

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 4, 2012

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 160th annual session with Fairview Church, Bellbrook, Ohio.

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

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

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

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

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

The original building was remodeled and improved from time to time. The present building was completed and dedicated in November, 1965. The old building is presently being used as a Fellowship Hall. Present membership is 158.

Elder Clarence Slagle, who was the first pastor, served in that capacity the greater part of the time until 1976, and others who have served as pastor include the following: Elders Joe Dean, Frank Brown, Roland Callahan, Charles Roller, Luther Abrams, Bryan Moore, Elmer Parsons, Crawford Sage, Ron Bledsoe, Kenneth Mitchell, and Hasco Jenkins. Current pastors are Elders Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, his son and assistant.

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

Mitchell, Emerson Browning, and Morris Giles. Current Deacons are Brothers Ray Eldridge and Eldon "Sonny" Wallen.

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

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

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

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

The setting of this association is the 5th time the association has met with this church since it came to be a part of this body. We take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to all sister churches who have in any way assisted in preparing for this 160th annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. May God's richest blessings be upon you.

For the 160th 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. What matchless love He showed to us with the anguish He bore. We all were sinking deep in sin and nothing else could help until His love lifted us out of the miry clay. There is wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb that makes us much whiter than snow. The unseen hand will lead us thru ways we cannot see; for as it leads we'll have no fear. We long to see our Master's face and some sweet day we'll reach that golden strand to praise Him for His guiding hand. There is a country to which we are going where there is joy without measure, for Heaven holds all. Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning; for the bridegroom watch and wait where we'll meet in the morning just inside the eastern gate. The joy of that glad meeting helps us consider His awesome wonder, and His power displayed throughout the universe as our soul sings to proclaim how great thou art!

Welcoming everyone to today's 160th gathering, Elder Terry Sizemore thanked God for all the blessings of this life asking everyone to let there be joy and love for the Lord. No one can welcome you like God. What have we come for today? We pray the response would be to witness to our people as they become aware of His presence and see our people saved.

Elder Sizemore mentioned the passing of Elder Bobby Williams since we last met. Another soldier has gone home, but we thank God for knowing him and being able to listen to his singing and

preaching of God's word. As time goes on, we must continue to carry the bloodstained banner for Christ until He calls us home.

The Letter Committee from last year consists of Bradley Bowen (chairman), Steve Minton, Ralph Baker and Billy Walton (alternate). 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.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises which includes Dennis Stewart (chairman), Steve Hunt and Lloyd Morelock.

Elder Daniel Smith blessed us with his song and reminded us that God's presence disperses all gloom and takes us on high where winter and clouds are no more.

Elder Jason Robinette, co-pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone with his song and encouraging words. Somewhere in glory you'll find us singing and shouting throughout eternity. God's spirit will set us free, but from the church at Fairview, Ohio, Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Sister Zula led the congregation in singing the old song that is the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." Are you waiting for your King, watching till He shall return? Brethren we have met to worship and adore our Lord; for all is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One comes down.

Elder Sizemore also 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 desk.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches, those serving in the military, our country, Thelma Tankersley, Tee Osborne, Daniel Hurd, Mike Fullington, Betty Dotson, Jim Brown, Betty Sizemore, Kathy Robinson, Gerald Jones and his wife, John and Maude Turner, lady on life support, Clarissa Rose and family, Jim Lykins, Ray and Dottie Eldridge, Georgia Evans, Jason and August Robinette, Thelma Anderson, thanks for Bradley and Juanita Bowen's granddaughter, Stella Sybert, John Bowlin, and Iva Price. Brother Jim Bowlin humbly led us to the throne of grace.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Burnice Sybert took the first part of the service. After a wonderful testimony, he asked us to put aside everything except that of the Lord. Try the spirits to know if they are of God. Look at our articles of faith; knowing that every ordained minister and deacon was asked if they believed each one of them during their ordination service. We must believe what has been left to us, for we have a great heritage. Primitive means the original work and we believe our way to be the most like the original church. We are at the re-gathering, not a split. Our churches may be fewer, but our strength is not in numbers, but in our unity with God. Elder Sybert read Deuteronomy 32:1-7, II Tim 2:15, and a portion of verse 3 in Jude using as a thought, "Remember the days of old rightly dividing the word of truth and earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints." God will fight our battles today, just as He did in the days of Moses. They weren't wandering in the wilderness, but they were led by God because of disobedience. Those that followed God were able to go forth and take the land of the giants. Since Moses disobeyed, he was not allowed to go into the Promised Land. Many dear saints that showed us the way have gone home. Let us not run, but fight the fight in God's name. How much do you know about our history of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists? What did our forefathers go through to establish this heritage we enjoy? Since the 1840's when the association was formed, we have reaped the benefits set forth in the early church. The church is the authority

that God works through. It is by this authority that we are led and our instructions are as clear as the day when Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. We should examine ourselves before we take part in the communion service to ensure we are a fit subject and of like faith. It is the will of God that all be saved. When He speaks to an individual, our prayer is that you heed this call and ask Him to save you. Our beliefs have not changed since the beginning.

Elder Scott Tipton followed with a song and another wonderful message. Take our hand precious Lord and lead us home. God's children know His voice and He is still with us. He has never, nor will He ever forsake us. Let us study and know what we have deep in our soul. Elder Tipton read Acts 4:23-31, asking that we speak the word of God with boldness. We do not need the help of the world because we have help from our heavenly Father. Love one another the best way possible with everything that is within us, but love the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. If we're led by His spirit, we are the sons of God. We must stick together in the ways of the Lord so our friends and family will follow in the path He has set before us. The Holy Spirit will not dwell in an unclean vessel; therefore, do that which is necessary to see our people saved.

We were dismissed for lunch with a song.

