

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, September 30, 2010

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 158th annual session with Richardson Chapel Church, Louisa, Kentucky.

The community of Richardson came about because of a man named George S. Richardson from New York. He, together with John Carlisle and his father; and later Colonel J. H. Northup, were pioneers in the Big Sandy Coal Business. He was greatly responsible for bringing the railroad to the area due to his coal business.

Mr. Richardson was also interested in education and the spiritual needs of the people. He had a big schoolhouse built that also was used as the church on Sundays and for revivals. Other churches were being built. Across the river from the depot, the Methodists, who immersed their converts, had a well attended church. In winter when the river froze, people crossed the river on foot, in sleds or wagons to attend. That church was later torn down and moved across the river to Richardson to a more convenient place. Around this time, the United Baptist Church appeared in the area.

After time, with the decline of the coal industry in the area, attendance to these churches began to decline. People would travel for miles to attend a Sunday service to find the doors of the churches closed because no one came to hold services.

It was about this time, in 1960; Elder Claude VanHoose was saved and baptized at Walnut Grove Church. Shortly afterwards, he was called by the Lord to preach His word. He held many revivals in homes and in different churches in the Richardson area. He was so happy with his conversion and wanted to tell everyone about the Lord that he would preach into the wee hours of the morning. Many a night he stayed until 4 a.m. with people praying on the altar at the old church at Patrick. Many souls were saved and a lot of preaching, singing, and shouting were going on.

The people in the Richardson area saw a need to form a new church. An arm was received from Rose Chapel in Ohio and on September 8th of 1962, Richardson Chapel was organized in an old church at Patrick.

Shortly after the church was organized, Sister Phyllis Price joined Richardson Chapel. A search was underway for property to build a church. Sister Phyllis was walking in the road below where the church now stands when the Lord clearly spoke to her and told her to look up. She looked up at what was a hillside then. The Lord spoke again to her and told her this was where He wanted His church built. The hillside was owned by Birdie Childers who was Sister Phyllis's aunt. Sister Phyllis went to her Aunt Birdie and asked her if the church could be built on that hillside. Aunt Birdie told Sister Phyllis she would think about it. Sister Phyllis went home and told her husband, Cecil and Elder Claude VanHoose about what had happened. A week or so later, Brother Cecil and Brother Claude went to Sister Birdie who not only let them build the church on the property, but gave the property to the Primitive Baptist Church as long as the church remains a Primitive Baptist Church.

In March of 1963, construction on the church began and in August of 1963, the first meeting was held at Richardson Chapel, although the building was not yet finished. Richardson was and remains a poor area in eastern Kentucky, but the love for the church was great. Many people past and present donated money, labor, and a lot of love to the church.

September 14, 1963 the church was dedicated and on the same day Cecil Price was ordained a deacon. Mike Laney was the other deacon and had been ordained when the church was organized at the old church at Patrick.

Sister Birdie Childers did not join the church until several years after the church was built, but rarely missed a meeting at the church. She was a faithful worker for the Lord and a hostess in her home to many who came from out of the area to church at Richardson Chapel.

In 1972, Richardson Chapel was host to the Eastern District Primitive Baptist Association. Those coming from Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia traveled muddy, gravel roads from Louisa to Richardson. Some, I believe, thought they had truly come to the end of the world when they reached Richardson. There was no 4 lane highway running beside the church in those days. Elder Lucian Lane led the delegation in prayer and Elder Bert Banks preached the introductory service. His text was the 8th chapter of Psalms and 2nd chapter of Hebrews.

Through the years, the church building has been renovated, Sunday school rooms added, and many other improvements made to the church which still stands on the hillside where the Lord told Sister Phyllis He wanted His church built.

After searching the records diligently and speaking with members present the day the church was organized, we reached the conclusion the following were the 13 charter members mentioned in the minutes: Mike Laney, Paul David Burgess, Nancy Boyd Cook, Katherine Boyd, Juanita Price Borders, Beatrice Laney Runyon, Sharlet Fitch Burke, Mabel Cook, Sharon Cook Ratliff, David Preston, Roberta Laney McKinnon, Myrtle Rice, and Mrs. Levita (Noah) Moore.

Elder Claude VanHoose served as pastor from the time the church was organized until his death in 1969. Others who have served as pastor are Elders Harold Shaw, Bert Banks, Clarence Slagle, Bill Meade, Darrell Ratliff, Cecil Price, and Brad Dutton. Tommy Meade is the present pastor.

The first deacon was Brother Mike Laney. Others who have served as deacons are Brothers Cecil Price, who was later called to preach, Adris Frazier, Virgil Wiley, Earl Dutton, Glen VanHoose, Hubert VanHoose, Mark Burgess, Shane Fyffe, and Paul Fitch. The present deacon is Brother John Borders. Brother Harold Sincell has been set aside to be ordained as deacon.

The first clerk of the church was Mabel Cook and the first treasurer was Kathy Boyd.

God has truly blessed Richardson Chapel since it began in 1962. We are honored to be host church this year. We truly want to be a light to the community from that hillside that Sister Phyllis saw so many years ago.

The association gathered for its 158th time on a beautiful fall day in Eastern Kentucky. Sister Zula McCullough led us in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is joy unspeakable and so full of glory, the half has never been told. When we behold His glorious face, how we will praise His wonderful grace. Our wonderful Jesus shows us the way into the blessed kingdom of day. It won't be very long until Jesus shall appear and our burdens will be laid down as all the saints get home. For all those that trust His matchless grace, there is an unseen hand that leads where e'er we go and while it leads we have no fear, for we're going to a land where neither sin nor sorrow can ever come. Let come what may in this life, anywhere is home sweet home if Jesus Christ is there. Our soul sings as His power throughout the universe is displayed, how great Thou art! He bled and died to take away our sin and He will come again with shouts of acclamation.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service. Thank God for the power that created it all. What a wonderful time to worship Him. The indwelling of His will guides us, protects us and keeps us from the harms of this world. That which dwells within us will help us to glory in the cross. Let us honor the Lord Jesus Christ with everything that is within us. We pray that if there is one here that does not know the Lord, they may find Him precious to their soul and not leave in the condition they came in. May we always lift up and edify the cause of Christ. Search out that wonderful blessing He has for each of us. To gather in God's name is the only way.

Elder Sizemore mentioned the passing of Elders Eckel Head, Gale Derrick and Bazzle Manis since we last met. These brethren have been a blessing to this grand body and the association misses them, but we know they are at peace with our Heavenly Father.

Elder Sizemore asked that each minister in attendance at the association be sure to sign the minister's book located in front of the clerk's table.

Sister Zula led the congregation in singing the old song that is the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." Since we met 12 months ago, some have gone to enjoy that heavenly land and when our work here is done, we will join them in that happy land.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which includes Billy Jack Johnson (chairman), Joe Horton and Gerald Moore.

He reminded everyone to turn in church letters and obituaries as soon as possible.

Mike Peterson came forward with a wonderful testimony and led the congregation in singing an old song of praise. Some day our trials here will cease and our soul will be set free from sin. No more in darkness to roam, but with Him in glory we shall be to live with Christ forever.

Tommy Meade, pastor of host church, welcomed everyone, thanking them and God for being here with us. Instead of mentioning names, he wanted to thank everyone, especially those of the church who have labored and worked so hard to make things ready for this blessed event. He also thanked the association for their prayers and what God did for his wife. He also asked us to remember his son, who had a massive stroke at 38 years old. He is having some major health problems due to the stroke, but their main concern is that he would be saved. Remember each other that His spirit and unity would keep us together. It is so wonderful to know the Lord in the free pardon of sin.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches, those serving in the military, our country, Tommy Meade's son, Imogene McPherson, Harold Head, Woodrow and Barbara Fields, Kaden Sizemore, Jan Fowler, Maxine Nichols, Charlene Mitchell's grandson who was wounded in Iraq, Edgar Neeley and his family, Homer Falin, Patricia Leonard, Etta Tignor, Gerald and Lorena Jones, thank God for Josh and Justin Jones who have been saved and are in attendance, Carl Smith, Buddy, Donald and Lola Mae Sybert, the lost in Billy Jack Johnson's family, John Turner and his wife, Leon Ritchie and his wife, L. E. and Virgie Grace Hill and their children, Jamie Jarnigan's niece and her mom and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Bill VanHoose humbly led us to the throne of grace. How fitting for Elder VanHoose to lead the opening prayer as his father, Elder Claude VanHoose, was the pastor at Richardson Chapel Church when they entered the association.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Neal Drinnon took the first part of the service. He encouraged everyone to be led by the Holy Spirit of God. He is our help in the time of

need. Using as a text, "The Lord is my helper," Elder Drinnon preached Jesus. He will get hold of us to get our attention and He is truly the help in a troubled world. We all have a need. Jesus has brought us together in truth and spirit and He is the only way. He is that need we so desperately require. Anything done in the name of Jesus will be done in decency and order. Jesus quickens the soul of the lost. He will fill us with His spirit and we can accomplish all things in His name. We're brothers and sisters in Christ and we're going to heaven together. God doesn't make any mistakes; through Him all things are possible. Many of our elderly cannot travel, so we must pray that God will send younger people into our churches so this grand body can grow in the Lord. There is no other name than Jesus, and if man will call upon Him, in faith believing, He will save them. If you have a need, it can be fixed today. Oh how I love Jesus, because He first loved me! Elder Brad Dutton took the second part of the service. God settled this long ago and there is no need to add to it, or take anything away from it. He is the resurrection and if we have Jesus, we have life, for He is all we need. Life in Christ may not fit in something this world can measure, but it does fit deep down in our soul. What a blessed hope we have in Christ Jesus our Lord! Whatsoever we ask in Jesus' name, He will deliver. Walk in the old paths, for they have been tested and were set up by Jesus Christ Himself. Obey the spirit and we can know we are truly blessed.

Elder Scott Tipton led us in song as we were dismissed for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon, September 30, 2010

Our afternoon service was opened with singing of praises to our blessed Redeemer. His matchless love was shown for everyone as He suffered all alone for our sake. His wonderful story of love is a comfort to His children. Oh sinner, please believe the story of love that has been with us from the dawn of creation. There's a land that is fairer than day where by faith we can see it afar. We shall meet on that beautiful shore in the sweet bye and bye.

We were so richly blessed by special singing from Aubra Hill, Verna Jerrell and Bill Winstead and his family. No sad goodbyes will be spoken in sweet Beulah Land. There's just a few more days to labor before we can take our heavenly flight home. We shall wear palms of victory and crowns of glory when deliverance comes. Our Father in heaven tells of the gift He has given. Just consider how much Jesus truly loves us.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service, thanking the church for the wonderful lunch and God for His bountiful blessings.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, those made during the morning service, Stella Sybert, Robbie Dotson, John Bowlin, Pauline Lawson, Flo Minton's niece, Copper Creek Church, lady's lost son, A. D. Howington's family and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder A. D. Howington took our petitions to the Lord.

Brother Ralph Baker, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. A total of 64 churches were recommended by the committee to be accepted. The letter from Little Dove Church has not been received at this time. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association.

The delegation was seated in order to 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 Burnice Sybert was nominated. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Elder Sybert came forward to serve during the election.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as clerk and treasurer of the association. A nomination was made and it was seconded for Brother Danny Lawson to serve as clerk and treasurer. 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 and it was seconded for him to serve as moderator of the association. It was motioned and seconded for nominations to cease. Through the vote by acclamation, Elder Sizemore will serve as moderator for the coming year.

Elder Sizemore thanked Elder Sybert 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 to hold these positions and represent this grand body. We are truly humbled and privileged to serve this association and we deeply appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity for another year. We, as the officers of the association, covet your thoughts and prayers. Please remember us throughout the year as we strive to do God's will in every aspect of our service to God and the association.

Billy Jack Johnson, chairman of the Committee on Religious Exercises came forward to give the report.

Thursday night:

Church: Frank Gilliam and Scott Tipton

Tent: Roger VanHoose and Bill VanHoose

Little United Valley Church: Daniel Smith and Joe Pitzer

Friday morning: October 1, 2010

Stand: Oscar Irvin and Lewis Baker

Church: Jim and Jamie Jarnigan

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.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

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

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers – Shane Russell (chairman), Jim Lykins and Derrick Cantwell; Deacons – Gene Ward and Larry Delph; Laymen – Don Brown and Clifton Horne.

Committee on Finance: Mike Fullington (chairman), Bill Winstead and Glenn Cornett.

Committee on Obituaries: Daniel Smith (chairman), Jamie Jarnigan and Frank Gilliam.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Burnice Sybert (chairman), Oscar Irvin, Lewis Baker, Gordon Justice, Richard Seiber, John Banks and Eddie Malone.

Since time was available, it was decided to move a few business items from Friday's afternoon service to today.

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

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

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk \$1500 in appreciation for his services.

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

The clerk reported all financial transactions to the delegation. He also explained that a new printing company had given an estimate for printing our minutes. The quality of their examples is equivalent to, or better than our existing minutes and the costs will save the association nearly \$1000. The company is a Christian family-owned business who promise a shorter turnaround time for the work performed. Minutes will be delivered to the association clerk when they are finished. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow Superior Printing of Neon/Whitesburg, KY to print our minutes for this year.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 1, 2010.

Friday Morning, October 1, 2010

The Lord blessed us to gather on a beautiful day once again this side of eternity. As we journey through this land, many arrows pierce our soul, but the Lord leads what e'er betides. Oh, to see Him and look upon His face when our cares are past and we are home at last ever to rejoice. Just inside the eastern gate, we will meet in the morning. So keep your lamps trimmed and burning to watch and wait for the bridegroom. Oh, the joy of that glad meeting! If we will anchor our soul in the haven of rest, we will be safe evermore. No matter what this world may throw at us, that still small voice we hear whispers sweet peace. We may be cast down in spirit and soul, but if we trust Him by faith and by faith hold His hand; He will take command and calm our troubled world.

The congregation was blessed with special singing and testimony from Null Lawson, Roger and Janette Trent and Terry Sizemore. The only fire we'll ever feel is burning in our heart, for that tiny flame will keep us safe from all harm. We hear people talk about heaven, a place given to the believers which cost Him His blood, but we hold a clear title to a mansion Jesus has prepared which stands on the rock of ages. Thank God for salvation! The best day we've ever had on this earth won't compare to our heavenly home. Oh, what a city awaits all of God's children!

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service. It is wonderful to know we have a God that is alive. God is seeking lost individuals that they may see His light and be saved. It is good to be on the grounds and feel His power among us. May everything we do be done to edify Him.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military, our association, our country, Buford Ferguson, Oscar Irvin's neighbor, Tom Carter's wife who is lost, Vargo family and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. Elder Scott Tipton took 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 Oscar Irvin, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. The Lord knows what we stand in need of. The children of God will be fed, strengthened, filled and built up with His wonderful Holy Spirit. He walks and talks with us and He tells us we are His own. He read from the 15th chapter of St. John, verses 7-15, using as a text a portion of the 12th verse "That ye love one another, as I have loved you." God set forth the true example of what love really is. He created us in His own image. Adam knew better than to eat of the forbidden fruit, so Satan went to Eve; but their understanding was not opened until Adam ate of it, too, because the commandment was put in Adam's hands. They were ashamed of their nakedness before God. Except God calls, you'll never come to the knowing grace of God. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. He brought salvation to a lost and dying world. He didn't have to send His son here to be God, He was already God, and neither did He have to send His son down here for Him to be the son of God, for He was already the son of God. He sent Him that we might have eternal life. His blood that flowed down the old rugged cross makes you the son of God when it is applied. Christ purchased the church and that makes him the head of the body. So, what is love? Is it when we get what we want, or when we put our brother's needs before our own? His spirit will bear witness within the soul and it seals us until the day of redemption. By the love we have for one another, all men will know us. The scriptures tell us the Love of God will hide a multitude of sins. We must therefore love the Lord with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Elder Lewis Baker followed with another wonderful message from God. God is love and we owe Him everything. Even the birds praise Him, so who are we not to praise Him in all that we do? There are no bounds to His amazing love. Seated on the right hand of the Father, Jesus Christ still controls all things and without Him we have nothing. Love thy neighbor as thyself. His perfect love has been established in the hearts of God's children. The same Jesus they saw going away will come again in like manner. This old body will go down in corruption, but will be raised in immortality. This world is not our home, for we are merely pilgrims and strangers in a foreign land. He deserves all the glory.

