

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, September 29, 2011

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 159th annual session with House Chapel Church, Rogersville, Tennessee.

On May 25, 1912, Brother George House opened the doors to a store house he owned in Bear Hollow, TN to a small group of worshippers gathered to organize and begin House Chapel Church. Service began with the song "Amazing Grace" and the scripture lesson was taken from St. Matthew 28. Elder J. S. Johnson stood before his congregation and took his text from St. Luke 12:32. "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." These words of encouragement and blessings from the Lord Jesus Christ began to lay the foundation of which our church was built. In October, 1912, they were received as a newly constituted church in the Eastern District Association and have remained a part of this body since that time. The original members organized a building committee and were given land by Brother H. W. House to build the church. They held services in the new building on the first Sunday in April, 1913.

The church has had a number of pastors through the years, some of whom have been among the most widely known and respected in the association. Those who have served as pastor are Elders: J. S. Johnson, F. M. Long, L. C. Bailey, Pleas Jenkins, C. F. Dale, H. G. Busic, R. E. Cifers, Fred Whittemore, R. E. Russell, T. R. Russell, Clarence C. Johnson, Roy Presley, Clifford Williams, Fred Peters, J. L. Hill, John Purkey, Kenneth Jarnigan, Bob Johnson, Henry Wheeler for 18 years and Neal Drinnon from 1984 to the present.

The church made amazing progress with Elder Wheeler, by increasing membership from 47 to 157 until his resignation in 1984. The church has continued to grow from then, with Elder Neal Drinnon as pastor, by adding an addition on the side of the church. In 2002 the Lord blessed the church with an opportunity to buy additional land for parking. The church now has 235 members on the roll.

Brothers Roger Davenport, Billy Skelton, Jeff Hurley, Wayne Thomason and Mack Manis are serving the church as deacons. Church trustees include Brothers Lee Davenport, Darrell Manis and Roger Davenport.

For the 159th time, God's children met to worship and praise His holy name. Sister Zula McCullough led us in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There's a land that is fairer than day and by faith we can see it afar. So we must keep our lamps trimmed and burning, for we'll meet Him in the morning just inside the Eastern Gate. When we see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory as the clouds overspread the sky, oh what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we see our loving Savior on that happy day, from sin our soul is set free and we'll live with Christ forever. Get ready for that day, it won't be very long till Jesus shall appear and we'll meet on that beautiful shore.

Welcoming everyone to today's service, Elder Terry Sizemore thanked God for all the blessings of this life. What a joy it is to be among this group one more time. Our prayer is that a precious soul would be saved. We have the light living within us and we pray that everyone will obey God's will.

Elder Sizemore mentioned the passing of Elders Earnest Bledsoe, Billy Fields, Harold Head, L. E. Hill, Robert Jenkins and Donald Sybert since we last met.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises which includes Roy Jones (chairman), Ralph Baker and Walter Bailey.

The moderator asked the churches to turn in their church letters, obituaries, and financial contributions as soon as possible so the letter committee will have time to complete their review.

Elder Sizemore asked that each minister and visiting 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 join that happy heavenly band. Do you love the Lord and seek His Holy Word?

Elder Neal Drinnon, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone, thanking God for everyone being with us. No welcome can match that of God because until He welcomes us, we are not free. House Chapel has worked hard to make things ready. Thank God for all those helping in this labor of love. We hope each individual will be able to go home and say this is the best one ever. He thanked everyone for all the help during the preparation of the association.

Singing from Daniel Smith blessed our hearts and let us know He makes us free from sin and that sweet assurance of knowing He saved us will carry us safely home.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches, those serving in the military, our country, Ada McPherson, Mary Ruth Osborne, Daniel Hurd, Tony Sizemore, Glenn Bradley, Roy Jones' brother, Gerald and his wife; Maxie Marcum, Doris and Jim Burke, John and Maude Turner, the sick at Rose Chapel, newborn baby Landon, Hagan Roberts' family, the Thacker and Fields families, Edward Duncan, Billy Jack Johnson's grandchildren, Cindy Johnson, daughter and nephew, John Bowlin, Dan Cross's daughter-in-law, son and grandchildren, Brad Dutton's sister-in-law, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder John Arnott humbly led us to the throne of grace.

Sister Patsy Hensley blessed us with a song of praise. We must keep the faith and walk the straight and narrow path to our home just around the bend. We're just looking for the time when all of heaven will be ours.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Fred Gilreath took the first part of the service. After a wonderful testimony, he read Genesis 6:13-22 using as a thought "according to all that God commanded him." Noah realized there was no trial or tests because he believed what God said and with fear he built the ark. We have commandments just as Noah and others of that time did. To have God's power in our life, we must die daily. Maybe our fear isn't where it should be! Our preachers must preach the truth and we must respond in haste to God's instructions, for we will see Him face to face. Our lives are in His hands, because He died for the whole world. Our lives are not based on man's ways, thoughts and ideas, only on God's truth. He will remind us of the good things and take care of His children as He removes the troubles of this life. To get to heaven, ye must be born again and there must be a change in the life of a Christian. He gave us a song to sing, praise His holy name! We must go past Calvary to be where God would place us. Noah built the ark exactly like God instructed and we need to do His work exactly like He instructs us.

Elder Neal Drinnon followed with another wonderful message from heaven on high. Noah found grace in the sight of God just like we do as the redeemed of God. God built His church on this rock

and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. The saved in Christ have a leader that lets us know when we are right and He will also let us know when we are wrong. Man can't save himself, but salvation comes only from God. When Saul rose up, he was blind and had to be led. God's ways are so far above ours and our ways do not always please Him; therefore, we must be assured we follow our heavenly leader. He has not changed; He is the same today, yesterday and forevermore. We have power with God if we are saved. Let us show the love of God to one another and through our daily lives. We must live right, talk right, and dress right. We do not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Prayer can work wonders when we pray in faith believing, God is able. We need one another but we need God more.

We were dismissed for lunch with a song.

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After a wonderful lunch served by the host church, the congregation swung out on the promises of God. Whatever my lot in this life may be, we can say it is well with our soul, for all our sin is nailed to His cross. We were truly blessed with wonderful testimonies and shouts of praise throughout the tent. Such wondrous love was shown when He suffered all alone for us. Forever we will be with the love He has shown for us. He bled and died to take away sin. One day soon He'll come with a shout of acclamation to take us home and proclaim how great thou art.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from Bobby and Juanita Williams and Jason Robinette. He'll hold to our hands as we go over death's river and safe we shall be in beautiful heaven. Jesus will still the rough waters and give us joy without measure, which is our treasure as heaven holds all. We see afar to the hills of that wonderful country, happy contented and free. When our race on earth is run, deliverance will come and we shall wear palms of victory and crowns of glory. When we can't go on any more, lean on Jesus, for we can't do anything without the Lord. Let us refuse to live one day without Jesus in our lives.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service, thanking the church for the wonderful lunch and God for His splendor and magnificence. Without His spirit we are none of His.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, those made during the morning service, the Tucker family, Jerry Scalf, Stella Sybert, Sue Sizemore, lady's daughter-in-law, Nadine and Don Marsh and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Scott Tipton took us to the throne of grace in a soul-stirring prayer.

Brother David Horton, chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. A total of 56 churches were recommended by the committee to be accepted. The letter from Edwin Holbrook Memorial was sent but not received by the clerk. It will be reviewed by the committee when received. 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. There were 3 churches that closed their doors due to lack of attendance, including Ayers Chapel, Fairview (VA) and Miller's Chapel. No correspondence was received from Guthrie's Gap, Oak Grove, Pink Hill, Slate Hill and Sulphur Springs.

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 John Arnott was nominated. No other nominations were made. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Elder Arnott came forward to serve during the election.

After a wonderful testimony, the moderator asked for nominations to serve as clerk and treasurer of the association. A nomination was made and 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 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 ensuing year.

Elder Sizemore thanked Elder Arnott 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 you. This obligation you've placed upon us is indeed special and we both are humbled and privileged to serve this association. With sincere appreciation we accept this opportunity to serve in this capacity for another year. We desire the prayers of the association, not just through the next few days, but throughout the entire year. Please remember us as we strive to do God's will in every aspect of our service to God and the association.

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), Elder Virgil Lipe, Scott Mellons, Bobby Caudill, Eric McPherson and Danny Lawson.

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers – Lewis Baker (chairman), Frank Gilliam and Eddie Malone; Deacons – Ronnie Brooks and Earl Dotson; Laymen – Clifton Horne and Harold Self.

Committee on Finance: Charley Johnson (chairman), Jerry Johnson and Carson Johnson.

Committee on Obituaries: A. D. Howington (chairman), Mike Fullington and Donny Clifford.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: John Arnott (chairman), David Smith, Scott Tipton, David Jerrell, John Banks, Woodrow Fields and David Moody.

Roy Jones, chairman of the Committee on Religious Exercises came forward to give the report.

Thursday night:

Church: David Jerrell and Jim Lykins

Tent: Mike Fullington and Greg Hill

Friday morning: September 30, 2011
Stand: Scott Tipton and Oscar Irvin
Church: John Arnott and John Banks

Friday night:
Church: Donny Clifford and Travis Lipe
Tent: Glenn Cornett and Richard Seiber
Caney Creek: Roger VanHoose

Saturday morning: October 1, 2011
Stand: Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert

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 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 to replenish the necessary forms to properly perform his duties.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk \$1,500.00 in appreciation for his services.

The clerk reported all financial transactions during the year to the delegation. He also informed them that a new tax exempt document was received from the state and is available at the clerk's desk.

The moderator informed the delegation that the report from the Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries will be given during the business session on Friday.

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.

Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Electrical and PA Committee, came forward to speak to the delegation. He thanked God for saving him and thanked everyone 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 business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, September 30, 2011.

Friday Morning, September 30, 2011

The Lord blessed us to gather one more time this side of eternity. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation as they worshiped God in songs of praise. Having no burdens to bear, oh I want to see Him, look upon His face, to behold the Savior, forever to rejoice. It will be wonderful when we enter the glory land to walk and talk with Christ the Supernal One. In that land, our sorrows will end and

our voices will blend with the loved ones who've gone on before. Though we get homesick for sweet Beulah Land, we know it is better farther on in that country we have to look forward to.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service. How great it is to serve an all-knowing God. Just looking out over these hills lets us know we serve the true and living God.

The congregation was blessed with special singing and testimony from the House Chapel Church singers and the Swatsell family. What a day that will be when sweet Jesus we see, the One who saved us by His grace. He wrote our name in the blessed book of life and saved our soul from sin and shame. Someday soon we will be with the One who died for us. Tears of joy were shed and shouts of praises rang out all over the tent. God so richly blessed His children, glory to His holy name! We've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun. Regardless of when the Lord touched us, we know it was the hand of the Lord that did so while we were praying. God will deliver us from the evil forces in this old world. He helped David face the giant and He will help us face the giants as well, for He is bigger than all. This world is not our permanent dwelling; for we have a home beyond the sky in that land where we'll never die. Let the world have the new rivers and we'll take the old stream that flows from the mountain, for the blood is the only way. We appreciate the good spirit of God here with us. If we want to eat from God's table, we can.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military, our association, our country, Earl and Draxie Johnson, Jack and Joy Osborne, Jr. and Wanda Osborne, Brother Ward's son, Deacon at Walnut Chapel, ladies great granddaughter, lost in Hershel and Betty Baker's family, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Donny Clifford took our petitions to the throne of grace.

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 Scott Tipton, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. After a wonderful testimony thanking God for His blessings, he read from St. Matthew 12:40-41 and used as a thought "He is here with us now." We must listen to God, for He will instruct us as He desires. He told Jonah to go to Nineveh, as we must go where we are sent, as well. What God tells us to do, we need to do it. God's plan will come to pass, but if we go our own direction, God has something waiting for us. He knows exactly what we need. The spirit will show us when we're wrong. It is not what we say, do, or think, but it must come from God. With salvation we are sealed, but religion will take you to hell. We must stick with the ship to please God.

Elder Oscar Irvin followed with another wonderful message. An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, but none is given except that of the prophet Jonas. While the ministers have a responsibility to preach the truth, we have a responsibility to do God's will in all things. All men died in Adam, but they can be made whole in Jesus Christ, for He is the way, the truth and the life and none can come to God except they come through Jesus. The carnal mind is not subject to the laws of Christ and neither indeed can be. When He set us down on the solid rock, He established within us a new way, making us a new creature. Our Redeemer sits on high and He knows our needs. Though our sins be as dark as crimson, he makes us whiter than snow. He is that friend that sticks with us all the way to the end and when that time comes, the Boatman will be there to see us safely home, for He holds the future in His hands. We have been delivered from the bondage into the glorious state of salvation.

The congregation sang songs of praise as we were adjourned for lunch.

Friday Afternoon, September 30, 2011

The congregation came together with songs of praise to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Joy springing up within our soul is so unspeakable and full of glory; the half has never been told. The unseen hand leads through ways we cannot see. Therefore we trust the unseen hand to lead us through this weary land and through the shadows drear until we reach our home where no sin or sorrow can come. The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell, higher than the highest star and lower than the lowest hell. If we could with ink the ocean fill, and the skies were of parchment made, and every stalk a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; to write the love of God would drain the ocean dry, and the scroll could not contain the whole of the love of God. How measureless and strong is the One who rose from the dead and got on a cloud and went home. He didn't come here to stay, just to show us the way; but one day soon we'll shed this old clay, then we'll get on a cloud and go home.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Terry Sizemore and Patsy Hensley. Christ will in like manner come after His own just like He said. In the twinkling of an eye, He will return to receive His own. This could be the day, this could be the hour!