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The church at Fairview served us a wonderful lunch as God's children enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. The old account was large and growing every day, but the record's clear today for the account was settled down on our knees long ago. To know that Jesus saved us is enough to endure the trials of this life. We will arise and go to Jesus where He will embrace us, for in the loving arms of our dear Savior there are ten thousand charms.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from Terry and Peggy Sizemore. Many times we walk thru dark valleys and we don't understand, but some day we will stand on top of Mt. Zion and understand it all. We'll sing and shout when we reach that city.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service; our eternal home is a great place to look forward to. From heaven He came, the sins of this world to atone. He showed us the way, then He got on a cloud and went home.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all those made during the morning service, Tommy Meade's son and wife, lady in Circleville, our country and those serving our country and their families, John Turner, H. C. and Pearl Johnson, Kathy Robinson, Jim Brown, our churches, Michael Willis, Gordon Justice's family at the loss of his wife, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Many wonderful testimonies were made throughout the tent. After a wonderful testimony, Elder Mike Fleenor took us to the throne of grace in a soul stirring prayer.

Brother Bradley Bowen, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. A total of 37 churches were recommended by the committee to be accepted. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association. It was stated by the chairman, as churches may choose delegates from other churches, that it would be a good thing to change the church letter to read union instead of members.

Having just been accepted as the voting body, the motion was withdrawn until the association officials were elected.

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 Richard Seiber was nominated. It was motioned, seconded and voted by acclamation. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Elder Seiber 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 pro-tem 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 Seiber for standing as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. With a vote to reaffirm the elections, Elder Sizemore thanked the delegation for their confidence in him.

Moderator Sizemore asked for permission to speak/comment as needed concerning our articles of faith. He then reviewed our articles of faith and asked each of us to review and recognize that through the Lord these are our foundation. The congregation listened as the moderator read the articles of faith, giving the scriptural references for each. Our churches and individuals agree to this each time they letter into this body.

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 Religious Exercise Committee report was read by the moderator and includes:

Thursday night:

Church: Richard Seiber, Lewis Baker and Chris Salley

Clear Springs: Jerry Johnson, Wiley Lampkin and Donald L. Johnson

Macedonia: Terry Sizemore, Oscar Irvin and Greg Hill

Rose Chapel: Daniel Smith and Keith Holt

Friday morning: October 5, 2012

Stand: Daniel Smith and Greg Hill

The moderator appointed the following committees:

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

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers – Scott Tipton (chairman), Joseph Robinette and Roger Manning; Deacons – Johnny Bunch and Jim Bowlin; Laymen – Clarence Dotson and Clifton Horne.

Committee on Finance: Eddie Malone (chairman), Roger VanHoose and Mike Fleenor.

Committee on Obituaries: Jim Lykins (chairman), Jerry Johnson and Carter Hager.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Jason Robinette, Lewis Baker, Frank Gilliam, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and David Moody.

Brother Bradley Bowen, chairman of the Letter Committee, returned to the stand to discuss the changes to the church letter. It was recommended that the church letter be changed to reflect the fact that churches may choose delegates from other churches that are members in good standing of an Eastern District Primitive Baptist church. This would be accomplished by rewording a portion of the church letter concerning delegates sent to represent a particular “church” to include: “We have chosen the following named members of our church or association to sit with you in council...” This will allow any member in good standing with a sister church to serve as a delegate for said church. Likewise, the statement below the list of delegates would read: These members are in good standing and full fellowship with their respective church and we ask that you receive them... It was motioned, seconded and voted to have the clerk make the appropriate changes to the church letter.

The moderator reminded the delegation that Excused Absence forms are available at the clerk’s desk.

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 \$1500 in appreciation for his services.

The clerk reported all financial transactions during the year to the delegation.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the moderator \$800 in appreciation for his services.

Brother Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Electrical and PA System Committee came forward to give their report. They are experiencing trouble with the new microphone purchased last year. Instead of buying a new one now, they are going to determine if it is still under warranty before purchasing another one. They are also experiencing trouble with the recorder, as it does not always record properly. If we are to continue recording the proceedings, does the delegation want them to purchase a new one? It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow them to use their better judgment to purchase what they need.

The moderator noted changes in our trustees:

- Ohio: Mark Newkirk, Joe Pitzer and Ray Eldridge
- Virginia: Ralph Baker, Roy Jones and Jim Bowlin
- Tennessee: Steve Hunt, Earl Dotson and Billy Walton
- Kentucky: Bobby Caudill, Roger Sturgill and John Banks

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.

The clerk gave a report concerning the Ayers Chapel Church property. An appraisal of the property has been completed. A lawyer is preparing papers to obtain the deed to the property, including a formal search for the original deed. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the moderator, clerk, and Virginia trustees to handle the sale of the property.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 5, 2012.

Friday Morning, October 5, 2012

The Lord blessed us to gather for one more time this side of eternity. Sister Zula McCullough came forward to lead the congregation in singing several hymns of praise to our Lord and Savior. Over in the glory land, we'll join the happy angel band. When we are cast down in spirit and soul, that still small voice whispers sweet peace to us. Christ has regarded our helpless estate and our sins, not in part, but the whole is nailed to His cross. We bear that sin no more; thank God it is well with our soul! Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ, for it is on Him, the solid rock, that we stand as all other ground is sinking sand. Some day when we've traveled our last mile here, we'll enter the lifeboat that will carry us over the sea. He'll hold to our hand as over death's river we go.

The congregation was blessed with special singing and wonderful testimony from Billy Marcum and the host church singers. We escaped an awful place when Jesus saved our soul. He took our part and because of that, the only fire we'll ever feel is burning within our heart. On a mountain of sin we traveled so long, but the Savior came in and gave us a song. We may know the time, and we can show you the place, but we cannot tell how or why, but He will tell us all about it in the by and by. We will never forget when He spoke to us gently while we were out in sin with no hope or peace within, till Jesus gladly set us free. Trouble and sorrow will vanish away, for we are redeemed by love divine. Great is our joy as onward we go with Jesus as our guide. Precious indeed is our Savior to us and to Him we resign all. Let us look up, for our redemption draweth nigh when deliverance will come and palms of victory we shall wear. We can't walk, nor can we talk without Jesus.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service, giving his appreciation for everyone that came this way. Thank God for the wonderful singers and songs of praise. The spiritual testimonies let us know He is here with us.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military, our association, our country, many wonderful testimonies were given thanking God for His blessings, Marie Mann, Daniel Hurd, John Turner, Mike Fullington, Clarissa Rose's family, Thelma Tankersley, ladies friend Teresa who suffered heart attack, Flo Minton and family, Jim Brown family, Kathy Robinson, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Jerry Johnson 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. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the changes to the church letter as recommended by the Letter Committee.