Brother Dan Cross led us in song as we were adjourned for lunch. Tears of joy and shouts of praise rang out over the grounds as God's children praised His name.

Friday Afternoon, October 1, 2010

The congregation came together with songs of praise to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. As we come to the garden alone, He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing. When Jesus came and made us whole, we stood upon His word and we would not be denied. Satan may say God is gone, but the Lord hears our prayers as He sits at the right hand of the Father. God's promise of love says there shall be showers of blessings sent from the Savior above. Mercy drops 'round us are falling, but for the showers we plead. Some glad morning when this life is over, we'll fly away to our blessed home where joy shall never end. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that lets us know we have a home not made with hands. Once blind, now I see, for

His grace relieved my fears. After we've been there ten thousand years, we've no less days to sing God's praise.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Leona Kester, Ruth Ann Dalton Hood, Jerry Scalf, Clear Springs Church singers and the Kingswood Church singers. We have started out to find a better way to our home with the Lord. We shall be so happy in the presence of the Lord where we can put the world aside. Let us give Him the glory for all the great things He has done. Let the earth hear His voice as His people rejoice. This life is like a flower, here today and gone tomorrow; but when Jesus comes one day, like a bird we'll go home. It is then our soul will take a flight without man's wings and our Savior will guide us safely home. Remember the day when you were low and Jesus asked what sins are you talking about, I don't remember them anymore. He washed them all away, to be remembered no more. We're just a poor wayfaring stranger traveling thru this weary land, just going over Jordon, just going over home. The right words to describe our Lord are impossible to find, but the sum of it all is oh, what a Savior is mine. Giving us courage to do His will, His infinite grace will keep us throughout this journey, for our real home is up there on high. We belong to the King of Kings. Everything in His hand is secure. God's children have peace like a river, joy like a fountain and love like an ocean in their soul. There is nothing like being an old time Christian in this high tech world we live in. Praise God, for we are going home because there is nothing to hold us here. Just a glimpse of that heavenly home keeps us moving on, for every hope we have in this old world is anchored in the blood of the Lamb.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for the wonderful lunch as he welcomed everyone back. Thank God for His wonderful spirit that is here with us! The wonderful service in the tent and church this morning is a blessing to us all. Our journey here may be rough, but God will smooth out the rough spots and make our way straight.

Prayer requests were made for all those in the previous services, the unsaved, all those serving our country in the military and their families, David Smith, Robert Carter and the men who help him, John Bowlin, Harold Head, John Arnott, Maxie Marcum, Jim and Doris Burke, Henry Wheeler, John Borders, Tommy Meade's son, Phil Crittenden's sister, A. D. Howington, Allen Hensley, Orbin Ward, Steve's brother and neighbor, Donald and Lola Mae Sybert, Daniel Hurd, Teddy Charles family, Jacob Raleigh, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Jerry Johnson took our petitions to the Lord.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Ralph Baker came forward to give the final report of the Letter Committee. The letter from Little Dove has not been received. It was motioned, seconded and voted for the clerk and moderator to examine the letter when it is received and if everything is in order, to add their information to minutes.

Brother Billy Jack Johnson read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Friday night:

Church: Richard Seiber, David Jerrell and Virgil Lipe

Tent: Jerry Johnson and Donald L. Johnson

Saturday morning, October 2, 2010:

Stand: Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert

Saturday night:

Roller's Chapel: Roger VanHoose and Joe Pitzer

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

Elder Sizemore appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 2011 which includes: David Horton (chairman), Bradley Bowen, Gene Ward and Steve Minton (alternate).

Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Electrical and PA Committee, came forward to speak to the delegation. He thanked God for saving him and thanked all the men on the committee for the work they do. He also thanked the host churches, both present and past for all the help they had shown the committee to help get the electrical and PA system set up.

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

The Committee on Finance reported \$8,588.50 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

Elder Neal Drinnon came forth and asked that we give Elder Sizemore \$500.00 in appreciation for all he does for the association. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the moderator this amount in appreciation for his services.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 77 have been received at this time. The chairman reminded everyone that certain things such as verses of songs and scripture, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, daughter-in-laws, son-in-laws, etc. cannot be included in the obituaries.

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.

Larry Russell, Roy Jones and Elder Scott Tipton wrote the Circular Letter for this year. Brother Larry Russell was chosen to read the letter as the others looked on. Its message was to each of us as we are that city set upon a hill. Depend on God so we do not walk in darkness, but in the light of everlasting light. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read. Pastors are encouraged to read it to their congregation.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Circular Letters for 2011 which includes Pastors James Jarnigan, Neal Drinnon and Rod Raleigh.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that 3 queries had been received. Elder Sybert thanked God for the men appointed to this committee. He was reminded from our past that we will make mistakes. At Swan Creek church 50 years ago today, Elder J. P. Peters spoke concerning our older ministers. Elder Peters had been preaching for 48 years and was considered one of the best in church matters and discipline. It was noted that one thing which seemed to register with the delegation was "Our method of conducting business and the principles and practices which we teach and believe largely accounts for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit among us."

The 3 queries received were all in regard to same subject. It was decided to consider these as one query. Since the query from Oak Grove had the most detailed questions, it was decided to use it.

Beech Grove and Flower Gap were similar in nature.

The query had five questions, so in the interest of time, it was decided to divide it into 2 sections. Section 1 will have 4 questions and Section 2 will have 1 question. The answers to each question were agreed to unanimously by the committee members.

Each question of the query was read three times to allow everyone to understand exactly what was involved. The questions are as follows:

1.) In reference to "Procedure for Ordination of Ministers or Deacons" (Section B) refers to observing gospel order according to Paul's instructions to Timothy and Titus. Adopted at Piney Grove in 1886; published in 1970. Paul's instructions were for Bishops and Deacons. Question: **Who are the ordained Bishops of the Eastern District Primitive Baptist Association? (None are listed in the Minutes)**

Several questions were asked concerning all of the queries and were all three queries similar enough to combine them? The questions in the queries from Flower Gap and Beech Grove were similar. Members of these churches were asked if it was alright to combine and they agreed it was okay. The moderator asked if anyone from those churches objected to combining the queries. None came forward. A move was made to combine and later withdrawn. The delegation was asked if it was okay to combine the questions of all 3 queries. All were in favor, with no objections. The delegation was then asked, "do we address this query?" It was motioned, seconded and voted to address or discuss the query. It was motioned, seconded and voted to hear the committee's answer. The committee's answer to question 1 was:

The meaning of the word "Bishop" is overseer. The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists has always accepted this to be the same as "pastor." Paul's instructions to the elders (our title for ministers) "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Article of Faith #15 states, "We believe God chooses, calls and qualifies those whom He would have to preach the gospel." In I Timothy 2:7 Apostle Paul states, "I am ordained a preacher" and in his instructions to Titus in Titus 1:5, "ordain elders in every city." Thus, we see that men who are chosen, called and qualified by God are to be ordained to both preach and pastor.

In the Minister's List in our minutes, names without an asterisk are those who have been ordained to preach. They are "eligible" to be a pastor, but the church who may consider them for that office must for themselves judge their qualifications.

After extensive discussion, it was motioned to accept the recommendation and print it as an answer to the first question of the query. Further discussion required that the committee's answer be read again, along with a portion of the church letter concerning that each church and its pastor believe, teach and practice according to the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Church Covenant. The Ordination of a Minister form was also read to the delegation. It is the desire of the committee to provide scripturally accurate answers where those are demanded. Some, however, are totally dependent on the relationship of association to church and the relationship of church to individual members.

First of all, it is necessary for everyone to understand that the association has no power or authority to deal with individual church members whether they be ministers, deacons or lay members. The church deals with individual members. The association deals with churches only in terms of fellowship. A church letter to the association will be received upon recommendation of the Letter Committee and no overriding objection from the floor of delegates. It may be tabled for a year, or even longer, if there is a question of association rules being broken and it being a known fact. If a church continually fails to observe gospel order, the association may withdraw fellowship from the church. This is a rare and drastic step, as ministers' and deacons' ordination papers are invalidated.

There is an excellent explanation of this relationship in the circular letter in the 1956 minute.

The motion to receive/accept the answer for question #1 was seconded. This question only addressed the definition of a Bishop. It was voted to accept the committee's answer to question 1 of the query.

2.) If a minister or deacon ordains a man with two living wives or the wife having two living men, (Section C) or step outside this association (Section E) to ordain men, what will be the consequences they will face? (Example: surrender papers, dismissed from association, etc.)

It was motioned, seconded and voted to discuss question 2 of the query. It was motioned, seconded and voted to hear the committee's answer to the question.

The committee's answer to question 2 was:

The church where the minister or deacon holds membership should reprove (tell him what he did wrong) and if deemed necessary, rebuke (publically censure) him. The act of rebuke may be necessary if he is not repentant.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendation of the committee as an answer to question 2.

3.) Will ministers that have more than one living wife continue to be listed in the minutes?

It was motioned, seconded and voted to discuss question 3 of the query. It was motioned, seconded and voted to hear the committee's answer to the question.

The committee's answer to question 3 was:

Yes, if their name is on the letter to the association from the church where they hold membership.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendation of the committee as an answer to question 3

4.) If yes is answer to question #3:

Can they be denoted with two asterisks () as unordained men are noted with one asterisk (*)?**

Since yes was the answer to question #3, it was motioned, seconded and voted to discuss question 4 of the query. It was motioned, seconded and voted to hear the committee's answer to the question.

The committee's answer to question 4 was:

No, the association has no authority to mark an individual. The asterisk (*) noting an unordained person denotes his status in the ministry.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendation of the committee as an answer to question 4.

This concluded the questions from section one of the query. Section two, question 5 was addressed.

5.) Will the Eastern District Primitive Baptist Association continue to accept letters of churches with Pastors or Moderators with two or more living wives or their wives with two or more living men?

It was motioned, seconded and voted to discuss question 5 of the query. It was motioned, seconded and voted to hear the committee's answer to the question.

The committee's answer to question 5 was:

A number of years ago, the association had an Advisory Committee (established in 1963) which was appointed annually, consisting of 9 ministers and 6 deacons and the Association Moderator and Clerk as ex-officio members. During the time Brother Burnice Sybert was Association Clerk, the advisory committee was asked several times for assistance by churches having a problem, or appointed by the delegation to help resolve a problem within a church. During those times, the problem was caused by a church being out of order. In each case, the Advisory Committee ruled the church must rescind the action taken while out of order, return to the status preceding the out of order action, and begin anew from there.

In 1982, a query came before the Association. It follows in part:

We, the church of Jenkins' Chapel, would like for the delegates of the association to vote yes or no: Is it right, according to the Scriptures, to ordain a man with two living wives or the wife having two living men, and for their decision to be put in the minutes. The discussion began before the moderator could put it to a vote to see if the majority was for or against answering it. Following a great discussion, during which many people spoke their convictions on the subject, it was motioned, seconded and voted to put it to a vote. A large majority of the delegation voting gave an answer of no. The major points brought out during the discussion were as follows. The instructions given by Paul to Timothy and Titus deal with the ordination of men to the office of bishop (or pastor) and deacon. Men in the condition stated by the query who are called of God to preach can still exercise their gift. The decision of the delegation in no way affects those who have been ordained in the past.

In the next day's session, the business proceedings of yesterday were read by the clerk. The moderator asked if there were any corrections or objections to the minutes. There were none. He then explained, as pointed out in the minutes, that the discussion of the query the previous day should have followed a vote to see if it should be answered. If anyone felt the moderator had erred in

the handling of the query, they should have called it to his attention at the time. This only serves to call our attention again to the fact that our Rules of Decorum can be followed much easier when the moderator is given time to consider the next course of action to be taken and ask for a motion from the floor to set such action into motion.

The committee's answer is in three parts:

1. **In the answering of this query, Rules of Decorum 8 was broken, thus making the action of debating the query out of order, and the action of adopting the answer as a part of the ordination procedure invalid.**
2. **We find the strict answer of No to be scripturally incorrect according to Matthew 19:9 and I Corinthians 7:15.**
"And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."
"But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace."
3. **Also, as the Eastern District Association is a chartered organization in Tennessee and therefore subject to law, the wording "two living wives or the wife having two living men" is not language which would stand in a legal case.**
Therefore, the Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries, consisting of Elders Burnice Sybert (chairman), Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Eddie Malone, Lewis Baker, Gordon Justice and John Banks as appointed by Elder Terry Sizemore, moderator, on 9/30/2010 do make the following recommendation:
 - a) **Rescind the query of 1982, restoring the Association position of 1981, and**
 - b) **Appoint a committee to provide to the churches a scripturally correct set of guidelines for ordination.**

It was motioned and seconded to accept the recommendation of the committee as an answer to question 5. Before the vote, the moderator asked for time to discuss a matter with the committee. He urged the pastors and churches not to rush things through before the newly to-be-appointed committee can address these recommendations. It was voted to accept the recommendation of the committee as an answer to question 5.

Henceforth, Query (C) will be removed from our minutes.

The moderator asked the delegation to give him some time to think and pray about the committee needed to carry out the recommendations just approved. There were no objections to him doing this.

The moderator reminded the delegation that only those chosen or appointed by their respective churches as delegates were allowed to vote. There were 8 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Beech Grove, Clear Springs, House Chapel, Kingswood, Little Cowan, Richardson Chapel and Riverside. Before the process began for deciding where the association will meet next year, all but 2 churches withdrew. By a majority vote, the delegation sent the association to House Chapel, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (September 29, 2011) before the first Saturday in October, 2011. Introductory – Elder Fred Gilreath, Alternate – Elder Neal Drinnon.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 2, 2010.