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for a bountiful and delicious lunch. Thanking God for the blessings of this morning's service, he urged everyone to obey the Holy Spirit.

Prayer requests were made for all those in the previous services, the unsaved, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Tee and Maybelle Osborne, Carolyn Oaks, Mary Adams, Tee Lawson, Roy Jeter, John Bowlin, Brother Miller's daughter and family, Josh, and son, brother Drinnon who lost his hearing, Virgie Grace Hill's children, A. D. Howington's family, Carl Smith and his wife, Tommy and Earletta Meade, and his sister; Henry Wheeler, Wayne Hickman, many others the clerk couldn't understand, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Burnice Sybert took our petitions to the Lord in an earnest and heartfelt prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother David Horton came forward to give the final report of the Letter Committee. The letter from Edwin Holbrook Memorial was received. It was reviewed by the committee and recommended that their delegates be accepted. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendation of the committee and seat their delegates as part of the voting body of the association.

Brother Roy Jones read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Friday night:

Church: Donny Clifford and Travis Lipe

Tent: Glenn Cornett and Richard Seiber

Caney Creek: Roger VanHoose

Saturday morning, October 1, 2011:

Stand: Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert

Saturday night:

Roller's Chapel: Roger VanHoose and Terry Sizemore

Wallen's Creek: Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette

The moderator appointed the trustees for Tennessee which include: Billy Jack Johnson, Gary Henard and Steve Hunt.

Elder Sizemore appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 2012 which includes: Bradley Bowen (chairman), Gene Ward, Steve Minton and Ralph Baker (alternate).

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

The Committee on Finance reported \$7,188.60 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 48 have been received at this time. The chairman reminded everyone that certain things such as poems, verses of songs and scripture, names of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, daughter-in-laws, son-in-laws, etc. cannot be included in the obituaries.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that no queries had been received.

Elders Neal Drinnon and Rod Raleigh wrote the Circular Letter for this year. Elder Rod Raleigh read the letter to the delegation. Its message was in thanks to Almighty God, the One whom we serve and place our trust. In Him we move, live, breathe and have our being. We must present our bodies holy and acceptable to God. We are just pilgrims and strangers in search of a better country. Let us set our affections on the things above, not on those of this world. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minute as read.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Circular Letters for 2012 which includes: Elders John Arnott, A. D. Howington and Allen Hensley.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to give Elder Sizemore \$800.00 in appreciation for all he does for the association.

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

Before the committee appointed in 2010 to develop a scripturally correct set of guidelines for ordination of ministers and deacons came forward to give their report, the moderator instructed the delegation that at all times during the process they should: address the moderator, identify themselves with name and church affiliation, an individual cannot speak more than 3 times on the subject, and only one person is to speak at a time.

The first order of business brought before the delegation was: Does the delegation want to hear the report? It was motioned, seconded and voted for the delegation to hear the report. The committee came forth to give the report. Elder Roger Trent, chairman, spoke to the delegation concerning who we are, what we believe, and how we are to go about it. He urged us to stay in the old paths, do not follow man, but the ways of Christ. We cannot take God's word in any way except in that which is written of God. The committee presented their findings to the delegation.

The second order of business was: What is the mind of the delegation? It was requested to hear the balance of the information presented by the committee. If the first part was accepted by the delegation, several questions should be asked of the candidate. These were presented to the

delegation. It was also noted that steps 1-5, page 21 of the 2010 minutes, that are taken after the church is satisfied with the candidate for ordination, should remain in their current form.

After the balance of the information was presented by the committee, the moderator asked: What is the mind of the delegation concerning this matter? A motion was made to adopt the report of the committee as read.

In further discussion, it was noted the committee had indeed delivered a recommendation for a scripturally based ordination. It was also noted from Section II – Advice, Motions, Resolutions and Rulings, Abstract of Faith; Our Faith and Practice upon Certain Points Which Have Caused Divisions and Destroyed the Fellowship of Christians as stated in 1881, in particular items 5 and 6.

Our church constitution is a reaffirmation of the beliefs on which the association is founded and to violate the constitution is disorder. Consider the doctrine that is preached and in the 1886 advice to churches only to be careful...that they may observe gospel order.

After some discussion, the motion was seconded. It was noted at this time if the moderator brings the motion to vote, it would be in violation of our association constitution. It was asked from the floor that the motion and second be removed. The motion and second were not withdrawn. It was asked of the committee, would they leave off the last portion of their recommendation? This was not agreed to. It was asked from the floor if it could be placed in writing to let the churches decide, since there was misunderstanding in the delegation. No action was taken. The committee stated that they did not mean that a man having more than one wife could not preach the gospel, only that he could not serve as a pastor. The association does not have authority to tell churches what they can/cannot do. This is only a recommendation to help the churches.

After much discussion, it was noted the recommendations were guidelines for the churches to follow for ordination. With a move and second on the floor, the vote is on these guidelines to help the churches. The last two paragraphs of the committee's recommendations were re-read to the delegation. It was stated that it is not a rule, but only a guideline to help the churches. The moderator assured that the motion and second was still in agreement with the thoughts of those making the initial motion and second; both agreed it was still in line with initial motion. The vote could not be determined through normal voting. The moderator proceeded to do the vote row-by-row.

It was motioned that the vote was done out of order. The moderator stated the business had not been concluded and he felt the order of business should be completed, and after that the delegation may decide on the motion. The vote was completed row-by-row. Those who were not in favor of receiving this report received a majority of 87 – 69, therefore the report is not accepted and will not be printed in the minutes. A motion was made to the committee to receive the initial section of the report concerning the qualifications of candidates for ordination. The portion being voted on was re-read to the delegation. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print the recommendations in the minutes as part of the ordination process. Please refer to the Procedures for Ordination of Ministers or Deacon p. 16 for these recommendations. The motion that the moderator was in disorder during the voting process was withdrawn.

The delegation took a break with singing before voting on where we will meet next year.

The moderator reminded the delegation that only those chosen or appointed by their respective churches as delegates were allowed to vote. There were 3 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Clear Springs, Fairview (OH), and Richardson Chapel. During

the plea process, Clear Springs and Richardson Chapel withdrew. Fairview (OH) joyously accepted the privilege to host next year's association where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 4, 2012) before the first Saturday in October, 2012. Introductory – Elder Burnice Sybert, Alternate – Elder Scott Tipton.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 1, 2011.

Saturday Morning, October 1, 2011

The cool morning air gave way to beautiful sunshine as everyone gathered for the memorial service. Such a wonderful spirit has been with us through the gathering, and most of all we thank God for His Holy Spirit. He has truly blessed us each day and all through the year. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in several songs of joy and praise for our Savior. No matter where we may stray, Jesus still loves us and we should take the name of Jesus with us. The precious name of Jesus thrills our heart with joy. Oh how sweet is our King of Kings. Put on the armor and take the path our captain trod, for we have another building not made with hands. When misgivings darken the day, ask God to brighten the day and He will whisper sweet peace to us. The world would overwhelm our soul, but His voice dispels all fear. Someday, only God knows where and when, we will go to dwell on Zion's Hill. Only God has the words of eternal life. He is the potter and we are the clay, let Him see God in our lives.

Wonderful blessings were received from special singing and wonderful testimony from Leona Kester, Null Lawson, Terry and Peggy Sizemore, Patsy Hensley, and Rita Marcum. No matter how weary we may get, God will slip His arm around us and let us know we are going home. Each step draws us nearer and He is with us each step of the way. We are God's soldiers and we must keep fighting until the battle is over and the Lord calls us home. No matter how dark the valley, someday we'll stand on top of Mt. Zion. As we look into Canaan's fair land, we'll sing and we'll shout and praise God. He came to Bethesda's pool and He still asks, "wilt thou be made whole and be washed as white as snow?" While standing on the banks looking out over life's troubled sea, we can see the old ship of Zion sailing toward us. At the stern was the captain, who we could hear as He called out our name. Wonderful testimonies came from all over the tent thanking God for being in their life. This old house may decay, but our real home is up there on high.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service on this beautiful Saturday as he thanked God for the beautiful morning. We are so glad we are headed for a land of peace and joy, a city with foundations whose builder and maker is God. It is good to know Jesus and the peace He gives us. We may suffer some here, but we have the promise of a home where all cares will be gone. Let those gathered here today enjoy the blessings from on high.

Remember in prayer the lost, the requests made in previous services, our young people, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Dana Pearson, Sarah Parsons, Sandy's son, Thacker family, Henry Wheeler, all of our ministers, Chester Berry, Billy Jack Johnson's wife and grandchildren, all young people that they will be saved, Kim Robinette, Willis Chapel Church, a pastor for Copper Creek Church and several prayer requests for the lost in their family and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Mike Fullington led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

Elder Neal Drinnon, pastor of the host church, came forward to thank God first and everyone for allowing them to host this grand body of God's people. God provides a way for us to preach the word and praise His name. Thanks to all the people who helped, especially the church, for this labor of love. Special thanks to Woodrow and Barbara Fields, Kathy Robinson, H. C. and Pearl Johnson and to the church neighbors who let the church use their land. We must go into the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in. He also thanked God for our moderator. Let us dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

The moderator 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. Individuals and churches should send a donation to help Sister Eileen with postage and handling. Her contact information is as follows:

Eileen Brown
297 Turtle Pointe
Bean Station, TN 37708
Phone: 865-993-4960

It was motioned, seconded and voted to print the ordination recommendations only once in the Procedures for Ordination of a Minister and Deacon, rather than repeating the information in Friday's proceedings.

It was motioned and seconded that the association clerk does the following:

- 1.) Draft and send a letter to the ministers of the 3 churches who have joined another association and did not letter in to the association, asking for each minister to surrender their ordination papers.
- 2.) Also draft a letter to the church clerks asking for their deacons to surrender their ordination papers as well.
- 3.) An additional letter to be drafted and sent to the churches not lettering in this year but stated they were attending to business and would be back next year. This letter would inform them that the ministers will not be listed in the minutes this year. If they do not letter in the following year, they would be asked to surrender their ordination papers.
- 4.) A similar letter to the church clerks would be sent to inform them of the same and ask them to notify the church deacons.

It was voted for the association clerk to prepare and send the letters.

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.

For over 55 years, 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. These dear saints have gone on to their reward, but they left us with many memories. These memories are precious in our hearts, but we know they are at peace with our Lord.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Terry Sizemore took the first part of the service. He read Hebrews 6:10-20 and used as a thought "The Promises God Has Made."

Looking back to Melchisedec, we can see the order of Christ. God swore by Himself, for there was none greater. We embrace the promise going beyond the flesh that God in heaven is there. Patience is a virtue that we must endure until God comes after His children. He is able to help us in our walk, to have a peace that passes all understanding. Good soldiers have the patience only God can give. His promise will never fail us, leave us, nor forsake us. We are nothing; therefore, we must look beyond ourselves to God that our light will shine to a lost and dying world. God provided a sacrifice for Abraham and He will provide in ways that are unknown to these natural eyes.

Elder Burnice Sybert came forward to take the next part of the service. As we memorialize those that have passed, we need to be careful in visiting the family to let them know how special and just what their loved one meant to us. This is extremely important to the family mourning the loss of a loved one. God is righteous to remember your works, as in Philippians the writer stated, "I thank my God on every remembrance of you" or in Malachi as it is stated, "with every remembrance of these we thank God for them." As in Noah's day, those who did not believe perished, so shall it be in our days for the unbelievers. All the families of this earth have been blessed by Christ's presence. When our race is over, our story will be remembered by those left behind. Christ told us to "Do this in remembrance of me." In Christ there is no fear, for in death the soul and spirit will take its flight.

These men preached so wonderfully and we thank God for them and for each minister that will stand for the truth and preach His word. Thank God for the precious remembrances we have through His wonderful love and mercy. How beautiful heaven must be! Keep them near to us, for precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

Tears of joy filled the eyes of God's people. We have much to rejoice about. Just to know Jesus is worth it all. With songs of praise, we were adjourned.

Sunday Morning, October 2, 2011

The blessings of the Lord were once again showered over God's children as they gathered for the last day of the association. We have such a wonderful God and we owe Him everything. He will never leave us nor forsake us. To Him be the glory for everything.

Elder Neal Drinnon opened the service by reading John 14. Many prayer requests were made asking for God's divine guidance as Elder Drinnon took our petitions to the Lord. Special singing from Darrel Manis and the children of the church blessed our hearts.

Elder Porter Carroll took the first part of the service using as his text, "God knows a lot more than we do." He was followed by the young ministers of the church: Casey Skelton, Matthew Winstead and Michael Chandler.

Many thanks go to Shona Barrett for providing notes of the Sunday service.

A reflection of all the blessings God bestows on His children is manifested at this point in our lives. We must take time to do this even more often as we recall such great love and blessings of the Lord and realize just how great He is.