Elder Daniel Smith, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. After a wonderful testimony he read I Corinthians 3:5-13 and Nehemiah 2:17 using as a thought, "Let us rise up and build." Times have changed, but God has not. No matter how many trials we face, just build on the foundation of God. When Jerusalem lay in waste as the walls were destroyed and the gates were burned, Nehemiah mourned because of all the troubles. We ask our Lord and He delivers in His own way at His own time. Don't worry about the things of this world, but lift up the name of Jesus. God has blessed throughout the existence of the association and will continue to do so. God is good today just as He has always been, so get back to the things of God. We may get knocked down, but God is on hand to help us up again. Our ministers must preach salvation to a lost and dying world to get back to the things of God. There is no place to quit, only to continue the work of the Lord. We have a weapon in Christ Jesus and we can still work for Him today. We are on a journey for the Lord; the gospel has not changed one jot or one tittle. We can't build on our self, but we must build on the Lord.

Elder Greg Hill followed with a song and message from on high. Although we were sinking in despair, our Savior eased our pain, bore our grief, and all our guilt and fear was gone. He is God in the valley just as He is on the mountain. Look up, be the children of God for we know He will go with us always. He knows our thoughts afar off. Regardless of where our travels may take us, God is there; for He will never leave us nor forsake us. When Balak looked out and saw the children of Israel, he knew he could not defeat God's people. The world would like to see God's work fail, but that is not possible, for His word will stand forever. He delivers us out of harm's way. God will provide whatsoever we need throughout this life and throughout eternity. Those that wait upon the Lord shall run and not be weary, and those who look unto the Lord knoweth from whence cometh all their help. We may not know of everything in this world, but we know of old time salvation by grace through faith. Drink from His fountain and you'll never thirst again. One may plant, another may sow, but only God gives the increase. Let whosoever cometh, drink of the water of life freely.

The congregation sang songs of praise as we were adjourned for lunch. God's amazing grace is sufficient for all our needs. The service didn't really break, it just moved over the grounds as shouts of praise and tears of joy were all around. Bless His holy name!

Friday Afternoon, October 5, 2012

The congregation assembled in the tent after a wonderful lunch served by the host church as everyone continued to praise the Lord. When our work here is done and our life's crown is won, we'll go to a land where we'll never grow old. In the sweet by and by, we will meet on that beautiful shore to draw nearer to our Blessed Redeemer. To our bountiful Father above, we will offer our tribute of praise and live throughout eternity.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Amy Tipton Bledsoe, Kristi VanHoose Robinette, Moore family and Leona Kester. Just look around and see the good things He has done for us. His blessings are given freely and He has been so good to us; we owe it all to Him. We truly have so much to thank Him for. Regardless of how we may look, we are rich as a king. Even with a new garment that's never been worn or a mansion in glory; give me Jesus, for He is the

treasure that money can't buy. When you're in trouble and don't know what to do, just call on Jesus and He will carry you through and show you the way. God raised the waters in Moses' time and He will do the same for us, to allow us to conquer our giant. God in Daniel's time is still God today.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for a bountiful and delicious lunch and thanked God for His spirit and the fact of knowing He is alive forevermore. Our Godly heritage is worth all our efforts. Respect the Holy Spirit that it remains with us always and know that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Prayer requests were made for all those in the previous services, the unsaved, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Henrietta Adams, Kyle Robinette and family and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Many testimonies were given to honor and praise our Blessed Redeemer. Elder Roger VanHoose took our petitions to the Lord in an earnest and heartfelt prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Bradley Bowen gave the final report of the Letter Committee. There were no other churches to report.

The moderator appointed the Church Letter Committee for 2013 which includes: Steve Minton (chairman), Ralph Baker, Billy Walton and Joe Robinette (alternate).

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

Friday night:

Church: Joseph Robinette and Chris Russell

Clear Springs: Terry Sizemore, Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert

Saturday morning, October 6, 2012:

Stand: Harold Shaw and Terry Sizemore

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

The Committee on Finance reported \$4,676.60 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions. He mentioned that our finances were less this time and asked everyone to consider making an additional contribution to the association.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 47 have been received at this time.

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

The men chosen to write the circular letter for 2012 did not letter into the association this year. Elder Sizemore offered a reprint of the 1956 circular letter, if it would meet the association's approval. It was motioned, seconded and voted for him to read a preface he wrote, as well as the circular letter. The moderator read the preface and the circular letter of 1956 written by then moderator, Elder John H. Sybert. Its message was to strive for a time of peace, harmony and unity in our ranks brought forth through God's leadership back to the association's beginning. The history contained in this letter provides without any doubt exactly what our association believes. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print the preface and the circular letter in the minutes as read.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Circular Letters for 2013 which includes: Elders Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin and Roger VanHoose.

Elder Burnice Sybert came forward to address the association regarding the ordination of ministers and deacons. There is concern that ministers leaving our association might think they are covered by our association insurance. Since these ministers and deacons did not surrender their ordination papers, we need to provide legal notice concerning their standing with the association. Upon advice of legal counsel, he read a prepared letter and statement.

Following the annual gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists in 2011, which also serves as the annual meeting of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, Inc., the clerk wrote each of the churches which had formed a new association to request the Certificate of Ordination issued to their deacons be returned to the Association. He also wrote each minister whose membership was with these churches and requested they return their Certificate of Ordination. All refused to return them saying they had sought legal counsel and had been told they did not have to do so as an ordination could not be revoked.