Saturday Morning, October 2, 2010

The morning fog lifted, giving way to bright, beautiful sunshine as God's people gathered for our memorial service. This earth holds no treasure but perish with using, for Heaven holds all to us. Don't long for this world and its sorrows when joy without measure awaits us. Whatever our lot may be in this world, we can still say it is well with our soul. Our sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to His cross and we bear it no more. What a wonderful change has been wrought in our life since Jesus came into our heart! We have met to worship knowing all is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One comes down. Sweet is the song and great is our joy that makes our Savior so precious in our lives. Happy in glory some day we shall be for we have been redeemed. Shouts of praise rang out during the singing as God's people praised Him for being redeemed. We will meet in the morning by the bright river side where there'll be no disappointments as the ages shall roll. Wonderful testimonies blessed the hearts of God's children. God is from everlasting to everlasting, and somewhere in between he carved out time. Let us rejoice in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Wonderful blessings were received from special singing and wonderful testimony from Joe Pitzer, Naomi Payne and Jason Robinette, Richardson Chapel Church singers and Virtie Williams. We have been brought from a dead state to a lively hope. When we were down in the valley with no hope, Jesus broke the chains of fear and sorrow and wrote our name way up in Glory. How about you, have you given your heart to Jesus? When trouble overtakes us and we don't know what to do, just take it all to Jesus. Be ready, thankful pilgrim to meet just inside the eastern gate over there. Though bent and battered from this life, the old ship of Zion will sail safely through, for at the stern is our Captain. Get on board, it may never sail this way again. Through sunshine and rain, sorrow and pain, His grace has set us free and we are truly blessed. Thank you, Lord for all your blessings on us. Trusting still His love, we seek that home above where we shall meet our loved ones once again. They will be there when God welcomes us to that eternal home of peace and cheer.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service on this beautiful Saturday as he thanked God for the beautiful morning. Praising God for His wonderful story of love, we are truly thankful for the privilege of meeting together one more time.

Remember in prayer the requests made in previous services, our young people, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Wanda Malone, Clifton Horne's brothers, Tommy Meade's son, the lady's lost loved ones, the lost from all our church communities, Brandi and Cody Sammons, all of our preachers, Daniel Smith's father-in-law, Dustin and Adam Lawson and many unspoken requests. Elder Virgil Lipe led us to the throne of grace.

Elder Tommy Meade, pastor of the host church, came forward to thank everyone for allowing them to host the association. He thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy life and coming to the association. Thank God for being here with us and leading us thru this session. Thank God for everything. Bless all the church folks who put in many hours to prepare for our visit with them. Many people worry about crossing the river, but getting down to the river is the problem. We know the Lord is with us all the way and He will be there to help us safely cross. Salvation and His wonderful spirit keep us moving forward to that day when we will all be home for evermore. We certainly appreciate the host church and all they have done to help us.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

After reading the minutes of yesterday it was noted that a portion concerning the answer to the 5th question of the query needed to be reworded to refer to the Advisory Committee. It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as read with the noted amendment.

Moderator Sizemore appointed the committee to develop a scripturally correct set of guidelines for ordination. This committee includes: Elders Roger Trent (chairman) and Brad Dutton and Brother Billy Jack Johnson. This committee may seek help from this year's Query Committee members, if needed.

The moderator reminded the delegation that Sister Eileen Brown still sends out notices of revivals and special services. Please let her know by the 20th of the month for the announcement to be included in the next month's announcements. Her contact information is as shown:

Eileen Brown
297 Turtle Pointe
Bean Station, TN 37708
Phone: 865-993-4960
Email: edaannounce@gmail.com

It was also recommended from the delegation that individuals and churches should send a donation to help Sister Eileen with postage and handling.

The moderator noted the Letter from Little Dove Church was received at the association clerk's home on Friday and will be reviewed by the clerk and moderator.

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.

Since 1956, the Saturday service has been dedicated as a memorial service for those saints who have passed from among us. As a special hush fell over the grounds, 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 are precious in our hearts, but we know they are at peace with our Lord.

Elder Sizemore reminded us in song that Jesus came to show us the way, then He got on a cloud and went home. Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Terry Sizemore took the first part of the service. He thanked God that on October 3, 2010 he will celebrate having been preaching for 28 years. He read St. John 12:20-22 and used as his text a portion of the 21st verse, "We would see Jesus." Our desire is that some lost soul would be saved. Our true understanding does not come until we are converted because it is not manifested in things of this world, but through His power of revelation that we may show forth in life that others can see and believe. We must follow examples of those who walk with God. We have the blessing to know Him and the privilege to tell Him about our lost people. May we never fall into the place of playing church, but let us stand up and tell our children, friends and loved ones the wonderful story of love. Blessed be His Holy name! We may stumble and fall, but we must be a light to those around us. Thank God for these saints who showed us Jesus in their daily lives. Instead of honoring these old saints, we know they would much prefer that we honor God. Seek Him and you will find Him. Remember the individuals that do not know Him. Pray for our children and friends and show them Jesus in our lives. If no one is asking you questions about the Lord, you may want to examine yourself, because they are not seeing anything there. Elder Burnice Sybert came forward to take the next part of the service.

Recalling precious memories from services with some of those departed loved ones on the list today, we know we are blessed of the Lord. Preaching is of the Lord. We are thankful for the influence on our lives of good people in the Lord. What did the prophets think when God spoke to them in the same manner He speaks to us today? We have so many examples in the Bible to help us today. David described crucifixion way before His time; the Lord told Simeon he would not die until he saw the Christ child. When he took Him in his arms, he said, "Lord, let this servant depart in peace for I have seen Jesus." There was no way this could happen except God spoke to them. Aren't you glad you received an invitation to see Jesus? Behold the Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world! Those people saw Jesus just as we can see Jesus in everything we do, if we trust in Him and keep Him first in our life. Take this good news of the One we found into the world and proclaim that what He did for us, He can do for them as well. The Lord is coming! Statistics in our records show our numbers of people saved have decreased drastically over the years. How many changed their minds when the rains began to fall in Noah's time? We have only the time left in our lifetime to do what we can do. Once He comes again, it will be too late. Today is the day of salvation. There is no other way to heaven, except through Jesus Christ. Except we believe upon Him, there is no life in us. Our time is short, so let us proclaim Jesus saves, Jesus saves!

These men preached so wonderfully and we thank God for them and all those who stand to preach His word. Thank God for His wonderful story of love.

Tears of joy filled the eyes of God's people as they rejoiced in knowing we are His and He is ours. We were adjourned with songs of praise.

Sunday Morning, October 3, 2010

God blessed on the last day of the association just as He did throughout the previous 3 days. What a privilege we have to serve an all-knowing God who is always there for us, in good times as well as bad. We have so much to be thankful for and we praise His Holy Name.

After singing and prayer, it was a time of thanksgiving and rejoicing for all the blessings of life, but especially for all God has done during the 158th seating of this grand old body.

There were no visiting preachers in today's service, but God was still in the midst of His children. Elder Tommy VanHoose came forward to bring the message in the service, using as a text, "The importance of brotherly love." God is not slack concerning His promise. He has always been there for His people and He will always be there to help us. We don't realize how important the love we show every day is to a lost person. The wonderful story of love must show forth in our daily walk if we are to see our people saved. Our time is running out, so we must not be slack in our love for each other and a lost and dying world.

Today's service was a time of reflection on all the blessings God has bestowed on His children. Realizing our work here is never done, just pause for a moment to truly reflect on the blessings sent down from our Savior above. What a week this has been of praising God with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank Him for each testimony and word of praise that was spoken. Please continue to pray for the lost in each of our churches.

Special thanks to Elder Tommy Meade for giving me the details of today's service.

Time passes so quickly during this week. Plans are made and details worked out for a year just to get ready, and before you know it our time has come and gone. I want to personally thank the Richardson Chapel Church for all they did to make our stay with them pleasant, enjoyable and just a wonderful time in the Lord. I know you have labored many hours, but I also know the Lord has blessed you many times over for all of your work.

It is sad when everything gets packed up and the crowd goes back to their home churches, but it is such a joy to serve the Lord in any capacity. I pray that God will continue to bless you in the manner in which you all so richly deserve. Our prayer is that before next year's gathering, we will see many souls saved and added to all of our churches. May God continue to bless and keep each one of you until we meet again.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To our brothers and sisters of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists meeting in the 158th annual session, may grace and peace be unto you from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ; who by His great mercy has allowed us to meet one more time. Though we are in a world where times are always changing, the foundation of God (which is the word of God) standeth sure. The Lord knoweth those that are His. This letter is written in hope of stirring up our pure minds by way of remembrance.

Remember how we were once a people in darkness but He called us out of the darkness into his marvelous light to be a chosen generation. A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, to show forth his praise and to be the light of the world. Jesus said, "Ye are now the light of the world and a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." The word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. So let us let our light shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

Thus saith the Lord of host, consider your ways. Now, let us examine ourselves. Where is our shadow? Our shadow will reveal exactly where we are in relation to the light. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we turn our backs to God, his word, and his way; our shadow will go before us and every step we take will end in darkness; a darkness created by our own image. Brethren, we ought not to walk in darkness or after the flesh. God has sealed us by His Spirit and we need to walk therein; for Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto Him, and make our abode with Him."

How does the world view us today? Do they see us as they did in David's time? David wrote in Psalm 36:1 that the transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, there is no fear of God before his eyes. Even in early generations the world watched people that were supposed to be of God. How much more is that evident today? Does the world see the fear of God in us? Who is the man that fears God? It is the man that desires to know God and His ways; for the fear of God is the beginning of knowledge. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting, get understanding. Without the fear of God in our lives, we choose to walk in our own ways. The scripture says to "Trust the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths." Without the fear of God in our lives, we may begin to think that our thoughts are God's thoughts and our ways are God's ways; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Let us remember that man's ways will corrupt God's way.

Brethren, remember the Scripture as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man. All flesh had corrupted God's way upon the earth, but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and being warned of God of things not seen, Noah moved with fear and prepared an ark to the saving of his house. Had he not moved with fear, the fate of his family could have been the same

as Achan and that of Ananias and Sapphira. Brethren, let us remember that all that Achan had was burned with fire because he feared not the commandment of the Lord. One day the door of mercy will be shut on the world, but let us rejoice, remembering that the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting unto those that fear him. Brethren, let us now repent, return to God, and keep his word and his way. Truly this is a grand body. In Asia, there were seven grand bodies, but the Lord had somewhat against each one of them. Are we any different than they were?

Finally brethren, let's hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is expected of us, yeah, it is required of us; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Truly, God has blessed and we pray, will continue to bless this Association with His "Amazing Grace and Wonderful Peace".

Amen.

Your brothers in Christ,
Elder: Scott Tipton
Deacon: Roy Jones
Lay member: Larry Russell

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

All praise, honor and glory go to our Heavenly Father for allowing us to gather on holy ground one more time this side of eternity. Richardson Chapel Church has done a wonderful job in preparing in every way possible to make our stay with them not only pleasant, but spiritually inspiring. We thank the host church and the entire community for everything they have done to further the work of our Lord. Our prayer is that He will receive all honor and glory in everything.

Many individuals have made private donations and given much time to support the church and all the members of this grand body. 59 churches sent donations totaling \$8,315.00 to their sister church to help with the costs for hosting this grand body. To everyone who has taken part in this work of faith, please accept our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for a job well done. Richardson Chapel certainly appreciates all the help they received and extends a debt of gratitude to all those who have helped in so many ways.

What else can be said, that hasn't already been said about our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore? His care, devotion and support for this grand body does not go unnoticed. We appreciate and thank him and his family for all they do throughout the year. When this gathering is over, his dedication continues throughout the year. His willingness to help in any way possible continues as if the association was still in session. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless him in all his endeavors.

Regardless of the job you performed and the effort you expended, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who has given of themselves to serve during this wonderful gathering. We thank those who helped make the business of the association proceed according to God's will. Your willingness to do God's work does not go unnoticed.

We serve an awesome God, one who is always there to help no matter what the need may be, one who answers prayers and guides our daily steps and one who picks us up when we stumble. There are no true words to describe how great God is. Every minute possible should be spent praising His name and thanking Him for our blessings. In our daily walk, we need to praise Him and pray that our

heart and mind will be opened to the understanding of His word, and our unbelief be minimal so we will not sin against our Lord. Many times we think our belief cannot be improved, but when our faith is tested, we realize we fall short of where we need to be. God deserves all the honor, glory and praise for our very being. His blessings are beyond measure and we truly thank Him with everything within us for all the blessings of life. The more we understand His word, the greater our belief and the stronger our faith. We can draw closer to Him, and as He promised, He will draw closer to us. How do we describe our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? I know of no such words in all of the languages and dialects of the world that can do this task justice. Thus, it behooves us to praise Him in everything we attempt, and do all within our power to ensure He receives all the honor and glory.

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) 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)

(D) 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)

(E) 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.

CHURCH CONSTITUTION

(Especially for Newly Constituted Churches)

We do, with mutual consent, agree to embody ourselves together as a religious body to worship God. Being a church congregated, we hold and teach:

Baptism of believers in Christ by a decent immersion of our whole bodies once in water;

The final perseverance of the saints;

The resurrection of our bodies;

A restricted communion to church members in full fellowship;

The Old and New Testament Scriptures (King James Version) to be the revealed will and mind of God;

The Christian Sabbath to be a holy and heavenly institution;

That we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, and especially our regular church meetings should diligently be attended;

That we should not expose the infirmities of our members except in gospel order;

That we should not move out of the bounds of the church without applying for a letter of dismission;

And that we should communicate of our worldly substance for the decent support of the church and ministry.

With this mutual consent and understanding, having been duly and properly organized, constituted, and pronounced a church, we are ready, by the will of God, to proceed to business.

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 8. Any member speaking or acting in wrath or anger, or in threatening or disregarding manner, as it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves the true Christian, is hereby deemed disorder.

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

Section 10. The woman hath not the right by the law of Christ to usurp authority over the man, and therefore ought not to speak in church, only in case of conscience, or in such particular circumstances that the nature of the case may require it.

Section 11. Amendments to these rules may be made at any time when the conference shall deem necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God as revealed in the Bible and the Holy Trinity by the name of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I John 5:7.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scripture, as recorded in the King James translation of 1611, to be the written and revealed Word of God. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:20, 21.
3. We believe God created the heaven and the earth and all things therein. Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16, 17; Rev. 4:11.
4. We believe God made man of the dust of the earth, and He made him good and He gave him a law to keep and man transgressed the law and fell from his first estate and lost his righteousness. Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 2:16, 17, 3:6-23.
5. We believe in the total depravity of man, that he was unable to redeem himself from the fallen state he was in. Gen. 3:24; Rom. 5:9-19.
6. We believe God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16; I John 2:2.
7. We believe sinners are justified by faith and saved by grace. Eph. 2:8; Rom. 5:1, 2.
8. We believe the Gospel is the only means God has ordained by which sinners are brought to Christ. I Cor. 1:21-24.
9. We believe he that believeth in the Son of God hath the witness in himself. I John 5:10.
10. We believe baptism, the Lord's Supper, and feet washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ given to the church by example and command for us to observe until He comes again. Matt. 28:19; John 13; I Cor. 11:23-26.
11. We believe the only scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion of the whole body in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and believers are the only fit subjects for baptism. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Matt. 28:19.
12. We believe all the saints will persevere through grace and never fall away. Eph. 1:13, 14; I Pet. 1:5; John 10:28, 29.

13. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God and the sanctification of the Spirit through the belief of the truth. Eph. 1; I Pet. 1:2, 3.
14. We believe the church is the light of the world and is made manifest by keeping the commandments and examples of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church in all things. Matt. 5:14; Eph. 1:22, 23.
15. We believe God chooses, calls and qualifies those whom He would have to preach the gospel, and God has promised temporal support of His ministers. Rom. 10:14, 15; I Cor. 1:25-29; I Cor. 9:7-11.
16. We believe in a restricted communion confined to the church in fellowship, walking in the light and observing gospel order. I Cor. 5:11, 12; John 13; I Cor. 11:31, 32.
17. We believe Christ is the only lawgiver in Zion, and the New Testament scripture is perfect, a thorough furnisher to the man of God unto all good works. James 4:12; II Tim. 3:16.
18. We believe Jesus Christ, during the time of His earthly ministry, set up a spiritual kingdom on earth, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy; He being the King and all born again believers the subjects of the Kingdom, and they are now reigning with Him as Kings and priests on the earth. Dan. 2:44; Isa. 9:6, 7; Matt. 3:2; Luke 17:20, 21; John 18:36; Rev. 1:5-7.
19. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by His Son, Jesus Christ, and this day will be after the death of the body. Heb. 9:27; John 5:22; Acts 17:31.
20. We believe there will be a general resurrection at the last day, both of the just and the unjust; this will also be the day of final judgment and the eternal destiny of all people, of all ages, will then be made known. Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:23, 24, 54; I Thess. 4:14-17; II Thess. 1:7-10.
21. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 25:46.
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.

