at Signature Healthcare Center.

She was a member of Long Hollow Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Minor Gross; parents, Davie and Pearl Christian; 2 brothers, Norman and Bill Christian; and 1 sister, Lillie Cagle.

She is survived by 2 brothers, Clarence and Harvey Christian and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

- Written by the family

**HOWARD INGLE HUFFMAN** was born July 12, 1935 and departed this life April 3, 2009. He was the son of the late Noah R. and Elsie Ramey Huffman.

He was saved at an early age and joined Gardner's Chapel Church. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Patricia Click Huffman and a special nephew.

He is survived by 1 daughter, Debbie Glover; 1 son, Randy Huffman; 5 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Edith Smith and 5 brothers, Clarence, Kyle, Robert, Ezra and Donald Huffman.

Howard truly loved his family and had a special love for his church. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Although the family circle has been broken, we will once again be gathered together in the morning of joy.

- Written by his family

**CONNIE L. BOYD HURD** was born February 1, 1954 and went home to be with the Lord November 26, 2008. She was a life-long resident of Kingsport, TN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Wilma Trent Boyd and 2 brothers, Roger and Gerald Boyd.

She is survived by her husband, Don Hurd; 2 daughters, Angie Simpson and Melanie Mann; 7 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Denise Boyd and Mary Houser; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a loving and caring wife and mother. She loved her grandchildren very much. She left a testimony that all was well with her soul. She was a member of Higher Ground Baptist Church.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

**ELAVIE "BABE" HENSON JACKSON** was born in Blue Ridge, Georgia on March 8, 1928 and departed this life on January 21, 2009 at her home at the age of 80 years, 10 months and 13 days.

She lived in Cumberland for over 70 years and was a homemaker, loving wife and mother. She believed in the Baptist faith and was a dedicated member of Little Cowan Church. For many years, she was a Sunday School teacher at Blair Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Vaudie Watts Henson; 2 brothers, Hervie and Marvin Henson; 1 sister, Zidith Henson; 1 grandson and 1 granddaughter.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Paul Jackson; 2 daughters, Sandra Jackson Perry and Paula Jackson Sears; 1 brother, Arvil Henson; 2 sisters, Mary Polis and Beverly Krahenbuhl; 1 granddaughter; 3 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

- Written by the family

**ELDER HASCO LEE JENKINS** was called home April 17, 2009 after a lengthy illness. He was born August 11, 1924 in Surgoinsville, TN to the late Mary A. Thacker and Ballard Jenkins and the nephew of the beloved Elder Pleas Jenkins.

He was a minister for the past 59 years and Pastor for several years at Fairview Church until his health declined.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years, Kate Fields Jenkins; 3 brothers, Carter, Curtis and Coy Jenkins; and 3 sisters, Lula, Martha and Bessie.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Elizabeth Davis Jenkins; 1 son, Jerry Jenkins; 3 daughters, Mary Borton, Delois Bledsoe and Marlene Moeller; 7 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 1 brother, E. P. Jenkins; special friends, nieces and nephews. He loved Elizabeth's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren as his own.

When anyone told him they loved him, he would always reply, "I love you more!"

He was called into the work of the Gospel Ministry in 1950 and was ordained at Long Hollow Church in 1954. After moving to Ohio, he joined Fairview Church, where he was a loyal and faithful member the remainder of his life. He served as the church as pastor several times over the years.

He loved revival meetings and seeing people saved. There are many over the bounds of our association who were convicted of their sins and gave their hearts to Christ as he labored in the fields of harvest. In his last days at Hospice of Dayton, he was still talking to anyone who would listen of his love for the Lord and their need of the Savior he adored.

Dad would say a person preaches their funeral while on earth. We believe dad preached his own funeral while he was with us. During his final days, we witnessed our dad preaching from his bed and praying for the sick and shut in, never thinking of himself.

He is greatly missed, but we have the assurance of meeting him again in a new body, fashioned as the Son of God, wherein we shall be satisfied.

- Written by his daughters, Mary and Marlene and Elder Burnice Sybert

**BURLEY B. JOHNSON** was born November 20, 1918 in Hancock County, TN to Lewis and Lizzie Johnson. He went home to be with the Lord January 9, 2009 at the age of 90.

He was married to Lucille Collins Johnson on January 10, 1947.

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

He is survived by 2 daughters, Maggie Johnson and Viola Johnson; 4 sons, S. L., Broten, Harold and Elder Charley Johnson; 7 grandsons; 5 granddaughters and 19 great grandchildren.