Believing this statement to be incorrect, the Association then sought legal counsel, providing a copy of the Association Charter, a copy of the 2011 Minutes, a copy of the Certificate of Ordination for Deacon, and a copy of the Certificate of Ordination for Minister. Counsel confirmed that in the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, ordination is only valid so long as the minister or deacon is a member of a church in the Association. The Certificate of Ordination is a binding legal contract between the local church (and Association) and the minister or deacon who is ordained. The Presbytery acts on behalf of the local church (and Association) and affixes their signatures to the document. The minister then signs the document with this oath: "In receiving this Certificate of Ordination, I hereby agree to conduct my moral and spiritual life in such a way as to promote peace and harmony in the church and association of which I am a member. I also agree that, if at any time I find that I cannot honestly and sincerely do so, I will return this Certificate to the Church and cease to be a member of this organization." The deacon signs with this oath: "I hereby agree to fill this office faithfully. When I can no longer do so I will immediately return this certificate of ordination." Both documents state plainly that the ordination is according to the rules contained in the Minutes of the Eastern District Association.

Counsel to the Association gave 2 options. Option 1 is to go to court and sue for the return of the certificates. The Association believes the instructions given by the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 6 that a brother should not go to law against a brother, but that it is better to suffer wrongfully. We also believe ministers and deacons have a special obligation to honor their word, and had this been done, neither option would be necessary. Option 2 is to serve legal notice to the deacons by printing in the Minutes of the Association of 2012 the names of the churches which have broken covenant and withdrawn fellowship from the Eastern District Association, and, by printing their names in the Minutes of the Association of 2012, serve legal notice to the ministers that their ordination in the Eastern District Association is forfeited and all rights and privileges which were theirs as ministers in the Eastern District Association are also forfeited.

The clerk, by mail, shall also serve this notice by informing each church as agent for the deacons and the ministers individually of this action.

The following churches have either joined another association, stated by their own written word that they have withdrawn fellowship from the Association, or have failed to represent themselves for two consecutive years in the Association: Blair Chapel (Blair, KY), Butcher's Valley (Rogersville, TN),

Coyle's Branch (Gordon, KY), Guthrie's Gap (Bulls Gap, TN), House Chapel (Rogersville, TN), Hurricane Valley (Gordon, KY), Jenkins Chapel (Surgoinville, TN), Liberty Chapel (Mt. Carmel, TN), Oak Grove (Bulls Gap, TN), Pilgrim's Rest (Rogersville, TN), Pink Hill (Surgoinville, TN), Slate Hill (Mooresburg, TN) and Sulphur Springs (Rogersville, TN).

The names of the ministers and their church affiliation as it last appeared in either the Minutes of the Eastern District Association or a minute of another association which they have joined: Von Burton (Sulphur Springs), Glenn Cornett (Hurricane Valley), Phil Crittenden (Oak Grove), Russell Davidson (Jenkins Chapel), Neal Drinnon (House Chapel), Woodrow Fields (Blair Chapel), Fred Gilreath (Jenkins Chapel), Wayne Gulley (Guthrie's Gap), Greg Harr (House Chapel), Arry Hickman (Pilgrim's Rest), James Jarnigan (Slate Hill), Jamie Jarnigan (Slate Hill), Robert Jarnigan (Slate Hill), Adam Justice (Sulphur Springs), Gordon Justice (Pilgrim's Rest), Larry Miller (Guthrie's Gap), Roger Purkey (Slate Hill), Rod Raleigh (Blair Chapel), David Smith (Pilgrim's Rest), Stacy Smith (Guthrie's Gap), Richard Watts (Pink Hill) and Bill Winstead (Sulphur Springs).

It was motioned, seconded and voted to print these recommendations and for the clerk to send the letter to each minister and church clerk for notification of the respective church deacons.

To the churches that did not letter in this year, a letter to warn of some possible pitfalls is as follows: The Association, while not understanding what any church hoped to accomplish by not lettering to the Association, believes it is necessary to warn the churches which chose not to do so of some possible pitfalls. As it has already been stated, ministers and deacons who are not members of a church represented in the Association have no legal rights to exercise that office. This especially applies to being a pastor and conducting church business and to officiating in weddings, depending on the laws of each state.

Each church should also consider the consequence if the need arises for a new pastor. The ministers of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists are only licensed to pastor and conduct the ordinances of a church which is in the Association. If the church wishes to have a union meeting, with whom is the church united or in union?

Therefore it is advised the Association grant a year of grace to those churches which do not join another association, but for whatever reason failed to letter in this year. The ministers names will not appear in the Ministers List, but the Association will not call for their credentials if the church where they hold membership letters in 2013.

If a letter is not received in 2013, the same action taken this year with the 13 churches will also be forthcoming.

If there are members of any church which left the fellowship of the Association who desire to continue as a member church in the Association, the Association may well consider them to be the true church and provide them with all help possible.

The Association offers this advice in love and desires to continue to fellowship with all churches which do not deviate from our faith and practice as stated in the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Church Covenant.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to follow these recommendations, and make them a perpetual procedure.

Elder Sybert made the delegation aware of the issues involved with churches, dealing with how churches are deeded. There is a legal process to amend a deed to state if it ever ceases to be a member of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, then the church property would revert back to the association. It was motioned, seconded and voted for the Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee trustees to check the official deed of record of those churches not lettering into the association or having joined another association to determine if they can leave the association according to official records on file in their respective state.

Each minister and pastor must stand for truth and let their members who may have questions know exactly what has happened during these trying times. Answer their question truthfully and if you don't know the answer, seek the proper council of God and your fellow ministers.

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

The greatest news of any association meeting is to see a lost soul come to know the Lord. Today we were blessed to know that a young lady accepted Christ as her personal Savior. No greater news can ever be told, bless the name of the Lord!

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: Blackwater Lick, Clear Springs and Richardson Chapel. Before the plea process began, Richardson Chapel withdrew. During the plea process, Clear Springs withdrew, sending the association to Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 3, 2013) before the first Saturday in October, 2013. Introductory – Elder Daniel Hurd, Alternate – Elder Porter Carroll.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 6, 2012.

Saturday Morning, October 6, 2012

After a rainy night, the beautiful sunshine greeted everyone as they gathered in the church for the memorial service. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in several songs of joy and praise for our Savior. Some sweet day we'll sing up there the song of victory. He sought us and bought us and all our love is due Him. Peace! Peace! Such wonderful peace sweeps over our spirit in fathomless billows of love. That will be a happy day when all the clouds are passed away, the home gates swing open and we shall be free from all our cares.