Many hours of work are done each year to prepare for this blessed event and before we know it, our time has come and gone. Regardless of the swift passing, we thank almighty God for meeting

with us. Without His Holy Spirit, all would be in vain. The children of God know our work is not in vain and we continue on with the daily task of helping some lost soul come to know the Lord in the free pardon of sin. There is nothing greater than to witness this blessed event take place in someone's life. To know the Lord is the most important thing that can ever take place in our life. Bless His holy name! House Chapel has been richly blessed, for it was evident all over the grounds during the entire meeting. Thank God for each of you and your willingness to help in God's work.

As the meeting draws to an end, it is sad, but let us recall all the blessings that have taken place during these four short days. The Lord so richly blessed His people and I pray He will continue to do so over the ensuing year. May our hearts not be sad, but rejoice in knowing that we serve the true and living God, the King of Kings. Remember the lost all over this country and remember the churches that make up our association. I pray the Lord will give each of us a clear understanding and interpretation of His word that it will help our unbelief in order that we can see many souls saved. We pray God will continue to bless and keep each one of you until we meet again.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Greetings to our sister churches, our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. As we gather in this 159th annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, we thank God, first and foremost, for His amazing grace. It's been God's hand of mercy that has brought us thus far. That same hand that moved upon the Red Sea and turned it to dry ground; that same hand which calmed the flames in the fiery furnace; that same hand, which stilled the winds and waves on the stormy sea, that same hand of God has brought this Grand Ole Body of Saints together one more time.

This letter trusts that everyone who reads it will understand that we serve Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Paul instructed the people of Mars Hill that we serve a resurrected Savior. For in Him we live, and move, and have our being. Without Christ in our lives today, we are yeah less than nothing.

We live today in a world that is forever changing. Modern times. Modern beliefs. Modern Religion. There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is the ways of death. God's word instructs us; Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. Paul reminded the Church, by saying I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you might prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. We are a peculiar people. We are pilgrims and strangers in search of a better country.

In the Book of Jeremiah, the Scripture records, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk *therein*. Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken." The articles of faith, rules of decorum, and general beliefs of this Association body have been built upon Holy Scripture and trusted in for many years. While our beliefs may not be popular with the secular world, we believe they are sound Holy Doctrine. While the world may choose to debate the scriptures, we believe that Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. Instead, it is given to God's people. It is established and forevermore settled in Heaven. The scriptures teach us, Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but God's Word will not pass away. Woe unto the man that adds or takes away from God's Word.

Many of us have been on this Christian journey for a long time. As David said, "O God, my heart is fixed." We trust in God's Word. For my record is clear today, how he washed my sins away, and an

old account was settled long ago. Many of our ears still ring with songs of joy and praise as we think back to the church of yesterday. I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian, How Firm a Foundation, and Rock of Ages are songs that hold a deep root and meaning to each of us. Let us all set our affections on things above, and not on the things on the earth.

David said "When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." We believe in a God that said, "If you hear these sayings of mine, and do them, I will liken unto you as a wise man. If you hear these sayings of mine, and don't do them, I will liken unto you as a foolish man." Regardless of what may come and go in this life. Regardless of what men may think of our beliefs, our walk with God, or our fellowship; let brotherly love continue, that all men everywhere, may know that we belong to God. For we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of love, and of power, and of a sound mind.

In closing, if this Grand Ole Body continues to listen to God's Holy Word and remains a doer of it; then our house will stand.

May the great God of Heaven keep his unchanging Hand, upon us all.

Your Brothers in Christ,
Elder Neal Drinnon
Elder Rod Raleigh

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Another year has come and gone and we are gathered once more to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we get older, it seems that time moves even more swiftly, but the church at House Chapel has worked diligently and waited patiently for this time to roll around again. We thank them for everything that has been done to make our stay with them more enjoyable and spiritual. It is a given to God's children that our work for Him is not in vain.

Without those individuals making private donations and giving of their time to support the church, our work would be much more difficult, if not impossible. Hosting this grand event is a huge undertaking, to say the least, and we thank the 56 churches who sent donations totaling \$7,230.00 to their sister church to help offset the costs. To everyone who has taken part in this work of faith, please accept our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for a job well done. Much appreciation goes to everyone for all they have done to help the host church. Help can be rendered in varying ways, but in the end all that matters is that all the praise, honor and glory go to God. We know God sees all things and nothing can happen that He is not aware of, so don't ever think that your help and kind words are not important.

Realizing that Jesus Christ is our true leader, it is also necessary to have a great leader here in our association. In Elder Terry Sizemore, we have just that. We appreciate and acknowledge the importance of having a devoted and dedicated man of God like him as our moderator. We pray that God will continue to bless him and his family in the coming years.

The importance placed by man on the job each person performed here is not relevant, neither is the number of times you were seen doing that job, but what really matters is that you did it for the glory and honor of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Regardless of the chore 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.

Have you ever just laid your head on your pillow at night and thought of how awesome God is? If not, try it sometime; I think you will be amazed when you truly start thinking of all the miracles He performs in your life. These are not just once in a lifetime things, but they happen each and every day. Now just imagine how life would be if we had more of His power in our life. There is no comparison to God's amazing power and with more of it in our life; all things can be accomplished in His name. To bring honor or glory to man is not the goal, but that God would receive all the honor, glory and praise is a worthy goal. God's power just doesn't happen in our lives, but we must work toward its manifestation in our lives. There is more to it than saying the words. It is not Christ's fault if we lack His power in our lives, for we must work toward that end and He will always deliver. Christ has never left us nor forsaken us and He is not about to start now. We must put aside our petty thoughts and differences to be serious in perfecting His love in our hearts. It is His love that helps us to excel in this life so the lost can see the difference in our lives and want the same in theirs. We must never forget it is not our will that must be done, but that of our heavenly Father. The Bible teaches us to pray without ceasing and that is what we must do if we are to see our people saved. All the work and prayer that goes forth leading up to this grand event is very much appreciated, but we must work this hard and pray even harder throughout the year for God's will to be done in everything. When all is said and done, the differences and disagreements of this life will accomplish nothing, except to hinder some lost soul from coming to know the Lord as their personal Savior.

Let us all strive to help those who don't know God in the free pardon of sin. We must endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we will 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, 2010, 2011)

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)

(F) Requirements or Qualifications for Ordination Procedures for Ministers or Deacons

(Titus 1:6-9). If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

(I Timothy 3:2-7). A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

(I Timothy 3:8-13) Likewise *must* the deacons *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless. Even so *must* *their* wives *be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

(Adopted at House Chapel Church – 2011; published 2011)

When the church is satisfied concerning the candidate for ordination and has voiced their approval of him, then at an appointed time the ordination is to be carried on in the following manner:

1. A Legal Presbytery is appointed which shall consist of not less than three nor more than seven ordained men, one of whom should, if possible, be an ordained deacon in the church in which the ordination is taking place. In case only three are used to compose the Presbytery, two ministers and one deacon, or two deacons and one minister, may be used.
2. The church presents the candidate for ordination to the Presbytery for examination. Each member of the Presbytery will have ample opportunity to question the candidate concerning his calling if to the ministry, also concerning his moral and spiritual qualifications and particularly to his understanding and belief of the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and other principles of the church.
3. When the Presbytery has completed their examination of the candidate, they return him to the care of the church with their report.

4. If the report of the Presbytery is satisfactory and the church is satisfied, they express their approval and return the candidate to the hands of the Presbytery for the ordination.
5. The Presbytery with prayer and laying-on of hands ordain the candidate. A charge is given by one member of the Presbytery. A Certificate of Ordination may then be given with authorized signatures.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been, as we trust, brought by the grace of God to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly to him, we do solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him in brotherly love to His glory as our common Lord. We do therefore, in His strength engage that we will exercise a mutual care as members one of another to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness, and comfort to the end that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God, and to promote and secure this object we will uphold the public worship of God, and the ordinances of His house, and hold constant communion with each other therein. That we will cheerfully contribute of our property for the support of the poor, and for the maintenance of a faithful ministry of the gospel among us, and that we will not omit family religion at home, nor allow ourselves the too common neglect of the great duty of training our children and those under our care with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven. That we will walk circumspectly in the world that we may win their soul; remembering that God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of a sound mind, that we are the light of the world, and the salt of the earth, and as a city set on a hill. That we will frequently exhort, and if occasion requires it, admonish one another according to Matthew 18; in the spirit of meekness considering ourselves, lest we also be tempted, and that as in baptism, we have been buried with Christ, and raised again, so there is on us a special obligation, thenceforth to walk in newness of life, and may the God of peace who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, who through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work, to do His will working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Copied from the Willis Chapel Church Book, 1807

CHURCH CONSTITUTION **(Especially for Newly Constituted Churches)**

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

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

The final perseverance of the saints;

The resurrection of our bodies;

A restricted communion to church members in full fellowship;

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

The Christian Sabbath to be a holy and heavenly institution;

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

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

That we should not move out of the bounds of the church without applying for a letter of 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 reproved.

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God as revealed in the Bible and the Holy Trinity by the name of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I John 5:7.

2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scripture, as recorded in the King James translation of 1611, to be the written and revealed Word of God. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:20, 21.
3. We believe God created the heaven and the earth and all things therein. Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16, 17; Rev. 4:11.
4. We believe God made man of the dust of the earth, and He made him good and He gave him a law to keep and man transgressed the law and fell from his first estate and lost his righteousness. Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 2:16, 17, 3:6-23.
5. We believe in the total depravity of man, that he was unable to redeem himself from the fallen state he was in. Gen. 3:24; Rom. 5:9-19.
6. We believe God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16; I John 2:2.
7. We believe sinners are justified by faith and saved by grace. Eph. 2:8; Rom. 5:1, 2.
8. We believe the Gospel is the only means God has ordained by which sinners are brought to Christ. I Cor. 1:21-24.
9. We believe he that believeth in the Son of God hath the witness in himself. I John 5:10.
10. We believe baptism, the Lord's Supper, and feet washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ given to the church by example and command for us to observe until He comes again. Matt. 28:19; John 13; I Cor. 11:23-26.
11. We believe the only scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion of the whole body in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and believers are the only fit subjects for baptism. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Matt. 28:19.
12. We believe all the saints will persevere through grace and never fall away. Eph. 1:13, 14; I Pet. 1:5; John 10:28, 29.
13. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God and the sanctification of the Spirit through the belief of the truth. Eph. 1; I Pet. 1:2, 3.
14. We believe the church is the light of the world and is made manifest by keeping the commandments and examples of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church in all things. Matt. 5:14; Eph. 1:22, 23.
15. We believe God chooses, calls and qualifies those whom He would have to preach the gospel, and God has promised temporal support of His ministers. Rom. 10:14, 15; I Cor. 1:25-29; I Cor. 9:7-11.
16. We believe in a restricted communion confined to the church in fellowship, walking in the light and observing gospel order. I Cor. 5:11, 12; John 13; I Cor. 11:31, 32.
17. We believe Christ is the only lawgiver in Zion, and the New Testament scripture is perfect, a thorough furnisher to the man of God unto all good works. James 4:12; II Tim. 3:16.

18. We believe Jesus Christ, during the time of His earthly ministry, set up a spiritual kingdom on earth, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy; He being the King and all born again believers the subjects of the Kingdom, and they are now reigning with Him as Kings and priests on the earth. Dan. 2:44; Isa. 9:6, 7; Matt. 3:2; Luke 17:20, 21; John 18:36; Rev. 1:5-7.
19. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by His Son, Jesus Christ, and this day will be after the death of the body. Heb. 9:27; John 5:22; Acts 17:31.
20. We believe there will be a general resurrection at the last day, both of the just and the unjust; this will also be the day of final judgment and the eternal destiny of all people, of all ages, will then be made known. Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:23, 24, 54; I Thess. 4:14-17; II Thess. 1:7-10.
21. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 25:46.
22. We believe God instituted marriage as the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife and any other such union is an abomination. Gen 2:18-25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:24-32; Eph. 5:22-33; I Pet. 3:1-7.