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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Macedonia - Pam VanHoose	1752 W. St. Route 350, Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 728-7508
Marion Robinette Memorial - Elizabeth Manes.....	541 Kite Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-9483
Miller's Chapel - Nancy Evans	860 Providence Rd., Limestone, TN 37681, (423) 257-2437
Mountain View - Juanita Bowen & Paula Ayers.....	519 Dry Creek Rd., Duffield, VA 24244, (276) 546-1014
Mt. Mitchell - Peggy Harrold	617 Pearl St., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-4417
New Life - Christine Conley	4471 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Lot 15, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-8821
Oak Grove - Sherry Dyer	149 Clemon Rd., Whitesburg, TN 37891, (423) 235-7369
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley	164 Neeley Dr., Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 346-3563
Peterson's Chapel - Mandy Smith	179 Willard Lawson Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 312-8753
Pilgrim's Rest - Vakisha Henard	2767 Highway 70 N, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-9879
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) 546-1899
Poplar Grove - Jean Wallen.....	744 Poplar Grove Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-4903
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	150 Willard Ave., Carlisle, OH 45005, (937) 790-8343
Shelby Creek - Thelma Tate	405 Anngea Lane, Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 247-2337

Slate Hill - Aaron Lucas.....	1085 Big Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 754-3734
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.....	4596 Middle Wallen Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263-7736, (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 – Hopewell Church in Hawkins County, TN, hosted the 58th annual Eastern District Association beginning September 29, 1910. Elder J. P. Peters delivered the introductory sermon from I Corinthians 9:18 “What is my reward? Then verily that when I preach the gospel I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.” Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and E. A. Robinette, clerk and treasurer. Churches from Copper Creek and Blue Spring Association were unanimously received into the Eastern District Association.

75 Years Ago – On October 3, 1935 the 83rd annual session met with Cadet Church, Big Stone Gap, VA. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. R. Carter from the text: “Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?” reading Matthew 16:13. He was followed by Elder Robert Carter. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator, Elder B. L. Lawson, assistant moderator and Amos Osborne, clerk and treasurer. In the Friday morning service, such a wave of love from God came over the souls of our beloved brotherhood that a state of rejoicing and shouting seemingly caught the whole congregation and the preaching brethren who had been selected to fill the pulpit were not able to do so. A query was brought before the body asking “What does it require to be a genuine, first class Christian?” The answer given was: To be a Christian one must be a follower of Christ – Christlike. To be a genuine first class Christian, then, one must first have been regenerated and born of the Spirit of Almighty God, must walk circumspectly, watch and pray lest he enter into temptation, and keep himself unspotted from the world.

50 Years Ago – Swan Creek Church, Sneedville, TN, hosted the 108th annual session beginning on September 29, 1960. Elder Basil Freeman read for a scripture lesson a portion of the 3rd chapter of 1st Timothy, using for a text a portion of verse 16, “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness.” Elder Clarence Slagle, the alternate, came forward using the same text. The association elected Elder J. H. Sybert moderator and Ellis I. Wallen, clerk and treasurer. The introduction for the minutes speaks of the primitive Baptists, our beliefs and what it means to be a Primitive Baptist. Everyone is encouraged to read this in the hope that it will stir our pure minds. **This has been placed on the association website.**

25 Years Ago – October 3, 1985 was the beginning of the 133rd annual session, hosted by Long Hollow Church, Surgoinsville, TN. Elder Hasco Jenkins preached the introductory sermon by first relating a special meaning Long Hollow Church had for him as he was converted during a revival held by Elder T. R. Russell in 1947 and was ordained into the ministry by the church in 1954. He began by reading the Church Covenant. He then read verses 2 through 5 of the 26th chapter of Isaiah. The message centered on three words found in verses 2 and 3: Truth, Gate and Mind. He was followed by Elder John Arnott. Everyone was beseeched to study again the vow or covenant we have made with God and each other that we might have more affect on the lost about us. 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 (March - November) and EST is Eastern Standard Time (November - March). Starting times for Sunday school are not included.

AYERS CHAPEL: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Frank Clark and Roger Ford. Total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday and every Sunday morning. Frank Clark, moderator pro-tem.

BEECH GROVE: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Phil Crittenden, Ralph Lawson, Sr., Elizabeth Moore and Ralph Moore; alternates: Lucy Gilliam and Zelma Lawson. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 38; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in May. Phil Crittenden, moderator.

BLACKWATER LICK: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Becky Lawson, Anita Moore, Gerald Moore and Kathy Robinson; alternate: Scott Mellons. Total number on roll, 101; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning, Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May. Elders Fred Gilreath, David Smith and Walter Willis asked to attend. Danny Lawson, moderator pro-tem, Daniel Hurd, pastor.

BLAIR CHAPEL: Blair, KY. Delegates: Jack Creech, Bill Maggard and Roger Raleigh. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 250; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Rod Raleigh, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Earnest Bledsoe and Peggy Bledsoe. Total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT - 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Earnest Bledsoe, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Gary Hall, Brenda Horton, Joe Horton and John Bowlin. Received by experience and baptism, 1, received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 66; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday in May. John Bowlin, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Virgil Lipe, Delmer McPherson and Ada McPherson. Dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 109; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), every Sunday morning and the 2nd Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in July. Virgil Lipe, moderator.

BUTCHER'S VALLEY: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Terry Yount and Andrew Yount. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 107; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning, 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.), and Wednesday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May (2:00 p.m.). Walter H. Bailey, moderator pro-tem.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Lois Collier, Roy Jones, Lillie Akens and Vicky Jones; alternates: Justin Jones and Josh Jones. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 37; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday (10:30 a.m.) in September. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Eddie Malone, and Lloyd Morelock. Total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, Sunday (9:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, VA. Delegates: Lewis Baker, Ralph Baker, Dan Cross and Wayne Gibson; alternate: Richard Carter. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 1; total

number on roll, 45; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday. Lewis Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Dennis Stewart, Karen Stewart, Brandon Stewart and Dylan Stewart; alternates: Joe Pitzer and Bill VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 149; contribution, \$105.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday and every Sunday. Memorial service, 3rd 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; alternate: Nell Kendrick. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 71; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd and 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. Elder Bob Brown asked to attend. Harold Head, moderator.

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

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Rita Marcum, Etta Osborne, Butch Woodward and Janie Woodward; alternates: Bobby Joe Terry and Louella Moore. Received by relationship, 2; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday in April. Elders John Arnott and Walter Willis asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, KY. Delegates: Henrietta Adams, Pearl Noble, Beulah Webb and Roger Sturgill; alternates: Jeff Holbrook and Sheilah Holbrook. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 36; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in April. Jeffrey Holbrook and Jerry Persinger, moderators.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Naomi Adkins, Charlene Mitchell, August Robinette and Jason Robinette; alternate, Joseph Robinette. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 138; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in May. Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, moderators.

FAIRVIEW: St. Charles, VA. Delegates: None. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 25; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Earnest Bledsoe, moderator pro-tem.

FAITHFUL MINISTRY: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Charles Bernard, Leah Moody and David Moody. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). No Sunday night services October through March. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May (10:00 a.m.). David Moody and Charles Bernard, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Doug Willis, Helen Willis, Pleas Lawson and Denver Osborne; alternates: Carla Osborne and Kelly Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. David Jerrell, moderator.

GARDNER'S CHAPEL: Bristol, VA. Delegates: Bobby Carter, Darrell Laughlin, Terrell Smith and Don Huffman; alternates: Douglas McClain and Joseph McKinney. Received by experience and baptism, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 518; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and following Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (2:00 p.m.). Bobby Carter, moderator.

GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: Blountville, TN. Delegates: Hiram Gardner and Gail Gardner. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 107; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

GUTHRIE'S GAP: Bulls Gap, TN. Delegates: None. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 219; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in June. Larry Miller, moderator.

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

HOUSE CHAPEL: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Mack Manis, Audrey Manis, Roger Weston and Sandy Weston. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 242; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Wednesday night, 1st and 4th Saturday nights, 2nd and 4th Sunday nights and 5th Sunday night following the 4th Saturday. Neal Drinnon, moderator.

HURRICANE VALLEY: Gordon, KY. Delegates: Glenn Cornett and Delores Cornett. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 19; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, every Sunday evening (5:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (5:00 p.m.). 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, 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Frankie Phillips, moderator pro-tem.

JENKINS CHAPEL: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Vickie Davidson and Katherine Laster. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 55; contribution, \$0.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.), 4th Saturday night, every Wednesday night and 2nd Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in August (10:30 a.m.). Russell Davidson, moderator.

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, TN. Delegates: Denise Brooks, Ronnie Brooks, Eileen Brown and Charley Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 2; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 81; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in April. Terry Sizemore, moderator.

LIBERTY CHAPEL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Dwight Ward and Larry Ward. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Fred Gilreath, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Carol Caudill, Doris Banks, Linda Lucas, and Robert Sword; alternate: John Banks. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. Woodrow Fields and John Banks, moderators.

LITTLE DOVE: Eolia, KY. Delegates: John Bedwell II, June Maggard, J. D. Bedwell and Rodney Sturgill; alternates: Liz Sturgill and Carolyn Lewis. Received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 25; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in June. John Bedwell II, moderator.

LITTLE REDEEMED: Morristown, TN. Delegates: Null Lawson and Donnie McNabb. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 6; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 113; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Donnie McNabb, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Donald L. Johnson, Danny Bailey, Linda Charles and Virgie Williams; alternates: Harold Head and Ada Harrison. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 8; total number on roll, 186; contribution, \$153.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 22, 2011. Donald L. Johnson, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: None. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd and 4th Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Don Woodward, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Pam VanHoose, Kenny Taylor, Clem Simmons, and Jerry Moore; alternate: David VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 2; total number on roll, 93; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May (10:00 a.m.). David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 37; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.), Sunday following the 1st Saturday, 4th Sunday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May (10:30 a.m.). John Arnott, moderator.

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

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

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Shirley Dalton-Blair and Molly Gilreath. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 107; contribution, \$120.00; meeting day, Sunday morning following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Frank Gilliam, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: Jerry Johnson, Rick Burns, Wylie Lampkins and Christine Conley; alternates: Janice Johnson and Faye Johnson. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 70; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Jerry Johnson, moderator; Henry Wheeler, honorary moderator.

OAK GROVE: Bulls Gap, TN. Delegates: Larry Russell, Jim Pike, Jim Woods and Chris Woods; alternate: Brenda Russell. Received by relationship, 3; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 157; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Wednesday night, every Sunday morning (9:45 a.m.), Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night; Family Day, 3rd Saturday in August (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. James Jarnigan, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Larry Fannon, Carolyn Fannon, James Davidson and Mary Ruth Davidson; alternate: Thelma Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 74; contribution, \$100.50; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Harmon Willis, moderator.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Lola Peterson, Mary Fred Peterson, Daniel Smith and Matthew Smith; alternates: Michael Peterson and Jane Peterson. Received by letter, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 53; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) in November. Daniel Smith, moderator.

PILGRIM'S REST: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: David Smith, Gary Henard, Arry Hickman and Terry Davis; alternates: Virgil Lipe and Carol Lipe. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; excluded, 7; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 66; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in August (10:30 a.m.) David Smith, moderator.

PINK HILL: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegate: Derrick Cantwell. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 143; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Richard Watts, moderator.

POND VIEW: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Barbara Lawson, Sue Sizemore, Clinton Rutherford and Jackie Rutherford; alternates: Bengie Collins and Jason Bledsoe. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 61; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June at 2:00 p.m. Clinton Rutherford, Sr. moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Delores Hunt, Steve Hunt, Matthew Stevens and Richard Stevens; alternates: Priscilla Irvin and Lenora Stevens. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 84; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1st Saturday and 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, Harold Sincell, Dale Whitt and Tommy Meade; alternates: Larry Borders and Phyllis Price. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 206; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday night before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator.

RIVERSIDE: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Larry Dean, Travis Lipe, Darrell Sizemore and Gary Sizemore; alternates: Larry Delph and Joe Sizemore. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 2; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 91; contribution, \$160.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day. Derrick Cantwell, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Clinchport, VA. Delegates: Greg Hill, Kim Robinette, Don Stokes and Joe Robinette; alternates: Jerelene Persinger and Karen Hood. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Anita Newkirk, Jason Moss, Mark Newkirk and Jim Lykins; alternates, Jesse Turner and Sue Turner. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 100; contribution, \$175.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1st Saturday and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Turner, moderator.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, TN. Delegates: None. Received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 7; contribution, \$0.00; meeting day, 1st and 3rd Sunday nights. Harold Head, moderator.

SLATE HILL: Mooresburg, TN. Delegates: Allen Collins, James Jarnigan, Aaron Lucas and Jamie Jarnigan. Received by experience and baptism, 3; excluded, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 194; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 2nd 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. Total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday. No service in January and February. Memorial service, Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in July. Jeffrey Holbrook asked to attend. Frank Gilliam, pastor; Gary Hall, moderator.

SNEEDVILLE: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Carson Johnson, Terry Adkins, Billy Gobble and Shane Russell. Total number on roll, 76; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Shane Russell, moderator.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Adam Justice, Becky Justice, Bill Winstead and Betty Winstead; alternates: Dale Justice and Donnie Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 8; dismissed by letter, 3; total number on roll, 120; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Bill Winstead, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Johnny Bunch, Earl Lee Dodson, Rodney Dodson and Doyle Odell; alternates: Clarence Dodson and J. R. South. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 298; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). J. R. South, moderator.

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

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, VA. Delegates: David Parsons, Ronnie Leonard, Patricia Long and Sandra Leonard; alternates: Mike Fleenor and Nancy Thompson. Total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Mike Fleenor, moderator.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Richard Seiber, Vivian Seiber, Donna Williams and Eddie Williams; alternate: Ashley Williams. Total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in May (10:30 a.m.). Elders Harold 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; alternate: Jennifer Horton. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 137; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in June (10:00 a.m.). Allen Hensley, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Nancy McCullough, Billy Walton, Kathy Walton and Burnice Sybert; alternates: Gale McCullough and Missy Walton. Total number on roll, 56; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April (10:30 a.m.). Paul Strong and Burnice Sybert asked to preach the memorial service. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, TN. Delegates: Mike Fullington, Tina Fullington and Millard R. Hall. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 102; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Earika Marshall and Scott Tipton. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

TOTALS: 65 churches (25 in VA., 29 in TN., 7 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 66; received by letter, 25; received by relationship, 41; received or restored by recantation, 0; dismissed by letter, 19; excluded, 21; deceased, 78; total number on roll, 6016.

There are 59 ministers serving as pastors - 51 are serving 1 church; 6 are serving 2 churches; 1 is serving 3 churches and 1 is serving as honorary pastor. There are 4 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 45 ministers and 1 visiting minister who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2011

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

- APRIL -

1 - ROSE CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Allen Hensley, 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 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: 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 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

4 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Harold Head, Greg Hill, Terry Sizemore and J. R. South.