Wonderful blessings were received from special singing and wonderful testimony from the Copper Creek Church singers, members of the host church, Jason Robinette and Naomi Payne, Sammy VanHoose, and the Clear Springs Church singers. We may be bent and battered from the storms of this life, but just like the old ship of Zion we will soon reach heaven, for our captain is Jesus Christ. The model church is filled with the Holy Spirit, and is not built for show. Let us be bold in the Lord and keep His commandments that He would receive all the praise, honor and glory for it all. When we lay aside this beaten body, our life will just begin in that shining land which is just ahead; for our race is almost run. Life is easy on the mountain, but when we're down in the valley don't lose faith, for we're never alone. The God of the mountain is still God in the valley. When things go wrong, He'll make them right, because He is God of the day and God in the night. When we reach heaven, we

can tell him our life has been sweet, one of harmony and peace. Jesus came in, rescued us and gave us a brand new life. It seems we can hear the blessed Savior say, "What sins are you talking about, for I don't remember them anymore." He's our all in all and whenever we are in trouble, He's the One we call. If you've been washed in the blood of Jesus, then we'll meet again on heaven's bright shore.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service. It has been such a wonderful place to be. God truly blessed His children during this gathering, especially with another precious soul coming to know the Lord.

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, our friends and loved ones missed at this gathering, and our local community too, Little Cowan Church, Marie Mann, our new Christian saved during this association, Jim Brown, Kathy Robinson, Daniel Hurd, Thelma Tankersley, Mike Fullington and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Oscar Irvin led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer. Thank God for the many wonderful testimonies throughout the building.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Elder Jason Robinette, co-pastor of the host church, came forward thanking God for the presence of His Holy Spirit. He also thanked all those who helped, especially his wife and all the ladies who worked so hard, many local businesses and surrounding community businesses, as well as everyone who came this way. Remember all our churches in prayer. Thank God for His presence and our moderator for leading us through this. The liberty of the spirit is freely given that we will know the right path to follow and continue to trust Him in our daily walk.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as read with one addition. The clerk will add David Smith (Pilgrim's Rest) to the list of ministers that are no longer members of the association. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to modify the minutes between now and the publication of minutes if needed.

There was a move to not print Sister Eileen Brown's name and address in the minutes because we were not certain that she desired to continue sending out revival and special service notices, as she has done in the past. It was motioned, seconded and voted for the clerk to check with Sister Brown to see if she is willing to continue. She does wish to continue sending these notices just as she has in the past. Please let her know by the 20th of the month for the announcement to be included in 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

Brother Roy Jones has been taking care of the Ayers Chapel Church property. It was suggested to give him \$300 in appreciation for all his work on the church property, then it was motioned, seconded and voted to give him \$400 in appreciation for all the work he has done. There was no charge for the attorney for his help with reviewing the association paperwork, but the clerk will send a letter of thanks to the attorney for his help.

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 many years, the Saturday service has been dedicated as a memorial service for those saints who have passed from among us. As a special quiet fell over the church, 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 Harold Shaw took the lead of the service, singing a song and giving a wonderful testimony. Farther on, still go farther, Jesus will forsake you never, for it is better farther on. He has been with our association for 50 years. Christ liveth within us, everything He did was for us. He read Psalm 23 and used as a thought "The shadow cannot hurt us, for God is with us always." As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, the shadow will not hurt us, for God is with us. Grieve not the spirit whereby you are sealed by the Holy Spirit. The Lord is with us wherever we go because He said He would never leave us nor forsake us. Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Take time to witness to loved ones now, so you don't have to bury them without them knowing the Lord. It doesn't appear it will be long before we will be changed in a moment and the twinkling of an eye. We are built upon the right foundation with Jesus as the chief cornerstone.

Elder Terry Sizemore came forward to take the second part of the service with a song and wonderful words of God. When we get home, how sweet it will be to live in peace ever more. When the Lord comes to gather us home, such a time that will be in our glorified body with our Savior leading the way. We need to know we have a personal relationship with our Savior. Regardless of how good our friends and family may have been when teaching us, it is imperative that each of us have a personal knowledge of our Lord and Savior. God has not changed and will continue to be the same forevermore. How wonderful, glorious, marvelous it is to know that God chose us as His children. Always have the understanding and know that we can't do it without Him. Man may let us down, not intentionally, but God will never forsake us, for He is our supreme sacrifice. Always remember they did not take His life, but He willingly gave it for us.

These men preached the Gospel as they were used of God. We thank God for them and for each minister standing for the truth and preaching His word. Thank God for the precious remembrances we have through His wonderful love and mercy.

The Committee on Religious Exercises gave their final report.

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 7, 2012

I was not able to attend Sunday's services, but it is my understanding that the Lord continued to bless, just as He did throughout the entire setting of the association. Thank God for His marvelous grace.

It is a sad time for the host church when things are packed up and moved to next year's host church. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless Fairview Church and the surrounding community and that many lost souls will come to know the Lord as their personal Savior.

We thank God for this church and all those that were able to visit and make this their home for a few short days. We especially pray for the young lady who accepted the Lord as her Savior and that God will bless her and strengthen her as a young Christian that she may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As a member of next year's host church, I would like to ask everyone to plan ahead with vacation days or whatever means are required to be in attendance at the meeting. I can assure you we are looking forward to it and are already making plans for each of you to be there. We trust God will continue to bless His people during the ensuing year so we can see many souls come to know the Lord.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Fifty six years ago, the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists was meeting the first time after the year commonly referred to as "the split." There are those of you among us that remember this gathering first hand. I must admit I can only speak to this time from conversations I've had with many of you that were there. The Circular Letter that was written that year was one that I can echo in sentiment and in fact. It seems that change is inevitable in this world we live in. We have again gone through what some would describe as "a split." Suffice it to say, I wish this was not the case. Thankfully, we have a great Provider! He will never fail us. Praise His Holy Name! He will never leave us.

As suggested by the Circular Letter Committee of 1956 to allow the beloved Moderator of that time, Elder John Henry Sybert, to use the letter he had composed as the circular letter, I feel this letter very aptly applies today as well as then.