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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

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

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

LIST OF MINISTERS

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

Name & Address	Church Membership
Adkins, Terry, 182 Yount Town Rd., Thomhill, TN 37881, (423) 733-1926	Sneedville
Arnott, John H., 1219 Hwy. 66, Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-5263	Hopewell
Baker, Lewis A., 867 Fall Creek Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-5529	Chestnut Flats
Banks, Charles, (Elsie) 25 Hitchcock Loop, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-3030	Richardson Chapel
Banks, John, (Barbara) 18 Soward Dr., Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-0443	Little Cowan
Bedwell, John D. II, 1664 Smith Creek, Eolia, KY 40826, (606) 671-0161	Little Dove
Bernard, Charles, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 245-6087	Faithful Ministry
*Berry, Wally, 119 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-8567	Willow Chapel
Bledsoe, Jerry, (Carrie) 937 Slop Creek Rd., Russellville, TN 37860, (423) 312-6259	Little Redeemed
Bowlin, John H., (Brenda) 205 E. Central, Bristol, TN 37620, (423) 764-1070	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Brown, Bob, 241 Park Dr., Bean Station, TN 37708, (423) 289-6138	Clear Springs
Cantwell, Derrick, (Priscilla) P. O. Box 84, Whitesburg, TN 37891, (423) 327-7286	Riverside
Carroll, Porter, 8694 Tazewell Hwy., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-8696	Swan Creek
Carter, Robert E., 114 Stonehaven Dr., Jackson, TN 38305, (731) 668-1670	Gardner's Chapel
Clifford, Donny, (Etta Mae) 137 J.V. Circle, Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-3340	Union Hill
Cooper, Glen, (Helen) Box 12586 Hwy. 160, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-4311	Little Cowan
Cornett, Glenn, (Delores) 20085 Highway 160, Gordon, KY 41819, (606) 589-6769	Hurricane Valley
Crittenden, Phil, (Mitzie) 236 Walkers Church Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 235-2789	Beech Grove
Davidson, Russell, (Vickie) 319 Watterson Gap Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 754-9865	Jenkins Chapel
Drinnon, Neal, (Ruth) 200 Parker Ave., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-6582	House Chapel
Dutton, Brad, (Annie) P. O. Box 1266, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-3927	Little Cowan
Elliott, T. J., 6719 Tazewell Hwy., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-8856	Swan Creek
Emery, Jim, (Loretta) 280 Obe Kirk Loop, Mohawk, TN 37810, (423) 235-6832	Kingswood
Fields, Woodrow, (Barbara) P. O. Box 192, Benham, KY 40807, (606) 848-5604	Blair Chapel
Fleenor, Mike, (Darlene) P. O. Box 132, East Stone Gap, VA 24236, (276) 870-6635	Valley View
Fullington, Mike, (Tina) 6487 Hwy. 66N, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-8064	Willis Chapel
Gilley, Harold, P. O. Box 194, East Stone Gap, VA 24246, (276) 523-2945	Irondale
Gilliam, Frank, (Juanita) 357 Virginia Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 378-5916	Sloantown
Gilreath, Fred, (Gleane) 3389 Stanley Valley Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 345-2889	Jenkins Chapel
*Hager, Carter, 109 Walnut St., New Tazewell, TN 37825, (865) 585-5327	Swan Creek

Harr, Greg, (Barbara) 1150 Red Hill Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 327-5971 House Chapel
 Hensley, Allen, (Patsy) 1552 Sugar Pine Lane, Gate City, VA 24251, (276) 452-4763 Walnut Chapel
 Hickman, Arry, (Opal) 130 Hickman Hill Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-2505 Pilgrim's Rest
 *Hickman, Bobby, 282 Hickman Hollow Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 921-2366 Long Hollow
 Hill, Greg, 159 Horn Gap Dr., Gate City, VA 24251, (276) 386-3921 Roller's Chapel
 Holbrook, Jeffery, (Sheilah) 3353 Craft Colly Rd., Ermine, KY 41815, (606) 632-1397 Edwin Holbrook
 Howington, A. D., 705 Sunnyview Dr., Kingsport, TN 37665, (423) 246-3970 Walnut Chapel
 Hurd, Daniel, (Eva) 574 Hillsville Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 346-1215 Blackwater Lick
 Irvin, Oscar, (Priscilla) 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-6226 Poplar Grove
 Jarrett, Tim, 12422 Horton Hwy., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 579-2067 Caney Creek
 Jerrell, David, (Verna) 2901 Boatman Mtn. Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-2838 Flower Gap
 Johnson, Carson, (Wilma) 486 West Hills Dr., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2097 Sneedville
 Johnson, Charley, (Kay) 3267 Central Point Rd., Rutledge, TN 37861, (865) 828-5324 Kingswood
 Johnson, Donald L., (Janice) 561 Oak Grove Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-0428 New Life
 Johnson, Jerry, (Faye) 2614 Springvale Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 312-8905 New Life
 Johnson, Joshua C., 3925 Three Chop Ln., Roanoke, VA 24014, (540) 342-3174 Gardner's Chapel
 Justice, Gordon, (Selma) 2100 Pressmen's Home Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 921-0962 Pilgrim's Rest
 Kinsler, Johnny, Unavailable Union Hill
 Kinsler, Ronnie, 242 Dry Branch Rd., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 300-8957 Union Hill
 Lipe, Travis, (Leann) 1261 Pressmen's Home Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 921-3829 Riverside
 Lipe, Virgil, (Carol) 121 Sulphur Springs Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 235-2014 Pilgrim's Rest
 Little, Tony, (Tonya) 583 Sycamore Loop, Jeremiah, KY 41826, (606) 633-2257 Little Cowan
 Lykins, Jim, (Anne) 7447 W. 3rd St., Dayton, OH 45417, (937) 835-2022 Rose Chapel
 Malone, Eddie, (LaWanda) 1655 Billy Bible Rd., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 234-1972 Caney Creek
 Manring, Roger, 3769 Fairview Rd., Duffield, VA 24244, (276) 940-2900 Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
 McNabb, Donnie, (Diane) 5591 Thompsie Dr., Russellville, TN 37860, (423) 581-0586 Little Redeemed
 Meade, Tommy, (Earletta) 31 Miller Cr., Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-6205 Richardson Chapel
 Moody, David, (Leah) 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 378-4524 Faithful Ministry
 *Newkirk, Mark, (Anita) 3764 Stonebarn Ct., Franklin, OH 45005, (937) 746-7661 Rose Chapel
 Osborne, Tommy, (Robin) 5091 Gate City Hwy., Bristol, VA 24201, (276) 466-5598 Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
 Persinger, Jerry D., (Joan) 6177 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 288-6129 Edwin Holbrook
 *Persinger, Paul, 1336 Dunlap Rd., Kingsport, TN 37663, (423) 323-2252 Willow Chapel
 *Peters, Tony, 501 Sequoyah St., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 246-5523 Caney Creek
 Pitzer, Joe, (Susie) 2879 U.S. 68N, Yellow Springs, OH 45387 (937) 372-7495 Clear Springs
 Raleigh, Rod, (Pam) P. O. Box 321, Benham, KY 40807, (606) 848-2046 Blair Chapel
 Ritchie, Leon, (Dee) 7381 Dayton-Liberty Rd., Dayton, OH 45417, (937) 835-3828 Rose Chapel
 Robinette, Jason, (August) 9 W. Walnut St., Box 174, Spring Valley, OH 45370, (937) 862-5106 Fairview (OH)

Robinette, Joseph, (Jennifer) 1612 Drake Dr., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 212-8192	Fairview (OH)
Robinette, Josh, (Kristi) 1575 Bowman Dr., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 499-0285	Clear Springs
Russell, Shane, (Miranda) 438 Treadway Circle, Thornhill, TN 37881, (423) 733-9359	Sneedville
Rutherford, Clinton, Sr., (Jackie) 203 Sulphur Springs Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-1959	Pond View
Seiber, Richard, (Vivian) 4596 Middle Wallens Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263, (276) 546-3146	Wallen's Creek
Shaw, Harold, 5645 State Route 380, Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 382-8324	Fairview (OH)
*Simmons, Clem, 8216 Farmers Rd., New Vienna, OH 45159, (937) 725-8040	Macedonia
Sizemore, Terry, (Peggy) 1225 Deneen Lane, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-8496	Riverside
Smith, Carl, (Clara) 207 Easter Lily Lane, Gate City, VA 24251, (276) 502-1449	Willow Chapel
Smith, Daniel, (Mandy) 179 Willard Lawson Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857 (423) 312-3147	Peterson's Chapel
Smith, David L., (Deborah) 1388 Wallen Town Rd., Kyles Ford, TN 37765, (423) 733-4583	Riverside
South, J. R., 1138 Swan Creek Rd., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-4314	Swan Creek
Sybert, Burnice, (June) 2132 Welch Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 288-2309	West View
Tipton, Scott, (Teresa) 235 Santa Fe St., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 967-6491	Willow Chapel
Trent, Roger, (Janette) 1244 Slate Hill Rd., Mooresburg, TN 37811, (423) 272-4883	Riverside
Turner, John, (Maude) 395 Robert Simmons Dr., Carlisle, OH 45005, (937) 746-0175	Rose Chapel
VanHoose, David, (Pam) 1752 W. St. Route 350, Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 218-2115	Macedonia
VanHoose, Roger, (Penny) 1090 Jefferson Dr., Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 728-3593	Clear Springs
Wheeler, Henry, (Launa) 7815 Lane St., Whitesburg, TN 37891, (423) 235-6583	New Life
Williams, Glen, (Janette) 340 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-5443	Mt. Mitchell
Williams, Robert E., (Juanita) 102 Tresa Rd., Gray, TN 37615, (423) 477-0676	Mt. Mitchell
Willis, Harmon, 3200 Cameo Loop, Lot 26, White Pine, TN 37890, (865) 674-6971	Osborne's Chapel
*Winstead, Matthew, (Cayla) 128 Ferry Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 754-7491	House Chapel
Woodward, Don, 305 US Highway 421, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (276) 546-3204	Low View
*Yount, Terry, 2217 Reese St., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 312-0965	Shelby Creek

*These ministers have been recognized by their church as having a gift. Their church has given them the authority to exercise their gift. They are therefore liberated to preach, but are not legally ordained ministers.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Church and Clerk	Address	Phone
Beech Grove - Elizabeth Moore	366 Greenhouse Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 346-3140
Blackwater Lick - Anita H. Moore	651 Roy Cheek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263,	(276) 346-1392
Blair Chapel - Wes Bailey	P. O. Box 66, Benham, KY 40807,	(606) 848-9008
Blue Springs (Duffield, VA) - Doris Fee	327 Dry Creek Rd., Duffield, VA 24244,	(276) 546-3549
Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA) - Brenda B. Horton	7514 Bristol Hwy., Hiltons, VA 24258,	(276) 386-3535
Burke's Union - Ada McPherson	4650 Dry Creek Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 431-2756
Butcher's Valley - Tonda Clonce	275 Simpson Loop, Rogersville, TN 37857,	(423) 348-1346
Cadet - Vicky Jones	1716 Dawson Avenue West, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219,	(276) 523-3905
Caney Creek - Lloyd Morelock	P. O. Box 1085, Greeneville, TN 37744,	(423) 787-9342
Chestnut Flats - D. T. Cross	P. O. Box 415, Rural Retreat, VA 24368,	(276) 686-5573
Clear Springs - Kristi Robinette	1575 Bowman Dr., Xenia, OH 45385,	(937) 479-5866
Copper Creek (Addington Frame) - Flo Minton	439 Farmhouse Dr., Nickelsville, VA 24271,	(276) 479-2905
Coyle's Branch - Irene Cornett	95 Clydesdale Lane, Gordon, KY 41819,	(606) 589-4309
Davis Chapel - Janie Woodward	574 Windswept Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263,	(276) 346-1403
Edwin Holbrook Memorial - Sheilah Holbrook	3353 Craft Colly Rd., Ermine, KY 41815,	(606) 632-1397
Fairview (OH) - Charlene Mitchell	4225 Delhi Dr., Riverside, OH 45432,	(937) 254-6614
Faithful Ministry - Annie Jessee	1221 South Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660,	(423) 578-4870
Flower Gap - Anna M. Lawson	342 Bucktown Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 346-3044
Gardner's Chapel - Joseph H. Estes	2874 Crooked Oak, Germantown, TN 38138,	(901) 413-9336
Gardner's Memorial - Cathy R. Baker	1629 Shelleys Rd., Bristol, VA 24202,	(276) 466-3540
Hopewell - Deborah L. Eldridge	904 Third Street, Rogersville, TN 37857,	(423) 272-1804
House Chapel - Rebecca Chandler	371 Sulphur Springs Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857,	(423) 272-5723
Hurricane Valley - Glenn Cornett	20085 Highway 160, Gordon, KY 41819,	(606) 589-6769
Irondale - Ann Phillips	1529 Irondale Rd., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219,	(276) 523-2621
Jenkins Chapel - Debbie Eaton	143 Caney Valley Loop, Surgoinsville, TN 37873,	(423) 357-8023
Kingswood - Denise Brooks	2020 Joe Stephens Rd., Morristown, TN 37814,	(423) 231-2219
Liberty Chapel - Kim Ward	215 Locust St., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645,	(423) 357-3971
Little Cowan - Ramona Caudill	1229 Hwy. 2035, Whitesburg, KY 41858,	(606) 633-5105
Little Dove - Carolyn Lewis	289 Hwy. 3403, Partridge, KY 40862,	(606) 589-2300
Little Redeemed - Deanna Eden	1705 Pembroke Dr., Morristown, TN 37813,	(423) 318-8282
Long Hollow - JoAnn Jones	P. O. Box 415, Surgoinsville, TN 37873,	(423) 345-2255
Low View - Barbara Bledsoe	138 Virginia Ave., Pennington Gap, VA 24277,	(276) 546-5004

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
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 East A. J. Hwy., Lot 15, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-8821
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 Hwy. 70 N, Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-9879
Pond View - C. Bengie Collins	Rt. 1, Box 595, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (276) 546-3873
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	132 Timber Ridge Dr., Carlisle, OH 45005, (937) 790-8343
Shelby Creek - Thelma Tate	405 Annea Lane, Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 247-2337
Sloantown - Frank Gilliam	357 Virginia Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 378-5916
Sneedville - Miranda Russell	438 Treadway Circle, Thornhill, TN 37881, (423) 733-9359
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	1853 Cave Springs Rd., Dryden, VA 24243, (276) 546-3643
Wallen's Creek - Vivian Seiber	4596 Middle Wallens Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263, (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	9867 Middle Wallens Creek Rd., 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 – Zion Church in Scott County, VA, hosted the 59th annual Eastern District Association beginning October 5, 1911. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Peters from Mark 1:3 “THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.” Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and E. A. Robinette, clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – On October 1, 1936 the 84th annual session met with Pleasant View Church, Kingsport, TN. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. T. Carrol from the first clause of the 16th verse of the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostle. “But this is that.” He was followed by Elder Pleas Jenkins on the same subject. Elders E. A. Robinette and T. R. Carter were elected moderators, and Amos Osborne, clerk and treasurer. During Friday morning session, it was agreed that the church, not the association is the proper body to ordain ministers of the gospel. It was moved, seconded and carried that any church ordaining any minister of the gospel that the church, and not the minister so ordained is the proper authority to order the name of such minister placed in our minutes.