Daddy will be missed by all who knew him. He never knew a stranger. He loved the Lord and always wanted to be at church early, sitting with his song book, singing and talking about the Lord. Whether he knew you or not, he'd say, "Go home with me and we will feed you." He liked to be friendly with people. Daddy wasn't happy here since he lost his wife, but he tried for the kids. He kept telling us he was going home and he is happy now. We miss him, but we wouldn't call our mom and dad back to suffer like they did. He left us knowing we will meet him again. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by his daughter, Viola Johnson

**CANDICE ELAINE OSBORNE JOHNSON** was born in Xenia, OH June 20, 1980 and went home to be with the Lord on March 6, 2009 at the age of 28. She was saved at an early age and joined Clear Springs Church when she was 12 years old, where she was a member until her death. She also attended Roller's Chapel while living in Virginia.

She was preceded in death by 2 sons, Jesse Tyler and Kaden Boyd and her paternal grandparents.

She is survived by 2 sons, Christian David and Logan Andrew; her mother, Donna Robinette; father, Boyd Osborne; 2 sisters, Angela Rannells and Emma Lee Kiser; 1 brother, Triston Robinette; her maternal grandparents and a host of other family and friends.

Sister and best friend, mommy, daughter, aunt, niece and granddaughter, our words cannot express the sorrow and emptiness we felt when Christ called you home so suddenly. Even still, we would not selfishly deny you a single moment in paradise with our Lord in trade for another day on this old earth. We will see you again, sister. We are so truly grateful for each day we had with you. Your loveable spirit will be missed until we meet again.

- Written in loving memory by her sister, Angie

**KADEN BOYD JOHNSON** was born in Wilmington, OH on October 10, 2003 and was delivered into the arms of Jesus on March 6, 2009 at the tender age of 5 years old.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Candice Elaine Osborne Johnson, 1 brother, Jesse Tyler Osborne and his paternal great grandparents.

He is survived by his father, Christopher Jason Johnson; 4 brothers, Christian David Johnson, Logan Andrew Bruner, Chandler Reed Johnson and Sean Johnson; 1 sister, Kristen Lilly Johnson; grandparents; maternal great grandparents; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Our precious little songbird sings with the angels now and his contagious laughter echoes throughout the heavens. We love you, sweet boy. We will miss you and your hugs every day. Hold mommy tight for us and snuggle her close until we all meet again.

- Written by "Aunt GG" Angela Rannells

**TENNIE C. BLEDSOE JOYNER** was born March 1, 1909. She moved to her heavenly home on September 5, 2009 at the age of 100 years.

She was a member of Burkes' Union Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joel Cephus Joyner; 1 son, Maynard L. Joyner; 1 grandson; parents, Eiven and Susan Bledsoe; 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Surviving are 2 sons, Glen R. and Joe Clifford Joyner; 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

We know she is present with the Lord. Our loss is heaven's gain. We love you, mom.

- Written by the family

**WARREN E. KAIL**, age 80, was born April 16, 1928 and was called to his heavenly home November 12, 2008.

He was saved in the early 1950's at Fairview, OH Church where he became a faithful member, Sunday School teacher, youth group leader and trustee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Warren S. and Nellie Swartz Kail; his beloved wife, Emma England Kail; 1 sister, Beatrice Kail and 1 brother, Charles Kail.

He is survived by his wife, June Maynard Kail; 5 children, Michael Kail, Lavita Kail Bosma, Greg Maynard, Penny Maynard Oliver, Lisa Maynard Brown; 11 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Doris Bigler and 3 brothers, Donald, Lawrence and John Kail.

Oh how we miss him, his little antics and smiling face, even when he was so very sick. We know he is out of pain and at peace with our Lord and Savior.

- Written by his wife, June Kail

**BEULAH RAMEY LAUGHLIN** was born August 9, 1915 and departed this life September 4, 2009. She was the daughter of the late Isaac F. and Sarah Mullins Ramey and was married to the late Johny Laughlin.

She was saved and baptized at an early age and was the last charter member of Gardner's Chapel Church.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by 1 son, Jack; 1 daughter, Lillian Sammons; 1 stepdaughter, Nelsie Kidd; 3 stepsons, Jessie, Fred and Bill Laughlin; 4 sisters, Viola McMurray, Elsie Huffman, Willie Kate Laughlin and Elva Harkleroad; and 4 brothers, Albert, Ingle, Worden and Irvin Ramey.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Louise Gibson, 3 sons, Albert, Wesley and Dale Laughlin; 2 stepdaughters, Hazel Kidd and Etta McMurray; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She loved her Lord, her church and her family. It was truly a blessing to see her lift her hands and humbly praise the Lord. Her life was a shining example to all who knew her. Her presence in the home and church will be sadly missed. She has traveled her last mile here and we look forward to meeting her in her heavenly home not made with hands.