The appointed committee for this year's letter was composed of men whom have since left us; therefore, I recommend we re-print the letter of 1956 as recorded in our minutes.

Signed:
Moderator 2012, Elder Terry Sizemore

During the course of time in which I have served by will of the delegates assembled, as Moderator of the Eastern District Association, I am confronted with the various problems which concern the welfare of our churches, ministers, and people in general.

My advice is sought from time to time on these matters as, I suppose, has been the case with all my predecessors in this position.

Trying to serve as Moderator does not, of course, make one an authority on these matters and the advice or help I attempt to give is unofficial when the Association is not in session.

Thinking of the great spiritual need and understanding that is needed among our people, as well as all others, I have herewith attempted to set down some thoughts and explanations, which if approved by the delegates of the Association, would form something of an official attitude concerning the matters I will try to discuss.

Some of the misunderstanding seems to hinge around the question of what relation the individual churches have toward the Association or what powers the churches and Association have in respect to each other.

It is, no doubt, well understood that the local individual church is the first and all-important organization in regard to carrying on the Great Commission and work assigned it by the Lord Jesus. Its government is democratic, its officers those of scriptural authority (pastor, and deacons) with others, such as the clerk, as may be found useful by the church; its purpose to be the light of the world; its aim to contend for sound Bible doctrine and practice regardless of all that may be said or done to the contrary.

It is true, doubtless, that churches existed and functioned many centuries without associations as we now know them being formed. It may then well be asked why we have associations. This may be difficult to answer or many different opinions might be given, but I shall attempt to give as best I can the purpose and goal of the Eastern District Association and its relation to the churches that compose it.

Down through the ages, many false and unscriptural doctrines and practices have arisen among the professed followers of Christ. These, of course, continue and increase as time goes by. Having failed to subdue the church by persecution and force, Satan also uses the means of imitation, substitutions and change to cause division in our ranks and to weaken the true Spirit and power of God among His people.

In the organizing of the Eastern District Association it was felt, as we believe, by our forefathers in the church that a union of churches, agreeing on the great fundamental principles of truth and righteousness, could be a greater strength and influence for good than could independent, isolated churches trying to work alone. As a result, the great truths as they believed and understood them, were set down as what we now have as the Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, and Rules of Decorum.

These statements are not the rash or hurried opinions of men with malice in their hearts but, as they understood them, the plain teachings of the New Testament with the background of the history of the churches that endeavored to follow this unadulterated teaching in the face of tremendous odds.

The Eastern District Association has therefore endeavored to point the way of true simple Bible doctrine and practice without attempting to copy from other organizations or institutions that tend to be of a carnal nature.

It has been the desire of the Association to leave the individual churches free to manage their own affairs and business so long as the church endeavored to stay in line with the true principles upon which we are founded.

I mention here and now a few of the points that have at some time or other caused controversy among our people.

In the interpretation of our doctrine as we understand the Scriptures to teach, the Association has contended for and advocated, the eternal security of the believers, the Trinity of the God Head, closed or restricted communion to those believers in Christ only who are willing to accept the doctrine and practice of the church by becoming members prior to receiving or taking part in the communion service and the rejection of both the doctrine of limited atonement and universal salvation or no eternal punishment for the wicked, but we believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Christ gave all people the opportunity to be saved and those that believe in Christ shall be saved and those that believe not shall be damned.

The Association also provides a means by which letters of recommendation can be exchanged between churches for members who for reasons of convenience desire to move their membership from one church to another; it provides a means by which pastors and evangelists may be contacted and secured by different churches from the membership of other churches in the union. Union meetings and special services by visiting ministers, when desired, are also an example of the benefit and cooperation that may be obtained and enjoyed by the various churches in the union.

If proper regard to peace and harmony is exercised by our ministers and churches in general, then we should be uniform in our belief in and practice of the main fundamental points of our churches and Association.

There now seems to be an effort being made to discredit the Association and the principles for which it has stood these many years.

There seems to be those who are more interested in gaining popularity, fame, and in some cases a life of ease and leisure than to have the courage to contend for the original doctrine and practice of the Apostolic churches.

It is being falsely reported that the Association is against Christian teaching and study of the Scriptures; that it is opposed to the care and support of the poor: that it does not advocate any financial support of pastors or ministers. It is said that we do not believe in being progressive and in keeping up with the times.

As I attempt to answer these charges, I want to point out that the Association does not consider itself as some super police force going around trying to enforce cruel, selfish, or unscriptural doctrines or practices on any church, minister or individual.

I have found in a small amount of study and research that the Association desires to leave to each individual church the ways and means by which it may best carry out the principles upon which each church is founded.

As for the Association being against any form of true Bible study or growth in Christian knowledge, I find this rather to be encouraged in the Church Covenant which the Association endorses and advocates for all the churches. There are, however, no boards or committees set up by the Association to force any church to fall into a certain pattern in regard to how often or what form of services they may have.

In former days when churches had fewer services, there was a great amount of visitation between the churches, which was of great strength and comfort to all concerned.

Yet if the church feels the need of extra services, they should be bound only by the true desire to advocate the doctrine of Christ and not lean to any doctrines or theories of men.

We say again in the Covenant that we will cheerfully contribute of our property for the support of the poor and the maintenance of a faithful ministry of the gospel among us.

Again this is for the individual church to decide just what means they may use to carry out the true spirit of this Covenant. The Association has stated from time to time that any church that so desires may have a treasury with the deacons in charge to investigate and recommend all cases of needy circumstances in order that the church may perform its duty. The church should also support the pastor in regard to his expenses and other such help as may be possible or advisable. The minister should at all times remember the true purpose of his calling and not be influenced by the possibility of financial gain, to the neglect of his duty to those churches and congregations that are less able to support him.

As to the preceding mentioned doctrines and all the real teachings of the Scriptures, the Association feels that all churches and ministers are duty and honor bound to teach, preach, and practice so as not to cause trouble or discord in the Association body as a whole so that all may be able to behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

I should also like to add that the Association has provided through a Committee on Arrangements or Queries a means to discuss and attempt to answer any questions that may be brought before the body, and before wild and rash statements and charges are made against the Association, this means of obtaining the true opinion of the Association should be used.