5 - CADET: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Banks, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fleenor, 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 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Woodrow Fields, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Paul Strong and Burnice Sybert.

7 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, Charles Bernard, Mike Fullington, 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 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Neal Drinnon, Brad Dutton, Woodrow Fields, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Jeffrey Holbrook, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

- MAY -

1 - OAK GROVE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, 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, Henry Wheeler and Bill Winstead.

2 - CLEAR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Charley Johnson, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell and Terry Sizemore.

3 - SWAN CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Donny Clifford, Mike Fleenor, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Gordon Justice, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

4 - MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, 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 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Jerry Johnson, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

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

7 - COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Harold Head, Greg Hill, 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 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Rod Raleigh, David Smith, Roger Trent, Walter Willis and Bill Winstead.

9 - HOPEWELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday (2:00 p.m.); Sunday (10:45 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert and Henry Wheeler.

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

11 - PILGRIM'S REST: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Von Burton, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Oscar Irvin, Daniel Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Travis Lipe, Larry Miller, J. R. South, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

- JUNE -

1 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st 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, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Paul Strong, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Harmon Willis and Bill Winstead.

2 - GUTHRIE'S GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Shane Russell, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

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

4 - CANEY CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Harold Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Roger Trent.

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

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

7 - UNION HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Derrick Cantwell, Porter Carroll, Neal Drinnon, Mike Fleenor, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Charley Johnson, Gordon Justice, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Richard Seiber, David Smith, J. R. South, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

8 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Robert Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Charley Johnson, Donald L. Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Eddie Malone, Roger Manring, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and Bill Winstead.

9 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Donny Clifford, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Fred Gilreath, Harold Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Travis Lipe, Eddie Malone, Larry Miller and Paul Strong.

10 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Derrick Cantwell, Mike Fleenor, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Travis Lipe, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette,

Joseph Robinette, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Don Woodward.

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

12 - WALNUT CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Tommy Osborne, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

- JULY -

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

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

3 - RIVERSIDE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Richard Watts and Bill Winstead.

4 - SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Fred Gilreath, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Bill LaFollette, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong and Burnice Sybert.

5 - BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Fred Gilreath, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Travis Lipe, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis and Bill Winstead.

6 - HOUSE CHAPEL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Donny Clifford, Glenn Cornett, Phil Crittenden, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, 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 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Robert Jenkins, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, David Smith, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

- AUGUST -

1 - SULPHUR SPRINGS: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Donald L. Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe and Roger Trent.

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

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

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

5 - POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Allen Hensley, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Paul Strong and Burnice Sybert.

6 - WILLIS CHAPEL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, 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 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Paul Persinger, Carl Smith, Paul Strong and Burnice Sybert.

8 - FAIRVIEW (VA): To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Mike Fleenor, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and Don Woodward.

9 - LITTLE DOVE: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Woodrow Fields, Harold Head, Greg Hill, Jeffrey Holbrook, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

10 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Russell Davidson, Greg Hill, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Harmon Willis and Walter Willis.

11 - IRONDALE: To begin on the 3rd Saturday night. Ministers asked to attend: Harold Gilley, Roger Manring, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and all others who wish to attend.

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

13 - MOUNTAIN VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Glenn Cornett, 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 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, David Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

15 - MACEDONIA: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Donald L. Johnson and Joe Pitzer.

- SEPTEMBER -

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

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

3 - LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Jeffrey Holbrook, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

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

5 - SNEEDVILLE: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd 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, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose and Roger VanHoose.

6 - KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.) [No Sunday school or evening services]. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Mike Fullington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Travis Lipe, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

7 - CHESTNUT FLATS: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Charles Bernard, 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 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Frank Gilliam, Fred Gilreath, Oscar Irvin, Shane Russell, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all other ministers welcome.

9 - FLOWER GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Phil Crittenden, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Travis Lipe, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis and Walter Willis.

10 - GARDNER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (7:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Harold Shaw, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Bobby Williams.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2009.....	\$ 15,858.87
Additional Receipts from 2009.....	64.08
Receipts from 2010.....	8,588.50
Interest	50.64
TOTAL	\$ 24,562.09

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	992.00
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	95.31
Clerical supplies	46.23
Gift to Moderator	500.00
Gift to Clerk	1,500.00
Printing and packaging 2,300 copies of 2010 minutes	3,595.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 6,808.54

BALANCE IN TREASURY..... \$ 17,753.55

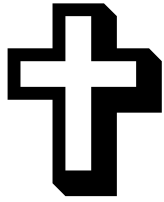
NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$1.56
The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes
ordered was \$2.96

DIRECTIONS TO HOUSE CHAPEL CHURCH

378 Bear Hollow Road
Rogersville, TN 37857

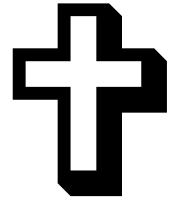
From Kingsport, take Highway 11W South to Surgoinsville Airport Road #346. 0.3 mile to Bear Hollow Road. Turn right and proceed 1.5 miles to church on left.

From Morristown, take Highway 11W North to Surgoinsville Airport Road to right 1.5 miles to church on left.



MEMORIAM

“PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD
IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.”
– Psalm 116:15 –



We pause at this time to pay special tribute to our beloved people who have passed from among us since we last met.

“A person or loved one to us loaned;
Was ever by the Father owned;
Allotted time they’re ours to keep;
When God reclaims we’ll trust, not weep.”

Deep within our hearts will remain the sainted memory of these our brothers and sisters in Christ. Their names shall be engraved on the pages of our BOOK OF MEMORIES – We honor them. This association at large mourns their passing.

ADAMS, Hezekiah
ARNOTT, O’dell Shanks
BAILEY, Frances M.
BEDWELL, Deniese Maggard
BLEDSOE, William Grady, Sr.
BURNS, Johnnie Clifford
CHEEK, Evelyn M.
COBB, Hagan Leonard
COLE, Lois Marie Horne
CRASE, Eunice
DAY, Jeanette Banks
DICKENSON, Perry R.
FITCH, Gary
FLETCHER, Nebraska (Brak) Blair
GIBSON, James C.
GLASS, Dwight Edward
*HEAD, Elder Eckel
HENARD, Cecile Mary Ringley
HORTON, Buddy Albert
JOHNSON, Tee Hampton
LAMBERT, Vivian Hurd
LINKOUS, Lois Geneva Williams
MAYES, Bascom Parmer
MONTGOMERY, Lucy Banks
MOUNTS, Morris Randal, Sr.
NELMS, Nancy Peggy Christian
POLLY, Larry Wayne
RAGLE, Lelah Rhodes
RICHARDS, George Edward
ROBINETTE, Roy W.
SAMPSON, F. H. (Bud)
SINGLETON, Minnie

AKENS, Jess Lynn, Jr.
ARRINGTON, Kate L. Moore
BAKER, Dallas Earl
BLANTON, Herbert
BUCHANAN, Margaret E.
BYINGTON, Ralph Edward
CLARK, Carlyle Carter
COFFEY, Kathy Darlene
COLLINS, Virginia (Kathleene)
DAVIDSON, Jessica M.
*DERRICK, Elder Gale Robert
DRINNON, Wayne L.
FITCH, Patrick
GARDNER, Mansey A.
GILREATH, Rosa Mae
HALCOMB, Hence
HELTON, George Thomas
HORN, Glenna
JOHNSON, Rosie Fisher
LAMB, Nancy Upchurch
LAWSON, Hollie Ben
*MANIS, Elder Charles Bazzle
MCKENZIE, Pearl
MOORE, Helen Louise
NEELEY, Edgar James
OSBORNE, Ruby Mae Lawson
PRICE, Deadrick Henry, Jr.
RATLIFF, Arson
RICHARDS, Robert Lee
ROLLER, Judy Blair
SHEPHERD, Ertha Mae
SMITH, Gerald Wayne

TAYLOR, Bernice
 VAUGHN, Nora E. Minton
 WALKER, Nancy
 WALLEN, Boyd Edward
 WALLER, Geraldine
 WHITE, Esther Pauline
 WILLIAMSON, Sarah Catheryn Meade

VANHOOSE, Margaret Preston
 VICARS, Mabel E. Dingus
 WALKER, Shirley Faye Willis
 WALLEN, Carolyn M.
 WELLS, Aubrey
 WILLIAMS, Linda

*Ministers

HEZEKIAH ADAMS of Whitesburg, KY passed away January 9, 2010. He was the son of Frazier and Eliza Wells Adams.

He was born August 19, 1926, being 83 years, 4 months and 20 days of age at the time of his passing.

He was the widower of Judy Holbrook Adams. He was a member of Edwin Holbrook Church.

Surviving are 2 brothers, Silas and Bill Adams, along with a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

- Written by Pearl Noble

JESS LYNN AKENS, JR. was born March 3, 1933 and went home to be with the Lord May 8, 2010 at his home at the age of 77.

Jess was saved at an early age and joined Cadet Church. He loved his church and served and attended faithfully until the last two months of his life. He served as deacon, church trustee, Sunday school teacher and Superintendent. Jess loved visiting sister churches and the Eastern District Association as well. A month before his death, he was planning to visit with some of the sister churches and was looking forward to the Union Meeting and the fifth Sunday night meetings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jess Lynn Akens, Sr. and Lillie Horton Akens and 1 sister, Blanch Elizabeth Akens.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lillie Pleasant Akens; 2 daughters, Teresa McGuire and Vicky Jones; 1 granddaughter; 4 grandsons; 11 great grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; 1 brother, Kenneth R. Akens; 3 sisters, Eula Tignor, Gerline Gray and Tanya Guess and many friends and family.

He fought a good fight and finished his course and he is greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the family

O'DELL SHANKS ARNOTT was born June 26, 1927 to Fred and Myrtle Thomas Shanks and departed this life March 30, 2010 at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 4 days.

She married Elder John Arnott on December 18, 1949. She was baptized into Hopewell Church on April 23, 1953 where she remained a faithful and devoted member throughout the remainder of her life. She was also a devoted and faithful minister's wife for 60 years.

We were blessed with a son Tommy, 1 grandson and 1 great grandson.

God richly blessed us to whom I am most thankful and grateful. May God ever be praised both now and forever. Amen.

- Written by Elder John Arnott

KATE L. "NANA KATE" MOORE ARRINGTON, 88, went to be with the Lord April 4, 2009.

She was born in Lee County where she was a member of Beech Grove Church. She was a devoted Christian from a very young age and served as the church clerk for over 40 years, as well as a Sunday school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Clyde E. Moore and Don Arrington; her parents, Carter and Ruhama Lawson; 4 brothers, Carson, Emitt, Dewey and Freeman Lawson and 1 granddaughter.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Carolyn Wallen and Patty Osborne; 1 son, Gerald W. Moore; 2 step-daughters, Sue Fritzgerald and Betty Harris; 1 stepson, Larry Arrington; 5 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 5 step grandchildren; 14 step great grandchildren and 1 brother, Holly Lawson.

Mommy loved her children and grandchildren, teaching them to serve God and love everyone. She always enjoyed canning, gardening, flowers, cooking, farming, and being able to take care of herself. Her table was always open to family, friends and strangers. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

- Written by the family

FRANCES M. BAILEY was born January 26, 1927 and went to be with her heavenly father March 1, 2010.

She was saved at an early age, as she kneeled beside her bed at home during a revival at Butcher's Valley Church, where Rev. Shield Way was helping in the services. She was taken by inflammatory rheumatism in her left foot when she was young, but she had faith and determination that the Lord would help her overcome this battle that she was facing and let her walk again, and she did. She attended Oak Grove Church where she loved to sing, read her Bible and listen to the preaching. Momma did many wonderful things and services for the Lord in her Christian life. She loved the Lord with all her heart. She had the faith of a grain of mustard seed. She trusted and prayed daily that one day He would save her husband, and He did.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie E. and Rosa B. Morris; 1 baby brother, Samuel Morris and her husband of 54 years, James H. Bailey.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Rosalie B. Childers and 3 grandchildren.

We know we could never bring her back, but we can go to her. She is now free of pain, living in the land where flowers bloom forever. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and mother-in-law. Thank you, Momma, for bringing me up to know the Lord and teaching me to put the Lord God first. She is loved and missed by everyone who knew her. Rest, precious Momma, from your labor; the battle is over, the victory won.

- Written by her daughter, Rosalie Childers

DALLAS EARL BAKER, age 72, went to be with the Lord January 9, 2009 at his residence in Jonesville, VA.

He was a member of Low View Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Josie and Charles Baker.

He is survived by 5 children, 1 brother and 3 sisters.

He blessed my heart so much before he went to be with the Lord, he raised his arms toward heaven wanting to go home. He is sadly missed, but I know he is at rest with our Lord.

- Written by his sister, Barbara Bledsoe

DENIESE MAGGARD BEDWELL went home to be with the Lord on November 21, 2009.

She is survived by her husband, J. D. Bedwell; 1 son, Elder John Bedwell II; her mother, June Maggard; her father, Ellis Maggard; 1 sister, Olivia Sprouse; 2 brothers, Ellis O. Maggard and Teddy Banks and stepmother, Betty Maggard.

Sister Deniese was preceded in death by 1 daughter, Jai Davin; stepfather, Aubrey Wells and her grandparents.

Deniese had been sick for several years but never complained. She was a very special lady, always kind and pleasant to everyone she met. She was always saying that one day she would have a new body. Her church family at Little Dove love and miss her greatly.

- Written by the church clerk

HERBERT BLANTON passed away October 13, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Sally Blanton.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Parsons Blanton; 2 daughters, Glenda Barnett and Teresa Schottlas; 1 son, Clifton Blanton and 3 grandchildren.

Herbert was a member of Little Dove Church for 61 years. He was always available to assist with anything the church needed. He was an inspiration to us all. We, his church family, love and miss him very much.

- Written by the church clerk

WILLIAM GRADY BLEDSOE, SR. was born March 4, 1920 and departed this life, December 16, 2009. Grady was the last surviving member of the Doc and Siller Payne Bledsoe family.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Lois Jerelene Persinger and Betty Sue Edmonds; 1 son, William Grady Bledsoe Jr.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Grady was a member of Roller's Chapel Church where he also served as deacon.

Sometimes we try to think of kind words to say about the departed. It was not a hard task to do for a man like Brother Grady. He always had a smile on his face, kindness in his heart and words of praise to our Lord on his lips. The thought that was taken at his funeral was "Oh man greatly beloved". Brother Grady was loved by his family; by his friends and by his church, but most importantly he was loved by his God. As our elders are moving from here one by one, our prayer to God should be that the Lord would send us laborers into our churches such as the caliber of Grady Bledsoe. Rest on, dear brother, till we meet again.

- Written by the church clerk

MARGARET E. BUCHANAN was born May 31, 1920 and departed this life July 5, 2010 at her home at the loving age of 90.

She was a devoted and faithful member of Little Redeemed Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Buchanan; 2 sons, Roscoe and W. L. (Buck) Buchanan and 1 grandson.

Survivors include 3 grandchildren; 1 step granddaughter and 5 great grandchildren.

She is sadly missed by her family and her church. She was a great witness to all that knew her and she loved talking about the Lord to everyone that she knew.

- Written by her granddaughter, Robin R. Carter

JOHNNIE CLIFFORD BURNS was born June 26, 1937 and went to be with the Lord July 10, 2010 at the age of 73.

He was a retired farmer and a member of Butcher's Valley Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Bessie Burns and 1 sister, Helen Morelock.