50 Years Ago – Roller’s Chapel Church, Duffield, VA, hosted the 109th annual session beginning on October 5, 1961. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Alex Willis reading a portion of the 3rd chapter of 2nd Timothy, using for a text a portion of verse 5, “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” Elder H. V. Hall, the alternate, came forward using the same text. Elder J. H. Sybert, moderator and Ellis I. Wallen, clerk and treasurer were chosen by acclamation to serve.

25 Years Ago – October 2, 1986 was the beginning of the 134th annual session, hosted by Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church, Ermine, KY. Elder Oscar Irvin preached the introductory sermon by reading Romans 8:28-39 using as a text a portion of the 31st verse, “If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?” He called to our attention many of the heroes of the Old Testament. He was followed by Elder Odus Caudill, who used the 53rd chapter of Isaiah to prove how much God loves His people by the suffering and death of His Son. 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.

BEECH GROVE: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Elizabeth Moore, Ralph Moore, Lucy Gilliam and Katherine Johnson; alternates: Rebekah Moore and Effie Mae Moore. Dismissed by letter, 3; excluded, 3; total number on roll, 32; contribution, \$45.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May. Ralph D. Moore, moderator pro-tem.

BLACKWATER LICK: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Hershel Baker, Betty Baker, Anita Moore and Gerald Moore; alternates: Pauline Lawson and Becky Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 101; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning,

Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May. Elders Fred Gilreath and David Smith asked to attend. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLAIR CHAPEL: Blair, KY. Delegates: Roger Boggs, Alvin Chandler, Jack Creech and Bill Maggard; alternates: Rod Raleigh and Roger Raleigh. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 248; contribution, \$0.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Rod Raleigh, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, VA. Delegates: None. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 17; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT - 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Richard Seiber, moderator pro-tem.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Gary Hall, Chris Salley, Jim Bowlin and John Bowlin; alternates: Brenda Horton and Joe Horton. 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, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 106; 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: Phil Crittenden, Walter Bailey, Anna Deloach and Victor Deloach; alternates: Anthony Park and David Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 101; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May (2:00 p.m.). Phil Crittenden, moderator.

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

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Otis Roberts, Wanda Malone, Eddie Malone and Lloyd Morelock; alternate: Hayden Starnes. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 82; 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. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (9:30 a.m.). Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, VA. Delegates: Lewis Baker, Ralph Baker, Kay Baker and Christopher Gibson; alternate: Tommy Baker. 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, Penny VanHoose and Carrie Fox; alternate: April Werner. Received by experience and baptism, 3; dismissed by letter, 4; total number on roll, 144; contribution, \$105.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday and every Sunday. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in October (10:30 a.m.). Roger VanHoose, moderator.

COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): Nickelsville, VA. Delegates: Steve Minton, Clifton Horne, Nadine Horne and Flo Minton; alternates: Allen Addington and Roger Manning. 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. Steve Minton, moderator pro-tem.

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. 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. Elder John Arnott asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, KY. Delegates: Henrietta Adams, Teresa Sturgill, Beulah Webb and Roger Sturgill. Total number on roll, 36; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, every Sunday except the 3rd. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in April. Jeffrey Holbrook and Jerry Persinger, moderators.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Gary Hahn, Betty Hahn, Joseph Robinette and Jason Robinette. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 7; received by relationship, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 152; 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.

FAITHFUL MINISTRY: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Charles Bernard, Leah Moody and David Moody. Total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). David Moody and Charles Bernard, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Denver Osborne, Holmer Osborne, Virgie Grace Hill and Susie Osborne; alternates: Carla Osborne and Helen Willis. Received by letter, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 79; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in May. David Jerrell, moderator.

GARDNER'S CHAPEL: Bristol, VA. Delegates: Bobby Carter, Darrell Laughlin, Douglas McClain and Terrell Smith; alternates: Don Huffman and Joseph McKinney. Received by experience and baptism, 4; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 516; 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. Total number on roll, 107; contribution, \$0.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Tommy Osborne, moderator.

HOPEWELL: Bulls Gap, TN. Delegates: Frank Lane, Margie Lane, John Arnott and L. D. Delph. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:45 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Arnott, moderator.

HOUSE CHAPEL: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Mack Manis, Roger Davenport, York Winstead and Tim Drinnon; alternates: Wayne Thomason and Darrell Manis. Received by experience and baptism, 11; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 253;

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. Total number on roll, 19; contribution, \$50.00; 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 and Ann Phillips. Total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$0.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Frankie Phillips, moderator pro-tem.

JENKINS CHAPEL: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Fred Gilreath, Johnny Walters, Russell Davidson and Vickie Davidson; alternates: Brenda McClain and Sylvia Walters. Dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, 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; excluded, 4; total number on roll, 78; 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 following the 4th Saturday in April (10:30 a.m.). Charley Johnson, moderator.

LIBERTY CHAPEL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Bill Skelton, Kim Ward, Dwight Ward and Larry Ward. Received by letter, 2; excluded, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 69; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Fred Gilreath, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Carol Caudill, Robert Caudill, Linda Lucas and Robert Sword; alternate: John Banks. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 85; contribution, \$200.00; 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, Carolyn Lewis, J. D. Bedwell and Rodney Sturgill; alternates: Liz Sturgill and June Maggard. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 27; 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: Gary Brewer, Louie Weston, Justin Richardson and Donnie McNabb; alternate: Brent Shelton. Received by relationship, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 108; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Roger Trent, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Gale Horne, Danny Bailey, Linda Charles and Virgie Williams; alternates: Ralph Lindsey and Lavine Ketron. Received or restored by recantation, 4; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 186; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 20, 2012. Donald L. Johnson, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: None. 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: Kenny Taylor, Elizabeth Moore, David VanHoose and Jerry Moore; alternate: Clem Simmons. Received by experience and baptism, 3; dismissed by letter, 5; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 90; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Frankie Manes, Ruth Cutshaw, Billy Robinette and Polly Gene Penley; alternates: Deborah Wright and Elizabeth Manes. Received by letter, 3; total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May (10:30 a.m.). John Arnott, moderator.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 30; 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: Lenis Berry, Shirley Blair, Juanita Williams and Molly Gilreath; alternates: Peggy Harrold and Ben Morelock. Received by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 104; contribution, \$120.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (11:00 a.m.). Frank Gilliam, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: Jerry Johnson, Donald L. Johnson, Wylie Lampkins and Christine Conley; alternates: Ervin Haager and Dorothy Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; excluded, 9; total number on roll, 65; 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.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Carolyn Fannon, Julia Pierce, Connie Bishop and Mary Ruth Davidson; alternates: Larry Fannon and James Davidson. Received by experience and baptism, 9; total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$93.60; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in May. Harmon Willis, moderator.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Lola Peterson, Mary Fred Peterson, Daniel Smith and Michael Peterson; alternates: Tonya Berry and Jane Peterson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 2; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) in June. Daniel Smith, moderator.

PILGRIM'S REST: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: David Smith, Gary Henard, Arry Hickman and Vakisha Henard; alternate: Velma Mann. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in August (10:30 a.m.) David Smith, moderator.

POND VIEW: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Barbara Lawson, Sue Sizemore, Clinton Rutherford, Sr. and Charles Sizemore; alternates: C. Bengie Collins and Grover Collins. Total number on roll, 61; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday and every Sunday morning. Clinton Rutherford, Sr. moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Steve Hunt, R. B. Louthian, Matthew Stevens and Richard Stevens; alternate: Oscar Irvin. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1st Saturday, 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: Margaret Whitt, Dale Whitt, Harold Sincell and Ann Sincell; alternates: Anne Dutton and Tommy Meade. Dismissed by letter, 6; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 197; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday night before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator.

RIVERSIDE: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Larry Delph, Derrick Cantwell, Darrell Sizemore and Gary Sizemore; alternates: Travis Lipe and Darrell Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 3; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 97; 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, Don Stokes, Kim Robinette and Joe Robinette; alternates: Jerelene Persinger and Emma Jean Robinette. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 56; 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, Anne Lykins, Mark Newkirk and Jim Lykins; alternates: Jason Moss and Jessica Moss. Received by relationship, 5; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 102; 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 and Jim Lykins, moderators.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, TN. Delegate: Terry Yount. Received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday night and Sunday following 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Bob Brown, moderator pro-tem.

SLOANTOWN: Clinchport, VA. Delegates: Frank Gilliam and JoAnn Griffin. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 27; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday. No services in January and February. Frank Gilliam, pastor; Gary Hall, moderator.

SNEEDVILLE: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Carson Johnson, Terry Adkins, Billy Gobble and Shane Russell. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 76; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Shane Russell, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Johnny Bunch, Carter Hager, Rodney Dodson and Clarence Morgan; alternates: Earl Lee Dodson and Doyle Odell. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 300; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). J. R. South, moderator.

UNION HILL: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Ronnie Kinsler, Marilyn Kinsler, Donny Clifford and Carson Creech; alternates: Amy Shepard and Ola Belcher. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 84; contribution, \$50.00; 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, Sandra Leonard and Pat Long; alternates: Anna Duncan and Nancy Thompson. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 61; 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: Bill Tomlinson, Francis Tomlinson, Richard Seiber and Vivian Seiber; alternates: Eddie Williams and Doris Burke. 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.). Elder Burnice Sybert asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

WALNUT CHAPEL: Gate City, VA. Delegates: Billy Jack Johnson, A. D. Howington, Claude Smith and Mack Ward; alternate: Allen Hensley. Received by relationship, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 139; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in June (10:00 a.m.). Allen Hensley, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Linda Lambert, Zula McCullough, Billy Walton and Burnice Sybert; alternates: Jean Wallen and Kathy Walton. Excluded, 2; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 50; 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.). Burnice Sybert asked to preach the memorial service. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, TN. Delegates: Mike Fullington, Tina Fullington, Fain Poston and Millard R. Hall. Deceased, 7; total number on roll, 95; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: David Gillenwater, Anthony Henry, Carl Smith and Carl E. Smith; alternates: Janice Jones and Tony Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 7; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 75; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night and 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

TOTALS: 65 churches (22 in VA., 26 in TN., 7 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 53; received by letter, 22; received by relationship, 29; received or restored by recantation, 4; dismissed by letter, 24; excluded, 38; deceased, 70; total number on roll, 5065.

There are 51 ministers serving as pastors - 45 are serving 1 church; 5 are serving 2 churches; 1 is serving 4 churches and 1 is serving as honorary pastor. There are 4 churches with a moderator problem. There were 46 ministers and 3 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2012

(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: Neal Drinnon, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

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, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and Roger Trent.

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, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

4 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Jim Emery, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, David Moody 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, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South 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, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith and Burnice Sybert.

7 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers will be called at a later date.

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, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Jeffrey Holbrook, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Roger Manning, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

- MAY -

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

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

3 - 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.

4 - 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, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

5 - 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, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

6 - BEECH GROVE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers will be called at a later date.

7 - 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.

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

9 - PILGRIM'S REST: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Travis Lipe, J. R. South and Roger Trent.

- JUNE -

1 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Donald L. Johnson, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

2 - RICHARDSON CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers will be called at a later date.

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

4 - 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, Greg Hill, A. D.

Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Rod Raleigh, Jason Robinette, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and Don Woodward.

5 - UNION HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Porter Carroll, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Richard Seiber, David Smith, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

6 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Eddie Malone, Roger Manring, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, David VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

7 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers will be called at a later date.

8 - 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, Bill LaFollette and Harmon Willis.

9 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Mike Fleenor, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Travis Lipe, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Don Woodward and all others who wish to attend.

10 - 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, Tommy Osborne, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

- 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 and Burnice Sybert.

2 - RIVERSIDE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers will be called at a later date.

3 - SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Bill LaFollette, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and Terry Yount.

4 - BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Brad Dutton, Fred Gilreath, David Jerrell, Travis Lipe, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Roger Trent.

5 - 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, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Rod Raleigh, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

- AUGUST -

1 - WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and Roger Trent.

2 - 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, Porter Carroll, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Virgil Lipe, Jason Robinette, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

3 - POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, J. R. South and Burnice Sybert.

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

5 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert.

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

7 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Russell Davidson, Fred Gilreath, Donald L. Johnson and Richard Seiber.

8 - IRONDALE: To begin on the 3rd Saturday night (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Harold Gilley, Roger Manring, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and all others who wish to attend.

9 - 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, Burnice Sybert and Roger Trent.

10 - BLAIR CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Banks, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, Allen Hensley and Bobby Williams.