- Written by the family

**SHIRLEY LAUGHLIN MCMURRAY** was born on August 3, 1945 to the late Lindsey and Willie Kate Ramey Laughlin. She entered into rest on April 12, 2009.

Shirley was saved and baptized at an early age and was a member of Gardner's Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by the father of her children, Garvie McMurray.

Shirley is survived by 1 daughter, Shelia McMurray; 2 sons, Eric and Mark McMurray; 1 sister, Lou McMurray; 3 brothers, Jimmy, Lee Roy and Darrell Laughlin; 8 grandchildren and 1 expectant great grandson.

Shirley will be missed dearly by her children, family and many friends who loved her.

- Written by her children: Eric, Mark and Sheila

**BILLY DON LUCAS** was born November 4, 1935 and departed this life on November 29, 2008 at the age of 73 years and 25 days. He was the son of the late Arthur and Nannie Sergent Lucas.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jeffery Allen Lucas.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Banks Lucas; 1 son, Jonathan Lucas; 1 daughter, Beth Lucas Callahan; 3 sisters, Jean Fields, Carolyn Vanover and Sandy Lucas; 4 grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

- Written by the family

**L. ESTEL MILES**, age 84, of the Wallen's Creek Community in Stickleyville, passed away at his residence April 18, 2009.

He was a lifelong resident of Lee County and was of the Baptist faith. As a young adult, he gave his heart to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His last employment was as a gas station attendant for the Old Imperial Oil Station in Pennington Gap.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Edith Cunningham Miles; 2 brothers, Frank and Earl Miles; and 1 sister, Zelta Miles.

He is survived by 2 sisters, Wilma Giles and Vivian Seiber; 3 nephews; 2 nieces; several great nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

- Written by the family

**HARM ALLEN MOORE**, age 58, went to be with the Lord May 15, 2009. He was a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay H. and Christine Moore; and 3 brothers, Noah David, Alfred and Jerry Moore.

He is survived by his loving wife, Helen Moore; 3 daughters, Tina Tarring, Rosey Moore and Lisa Moore; 2 sons, David and Jacob Moore; 5 sisters, Eleanor, Linda, Darlene, Lois and Edith; 1 brother, Timmy and 10 grandchildren.

Everyone will miss him dearly, but we know he is at rest in the arms of our Lord.

- Written by his sister, Edith Spradlin

**JERRY DEAN MOORE** was born December 7, 1953 and went home to be with the Lord December 27, 2008.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harm and Christine Moore; 3 brothers, Noah, Alfred and Harm Allen Moore and 1 grandson.

He is survived by 1 brother, Timmy Moore; 5 sisters, Eleanor Meade, Linda McKinnon, Darlene Meade, Lois Davis and Edith Spradlin; 2 sons, Jerry Dale and Jeremy Moore; 3 daughters, Joni Wiley, Christy Thompson and Amy Chandler and 11 grandchildren.

He was saved and baptized in 1980 and a member of Richardson Chapel Church. He loved to sing and always had a smile and a song for everyone. He is deeply missed by his family and we can't wait to hear his beautiful voice sing again.

- Written by his son, Jerry Dale Moore

**W. MARIE WRIGHT PARSONS** went to be with the Lord March 19, 2009 at the age of 91 years.

She was born in Lee County, VA (Blackwater) and lived in Kingsport, TN for over 50 years. She was a member of West View Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Parsons; parents, W. H. and Dora Gilliam Wright; several sisters and brothers; her special grandmother who raised her, Sarah Jane Gilliam "Ma"; 1 grandson and 1 great grandson.

She is survived by her daughter, Darsula Farrell; 3 sons, Doyle Gilliam, Arnold Parsons and Billy Ray Parsons; 17 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; 21 great-great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Geraldine Benton and Joyce Ann Frazier; 3 brothers, W. H., Jr.; Lester and Wayne Wright; along with several nieces and nephews.

She was unable to attend church in the latter years of life, but she never failed to have an interest in the church and talking of the goodness of the Lord.

- Written by the family

**CARL REECE RUSSELL** was born on March 8, 1927 and went home to be with the Lord on June 28, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Harkleroad Russell; parents, Elder L. R. and Daisy Russell; and 5 brothers, Emory, Newt, Dewey, Ralph and Earl Russell.