Survivors include 2 sons, Ricky Edward and Jeff Burns; wife, Lynn; children's mother, Geneva Burns; 3 sisters, Joyce Smith, Kathy Heck and Brenda Burns; 3 brothers, Albert (Pete), Kelly and Vernon Burns; several nieces and nephews.

- Written by the family

RALPH EDWARD BYINGTON, 63, was born August 30, 1946 and went to be with the Lord February 17, 2010.

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

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Isabeth Ruth Byington; 1 grandson and his parents, Robert and Ruth Byington.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Christian Byington; 1 daughter, Kimberly Housewright; 2 granddaughters; 2 brothers, Robert and Jerry Byington; 4 sisters, Bertha Necessary, Bobbie Lindsey; Shirley Seymore and Linda Scalf and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

- Written by the family

EVELYN M. CHEEK was born in Wilder, TN on February 12, 1921 and passed away March 28, 2010 at the age of 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Cheek; parents, Clabe and Myrtle Morgan and 2 brothers, Ed and Lambert "Lamb" Morgan.

Survivors include 2 sons, Wayne and Bill Cheek; 1 daughter, Barbara Hall; 3 grandchildren and 1 sister, Judy Stapleton.

Evelyn was a faithful and devoted member of Pond View Church. She was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother and grandmother who is sadly missed by her family, friends and all that knew her.

- Written by her family

CARLYLE CARTER CLARK was born August 31, 1925 to C. B. (Brad) and Margaret Carter Clark in Lee County, VA.

He entered the U. S. Army on June 13, 1944 and served his country proudly during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism during the Battle of the Bulge.

Carlyle entered the Lord's Army in February 1962 when he was gloriously saved through grace by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was awarded the crown of righteousness on October 19, 2009 as the angels bore his soul away to a country that he had been longing to see. He was a pillar at Peterson's Chapel, serving the Lord faithfully as Sunday school superintendent, deacon, trustee or anything for the betterment of the church. He was a good husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was a leader in the community and touched many lives during his 84 year sojourn.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson; 1 sister, Eula Mae Kilday and 1 brother, C. B. Clark, Jr.

Carlyle is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Devotia Giles Clark; 2 daughters, Teresa Fannon and Vickie Musick; 4 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Glenn and Don Clark; many nieces, nephews and special friends.

- Written by a friend

HAGAN LEONARD COBB was born September 26, 1937 and departed this life August 3, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 72 years.

He was of the Baptist faith, having put his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. He attended Peterson's Chapel in his early years, but never joined the church. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving aboard the ship Diashinko. He was also a retired miner.

His parents, Eli Jefferson and Mary Ann Pearcy Cobb, his first wife, Leona Cobb; 3 sisters, Gettie Lane, Frankie Upchurch and Irma Cobb; 3 brothers, Ulice and Carroll Cobb and Clayton Lane preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Lois Cobb, 3 daughters, Trevela Vanzant, Rava Akers and Carol Waddle; 3 sons, Hagan Cobb Jr., James Cobb and David Tipton; 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild; several nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

Hagan is missed by his dear family and friends, but we feel that he is free from pain and safe with Jesus. We will see him again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by a friend

KATHY DARLENE COFFEY went to be with the Lord October 18, 2009 at the age of 58.

She was a member of House Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rose Miller.

She is survived by 5 children, Sharon Robinson, Ricky Coffey, Glenn Junior Coffey, Angelia Murphy and Dustin Coffey; 7 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Ruby Cretsinger and Barbara Britton; 2 brothers, Larry and Kenneth Hipsher and several nieces and nephews.

- Written by the church clerk

LOIS MARIE HORNE COLE was born January 3, 1956 in Rogersville, TN and went home to be with the Lord April 23, 2010 at Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, TN.

She was employed at Eastman Chemical Company until her illness. She was a member of Long Hollow Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Murl E. Horne and 1 brother, Larry Horne.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Wayne Cole; 1 son, Brad Cole; mother, Edith Williams Horne; 2 sisters, Shirley Watson and Linda Mayo; loving nieces and nephews.

We miss her very much, but she left the assurance that she will be at rest in her heavenly home until we meet again.

- Written by her sister, Shirley Watson

VIRGINIA (KATHLEENE) COLLINS, age 65 of Rogersville, went to be with the Lord and her loved ones October 30, 2009 at Wellmont Hawkins County Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was a member of Long Hollow Church.

She was a very loving mother, grandmother and sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Goldie and Bertha Collins; 3 sons, Terry Lynn, Logan Wayne and Roger Lee Collins; 1 daughter, Sharon Kathie Collins Brooks; 1 brother, Clea Collins and 1 sister, Leona Collins.

She is survived by her son, Raymond Collins; 2 granddaughters; 2 sisters, Janice (Sissy) Arrington and Carol Ann Collins; 4 brothers, Charlie, James, Frank (Peanut) and Kyle Collins; several nieces and nephews and a host of special friends.

- Written by the family

EUNICE CRASE, 87, of Sandlick, KY, passed away September 16, 2010 at the Britthaven Nursing Home.

Eunice was the daughter of the late Henry and Dicy Ison Halcomb. She was the widow of Tilden Crase.

She is survived by 2 daughters and 2 sons.

Eunice was a member of Little Cowan Church.

- Written by the church clerk, Ramona Caudill

JESSICA M. DAVIDSON was born in Kingsport, TN on March 17, 1981 and went home to be with her Lord and Savior April 6, 2010 at the age of 29. She was saved by God's amazing grace at House Chapel Church. She also attended Jenkins Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by her great grandparents, Carter Jenkins, Will and Rose Eaton Ballard and Annie Davidson, Jim and Ruby Martin.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Kimberly and Taylor Gibson, her parents, Elder Russell and Vickie Davidson; 3 sisters, Rebecca Chandler, LeighAnn Davidson and Sherylene Smith; 5 nieces; 2 nephews; great grandmother, Annie Jenkins; grandparents, Helen Eaton, Pete and Nellie Davidson and many friends and loved ones.

Oh how we miss her, but we know we will see her again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her mother

JEANETTE BANKS DAY, daughter of the late Charlie D. and Thelma Gibson Banks, was born in Letcher County, KY September 29, 1929. She entered eternal life October 17, 2009 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, being 80 years and 19 days of age at the time of her passing.

Jeanette was married to the late James D. Day. He passed away November 23, 1987. She was a member of Little Cowan Church and Letcher County Homemakers.

She is survived by 4 sons, David, Charlie, Harold and Anthony "Tony" Day; 2 daughters, Doris Caudill and Karen Day; 2 brothers, Bert and Charles Banks and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Jeanette was preceded in death by 1 son, James R. "Buddy" Day; 1 daughter, Thelma Frances Day Stewart and 2 brothers, Kendall and Jack Banks.

- Written by the family

ELDER GALE ROBERT DERRICK was born June 8, 1921 to John and Elizabeth Snapp Derrick and departed this life March 29, 2010 to live eternally with Christ Jesus at the age of 88 years, 9 months and 21 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Enlo Derrick; his parents, 8 sisters, Iva Barker, Rowena McMackin, Mary Pridemore, Clara Godsey, Vergie Steadman, Myrtle Willis, Emma Mitchell and Bertha Mae Derrick.

He is survived by 2 sons, Gale Bobby and Vernon Harold Derrick; 1 daughter, Brenda Faye Ward; 8 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

On May 13, 1950, Gale was ordained into the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists as a minister at West View Church and began a full life and ministry for his Lord and Savior. He was an active minister for more than 50 years. During this time, he visited and pastored a number of churches in the surrounding area and attended many association meetings in VA, TN, KY and OH. Gale was an active member of Liberty Chapel Church as long as his health permitted. He enjoyed serving the Lord, testifying of God's goodness and love. He was always faithful and willing to help others. Gale was a decorated veteran of World War II. The pride he had for his country was evident throughout his life. Gale retired from Eastman Kodak Company after more than 42 years of service. He was a true man of God, a loyal and devoted husband, a dad of integrity, honor and love and a cherished friend to all who knew him. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

PERRY R. DICKENSON was born April 10, 1942 and was called home to be with his Heavenly Father on October 3, 2009.

He was the son of the late Charlie and Maude Dickenson and was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Lydle, Okie and Stanley and 2 sisters, Mary and Arlene.

Surviving are his loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Linda Harkleroad Dickenson; 1 daughter Angela Wilson; 2 grandsons; 1 granddaughter; 3 sisters, Carol Starnes, Phyllis Salling and Kay Street and 1 brother, Stuart Dickenson.

Perry was a member of Gardner's Chapel Church. He was strong in his faith and loved to attend services with his family. During the last revival of 2009, he was able to attend every service with the help of our Lord. Perry was a wonderful, loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. What a day that will be when we are all reunited on God's celestial shore.

- Written by his wife and daughter

WAYNE L. DRINNON, age 63, of Mooresburg, TN went to be with the Lord March 9, 2010.

He was a faithful member of Slate Hill Church, where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and church clerk for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Julia Drinnon.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Joan; 1 daughter, Penny Baxley; 2 sons, Stacy and Nick Drinnon; 1 granddaughter; 2 grandsons; 4 brothers, Stanley, Warren, Roger, and Daryl and 1 sister, Shirley Kite.

If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear. I've just been set free. All of Heaven's Angels rejoiced as I entered the Promised Land. I've even seen your mansion and someday I'll meet you there. So, please don't cry, because we will meet again someday.

You will never know how much we miss you. We will always love you.

- Written by his family

GARY FITCH was born June 1, 1953 and went to be with the Lord November 15, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; 1 daughter, Tonya Fyffe; 1 son, Garrick; 4 grandchildren; 2 sisters and 1 brother.

He was a member of Richardson Chapel. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the church clerk, Rosemary Borders

PATRICK FITCH, age 85, was born February 16, 1924, and died December 14, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Betsey; 4 daughters, Alice Jean Colm, Betty Lou Boggs, Sylvia Fugett and Brettia Hammond; 5 sons, Jackie, Johnny, Richard, Tommy and James Fitch; 1 brother, Milton Fitch; 1 sister Bessie Laney; 26 grandchildren and a host of great and great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 1 daughter, Sharolett Burke and 1 son, Harrison Fitch.

He was a member of Richardson Chapel. He will be missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the family

NEBRASKA "BRAK" BLAIR FLETCHER, age 92, went to be with the Lord November 14, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, A. L. and Sylvania Jenkins Blair; her husband, William "Bill" Fletcher; 2 daughters, Billie Gean Fletcher and Rachel Holland; 1 son, Billy Gene Fletcher; 2 sisters, Arizona Anderson and Livonia Hagood and 1 brother, Gillis Blair.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Audrey Drinnon and Sylvia Lane; 14 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.

She was a member of Jenkins Chapel Church.

- Written by family friend, Shirley Watson

MANSEY A. GARDNER, age 83, passed away December 18, 2009.

He was a member of Gardner's Memorial Church.

He is survived by 2 sons, Hiram and Jim; 2 daughters Ruth and Sandy; 1 sister, Elsie; 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

He is resting in peace where the roses never fade.

- Written by the family

JAMES C. GIBSON, age 75, passed away September 12, 2009. He was a member of Slate Hill Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie J. Gibson; parents, Major and Birdie Gibson; 2 sisters, Dora Mae and Margaret Gibson.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Gibson; 2 sisters, Jean and Pearl Gibson; 3 stepchildren; 6 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

-Written by Danielle Lucas

ROSA MAE GILREATH, age 85, was born September 30, 1924 and went to be with the Lord July 17, 2010.

She was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church, which she attended as long as she was able.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kent Gilreath; her parents, Dan and Easter Fisher; 1 sister, Reba Willis and 2 brothers, Ronnie and Elmer Fisher.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Joyce Neeley; 2 granddaughters; 1 great granddaughter; 1 great grandson; 1 great-great granddaughter; 2 nieces and 3 nephews.

Her presence in church and the home is sadly missed, but our loss is heaven's gain. We all love you and know you are out of all pain and suffering.

- Written by the family

DWIGHT EDWARD GLASS of Hiltons, VA was born October 9, 1950 and departed this life, May 21, 2010 at the age 59.

He was a member of Walnut Chapel Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Dixie Roller Glass.

He is survived by 1 daughter, Jeana Champbell; 1 son, Eric Glass; 3 grandsons and 2 brothers.

- Written by his brother

HENCE HALCOMB, 77, of Cumberland, KY passed from this life on May 22, 2010.

He was a native of Letcher County and a member of Blair Chapel Church.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Baker Halcomb; 7 children; 1 brother; 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Hence was a rock mason for 30 years with the Kingdom Come State Park.

His memories will forever live looking back at all the work he has done.

- Written by the Church Clerk, Wes Bailey

ELDER ECKEL HEAD went home to be with the Lord January 22, 2010. He was a brick mason. He was born October 13, 1942 to the late Marcia Wingear and Ballard Head.

He was also preceded in death by 1 sister, Dorothy Presley, 3 brothers, Cecil, R. L. and Ray Head.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Stewart Head; 2 daughters, Sherry Maultbay and Lisa Sluss; 4 grandchildren who were the love of his life; 1 sister, Thelma Tate and 2 brothers, Bob and Elder Harold Head.

He was a faithful member of Shelby Creek Church where he was saved and ordained into the ministry at an early age. He traveled all over the country preaching God's word and pastoring many area churches, that he might see someone give their heart to God. He is now resting from his labor in that place he has always preached about. Surely goodness and mercy followed him all the days of his life and he is dwelling in the house of the Lord.

He is greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. We loved him so much. He always told his family, "You cannot change the past, but you can change the future, always be prepared to meet our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ when He calls you home."

- Written by his wife

GEORGE THOMAS HELTON was born to J. B. and Marie Helton May 30, 1948. He was in the military up until he met our mother in 1970. He passed into the arms of his Lord and Savior June 23, 2010.

He is with our sweet mother, Beulah Helton; his parents, and many more family and friends. What a reunion in heaven some day!

He is survived by his children, Ruby Horne, Frances Murray, Lola Pearson, Sheila Wise, James, Jr. and Author Moore.

Our dad loved us and showed it daily, and we all dearly loved him.

He professed faith in God many years ago. He and mom both joined Long Hollow Church.

Our loss is heaven's gain. So, Mom and Dad, it's not goodbye, just see you in the morning. He will always be our dad. We love you.

- Written by his children

CECILE MARY RINGLEY HENARD, 89, of Rogersville walked thru the gates of heaven to enter into eternal rest on August 23, 2010. She was the oldest member of Pilgrim's Rest Church. She was a wonderful prayer warrior and encourager. She is greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Henard; 4 daughters, Shelby Jean Wiggins, Shirley Cody, Barbara Henard and Brenda Henard; parents, Emory and Mary Ringley; 3 brothers, Earl, Jack and Floyd Ringley; 2 sisters, Nan Lee Collins and Beulah Upman; and 3 grandchildren.

She is survived by 2 children, Wanda Gibson and Treasa Bramble; 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; 1 brother-in-law; a special niece and a host of family and friends.

- Written by the family

GLENN HORN was born January 24, 1943 and went home to be with the Lord May 2, 2010.

She is survived by 1 brother, 5 children and several grandchildren.

She was a member of Richardson Chapel. She will be remembered by all who knew her.

- Written by the family

BUDDY ALBERT HORTON, 41, of Surgoinsville, passed away unexpectedly October 15, 2009 at his home as the result of a fire. He was born August 6, 1968.