11 - JENKINS CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, David Smith, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

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

- 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, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert, Bobby Williams and Harmon Willis.

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

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

4 - LITTLE REDEEMED: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers will be called at a later date.

5 - 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: Lewis Baker, Derrick Cantwell, Porter Carroll, Mike Fullington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Travis Lipe, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

6 - CHESTNUT FLATS: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Charles Bernard, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, J. R. South and Burnice Sybert.

7 - WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Carl Smith, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all other ministers welcome.

8 - FLOWER GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, David Smith, J. R. South, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

9 - 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.

DIRECTIONS TO FAIRVIEW CHURCH

2353 Ferry Road
Bellbrook, OH 45305

Going North on I-75, take exit 43 to I-675 North, go 4.2 miles to Exit 4A (48 South – Centerville), turn right, go to traffic light, take State Route 725 East 4.6 miles to the center of Bellbrook. Turn right at traffic light onto Main St. South. Go south 0.6 miles to Ferry Road. Turn right onto Ferry Road and go 0.6 miles to Fairview Church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2010	\$ 17,753.55
Additional Receipts from 2010	50.00
Receipts from 2011	7,188.60
Interest	29.77
TOTAL	\$ 25,021.92

DISBURSEMENTS:

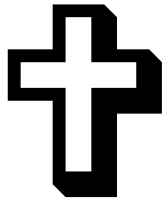
Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	1,027.00
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	114.11
Clerical supplies	75.97
Electrical and PA Supplies (Wireless microphone, CD's)	332.32
Gift to Moderator	800.00
Gift to Clerk	1,500.00
Printing and packaging 1,900 copies of 2011 minutes	3,045.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 6,974.40**

BALANCE IN TREASURY **\$ 18,047.52**

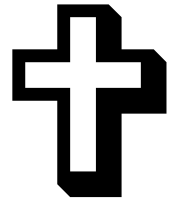
NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$1.61

The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes ordered was \$3.67



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.

*BLEDSOE, Elder Earnest
BORDERS, John Lewis
CASTLE, Shirley Ann Wallen
CHILDERS, Willie Faye
DEAL, Margaret Ann
*FIELDS, Elder Billy
FLEENOR, Wanda Sue
GOODSON, Marce Adolph
GREER, Dallas Eugene (Buddy)
*HEAD, Elder Harold
HURD, Donald E.
*JENKINS, Elder R. C. (Rob)
JOHNSON, Danny W.
LAWSON, Ada M. (Granny)
MCPHERSON, Imogene
ROBERTS, Hagan Paul, Sr.
SEXTON, Lila Mae
SNYDER, Carroll
STURGILL, Lovel Banks
TRENT, Bosley Glen
WALLEN, Ernest, Jr.
WALLEN, Frank Charles
WARD, Orbin Arlin
WILLIS, Carrie Allie Lawson

BLEDSOE, Emmett
BRASHEARS, Corbin
CHARLES, Teddy
DAVIDSON, Minnie Louise
EPPS, Bernice (Niece)
FIELDS, Dorothy Sizemore
GILES, Ruby Mae Phillips
GOODSON, Raymond C.
HARLESS, Charles R.
HICKMAN, Julia Alice
JENKINS, Elizabeth M.
JENKINS, Robert (Bob)
JONES, Lillian Cleo
MCCAMY, Naomi (Nell)
RISNER, Rillavae Banks
RUNYONS, Freida Caudill
SMITH, Macil Inez Wallen
STEWART, Allie
*SYBERT, Elder Donald C.
WALLEN, Delmer Howard, Jr.
WALLEN, Eugene (Gene) C.
WALLEN, Leon Robinson
WILLIAMS, Francis Janette Byington
WILLIS, Dennis Darryl, Sr.

*Ministers

ELDER EARNEST BLEDSOE was born August 21, 1947. He was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on February 11, 2011 after a short illness with cancer.

He was pastor at Blue Springs Church in Wallen’s Creek. He was moderator pro-tem at Fairview Church in St. Charles, VA. He loved our Lord and always told about God’s grace and mercy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Pearl Bledsoe; 1 sister, Colene Byington; 2 brothers, Jack and Cecil Bledsoe.

Earnest is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Peggy Bledsoe; 2 sons, Earnest, Jr., and Michael Jason Bledsoe; 1 daughter, Tammy Bledsoe Hamilton; 5 grandchildren; 3 brothers, Jay, Roy and Floyd Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Brenda Lister and Texal Balden and a host of friends and relatives.

Earnest loved preaching God's word to a large number or only a few. Our hearts are broken, but we know that he is at rest and no more pain.

- Written by his wife, Peggy Bledsoe

EMMETT BLEDSOE, 88, of Rogersville, TN, formerly of Cumberland, KY, went to be with the Lord September 30, 2010 following a brief illness.

A native of Wise County, VA, he was saved in 1988 and belonged to Hopewell Church. He was a retired coal miner having worked for 43 years, and a devoted member of the United Mine Workers of America.

His parents, Howard and Bertha Stidem Bledsoe; 5 brothers, Lloyd, Evan James, Dewey and Glen Bledsoe preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Dolly Venus Bledsoe; 1 son, Carl Bledsoe; 2 daughters, Laquata Wilson and Sharon Murphy; 1 brother, John Bledsoe; 1 sister, Marie Redmond; 2 stepsons; 3 grandsons; 3 granddaughters; 2 step granddaughters; 11 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; as well as a host of nephews, nieces, great nephews, nieces and friends.

- Written by the family

JOHN LEWIS BORDERS was born May 20, 1945 and was carried home by angels to be with the Lord May 27, 2011 after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lois Borders Starr and Wallace Borders and 1 granddaughter.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary; 2 children, Chris Borders and Melissa McKenzie; 2 brothers, William and Wallace Borders; 1 sister, Dorothy Plumley and 2 grandsons.

John was saved in a revival at Richardson Chapel in March, 1979. On December 7, 1980 he was ordained a deacon and served as deacon at Richardson Chapel until his death. He was faithful in his beliefs of a loving and merciful Lord and Savior. He loved his family, his friends, his church, the lost and most of all, his Savior. God's people were always welcome in his home. He enjoyed singing for the Lord. Rest, my beloved husband. Your battle is over and your victory is won.

- Written by Rosemary Borders

CORBIN BRASHEARS of Whitesburg passed away November 29, 2010. He was born August 13, 1927, being 83 years, 3 months and 16 days of age at the time of his passing.

Corbin was the son of the late Jonah and Loretta Brashears.

He was preceded in death by 1 daughter, Loretta Damron; 4 brothers, Estill, Ercel, Coman and Woodrow.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Pam Caudill and Pat Adams; 4 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Corbin was a member of Little Cowan Church and is greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the family

SHIRLEY ANN WALLEN CASTLE was born August 9, 1957 and took her heavenly flight on April 11, 2011 at the age of 53 years, 8 months and 2 days. She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Wallen.

She is survived by her husband, Lynn Castle; her mother, Anna Lou Wallen; 2 brothers, Frank and Billy Tom Wallen; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and a host of family and friends.

As a teenager, Shirley was saved during a revival at Willis Chapel Church. She united with the church, was baptized and remained a devoted member until death. We will never understand why Shirley was taken so suddenly at such a young age, but one day the trumpet will sound, the graves will burst open, and all that are saved by God's marvelous grace will take their flight to that land where God shall wipe away all tears. Until then, we'll wait for the morning light!

- Written for the family by a friend

TEDDY CHARLES, 64, of Benham, KY passed from this life on September 30, 2010 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Teddy was a lifelong resident of Benham and a retired coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Anna Bell Earls Charles.

Surviving are his wife, Janice Wilson Charles; 1 daughter; 1 son; 7 grandchildren; 1 brother and 2 sisters.

He joined Blair Chapel Church on August 16, 2009. He always enjoyed coming to church and everyone got a blessing when he testified. He fought a good fight and kept the faith, although his sickness prevented him from doing things he loved to do.

Ted is deeply missed by his family, neighbors and church friends and it thrills our heart to know that in heaven, where he is, there is no pain, for all is peace, joy and love until we meet again in that wonderful land.

- Written by the church clerk

WILLIE FAYE CHILDERS was born January 30, 1942 and went to be with our Lord on May 15, 2011 after a brief illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Sarilda Murray; her husband, Joe Childers; 2 sisters, Shelby Jean Borders and Kathryn Borders and 1 brother, Johnny Borders. A few days after Willie Faye passed, her brother Wendell passed away also.

Surviving are her 3 children, Marsha Fannin, Joey Childers and Shawna Childers; 6 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and 1 brother, Larry Borders.

Willie Faye was saved at an early age. She was a faithful member of Richardson Chapel Church. The members were often blessed by her glorious and heartfelt singing and testimonies. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

- Written by the family

MINNIE LOUISE DAVIDSON was born March 16, 1946 and departed this life February 14, 2011 at the age of 64.

She was preceded in death by 1 son, Steven Davidson; her parents, Elmer and Oma Ferrell; step-father, Curtis Ferrell and 2 sisters, Francis Waye and Irene Ferrell.

She is survived by her husband, James (Jack) Davidson; 1 son, Ricky Davidson; 2 daughters, Robin Davidson and Tammy Lawson; 3 granddaughters; 6 sisters, Ruby Martello, Eliza Somerville, Betty Guinn, Jackie Horne, Linda Drinnon and Cindy Gagnon; 2 brothers, Sterling Ferrell and Elmer Ferrell, Jr.

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

- Written by the church clerk

MARGARET ANN DEAL, 75, of Hagerstown, MD died October 15, 2010. She was born January 17, 1935 in Kingsport, TN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Thelma Neeley Joyner and 1 brother, Denny Joyner.

Surviving are 1 son, Ronald Deal; 3 daughters, Patricia Broadwater, Phyllis Osbourne and Cathy Winebrenner; 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Margaret was a member of Mountain View Church. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by the family

BERNICE "NIECE" EPPS was born September 1, 1929 in Lee County, VA and went to be with the Lord December 28, 2010 at the age of 81 years, 3 months and 27 days after residing most of her life in Church Hill, TN. She was the daughter of the late Elder Hal and Callie Laster.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 1 brother, Leonard Laster and 2 nieces.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Maxwell Epps; 2 sisters, Dexal Greer and Jenny Washburn; 1 brother, Eunice Laster and several nieces and nephews.

In her youth she attended Mountain View Church and sang with the Mountain View Quartet. She was saved during the association at Mountain View in 1964. She attended First Baptist Church of Church Hill. She will be fondly remembered for her cooking and baking. She was a loving and caring wife, sister and aunt.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

***ELDER BILLY FIELDS** went home to be with the Lord January 4, 2011. He was the son of Pearl Kinsler Baldwin and John Baldwin.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Sizemore Fields; his parents and 1 brother, Earl Baldwin.

He is survived by his daughters, Diane McNabb and Sue Miller; 4 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and 1 stepbrother, Lionel Baldwin.

Billy was saved as a young man at Union Hill Church. He later joined Riverside Church where he served as deacon for several years and also sang in the Riverside Quartet. Later in life, he announced his calling to preach. He pastored Riverside, Union Hill and Little Redeemed Churches. He joined Little Redeemed and remained a faithful member until death. He enjoyed serving the Lord, testifying and singing. He was a wonderful husband, great dad, wonderful grandfather and a super great grand Papa. He is sadly missed by his family and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

DOROTHY SIZEMORE FIELDS went home to be with the Lord November 8, 2010. She was the daughter of Fate and Lillie Sizemore.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 1 brother, Henry Sizemore.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Elder Billy Fields; 2 daughters, Diane McNabb and Sue Miller; 4 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Willie Jo Sizemore and 1 sister, Ruth Lawson.

She was saved as a young child at Riverside Church and sang in the Riverside Quartet for many years. She later joined Little Redeemed Church and remained a faithful member as long as her health permitted. She loved the Lord and her family. She was a wonderful wife, loving and caring mother, loving grandmother and super Doe Doe to the great grandchildren. She is sadly missed by her husband, family and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

WANDA SUE FLEENOR, 66, of Kyles Ford, TN, left this earthly home for her heavenly home on December 13, 2010 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

She was born August 14, 1944 and had been a resident of Kyles Ford for many years.

She was a member of Willis Chapel Church all of her life. She was a beloved mother and friend to many and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her father, Doyle Fleenor, and mother, Dorothy Fleenor.

Survivors include 2 brothers, Doyle Fleenor, Jr. and Raymond Fleenor; 2 sons, Michael Fleenor and Fain Poston; 3 grandchildren; a nephew and many nieces.

- Written by her son, Fain E. Poston

RUBY MAE PHILLIPS GILES, 92, passed from earth to her heavenly home on August 23, 2011 at Heritage Home Healthcare in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Born on October 4, 1918, she was the daughter of Matt and Virgie Hounshell Phillips.

She became a Christian at a young age and served the Lord for many years and was always willing to share her faith and tell how good the Lord had been to her. She graduated from Radford Teachers College and taught school for a few years in Wise County before she became a devoted wife and mother. In later years, she became a volunteer at Heritage Hall and spent many hours visiting and helping the residents. She was a member of Ayers Chapel Church in Big Stone Gap, VA.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Giles; an infant son, Benny Giles and son, Eddy Giles.