Then in summary, I say that the Association does not intend to meddle in one way or another in those things which are the material rights of each church, but it is hoped as delegates from various churches gather at the Association from year to year, that it may be as a multitude of counselors wherein there may be pointed the way of safety in regard to the great heritage of earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

We therefore recommend no man-made bonds or institutions to promote this great cause, but urge that each and all search diligently from the depth of heart and soul that they may be guided by

the great spirit of truth as it unfolds to us the true teaching of God's word. In so doing, we will find that our Great Shepherd will make a way where ever He bids us go or asks that we do.

As we go forth, may we boldly yet with all humility mind and spirit teach, preach, and advocate these things wherein we have been blessed by the Lord in the past, at the same time reconciling ourselves to the fact that such as do so have always been in the minority and that we shall have much criticism to endure from many around us.

May we endure this patiently, and live soberly, righteously and godly, putting away malice, wrath, hatred, lying and all such works of the flesh so that God may bless us with power that sinners may be saved and His people come to the unity of faith, is the prayer of your unworthy servant.

Signed:
Elder Bernard Banks
Elder H. V. Hall
Elder Clarence Johnson

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Time moves on and here we are at another gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. There are many clichés that could be used, but the fact remains that God has blessed us to come together one more time this side of eternity. We all have fond memories of associations past, but the church at Fairview Ohio, Bellbrook, as we know it, has set their sights on making new memories as they prepared for our visit. It is truly a blessing and a heaven bought privilege to gather here with friends and loves ones. It is indeed a place where we can, and should, put all our troubles behind us and concentrate on Jesus and what He has done for us as we worship Him in truth and spirit. The work completed here is an inspiration to us all and we thank the church at Fairview, and all our sister churches, for everything that has been done to make ready our stay with them. Their work, patience, and willingness to make our stay with them enjoyable, spiritual, and just a wonderful time in the Lord is greatly appreciated from the depths of our heart. What a privilege to be gathered here with God's children again!

A donation of any kind is greatly appreciated and without them, the burden placed upon the host church would be almost unbearable. To thank all the 33 churches who contributed \$5,520 to help the host church seems trivial, but the truth is, without the help of the sister churches, the individuals making private donations and those giving of their time to support the host church, this task would be impossible. Since we don't know each individual or group who has sacrificed their time, money, and prayers to help host this grand event, it is impossible to thank you individually, but I trust you will 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. The dictionary defines the word help as to aid, assist, facilitate, succor, rescue, and that it is "a good thing." Our help comes from God; and while it can be rendered in varying ways, we must be sure to always help one another in all manners, as Fairview has done for us. Not to honor man, but that God would receive all the honor, glory and praise for it all.

We have a true leader in our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore. There is more to the job than just standing in front of the delegation for a few days each year. His devotion and dedication are not only appreciated, but we know he is there for us and will stand for right through the good and bad alike. We ask God to continue to bless him and his family in the coming years.

Each job is important for the success of this event. Regardless of the job you did or the part you played in making things run smoothly, we thank you and appreciate you being part of this great body of God's children. 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. In the whole scheme of things, what really matters is that God will receive all the glory and honor for everything.

Over the years of my involvement with this association, I have heard many special people talk of how many times they have been blessed to attend this great event. Many were able to say they attended for a great many years and others were able to attend many consecutive years. While it is a given that many of our preachers have been able to make this statement, there were others in attendance who just sat quietly in the congregation, praying and rejoicing as they witnessed the joys of serving our Lord. Thinking back, there are many individuals that come to mind. Some are here today, and countless others have gone on to their reward, but all are precious in the memories of God's children. Recalling fond memories of great times, serving the Lord with them is just one more way God blesses His children and another way we realize what an awesome God we serve. While this recollection boosts our faith to help us stand for Jesus in all things, some may not be able to say they have attended for many years, which is fine, for we all must begin sometime.

Considering the 160 years since this association was established, just think of all the people who have come and gone during these years. We have been blessed to know many of them during our time here. More importantly than any record number of years in attendance for any one individual, is the One who has been in attendance at every meeting, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. While others have attended many times, only One has been in attendance at each meeting throughout the history of the organization. He has the record and more importantly, He has the record that is of most importance, the Fair Lamb's Book of Life. It is that record that matters most. Thank God for allowing our forefathers to establish an organization that has stood the test of time and will continue to do so until time is no more. May He bless each of us with the understanding of His word to help our unbelief that we do not sin against Him.

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 dismissal;

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

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

1. Conference shall consist of members of the church and visiting members of sister churches of the same faith and order if so desired.
2. Conference shall be opened and closed with praise and prayer to Almighty God. I Tim. 2:1; I Thess. 5:17, 18.
3. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of "Brother Moderator," to whom every speech shall be perfectly directed.
4. The members' names being regularly enrolled shall by the Clerk be distinctly called over.
5. A door shall be open when thought necessary for admission of new members into the church. But none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and shall first verbally relate their experience and give an account of the work of God in their hearts; and secondly, of their faith and principles, if the church requires it; and thirdly, the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct. When full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Moderator shall manifest the same by giving the right hand of fellowship and thus receive them in order.
6. No complaint shall be brought in the Conference respecting crimes of a private nature until the grieved party has complied with the directions of our Lord in Matt. 18:15.
7. Every motion and second shall come under the consideration of the Conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it.
8. Every query presented shall be three times read. When it is read, the Moderator shall put it to a vote to see if the majority is for or against answering it. The query shall be debated if deemed necessary, but the querist may withdraw it any time providing that no intricate question be asked.

9. If the minority at any time should be grieved at the determination of the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

10. Section 1. All business of the Conference shall be recorded by the clerk before the conference rises; the same shall be distinctly read and corrected, if need be.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

19. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by His Son, Jesus Christ, and this day will be after the death of the body. Heb. 9:27; John 5:22; Acts 17:31.
20. We believe there will be a general resurrection at the last day, both of the just and the unjust; this will also be the day of final judgment and the eternal destiny of all people, of all ages, will then be made known. Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:23, 24, 54; I Thess. 4:14-17; II Thess. 1:7-10.
21. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 25:46.
22. We believe God instituted marriage as the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife and any other such union is an abomination. Gen 2:18-25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:24-32; Eph. 5:22-33; I Pet. 3:1-7.