Surviving are 2 brothers, Claude and Ken Russell; 1 sister, Effie Burchfield; 2 daughters, Shirley Feagins and Suzy Templeton; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of Liberty Chapel Church for many years. Carl always had a thankful heart and a testimony for his Lord. He is greatly missed by family and friends till we meet again.

- Written by the Church Clerk

**GEORGIA MAE SAGE**, age 81, of Donnelsville, OH, and formerly of Kettering, OH went to be with the Lord on February 3, 2008.

Georgia was born August 28, 1926 in Blackwater, VA to the late Mary Burke Moore and the late Elder William Bryan Jennings Moore. She retired



from Dayton Showcase after many years of service. Georgia was a lifelong member of Fairview OH Church and was the treasurer for 58 years.

She professed Christ at an early age. She sang in the Calvary Quartet and the church choir. She served the Lord her entire life. She enjoyed helping others and her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 1 sister, Berneda Vanover.

Georgia is survived by 2 sons, Keith and Randy Sage; 4 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Georgia is greatly missed by her family, friends and everyone who knew her.

- Written by the family

**LILLIAN LAUGHLIN SAMMONS** was born March 31, 1939 and departed this life on April 30, 2009. She was the daughter of Beulah Ramey Laughlin and the late Johny Laughlin.

She was saved at an early age and joined Gardner's Chapel Church.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by 1 stepsister, Nelsie Kidd; 1 brother, Jack Laughlin; 3 stepbrothers, Jessie, Fred and Bill Laughlin.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by 2 sons, Jeffery and Jack Sammons; 1 stepdaughter, Connie Bussey; 1 grandson; 1 sister, Louise Gibson; 2 stepsisters, Hazel Kidd and Etta McMurray; and 3 brothers, Albert, Wesley and Dale Laughlin.

Lillian was a very kind and generous person who truly loved her family and church. She will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her. We look forward to meeting her on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her family

**BILLIE JEAN BROWNING SHEPHERD** was born December 27, 1943 and departed this life on April 7, 2009 at her home at the age of 65 years, 3 months and 10 days.

She was a homemaker, loving wife, mother, grandmother and a very faithful member of Hurricane Valley Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Frances Walker Browning; 2 sisters, Irene Jackson and Yvonne Sparks and 1 brother, James Browning.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Darrel Shepherd; 1 son, Joe Shepherd; 2 sisters, Elaine Absher and Margaret Absher; 2 brothers, Arthur and Joe Wesley Browning; stepmother, Bonnie Browning; several grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

She is sadly missed by her church and family. She was a great witness to all and a walking testimony to those she met. She suffered with patience and she wanted everyone to know she loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- Written by Elder Glenn Cornett

**IRENE SMITH** was born May 2, 1915 and departed this life on June 5, 2009 at the age of 94 years, 1 month and 2 days.

She was saved and served the Lord until her death. She was a member of Willis Chapel Church and attended many area churches.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Logan and Inez Johnson Olinger; stepdad, Milum Olinger; husbands, Carson Gilliam and Henry Smith; 1 son, Troy Smith and sisters and brothers.

She is survived by 4 sons, Doyle Gilliam, Coy, Ralph and Gerald Wayne Smith; 2 daughters, Darsulla Sullivan and Geraldine Collins; 4 granddaughters; 1 great grandson; 1 great-great grandson; 1 sister and 2 brothers.

Granny heard a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees.

- Written by Elder Paul Strong

**VIVIAN LOUCILE COUCH SMITH** departed this life on January 20, 2009 at the age of 86 years.

She was saved and served the Lord until her death. She was a member of Marian Robinette Memorial Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Chester Smith; parents, Burton and Myrtle Nancy Heck Couch.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Glenda Sanders.

Sister Smith was an inspiration to our church. She was a great spiritual lady and very able in prayer. She had a jolly attitude and was very uplifting for my wife and me during our visits.

- Written by Elder John Arnott

**MICHAEL PAUL SNAPP**, 56, passed this life into eternity on August 24, 2009.

He was saved at the age of 10, was baptized and joined Valley View Church. In 1979 he joined Mt. Mitchell, where he served as deacon, treasurer, cemetery trustee, Sunday School Teacher, song leader and moderator pro-tem for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; 2 sons, Douglas and Charles Snapp and 3 grandchildren.

Mike loved his family and taught them about God. He had a good principle about him, didn't waver in his faith and believed everything would work out. I enjoyed Mike when he prayed; you could feel the power of God all around. We served together as deacons for several years. It was a joy.

When Mike was leaving, he told his grandchildren he was going to heaven. His 5 year old grandchild told his sister and brother, "See, there's nothing to worry about."

We miss you, Mike.

- Written for the family by Jim Parker

**NEAL AXLEY SPEARS, SR.** was born October 27, 1940 and passed away August 12, 2009 at the age of 68 years, 10 months and 16 days.

He lived most of his life in Big Stone Gap, VA and attended Cadet Church. He served his country in the U. S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Axley N. and Francis Herron Spears.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Sue Trent Spears; 1 son, Neal A. Spears, Jr.; 3 brothers, Robert, Bill and Larry Spears; and 5 sisters, Joyce Rutherford, Brenda Baker, Judy Cole, Phyllis Hobbs and Debbie Ramey.

He lived his life by doing all the good he could for all the people he could for as long as he could. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

**ASHLEIGH RAEANN SPIVEY** was the daughter of Amy Leigh Head and Jacob Ray Spivey. She was born in God's hands on January 21, 2009.

It's been 7 months since I lost you and it still feels like yesterday. I never got to hold you long enough or even watch you smile. I only got to hold you long enough to say goodbye.

There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about you or wish that you were here in mommy's arms. I have your pictures and memories for now, but that day will come when we meet again in heaven. Mommy and her precious angel.

- Written by her mother, Amy Head

**DIXIE NELL STEPP** was born March 19, 1952 and went home to be with the Lord January 19, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Wanda Fitch and 1 brother, Paul Fitch.

She is survived by her husband, Randall Stepp; father, Milton Fitch and 3 brothers, Roger, Dean and Robert Fitch.

Dixie was loved both by her family and her church family at Richardson Chapel where she was a member for many years.

- Written by her sister-in-law, Rosemary Borders

**CHANIE WAGERS VANHOOSE** was born March 20, 1949 and went home to be with the Lord on June 2, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Norma and Earnest Wagers and 1 brother, Ora Lee Wagers.

She is survived by her husband, Matthew VanHoose; 3 sons, James Michael, Bobby Lee and Jody Matthew VanHoose and 1 adopted son, Allen Compton; 6 grandchildren; 4 sisters, Wanda VanHoose, Maudie VanHoose, Josephine Lewis and Mossie Minton.

Chanie was a 19 year fighter of cancer and a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

- Written by her son, Bobby VanHoose

**DAVID WHITAKER**, age 75, of Cumberland, KY, entered eternal life on August 27, 2009. A native of Letcher County, he lived in Harlan County over 30 years. He was a retired heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Ritter Riddle Whitaker; 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Caudill Whitaker; 3 children, Gary and Greg Whitaker and Sandra Fields; 4 grandchildren and 1 special great grandson.

David was a longtime member of Blair Chapel Church and will be greatly missed. Although he was very sick, he still tried to come to church. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith, he finished the course and won the victory. We thank God for the hope of meeting again in a land where sickness will be no more and where all will be peace and joy forever.

- Written by the Church Clerk, Wesley Bailey

**ETHEL BELL SLOAN WILLIAMS** was born October 13, 1920 and departed this life November 25, 2008.

Ethel professed her faith in Christ at an early age. She always stood and talked of a home which she would one day see. She was a member of Sloantown Church where she remained a member until her death.

She has gone to live with Jesus, but her memory will never die.

- Written by her daughter, JoAnn Griffin

**JANET SUE WILLIAMS**, 54, of Rogersville passed away August 5, 2009 at Wellmont - Hawkins County Hospital after an extended illness.

She was a member of Long Hollow Church, but attended Hughes Memorial Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford Salyers; mother, Ruby Sanders; father, Glenn Williams; 1 brother, Roger Williams; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

- Written by the family

**ERIC COOPER WITT** was born October 17, 1985 in Harlan, KY. He died at age 23 on August 10, 2009 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, TN. He was a member of Valley View Church in Dryden, VA. He was a lifelong resident of Lee County and a coal miner.

Eric was preceded in death by his grandfathers.

He is survived by his wife, Tonya Fay Witt and their unborn child, Dylan Eric Cooper Witt; parents Jeffrey C. and Mary Witt; 1 sister, Megatha Gates; 1 brother, Matthew Lawson; grandmothers; 2 nephews and a host of friends.

Eric was a beloved member of his church family who had a kindness and gentleness toward others. He is missed greatly by his family and all who loved him. There is great joy in knowing that Eric is happily and patiently waiting in heaven.

- Written by the family

# HISTORICAL DATA

## Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists organized 1835

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

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

1907	Mountain View	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette
1908	Blackwater Lick	E. S. McPherson	Nicholas Alder	J. P. Peters
1909	Riverside	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1910	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1911	Zion	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1912	Osborne's Chapel	E. S. McPherson	Amos Osborne	J. P. Peters
1913	Ayers Chapel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1914	Copper Creek	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington	E. A. Robinette
1915	Ida	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1916	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1917	Hopewell	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1918	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	C. M. Fuller
1919	Mountain View	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1920	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1921	Blackwater, TN	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	F. M. Long
1922	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne; Hampton Osborne, Ass't.	A. N. Joyner
1923	Jenkins Chapel	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne; Hampton Osborne, Ass't.	C. M. Fuller
1924	Hopewell	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne	H. S. Laster
1925	Valley View	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1926	Big Cut	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	E. A. Robinette
1927	Hurricane Gap	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	A. N. Joyner
1928	Robinette Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. Barker
1929	Burke's Union	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. A. Robinette
1930	Jenkins Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Maudie May Brotherton, Ass't.	F. T. Carroll
1931	Little Cowan	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	E. A. Robinette
1932	Osborne's Chapel	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	F. T. Carroll
1933	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette; F. J. Johnson, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	Pleas Jenkins

1934	Cox's Chapel	E. A. Robinette W. H. Burke, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	F. J. Johnson
1935	Cadet	E. A. Robinette B. L. Lawson, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	T. R. Carter
1936	Pleasant View	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	F. T. Carroll
1937	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson
1938	Little Dove	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	E. A. Robinette
1939	Spires Chapel	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	F. J. Johnson
1940	Peterson's Chapel	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	F. M. Phipps
1941	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1942	Fairview (OH)	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1943	Big Cut	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	L. R. Hensley
1944	Fairview (VA)	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1945	Alvis Chapel	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	Claude Taylor
1946	Willis Chapel	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson
1947	Hopewell	T. R. Carter	H. G. Busic	J. H. Sybert
1948	Ida	T. R. Carter; J. H. Sybert	H. G. Busic	Joe Hickman
1949	Gardner's Chapel	T. R. Carter; J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Frank Brown
1950	Gilliam Chapel	T. R. Carter; J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Dana Crawford
1951	Belcher's Chapel	T. R. Carter; J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	J. H. Sybert
1952	Willis Chapel	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	C. C. Johnson
1953	Swan Creek	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Clifford Williams
1954	Blair Chapel	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Basil Freeman
1955	Fairview (OH)	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Alex Willis
1956	Valley View	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	R. T. Carter
1957	Marion Robinette Memorial	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	C. C. Johnson
1958	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. L. Hill



1959	Peterson's Chapel	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Gardner
1960	Swan Creek	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Basil Freeman
1961	Roller's Chapel	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Alex Willis
1962	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	R. T. Carter
1963	Beech Grove	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. L. Hill
1964	Mountain View	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1965	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Alex Willis
1966	Fairview (OH)	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1967	Marion Robinette Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Basil Freeman
1968	Cadet	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Fremon Thacker
1969	Roller's Chapel	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Peters
1970	Poplar Grove	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1971	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1972	Richardson Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bert Banks
1973	Liberty Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1974	Clear Springs	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Ben Hill
1975	Irondale	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1976	West View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1977	Chestnut Flats	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1978	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Walter C. Willis
1979	Mountain View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1980	Swan Creek	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bobby Williams
1981	House Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1982	Jenkins Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1983	Caney Creek	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Darrell Ratliff
1984	Slate Hill	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Henry Wheeler
1985	Long Hollow	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1986	Edwin Holbrook Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Oscar Irvin
1987	Oak Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Lucian Lane
1988	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Allen Hensley

1989	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Eckel Head
1990	Blackwater Lick	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Carl Lawson
1991	Burke's Union	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1992	Clear Springs	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Terry Sizemore
1993	West View	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	J. H. Sybert
1994	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J. H. Sybert & Basil Freeman, Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin
1999	Roller's Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2000	Butcher's Valley	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Henry Wheeler
2001	Clear Springs	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger VanHoose
2002	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	David Smith
2003	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2004	Beech Grove	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Phil Crittenden
2005	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
2006	Flower Gap	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2007	Pilgrim's Rest	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Virgil Lipe
2008	Little Cowan	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Banks
2009	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette

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