He worked as a carpenter and he loved riding his horses. He was saved, baptized and joined Long Hollow Church at an early age.

He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Dorothy Marie Williams Horton; grandparents, Clyde Edgar Williams and Maude McPeck Williams, Lucian Horton, Sr. and Etta May Horton.

He is survived by his father, Lucian (L. H.) Horton, Jr.; 3 brothers, Gerald, James and Chad Horton; 4 nephews; 3 nieces; 1 great nephew; 1 great niece; several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Buddy was a great friend to all that knew him. He always had a smile and would say, "I love you" every time you met him, anytime or anywhere. He never changed. We love you, Buddy, and you are missed by everyone that knew you.

- Written for the family by a friend

ROSIE FISHER JOHNSON was born August 22, 1918 and departed this life to be with the Lord on August 5, 2010 at the age of 91.

She was a lifelong resident of Lee County, VA (Blackwater).

She was the last charter member at Flower Gap Church. She was a prayer warrior throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tee Hampton Johnson; 1 son, Ronnie Johnson; parents, Lilburn and Mary Fisher; 4 sisters; 2 brothers and 1 half brother and sister.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Charlotte Horton; 1 son, Billy Jack Johnson; 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Her pride and joy was attending church and cooking for her family and church family. She fought a good fight, she finished her course and she kept the faith.

She will be missed by all, especially by her family. She spoke of being very tired, but she is resting now from her labors, with no more pain or suffering. The family circle will be complete when we meet again.

- Written by the family

TEE HAMPTON JOHNSON, age 92, was born October 12, 1917 and departed this life to be with the Lord on April 10, 2010.

He was a lifelong resident of Lee County, VA (Blackwater).

He was saved and baptized at an early age. He was the last charter member at Flower Gap Church, serving as deacon for over 61 years. He was a devoted Christian and loved to go to church. His desire was to see his family and friends prosper, spiritually and naturally, above himself.

He was preceded in death by 1 son, Ronnie Johnson; parents, Isaac and Rhoda Johnson, 7 sisters and 2 brothers.

He is survived by his devoted wife of over 71 years, Rosie Fisher Johnson; 1 daughter, Charlotte Horton; 1 son, Billy Jack Johnson; 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Tee was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather to his family.

He always delighted in asking people from church into his home for a meal and good fellowship. He left a glorious witness of going to his heavenly home, after a very short illness. His smiles and encouragement will be missed by everyone. We will meet him somewhere on the sun-kissed hills of Glory.

- Written by the family

NANCY UPCHURCH LAMB began her earthly journey on March 26, 1910 and entered her eternal home September 30, 2009 at the age of 99 years.

Nancy accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and joined Duffield Primitive Baptist Church, which was later renamed Peterson's Chapel. She attended church faithfully as long as she was able and was always willing to help out in any way she could.

She was married to Luke Lamb on March 2, 1925 and they were blessed with 9 children. Her husband, 2 children, Bernice Bledsoe and Jimmy Lamb; her parents, Walter and Almira Peters UpChurch; 3 sisters and 6 brothers preceded her in death.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Almira Lane, Shirley Stapleton, Anna Mae Ailstock, Pauline Williams, Magline Raley, Jean Dennison and David Bruce Lamb; 20 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; 26 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

- Written by a friend

VIVIAN HURD LAMBERT, 73, of Camby, IN, passed away October 12, 2009 at the Indianapolis University Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Callie Osborne Hurd.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Joe Lambert and 1 infant sister, Ella Maye Hurd.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Joetta Smith; 2 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter; 3 sisters, Lillian, Hazel and Velvie; 2 brothers, Winford and Johnny Hurd; 1 nephew, 2 nieces and 2 great nephews.

She was a member of Willis Chapel Church and later moved her membership to Life Line Baptist of Camby, IN. She was also a member of the Mighty Hand Puppet Team.

- Written by the family

HOLLIE BEN LAWSON was born August 14, 1911 and departed this life August 17, 2009 at the age of 98 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers and 1 sister.

He was married to Mae Baker and had 2 children, Gary and J. C. Lawson.

Hollie went to Beech Grove Church for over 60 years. He taught Sunday school and was Sunday School Superintendent, song leader and deacon. He was a good Christian man and read his Bible every day. He loved his family dearly, especially his grandson.

He is missed by family and friends, but we know he has gone to heaven to be with loved ones and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Written by his niece

LOIS GENEVA WILLIAMS LINKOUS, age 72 of Rogersville, TN passed away May 3, 2010.

Geneva leaves her husband of 55 years, Floyd Kenneth Linkous and 1 daughter, Loretta Ratliff. She was a member of Long Hollow Church, but attended Cold Springs Church. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by the family

ELDER CHARLES BAZZLE MANIS, age 60, went to be with the Lord March 9, 2010 at Hawkins County Memorial Hospital.

Bazzle was saved at an early age at Mountain View Baptist Church. He announced his calling to preach in 1969 and continued to preach God's grace and mercy until his death. He was a faithful member of Long Hollow Church and currently was the pastor at Ayers Chapel Church in Big Stone Gap, VA. He has spent his life telling others about Jesus; now he is resting safe in His arms.

Bazzle was preceded in death by his parents, Evan and Caroline Manis; 4 brothers, Bert, J. C., Donald and George Manis and 2 sisters, Hazel Cody and Ruby Burton.

Bazzle is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Patsy; 2 daughters, Diana Gordon and Angel Smith; 1 son, Claude Manis; 6 grandchildren; 2 step grandsons; 1 great granddaughter; 1 brother, William "Bill" Manis; 6 sisters, Hattie Collins, Mary Lammons, Vivian Helton, Mildred Johnson, Maude Stewart and Bonnie Reed and several nieces and nephews.

Bazzle will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the family

BASCOM PARMER MAYES was born August 4, 1940 and went to be with the Lord February 18, 2010 at the age of 69. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was a member of House Chapel Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mindie Marcum Mayes; father, Kyle P. Mayes, and his sister, Jean Cavin.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Alice F. Mayes; 2 sons, Allen and Eric Mayes; 7 grandchildren; mother, Flora Mae Mayes; 5 sisters, Faye Looney, Charlotte Caldwell, Ada Satterfield, Kathy Coffey and Diane Patterson; 1 brother, Benny Mayes and several nieces and nephews.

Bascom was a faithful member of our church, and it thrills our hearts to know that in heaven, where he is, there is no pain; all is peace, joy and love. Rest on, dear brother, until we meet again in that wonderful land.

- Written by the church clerk

PEARL MCKENZIE, 89, born October 26, 1920, went to be with the Lord November 9, 2009. She was the daughter of Lige and Nancy Jane Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard McKenzie and 2 sons, Donald and Ranzel McKenzie.

Survivors are 2 sons, Bill and Carl; 4 daughters, Anna Watts, Wilma Chapman, Peggy Bowen and Alvalene Perry; 25 grandchildren; 56 great grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.

She was a member of Richardson Chapel and will be missed greatly by all who knew her.

- Written by the family

LUCY BANKS MONTGOMERY was born May 20, 1912 and departed this life October 16, 2009 at the age of 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tolbert Montgomery; her parents, Patrick and Etta Banks; 5 brothers, Elders Bernard and Bert, Elmo, Clifton and Clayton Banks and 1 sister, Ruth Dyer.

She is survived by 2 sisters, Elsie Boggs and Rillavae Risner; 2 daughters, Marietta Stephens and Ruth Evelyn Fletcher; 4 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren.

She became a member of Little Cowan Church at an early age.

Lucy is sadly missed by family and friends.

- Written by the family

HELEN LOUISE MOORE, age 60, was born June 28, 1949 and died February 13, 2010.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harm Allen Moore.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Tina Tarring, Rosie Moore and Lisa Moore; 2 sons, David and Benjamin Moore and 12 grandchildren.

- Written by the family

MORRIS RANDAL MOUNTS, SR., age 80, of Wilmington, formerly of Matewan, WV, passed away November 6, 2009. Morris was born September 27, 1929 in Thacker, WV to the late Flossie Lambert Mounts and the late Archie Mounts.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and was a member of Clear Springs Church.

Morris was preceded in death by his first wife, Joanne.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; 1 son, Morris "Dude", Jr.; 2 daughters, Debbie Evans and Terry Evans; stepson, Joshua Robinette; stepdaughter, Sherry Rowe; 8 grandchildren; 4 brothers, Guy, Ronnie, Kenny and Jack; 6 sisters, Tressie, Mabel, Barbara, Jane, Ruby and Gwen.

- Written by the family

EDGAR JAMES NEELEY, 78, of Kingsport, departed this life into the presence of the Lord on October 6, 2010 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport.

He was born in Blackwater, VA on July 4, 1932. He was saved at an early age. He was a member and served as a deacon at Roller's Chapel Church, where he served faithfully until death. He taught Sunday school and earnestly read and studied the Holy Bible. His favorite verse was Acts 17:28.

When he shouted the praise of God and testified, everyone carefully listened and the Spirit would manifest Himself within the church. His favorite songs were "Zion's Hill" and "Sweet By and By."

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Stella Neeley; 2 siblings in infancy and 2 half sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Cora L. Bowen Neeley; 1 son, Rick Neeley; 1 daughter, Brenda; 1 granddaughter; 1 great granddaughter; 1 sister, Lola Mae Sybert; 1 brother, Everette Donald Neeley and several nieces and nephews.

We will miss you, but we pray our circle will be complete in heaven in the "Sweet By and By."

- Written by the family

NANCY PEGGY CHRISTIAN NELMS, 66, of Kingsport, TN passed away April 6, 2010 of an extended illness. She was born October 22, 1943 in Hawkins County, TN. She was saved and joined Long Hollow Church at an early age.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Nelms; 1 son, Travis Nelms; parents, Andy and Mary Christian; 1 half sister, Anita; grandparents, Martin and Cora Christian; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Teresa Bowser and Tina Light; 1 son, Lynn Nelms; 9 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Gene Christian; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Peggy was loved and is greatly missed by all that knew her.

- Written for the family by Ellen Christian

RUBY MAE LAWSON OSBORNE was born February 17, 1922 in Lee County, VA, and departed this life February 6, 2010 at Greenwood Manor in Xenia, OH. She was the daughter of Mack and Virgie Goins Lawson.

She was married for 59 years to Hampton E. Osborne and to this union six children were born.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 5 sisters, Della Lawson, Ova Hurd, Mary Johnson, Georgia Osborne and Rhoda Carroll and 2 brothers, William and Ernest Lawson.

She is survived by her children, Eula, Hampton, Addie, Aileen, Glen and Donald; 1 sister, Etta Osborne; 2 brothers, Hobart and Null Lawson; 15 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She received Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and remained faithful throughout her life. She was a member of Clear Springs Church. She loved and cherished her church family and we are greatly appreciative of all the love and fellowship she received during her time spent there.

We know you all would have loved our mom. She loved to read, garden, sew and quilt. In the spring, summer and fall our yard was always filled with flowers, trees and enough vegetables to feed the neighborhood. Our home was always filled with growing plants and the smells of good home cooking. There was always a place at the table for anyone who stopped by to visit. But most of all, we will remember the love she had for her Lord and Savior, her family and her friends. She will be loved and missed by us all.

- Written by the family

LARRY WAYNE POLLY was born October 23, 1957 and passed from this life after a long illness on April 21, 2010, being 52 years, 5 months and 29 days. He was the son of the late George Polly and Maudie Halcomb Polly.

Larry was a lifelong resident of Gordon, KY. He was a happy and humble person who was always concerned with everyone's well-being. He spent his days visiting with his neighbors until illness made it impossible. Larry was a member of Hurricane Valley Church. He loved going to church and he especially enjoyed the singing.

Larry is survived by 1 brother, 5 sisters and a host of nieces, nephews and friends to mourn his passing.

- Written by Pamela Frazier

DEADRICK HENRY PRICE, JR. was born November 14, 1926 and departed this life November 8, 2009. He was the son of the late Gains Deadrick and Geneva Price.

He was saved at an early age and on January 15, 1989 joined Mt. Mitchell Church where he faithfully served as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher. He loved God, family and church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 sister, Joann Price.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Lawson Price; 2 daughters, Mary Lane and Judy Wells; 3 sons, Jim, Donnie and "H" Price; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and 2 sisters, Ivadale Price and Shirley Helton.

He is greatly missed by family and friends, but we know he is at rest on heaven's bright shore.

- Written for the family by Elder Donald L. Johnson

LELAH RHODES RAGLE, 101, born July 12, 1908, of Mt. Carmel, TN, went to her heavenly home on April 15, 2010. She lived her entire life in Hawkins County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Etta Palteer Churchwell; her husband of 60 years, Roy Eugene Ragle; daughter, Juanita Ragle Marsh; 5 sisters and 2 brothers.

She is survived by her son, William Eugene (Gene) Ragle; 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

She was a charter member of Mt. Mitchell Church and was buried in the church cemetery. She loved and served the Lord all her life, leaving behind a testimony for all her family and friends to follow. She was loved and honored by everyone who knew or met her.

- Written by the family

ARSON RATLIFF was born January 8, 1930 and went to be with the Lord May 26, 2010 at the age of 80. He was a member of House Chapel Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Flora Layne Ratliff; 8 brothers, Sterlin, Lee, Drainon, Rush, Butler, Bernon, Zack and Kit Ratliff; 3 sisters, Magoline West, Delphea McKinney and Brilarie Varney; 1 grandson and 1 great grandchild.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rena E. Ratliff; 2 sons, Gary Dale and Dennis Ratliff; 2 daughters, Betty Gail Dotson and Patricia Ann Velat; 1 sister, Goldie Blackburn; 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Mr. Ratliff was a great joy to our church and all who knew him. He blessed our hearts greatly when he would stand and play his mandolin. We will miss you for now, but know that when we meet again, we will be together forever.

- Written by the church clerk

GEORGE EDWARD RICHARDS, age 71, of Bulls Gap passed away July 15, 2010. He was a veteran, having served in the U. S. Army and was retired from Holliston Mills.

George was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Marie Gulley Richards; parents, John Henry and Riddie Pearl Gilliam Richards; 2 sisters, Nell Fawbush and Elizabeth Collier and 2 brothers, Robert and Paul Richards.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Seay Williams Richards; 1 daughter, Lisa Ann Gregory; 1 step daughter, Amy Brown; 5 sisters, Mary Gilliam, Mollie Albright, Alice Mayes, Dorothy Gorbea and Carolyn Ball; 2 brothers, Doug and Lynn Richards and several nieces and nephews.

George was saved and joined Hopewell Church in May, 1982 where he was a Sunday school teacher and song leader and he remained a special member the rest of his life.

- Written by the family

ROBERT LEE RICHARDS was born March 5, 1954 and went home to be with the Lord May 17, 2010 at the age of 56.

He was a member of Butcher's Valley Church for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee Alexander (Hoss) and Sally Ann Richards and 1 brother, William Davie Richards.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Mae Richards; 1 daughter, April Ann Richards; 1 son, Bobby Lee Richards; 3 sisters, Nancy Manis, Bonnie Richards and Brenda Waye; several nieces and nephews and a host of special friends and family.

- Written by the family

ROY W. ROBINETTE was born March 4, 1930 and passed away July 25, 2010 at the age of 80.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joel and Mary Robinette; 3 sisters, Mildred Wallen, Frankie Wallen and Hazel Robinette; 3 brothers, H. P., LeRoy and Cecil Robinette and 1 daughter, Tammy Robinette.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Robinette; 1 daughter, Elaine Robinette; 2 granddaughters and 1 great granddaughter.