She is survived by her son, David Giles; 3 grandsons and 1 great grandson.

- Written by the family

MARCE ADOLPH GOODSON, 82, has gone to be with his heavenly Father. He was a member and deacon of Butcher's Valley Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Bessie Luster Goodson; 3 sons, Marce, Alan and Laverne (infant) Goodson; 1 sister, Daphene Richards; 3 brothers, J. Q., Ralph and Buster (infant) Goodson.

He is survived by his wife, Launeda McLain Goodson; 4 sons, Ray, Randy, Gary and Tim Goodson; 2 grandchildren and 1 brother, Don Goodson.

- Written by the family

RAYMOND C. GOODSON, 78, passed away April 20, 2011. He was a member of Butcher's Valley Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ona Lee Brown Goodson; parents, John Wiley and Cora Wright Goodson; 2 sisters, Agnes Jones and Inez Goodson; 3 brothers, Oscar, Northell and Marvin Goodson.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Glenda Wilder and Donna Gray; 3 sons, Kenneth, Stephen and Mark Goodson; 6 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 2 sisters, Wanda Sautes and Sheilia Brown; 2 brothers, Boyd and Lowell Goodson and several nieces and nephews.

- Written by the family

DALLAS EUGENE "BUDDY" GREER was born July 22, 1927 and went to be with the Lord July 10, 2011 at the age of 83 years, 11 months and 18 days.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed working with young people and served as Scout Master of Troop 89 at the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 33 years of delivering mail throughout Kingsport and Sullivan County. He served as president of the Kingsport Branch #1999 Letter Carriers Union.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Andrea Erwin; parents, Clifford and Pearl Spears Greer; 2 sisters, June Smith and Kate Fletcher; and brother, Wallace Greer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Dexal Laster Greer; 2 daughters, Sharon Jordan and Colleen Frazier; 9 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Charlene Castle; 1 brother, Andrew Greer; and several nieces and nephews.

He was saved in the late 1940's in a revival held by Elders Harry Fannon and Ray Gott and was baptized. He joined West View Church September 14, 1991 where he oversaw the church property and was very instrumental in the finishing of the church basement and the handling of the 1993 association gathering. He videotaped the annual association meetings for a number of years and made numerous copies for others to enjoy. One of his great delights was driving Elder J. H. Sybert to union meetings for several years. During this time, he made many lasting friendships. He faithfully attended church until he became totally disabled. He loved his church family, and his greatest desire was to once again be able to walk into the church and attend a service. This never came to pass, but God called him to a greater meeting which will never end.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

CHARLES R. HARLESS was born November 28, 1924 and departed this life December 18, 2010 at his home at the age of 86. He was the son of the late John and Emma Harless.

He was a devoted member of Mt. Mitchell Church where he served as a deacon and song leader.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Alpha.

He is survived by his current wife, Margaret; 3 sons, Wayne, Ronald and Jeff Harless; 1 daughter, Jean Brooks; 2 stepdaughters, Ellen Shamblin and Patsy Hankins; 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Always the bearer of a smile and a positive outlook, he will be sadly missed by his family and his church. He was a great witness to all that knew him and he loved talking about the Lord to everyone he knew. Charlie was looking forward to meeting the Jesus he so loved.

- Written by the family

ELDER HAROLD HEAD, age 62, of Surgoinsville, TN passed away April 1, 2011 just as an angel that had fallen asleep. His prayer was Just let me lay down in peace with my fellow man and God granted him that wish. Even during his illness, his thoughts were always on the churches and the needs of others more than himself. He always prayed that God would keep the hedge up around his children.

During Harold and Judy's 41 years of marriage, they have touched many lives with their love, caring and generosity to others. Harold was always motivating people to better themselves. He was saved by grace at a young age. In 1975, he was ordained as a minister at Long Hollow Church, where he was still a member at the time of his death. He pastored Caney Creek, Long Hollow and Ayers Chapel. He was presently pastoring Copper Creek of Nickelsville, VA and Shelby Creek of Robinette Valley.

He was a veteran of United States Army, serving the 8th Honor Guard Company of Korea. He was proud to be a veteran and to serve his country.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Ballard and Marsha Head; 1 sister, Dorothy Head Presley; 4 brothers, Cecil, R. L., Ray and Elder Eckel Head.

Harold is survived by his caring and loving wife, Judy; 3 sons, Stacy, Casey and Tracy Head; 3 grandchildren; 1 sister, Thelma Head Tate; 1 brother, Bob Head and several special nieces and nephews.

We miss his guidance in our daily lives. I know your pain is gone now and you're enjoying praise. His presence will be missed my many people.

- Written by the family

JULIA ALICE HICKMAN, age 91, of Greeneville, TN passed away June 17, 2011 at Laughlin Memorial Hospital. She was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Sherman Hickman; parents, Lizzie and George Williams; children, Helen McPeek and Herman Hickman; 6 grandchildren; 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Survivors include 6 sons, James, Robert, Harold, Harvey, Larry and Jerry Hickman; 3 daughters, Alice Ketron, Savannah Davidson, and Sue Sims; 26 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; 13 great-great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Mary Davis, Pearl and Mildred Housewright; brothers, Sam and Ralph Dinsmore and Robert Williams and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by the family

DONALD E. HURD was born October 8, 1956 and went to be with the Lord November 1, 2010 at the age of 54 years and 24 days. He was born in Kingsport, TN, where he lived his entire life.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Connie Boyd Hurd; father, Charles Hurd, Sr.; paternal grandparents and maternal grandparents.

He is survived by his mother, June Hurd; 2 sisters, Sandra Weaver and Karen Carter; 1 brother, Charles Hurd, Jr.; 2 nieces; 2 nephews and 3 great nephews.

He was saved at a young age and loved to read and discuss the Bible. He loved spending time with his family. He was a member of Gravely Ruritan and attended West View Church.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

ELIZABETH M. JENKINS, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, age 83, of Kettering, OH, went home to be with the Lord and other loved ones on September 22, 2010 at Miami Valley Hospital. Elizabeth was born August 9, 1927 in Greenup County, KY to the late Olive Tracy Howerton and the late Luther Edward Flannery.

She retired from Rike's and later Meijers where she worked as a sales clerk and cashier. She was a member of Fairview Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband of 49 years, Charles E. Davis; her second husband, Elder Hasco Jenkins; 1 son, Charles L. Davis; 2 brothers, Leonard and John Flannery and 5 sisters, Faye McKnight, Hazel Webb, Nola Smith, Lorraine Parsons and Eloise Steely.

Elizabeth is survived by her son, Steve Davis; 1 stepson, Larry Davis; 12 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.

- Written by the family

ELDER R. C. "ROB" JENKINS was born January 27, 1907 and passed away March 28, 2011 at the age of 104.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Jane Jenkins; 3 sons, Robert "Bob", Walter and J. D. Jenkins; 1 daughter, Charmazelle Mason; parents, John and Nancy Holbrook Jenkins; 2 sisters; 6 brothers; 1 grandson and 1 great grandson.

He is survived by 3 daughters, Irene Baxter, Pat Benton and Libby Reece; 3 sons, Norman, Charles "Hap", and Albert "Tiny" Jenkins; 20 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; 2 great-great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was the oldest member of the Primitive Baptist Association and a member of Jenkins Chapel Church. He preached at several area churches.

While in the Healthcare Rehab Center, he still preached and praised the Lord. Dad and mom are sadly missed and one day a great reunion we will have. Praise the Lord; he's now resting in peace.

- Written by his children

ROBERT "BOB" JENKINS was born June 2, 1929 and passed away December 14, 2010 at the age of 81.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby N. Anderson Jenkins; parents, Elder R. C. and Elise Jenkins; 2 brothers, Walter and J. D. Jenkins and 1 sister, Charmazelle Mason.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Bobbie Jenkins Anderson and Linda Stafford; 1 son, Robert Jenkins III; 2 granddaughters; 2 great grandsons; 3 sisters, Pat Benton, Irene Baxter and Libby Reece; 3 brothers, Norman, Charles "Hap" and Al "Tiny" Jenkins.

He was a member of Long Hollow Church. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the family

DANNY W. JOHNSON was born February 8, 1974 and went home to be with the Lord on November 24, 2010.

He was a member of Holston Baptist Church.

He was a Sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division, having served 2 tours of duty in Iraq combat.

He is survived by his parents, Marvin and Carol Johnson; fraternal grandparents and 1 sister, Angela DeFoe.

He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by a family friend

LILLIAN CLEO JONES was born December 21, 1919 and departed this life August 13, 2011 for her heavenly home.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Carl E. Jones and 1 daughter, Cynthia Carlene Jones.

She was a faithful member of Willow Chapel Church as long as her health allowed.

She is survived by her children, Donnie and Bill Jones, Carolyn Jones and Charlotte Kilgore.

She will be sadly missed by her loved ones. Sleep on until we meet on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her daughter-in-law, Janice Jones

ADA M. "GRANNY" LAWSON, age 94, passed away on January 3, 2011 following an extended illness at the Brookhaven Manor Nursing Home.

She was a lifelong resident of Hawkins County and was a member of Long Hollow Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Cordie Greer; husband, Emory Lawson; 3 sons, Dairl, Robert and J. C. Lawson; 4 brothers, Wesley, Edgar, Willard and Jake Greer; 3 sisters, Annie Mae Ramsey, Elizabeth Shorter and Sue Horton.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Viola Everett, Ann Blakley and Barbara Bryant; 3 sons, George, Herman and Mack Lawson; 1 brother, Millard Greer; 19 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren and one on the way.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by the family

NAOMI "NELL" MCCAMY departed this life February 15, 2011. She was a member of Poplar Grove Church and attended there for over 44 years. She was 39 days shy of her 84th birthday.

She walked and talked in a manner that revealed her faith and trust in our Lord; always being a gentle, generous and loving woman.

She was married to Robert E. McCamy, Sr. for 49 years and 11 months. They had five children, one deceased.

As a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and sister in Christ, she is and always will be direly missed. There are those of us with the knowledge of that hope of seeing her again. We are always with the memory of my mom's thoughts and prayers for others.

- Written by Joan Persinger

IMOGENE MCPHERSON of Blackwater, VA departed this life October 4, 2010 for her heavenly home at the age of 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer and her parents, Daniel and Ardena Robinette.

She was saved at an early age at Peterson's Chapel Church. She was a faithful member of Roller's Chapel and then Burke's Union as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by 3 sons, Delmer, Troy and Darrell McPherson; 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Ruth Osborne and 2 brothers, Joe and L. E. Robinette.

She's in a place where there's no more pain or sorrow. There's nothing there but peace and joy, for she's with her Lord. Her battle's over and her race is run. Sleep on until we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the family

RILLAVAE BANKS RISNER, 83, a resident of Old Burning Fork Road in Salyersville, KY passed away January 18, 2011 at the Salyersville Health Care Center in Salyersville, KY.

Mrs. Risner was born October 2, 1927 in Whitesburg, KY, the daughter of the late Nathaniel and Etta Collins Banks. Also preceding her in death is her husband, Kelly Risner; 1 son, Daniel Risner; 2 sisters, Lucky Montgomery and Ruth Dyer; and 5 brothers, Bernard, Bert, Elmo, Clifton and Clayton Banks.

Mrs. Risner was employed as a commercial business owner until her retirement. In her passing she leaves behind 1 son, Keith Risner; 1 daughter, Pam Carpenter; 1 sister, Elsie Boggs; 3 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild and a host of family and friends who love and miss her.

- Written by her family

HAGAN PAUL ROBERTS, SR. was born September 29, 1922 and went to be with the Lord September 26, 2011, being 3 days shy of his 89th birthday.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during World War II. He was retired after 40 years with J. P. Stevens. He was a loyal member of West View Church.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Lucy Roberts; his son, Donald Allen Roberts; parents, Lewis and Dona Bell Minor Roberts; 8 sisters, Virginia Roberts, Bessie Wallen, Flora Collier, Florence Hurd, Buna Scott, Gladys Jones, Pearl Maness and Opal Cox; and 4 brothers, App, Theodore, Andrew and Shirley Roberts.

He is survived by his daughter, Phyllis Light; 2 sons, Hagan P. Roberts, Jr. and Charles Roberts; 2 grandsons; 2 granddaughters; 7 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

For several years, Hagan sang tenor with the West View Quartet and loved both the old songs, as well as the newer ones that offered praise to his Savior. When he prayed, it was as though he was sitting at the feet of Jesus having a talk with Him. His testimonies stirred the heart, and he always asked that if he had ever done anything to offend others that he might know so he could seek their forgiveness. We believe he died at peace with everyone and is now resting in the presence of the Lord awaiting the great day of the resurrection.

- Written for the family and Elder Burnice Sybert

FREIDA CAUDILL RUNYONS, 66, left our world to join God and her loving friends and family in heaven.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Burnice and Madge Caudill; 2 husbands, Edgar Allen Halcomb and Clarence Parsons.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Runyons; 1 sister, Barbara Halcomb and 1 brother J. T. Caudill; 1 son, Chris Halcomb, 2 stepchildren and 6 grandchildren

Freida was a member of Blair Chapel Church, where she attended until moving to Ohio. She always loved to come back home and go to her church. She is greatly missed by her family and friends, but we know she is at rest on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

LILA MAE SEXTON was born January 29, 1936 and went to her eternal home March 23, 2011. She was a native of Lynch, KY and had lived in Cumberland, KY most of her life.

She was a retired bus driver and all the children loved her. She was a member of Blair Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis David "Tip" Sexton; her parents, O. J. and Marie Hogg Weldon; 2 brothers and 1 sister, Deloris Disney.

Survivors include her children, Karla Sexton, Lynn Sexton and David Sexton and 1 granddaughter.

Lila is missed by her family, friends and neighbors.

- Written by the church clerk

MACIL INEZ WALLEN SMITH, 81, of Kyles Ford, TN passed away October 30, 2010 at Holston Valley Hospital.

She was saved at an early age. She visited numerous churches and was blessed to sing in a quartet for many years, which she loved to do.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grady and Lizzie Wallen; former husband, Ernil Broten Smith; 2 brothers; 3 sisters and 1 granddaughter.

Surviving are 4 sons, Randall, David, Darrell and Stevie Smith; 1 daughter, Ruthie Tankersley; 2 brothers, Kenneth and Paul Wallen; 10 grandchildren; several great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mom, we miss you dearly, but we'll be together soon.

- Written by the family

CARROLL SNYDER went to be with our heavenly Father on May 5, 2011 at Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville, TN after a long battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jo Snyder; parents, Ed and Mary Dee Snyder; 3 brothers, James, Joe and Roy Snyder; 3 sisters, Mae Stapleton, Josie Johns and Myrtle Garretson.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Diane Snyder and Darlene Jones; 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

He was the owner and operator of Carroll Snyder Plumbing Company for over 46 years. He was saved at an early age, was a charter member and deacon at Little Redeemed Church. In his early years, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 767. He was a wonderful husband, great daddy and loving papaw and wonderful friend to many.

- Written by his family

ALLIE STEWART was born July 11, 1914 and departed this life February 16, 2011.

Her parents, Alfred and Myrtle Rhoton; her 2 husbands, Leonard Love and Eugene Stewart; 2 sisters, Bonnie Rhoton and Edith Rhoton; 3 brothers, Howard, Berdine and Charlie Rhoton preceded her in death.

Allie was a faithful member at Roller's Chapel Church until her husband Eugene died. Sister Allie loved her Lord and it was evident in her speech and in her life. The last few times I was blessed to visit her, she was constantly telling that people better be ready to leave this walk of life. So rest on, dear Allie, till we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the church clerk, Kim Robinette

LOVEL BANKS STURGILL, daughter of the late Hiram F. Banks and Frances Collins Banks, was born in Letcher County, KY January 13, 1923. She entered eternal life July 30, 2011 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, being 88 years, 5 months and 20 days of age at the time of her passing.

Lovel married David Sturgill, Jr. on April 20, 1943. He passed away April 1, 2004. She was a member of Little Cowan Church.

She is survived by 3 brothers, Leonard Walker Banks, Tommy and Ronald Fields; 2 sisters, Loreva Fields and Jessie Faye Combs; a host of friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by 6 brothers and 1 sister.

- Written by the church clerk, Ramona Caudill

ELDER DONALD C. SYBERT was born February 24, 1929 in Lee County, VA and went to be in the presence of the Lord August 22, 2011 at Steadman Hills Assisted Living, Kingsport, TN at the age of 82 years, 5 months and 29 days.

He was the last surviving child of Dillard L. and Annie Mae Wells Sybert. He was married to Lola Mae Neeley April 18, 1954 at the home of Elder J. J. Weatherly, Blackwater, VA.

He was a graduate of Jonesville High School, being Salutatorian of his class. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In addition to farming, he worked for Leeper's Grocery, Dan River Mills, Holston Defense Corporation and retired from Eastman Kodak's Tennessee Eastman Division after 24 years of service in 1991. He loved gardening and sharing his bounty with others.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 sisters, Mary Sybert, Mattie Sybert and Vesta Sybert; and 3 brothers, A. J. Sybert, Elder Howard Sybert and Elder John Henry Sybert.

He is survived by his loving and caring wife of more than 57 years, Lola Mae Sybert; 2 daughters, Naomi Smith and Marvena Swenson Williams and 1 granddaughter.

He was saved in a revival at Davis Chapel Church in December, 1942. He had not attended the revival until Friday night due to studying for semester exams, but that night he fell under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. On Sunday morning, he found himself calling out to God for salvation, his prayer was answered, and he joined the church and was baptized.

Sometime around 1960, he moved his membership to Flower Gap Church, where he remained a loyal and faithful member. He loved that body of people so greatly and served the church in several capacities, including Song Leader, Sunday School Teacher and Trustee. He received the call of God into the gospel ministry and was ordained August 31, 1969. He served the Flower Gap Church as pastor for a short time and also pastored Union Hill Church for a year. When a nephew was called to preach, he traveled to many of the churches in the association with him in his latter years and always seemed to be greatly blessed by doing so.

His faith and trust was totally in the Lord Jesus Christ. One of his favorite songs was "Jesus Is the One" and his life reflected the love he had for his Savior. This humble, quiet, peaceable man will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

BOSLEY GLEN TRENT, 65, departed this life January 21, 2011 to be with the Lord.

He was a member of Butcher's Valley Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jesse Lee Trent; parents, John and Hester Trent; 1 sister, Helen Herron Trent; 3 brothers, Ross, Donnie and James Trent.

He is survived by his children, Ashley, Jacklyn and Tia; 1 sister, Thelma Greene; 2 brothers, Huskell and Dewey Trent; several nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He always praised the Lord and thanked him for saving him when the song, "A Winner Either Way" was sung.

- Written by the family

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DELMER HOWARD WALLEN, JR. was born March 30, 1958 in Kingsport, TN and departed this life August 15, 2011 in Philippi, West VA. He was saved November 25, 1973 and was baptized shortly thereafter. He was a member of West View Church, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent.

Delmer held a Master's Degree from East Tennessee State University and was currently on active duty as a Naval Recruiter stationed in Bridgeport, West VA. He was active in several civic clubs and organizations.

He was preceded in death by his father, Delmer Howard Wallen, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Vicki Jo Cox Wallen; his mother, Jean C. Wallen; 1 sister, Donna Bailey; 1 brother, David Wallen; 2 nieces and 3 nephews.

We dearly miss Delmer and look forward to that great reunion day.

- Written by Jean Wallen, David Wallen and Donna Wallen Bailey

ERNEST WALLEN, JR. was born on March 14, 1930 and departed this life May 2, 2011. He professed faith at a young age and became a member of Willis Chapel Church. Junior was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Margaret Gilreath Wallen; his parents Ernest, Sr. and Bessie Mae Willis Wallen; 2 sisters, Joyce Wallen and Nancy Johnson and 1 brother, Rogan Wallen.

He is survived by his 3 daughters, Donna Wallen Smith, Rhonda Kendrick and Kimberly Neal; 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; 3 brothers, Edsel, Sonny and Clifford Wallen; 3 sisters, Barbara Ann Johnson, Wilma Yount and Charlsie Rhodes; several nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Some men gain greatness through financial fortune. Others gain power through political motivation. Ernest Wallen, Jr. will go down in history as a man with a supreme work ethic, a love for God, and as a father, whose unconditional love and compassion knew no bounds.

- Written for the family by a friend

EUGENE "GENE" C. WALLEN was born April 5, 1920 and departed this life December 11, 2010 to join his heavenly Father and his beloved wife, Maude and other friends and relatives. He was the son of Rufus and Emma Waddell Wallen. Gene was born at Kyles Ford, TN and was raised in Willis Chapel Church.

Gene was married to Maude Osborne and they became the parents of 2 daughters. He professed faith in Christ and became a member of Blackwater Lick Church, where he was a deacon and song leader for many years. Gene and Maude moved to Kingsport in 1963 and he joined Willow Chapel Church where he served many years as deacon, Sunday school teacher and song leader. In later years, he joined West View Church where he continued to serve the Lord singing and being a deacon.

In addition to his parents and wife, Gene was preceded in death by his twin sister, Irene Clonce and sister, Faye Coble and 3 brothers, Elmer, Bascom and Homer Wallen.

He is survived by his daughters, Cathy Chase and Sena Hammond; 3 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Launa Smith; 1 brother, Joe Wallen and several nieces and nephews.

Gene was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and he never lost his devotion to singing God's praises even through his illness. He is greatly missed by his family.

- Written by the family

FRANK CHARLES WALLEN was born on March 19, 1955 and was called from this walk of life on June 5, 2011 at the age of 56 years, 2 months, and 17 days after a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Wallen and 1 sister, Shirley Castle.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kathy Wallen; 1 daughter, Neshie; 2 sons, Davey and Jamey; 1 grandson; his precious mother, Anna Lou Wallen; 1 brother, Billy Tom Wallen and many special friends and loved ones.

Frank was saved in a revival at Kyles Ford Church as a teenager and attended Willis Chapel Church.

The eight weeks before Frank's death were very perplexing for his family and his friends, with the loss of his sister Shirley in April, and his death in June. But thank God there is coming a day when all tears shall be wiped from our eyes, there'll be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. What a day, glorious day, that will be!

- Written for the family by a friend

LEON ROBINSON WALLEN was born in Blackwater, VA May 7, 1921 to Jack and Bell Robinson. She was saved as a young woman and joined Willis Chapel Church.

Leon Robinson and Guy Wallen were married in August, 1949. To this union a daughter, Hilda Gwen and a son, Calvin Lynn were born.

Leon passed from this life on September 18, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; 1 baby brother, Lester Leo; 3 sisters, Madge, Blanche and Reba; and 1 brother, Matt Fleenor.

She is survived by her children; 3 grandsons; 8 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Leon was a loving and patient mother who taught us the way of Christ by the way she lived her life. We miss her very much and we know we will see her again in heaven someday.

- Written by her children, Gwen Wallen McAmis and Lynn Wallen

ORBIN ARLIN WARD was born April 4, 1916 to John B. and Emma Crawford Ward and departed this life October 26, 2010 at the age of 94 years, 6 months and 22 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Christine Sizemore Ward (2003); infant twins, Jerry and Jeanne Ward; 1 grandson; 12 brothers and 2 sisters.

He is survived by 2 sons, Dwight "Gene" and Raymond "Butch" Ward; 6 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Ellis Ward and 2 sisters, Nealie Stroupe and Thelma Goad.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and became a devoted and faithful member of Liberty Chapel Church where he was ordained a deacon in 1961. He is greatly missed by all who knew him. Precious memories we have forever in our hearts. Rest on, Dad, until we meet again.

- Written by the family

FRANCIS JANETTE BYINGTON WILLIAMS was born August 25, 1941 to Earnest and Margaret Byington and departed this life June 17, 2011 for her heavenly home.

Janette was preceded in death by her parents and 1 brother, Carroll Wayne Byington.

She is survived by her husband, Glen B. Williams; 1 daughter, Anita Carol Absher; 1 son, Randal Keith Williams; 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She also had a brother, James H. Byington.

She was saved at Old Union Methodist Church and was baptized. She joined Mt. Mitchell Church in 1958. Janette is greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

- Written for the family by Elder Bobby Williams

CARRIE ALLIE LAWSON WILLIS was born May 9, 1930 and went to be with the Lord January 23, 2011. She was the daughter of the late Davey and Jane Lawson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, M. D. Willis; 1 son, Tony R. Willis; 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

Carrie is survived by her son, Dennis D. Willis, Sr.; 3 grandsons; 5 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Addie Walton and 1 brother, Tommy Lawson.

She was saved at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church. She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister who is missed very much by her family and friends.

- Written by the family

DENNIS DARRYL WILLIS, SR. was born May 2, 1953 and went to be with the Lord on September 25, 2011. He was the son of the late M. D. and Carrie Willis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother, Tony R. Willis, Sr.

Surviving is his son, Dennis Darryl Willis, Jr.

Dennis was of the Baptist faith. He was taken from us too early, but he will never be forgotten.

- 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	Fremon Thacker
1969	Roller's Chapel	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Peters
1970	Poplar Grove	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1971	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1972	Richardson Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bert Banks
1973	Liberty Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1974	Clear Springs	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Ben Hill
1975	Irondale	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1976	West View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1977	Chestnut Flats	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1978	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Walter C. Willis
1979	Mountain View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1980	Swan Creek	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bobby Williams
1981	House Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1982	Jenkins Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1983	Caney Creek	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Darrell Ratliff
1984	Slate Hill	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Henry Wheeler
1985	Long Hollow	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1986	Edwin Holbrook Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Oscar Irvin
1987	Oak Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Lucian Lane
1988	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Allen Hensley
1989	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Eckel Head
1990	Blackwater Lick	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Carl Lawson
1991	Burke's Union	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1992	Clear Springs	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Terry Sizemore
1993	West View	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	J. H. Sybert

1994	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J. H. Sybert & Basil Freeman, Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin
1999	Roller's Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2000	Butcher's Valley	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Henry Wheeler
2001	Clear Springs	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger VanHoose
2002	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	David Smith
2003	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2004	Beech Grove	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Phil Crittenden
2005	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
2006	Flower Gap	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2007	Pilgrim's Rest	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Virgil Lipe
2008	Little Cowan	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Banks
2009	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette
2010	Richardson Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2011	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Fred Gilreath