Ever faithful, he provided his time, skills and knowledge to assure the maintenance and prosperity of Marion Robinette Memorial Church.

- Written by the family

JUDY BLAIR ROLLER was born September 25, 1946 and departed this life May 3, 2010 at her home. She was the daughter of Joe and Vivian Willis Blair and a member of Jenkins Chapel Church.

Survivors are her son, Shannon Roller; daughter, Amanda Cradic; 8 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 1 sister, Berniece Cox and 1 brother, Joe Curtis Blair.

Judy's delight was her grandchildren. She loved them dearly. Sleep on, dear loved one. We will meet again when God calls all His children home.

- Written by the family

F. H. (BUD) SAMPSON, age 91, was born May 8, 1919 and went to be with the Lord June 14, 2010.

He was a member of Liberty Chapel Church.

He loved the Lord and traveled many miles to attend revivals.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Sampson; 1 sister and 1 brother.

- Written by his son, Buddy Sampson

ERTHA MAE SHEPHERD departed this life April 30, 2010 at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Henry McDaniel; her second husband, Rev. Herbert Shepherd; 2 brothers; 1 sister; 4 sons and 1 stepson.

She is survived by 5 daughters; 2 sons; 5 stepchildren; 1 brother; many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was a member of Blair Chapel Church. We will miss her, but we know that she was looking forward to the promised land.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

MINNIE SINGLETON, age 84, passed away January 14, 2010. She was a member of Slate Hill Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Singleton.

She is survived by 2 children, Marvin Singleton and Lucille Black; 6 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; 1 sister, Marie Williams, several nieces and nephews.

Minnie loved coming to church and was a blessing to us all. There is a brighter day coming when we all shall meet again.

- Written by Danielle Lucas

GERALD WAYNE SMITH was born October 5, 1953 and passed away December 20, 2009.

He was laid to rest at Willis Cemetery, Kyle's Ford, TN with his daddy and mommy, Henry and Irene Smith and brother, Troy Smith.

He was saved and joined Willis Chapel Church.

He is survived by 2 brothers, Doyle Gilliam and Ralph Smith; 2 sisters, Darsulla Sullivan and Geraldine Collins; 3 nieces and 1 nephew.

Philippians Chapter 1, verses 21 and 23. Gerald Wayne's last words to me were he had chosen the latter part of each verse.

- Written by Elder Paul Strong

BERNICE TAYLOR, age 88, of St. Charles, VA was born August 10, 1920 and passed away August 4, 2009 at her home.

She was a member of Low View Church and was a faithful member as long as she was able to go.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Hamp Taylor and 2 sons.

She is survived by 2 sons, Jimmy and Jerry Taylor; 4 daughters, Peggy Bledsoe, Dora Sue Bledsoe, Mary Anders and Kathy Maples; 16 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

We know mom is waiting for us. We loved her and miss her, our hearts are broken but God knows what's best, for our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by her daughter, Barbara Bledsoe

MARGARET PRESTON VANHOOSE was born March 7, 1924 and went home to be with her Lord October 20, 2009.

Her husband, Hubert; 5 brothers and 1 sister preceded her in death.

Margaret left behind 3 children, Glenda Childers, Walter Vanhooose and Patricia Rutherford, 4 grandsons and 3 great grandchildren.

She was member of Richardson's Chapel and her husband was a deacon, and he and Margaret were both a wonderful blessing to all of us. We can't count the number of people left behind who loved her just because she was such a blessing. We all miss her shouting and her rejoicing in the Lord.

- Written by the church clerk, Rosemary Borders

NORA E. MINTON VAUGHN was born January 16, 1919 in Scott County, VA, where she lived her entire life until departing on June 5, 2010. She was 91 years, 4 months and 20 days of age.

She was married to John Millard Vaughn in August, 1936 and to this union 6 children were born.

She was preceded in death by her husband; 1 son, Bradley; a granddaughter; her parents; 4 sisters and 7 brothers.

Nora is survived by 3 daughters, Mary Ann Coleman, Frances Drennen and Barbra Sue Scott; 2 sons, Johnny and Robert Vaughn; 2 sisters; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Nora wrote in the Post It Notes about her love for her church and church family. Although she wasn't able to attend for several years, she never forgot them. One note she wrote: "Most of all I got ready to leave this country in 1947 and go to my new home up yonder in heaven." She joined Peterson's Chapel Church and there her membership remained until her death.

Absent of Mother, the house is empty now. No voices greet us upon entering; the chair where she once sat is empty. As we walk through the rooms once occupied, the hushed quietness of the house brings memories that flood my soul. The troubles and sickness of this life that Mother endured is not to be compared with the joy that awaits her on the other side. We feel that she is at rest. At God's appointed time, we that have been saved and washed by the blood of the Lamb will be united around God's throne with our loved ones.

- Written by her youngest daughter, Barbra Sue Vaughn Scott

MABEL E. DINGUS VICARS, 88, died November 15, 2009 at The Wexford House.

Born in Fort Blackmore, VA, Mabel attended school there and later moved to Detroit, MI, where she lived for about 20 years while managing a department store. Mabel later retired from Rental Uniform and then resided in Blackwater, VA for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kay Vicars and 4 brothers, Lee, Paul, John and Ira Dingus, Jr.

Mabel is survived by 2 sisters, Elsie Cunningham and Bonnie Hall; 3 brothers, Don, Lester and Jack Dingus; and several nieces and nephews.

- Written by the family

NANCY WALKER was born February 1, 1938 and departed this life December 27, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Polly Shell; husband, Gene Boyd and 1 son, Frank Raymond Boyd.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Walker, 3 sons, David, Phil and Junior; 2 daughters, Peggy and Kathy and a host of grandchildren and friends.

She was a member of Hurricane Valley Church.

She is sadly missed by the family and church.

- Written by Elder Glenn Cornett

SHIRLEY FAYE WILLIS WALKER, 61, of Surgoinville, TN went to be with the Lord on June 24, 2010.

She was an employee of Cherokee Restaurant and was a loving mom, daughter, sister and friend to all who knew her. She was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony Walker; father, Luther Willis, Sr.; 4 sisters, Patsy Willis, Nancy Messer, Helen Stapleton and Judy Eidson and 1 brother, Larry Willis.

She is survived by her son, Willie Walker; mother, Belva Duncan Willis; 1 sister, Robin Willis; 4 brothers, Luther "Little Hoot" Willis, Jr., Alfred, Tony and Danny; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

- Written by the family

BOYD EDWARD WALLEN, 84, was born December 25, 1925 and passed from this life to be with the Lord October 3, 2010.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nannie Kate Wallen; parents, Lloyd and Ethel Wallen; 5 brothers; 1 sister and 1 grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Iona Wallen; 5 daughters, Linda Nickels, Roma Wallen, Sharon Sumpter, Judy Wagner and Patricia Mutter; 6 sons, Carroll, Larry, Dennis, Dwight, Terry and Jeff Wallen; several grandchildren; several great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Boyd was saved as a young boy and joined Willis Chapel Church. He later moved his membership to Jenkins Chapel Church when he moved to Rogersville. He remained a faithful member until his death. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, where he served during World War II. Boyd was a great husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend to all who knew him. He is greatly missed, but we know he is at rest and we will meet him again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the family

CAROLYN M. WALLEN, 68, went home to be with the Lord May 10, 2010.

She was born in Sullivan County, TN and was a member of Beech Grove Church. She attended Hickman's Memorial Church.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, Nana and mother-in-law. She loved everybody and had many close friends and family. Mom loved her flower gardens and enjoyed making fleece throws to give to her friends. She loved all kinds of animals.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Kate Moore.

She is survived by her husband, Onzie Wallen; 1 son, André Wallen; 2 granddaughters; 1 brother, Gerald Moore; 1 sister, Patty Osborne; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

- Written by the family

GERALDINE WALLER, 78, of Partridge, KY passed from this life April 30, 2010 following an extensive stay at the Hazard ARH Hospital.

Geraldine was a wonderful person and was loved by all who knew her. She was a lifelong resident of Letcher County and she attended Little Cowan Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Chester Earl Waller, and her parents, Matthew and Velva Cornett Elkins.

She is survived by 2 children, Lisa Smith and Phillip Earl Waller; 1 sister, Mabel Lloyd; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 3 nieces, 2 nephews and a host of other family and friends.

- Written by the family

AUBREY WELLS passed away May 26, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, June Maggard; 1 son, Aubrey Wells, II; stepchildren, Olivia Sprouse, Deniese Bedwell, Ellis O. Maggard and Teddy Banks; 1 granddaughter; 1 grandson; 3 step grandchildren and 3 brothers, Otis, Cleon and Edd Wells.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Ben and Paulina Wells; 4 brothers, Bill, Earnest, Beverly and Donald Wells and 1 sister, Ethel McQueen.

He was a member of Pine Hill Baptist Church in Irvine KY, a church he had built for his dad. For the last several years he was very faithful to Little Dove Church where he was always helping to do repairs or build whatever was needed at the church.

He was truly loved by the church family and is truly missed.

- Written by the church clerk

ESTHER PAULINE WHITE, 50, of Cumberland, KY passed from this life on March 27, 2010 after a brief illness.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edgar Nantz and 2 brothers.

Survivors include her mother, Zelda Nantz; stepfather, Raymond Campbell; husband, Ronnie White; 2 sons; 1 sister and 5 grandchildren.

She joined Blair Chapel Church several years ago. She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

LINDA WILLIAMS departed this life December 22, 2009 at the age of 90 to be with her heavenly Father.

She attended Burke's Union Church as long as her health permitted.

One of her prayer requests was that her children come to church and sit down beside her. Her favorite song was "Beulah Land" and now she is there.

Sleep on, dear mommy, until we meet again.

- Written by her daughter, Ada McPherson

SARAH CATHERYN MEADE WILLIAMSON was born March 3, 1939 and died May 17, 2010.

She was the daughter of the late Bill and Anna Meade.

She was also preceded in death by 1 daughter, Naomi Ruth.

She is survived by her husband, John Williamson; 1 daughter Teresa Ann Blevins; 1 son, James Edgil Ratliff and 5 grandchildren.

She was saved in 1983, and was a member of Richardson Chapel Church, who served as clerk for many years. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

- 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	
Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists organized 1848				
1848	Blackwater Lick	Isaac Crisman	John Hurst	Mark Hurst
1849	Blackwater, TN			William White
There are no records available from 1850-1880. It is known no annual meetings were held during the Civil War, (1861-1865?)				
1881	Blackwater, TN	I. S. Robinette	William Henry	I. S. Robinette
1882	Sulphur Springs	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	S. R. T. Robinette
1883	Hopewell	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	I. S. Robinette
1884	Swan Creek	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	J. P. Peters
1885	Zion	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	I. S. Robinette
1886	Piney Grove	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	E. D. Bowen
1887	Walnut Grove	George Edens	A. T. Bowen	E. S. McPherson
1888	Blackwater Lick	George Edens	A. T. Bowen	George Edens
1889	Hopewell	E. D. Bowen	John Walker	E. D. Bowen
1890	Enterprise	E. D. Bowen	William Henry	George Edens
1891	Swan Creek	George Edens	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Peters
1892	Beech Hill	J. P. Peters	William Henry	Alfred Wallen
1893	Sulphur Springs	George Edens	E. S. McPherson	John Dean
1894	Blackwater, TN	George Edens	William Henry	E. S. McPherson
1895	Blackwater Lick	Alfred Wallen	A. Y. Willis	J. P. Peters

1896	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	William Henry	J. B. Wallen
1897	Flat Rock	E. S. McPherson	John Walker	E. A. Robinette
Two associations formed, divided by Virginia-Tennessee state line, in 1898				
Eastern District in Virginia: Southwestern District in Tennessee				
1898	Bloomer's Chapel – ED	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Pierson	John Dean
1898	Hopewell – SWD	John Dean	G. W. Johnson	Alfred Wallen
1899	Natural Tunnel – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	M. F. Robinette
1899	Long Hollow – SWD	William Henry	A. Y. Willis	J. B. Wallen
1900	Dry Creek – ED	E. S. McPherson	G. W. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1900	Blackwater, TN – SWD	John Dean	A. Y. Willis	John Dean
1901	Sloantown – ED	E. S. McPherson	G. W. Johnson	T. H. Franklin
1901	Pilgrim's Rest – SWD	John Dean	Ezekiel Barker	Johnny Johnson
1902	Zion – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1902	Sulphur Springs – SWD	Alfred Wallen	M. H. Johnson	William Henry
1903	Osborne's Chapel – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1903	Swan Creek – SWD	John Dean	Ezekiel Barker	Ezekiel Barker
1904	Enterprise – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. A. Robinette
1904	Hopewell – SWD	Ezekiel Barker	Nicholas Alder	Alfred Wallen
1905	Flat Rock – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1905	Blackwater, TN – SWD	H. R. Fields	J. M. Brotherton	H. R. Fields
The two associations united again in 1906				
1906	Natural Tunnel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette
1907	Mountain View	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette
1908	Blackwater Lick	E. S. McPherson	Nicholas Alder	J. P. Peters
1909	Riverside	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1910	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1911	Zion	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1912	Osborne's Chapel	E. S. McPherson	Amos Osborne	J. P. Peters
1913	Ayers Chapel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1914	Copper Creek	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington	E. A. Robinette
1915	Ida	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1916	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1917	Hopewell	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1918	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	C. M. Fuller
1919	Mountain View	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	J. P. Peters
1920	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1921	Blackwater, TN	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	F. M. Long
1922	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne; Hampton Osborne, Ass't.	A. N. Joyner
1923	Jenkins Chapel	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne; Hampton Osborne, Ass't.	C. M. Fuller

1924	Hopewell	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne	H. S. Laster
1925	Valley View	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1926	Big Cut	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	E. A. Robinette
1927	Hurricane Gap	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	A. N. Joyner
1928	Robinette Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. Barker
1929	Burke's Union	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. A. Robinette
1930	Jenkins Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Maudie May Brotherton, Ass't.	F. T. Carroll
1931	Little Cowan	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	E. A. Robinette
1932	Osborne's Chapel	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	F. T. Carroll
1933	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette; F. J. Johnson, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	Pleas Jenkins
1934	Cox's Chapel	E. A. Robinette W. H. Burke, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	F. J. Johnson
1935	Cadet	E. A. Robinette B. L. Lawson, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	T. R. Carter
1936	Pleasant View	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	F. T. Carroll
1937	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson
1938	Little Dove	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	E. A. Robinette
1939	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	Fremont Thacker
1969	Roller's Chapel	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Peters
1970	Poplar Grove	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1971	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1972	Richardson Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bert Banks
1973	Liberty Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1974	Clear Springs	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Ben Hill
1975	Irondale	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1976	West View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1977	Chestnut Flats	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1978	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Walter C. Willis
1979	Mountain View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1980	Swan Creek	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bobby Williams
1981	House Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1982	Jenkins Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1983	Caney Creek	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Darrell Ratliff
1984	Slate Hill	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Henry Wheeler
1985	Long Hollow	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1986	Edwin Holbrook Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Oscar Irvin
1987	Oak Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Lucian Lane
1988	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Allen Hensley
1989	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Eckel Head
1990	Blackwater Lick	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Carl Lawson
1991	Burke's Union	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1992	Clear Springs	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Terry Sizemore

1993	West View	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	J. H. Sybert
1994	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J. H. Sybert & Basil Freeman, Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin
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
2010	Richardson Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon