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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

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

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

LIST OF MINISTERS

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

Name & Address	Church Membership
Baker, Lewis A., 867 Fall Creek Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-5529	Chestnut Flats
Banks, Charles, (Rosie) 25 Hitchcock Loop, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-3030	Richardson Chapel
Banks, John, (Barbara) 18 Soward Dr., Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-0443	Little Cowan
Bedwell, John D. II, 1664 Smith Creek, Eolia, KY 40826, (606) 633-0647	Little Dove
Bernard, Charles, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 245-6087	West View
Berry, Wally, 119 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-8567	Willow Chapel
Bowlin, John H., (Brenda) 205 E. Central, Bristol, TN 37620, (423) 764-1070	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Brown, Bob, (Debi) 241 Park Dr., Bean Station, TN 37708, (423) 289-6138	Clear Springs
Carroll, Porter, 2020 Autumn Lane, Morristown, TN 37813, (423) 839-0275	Swan Creek
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) 733-8696	Swan Creek
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) 180 Flanary St., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 408-4666	Sloantown
Hager, Carter, 109 Walnut St., New Tazewell, TN 37825, (865) 585-5327	Swan Creek
*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) 690-6904	Roller's Chapel
Holbrook, Jeff, (Sheilah) 3353 Craft Colly Rd., Ermine, KY 41815, (606) 632-1397	Edwin Holbrook
Hurd, Daniel, 574 Hillsville Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 346-1215	Blackwater Lick
Ivin, 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
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
*Lampkin, Wiley, 2600 Springvale Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 736-5358	New Life
Little, Tony, (Tonya) 583 Sycamore Loop, Jeremiah, KY 41826, (606) 633-2257	Little Cowan
Lykins, Jim, (Anne) 7447 W. 3 rd St., Dayton, OH 45417, (937) 572-1499	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)
Meade, Tommy, (Earletta) 31 Miller Creek, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-6205	Richardson Chapel

Moody, David, (Leah) 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 378-4524.....	West View
*Moore, Jerry, 28 Apples Court, Cattlesburg, KY 41129, (606) 987-0185.....	Macedonia
*Newkirk, Mark, (Anita) 3764 Stonebarn Ct., Franklin, OH 45005, (937) 475-1807.....	Rose Chapel
Osborne, Tommy, (Robin) 5091 Gate City Hwy., Bristol, VA 24201, (276) 466-5598.....	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Persinger, Jerry, (Joan) 590 Poplar Grove Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-7322.....	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) 1203 Old US 35E, Xenia, OH 45385 (937) 266-7495.....	Clear Springs
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) 106 Shepherds Ridge, Waynesville, OH 45068, (937) 212-8192.....	Fairview (OH)
Robinette, Josh, (Kristi) 320 St. Rt. 72N, Jamestown, OH 45335, (937) 499-0285.....	Clear Springs
Seiber, Richard, 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, 280 Columbus St., Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 218-6427.....	Macedonia
Sizemore, Terry, (Peggy) 1225 Deneen Lane, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-8496.....	Swan Creek
Smith, Carl, (Clara) 207 Easter Lily Lane, Gate City, VA 24251, (423) 612-1691.....	Willow Chapel
Smith, Daniel, (Mandy) 179 Willard Lawson Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857 (423) 312-3147.....	Peterson's Chapel
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
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 B., 340 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 357-5443.....	Mt. Mitchell
Willis, Harmon, 3200 Cameo Loop, Lot 26, White Pine, TN 37890, (865) 674-6971.....	Osborne's Chapel
Woodward, Don, 305 US Highway 421, Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (276) 546-3204.....	Low View
*Yount, Terry, (Billie) 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
Blackwater Lick - Anita H. Moore	651 Roy Cheek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263,	(276) 346-1392
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
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	320 St. Rt. 72N, Jamestown, OH 45335,	(937) 479-5866
Copper Creek (Addington Frame) - Flo Minton	439 Farmhouse Dr., Nickelsville, VA 24271,	(276) 479-2905
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
Flower Gap - Onza Fisher	2001 A. J. Osborne Hwy., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 346-2292
Gardner's Memorial - Cathy R. Baker	1629 Shelleys Rd., Bristol, VA 24202,	(276) 466-3540
Irondale - Ann Phillips	1529 Irondale Rd., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219,	(276) 523-2621
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
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
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
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
Roller's Chapel - Kim Robinette	2516 Canton Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 431-4725
Rose Chapel - Sandra J. Johnson	360 Ethelrob Cir., Carlisle, OH 45005,	(937) 743-2017
Shelby Creek - Thelma Tate	405 Annea Lane, Kingsport, TN 37660,	(423) 247-2337
Sloantown - Frank Gilliam	180 Flanary St., Kingsport, TN 37660,	(423) 408-4666
Swan Creek - Danita Dodson	5444 Tazewell Hwy., Sneedville, TN 37869,	(423) 733-8546
Valley View - Wanda Parsons	1853 Cave Springs Rd., Dryden, VA 24243,	(276) 546-3643
Wallen's Creek - Francis Tomlinson	370 Middle Wallens Creek Rd., Lot 109, Duffield, VA 24244,	(276) 546-5474
West View - Nancy McCullough	1675 Carters Valley Rd., Surgoinsville, TN 37873,	(423) 754-6325
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 – Osborne’s Chapel Church in Lee County, VA, hosted the 60th annual Eastern District Association beginning October 3, 1912. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Peters from I Corinthians 11, using a portion of the 2nd verse “Keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.” Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and Amos Osborne, clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – On September 30, 1937 the 85th annual session met with Beech Grove Church, Scott County, VA. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Barnett Lawson from Hebrews 2:9, “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour, that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” He was followed by Elder Corbett Bowen on the same subject. Elders E. A. Robinette and T. R. Carter were elected moderators, and Amos Osborne, clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Little Cowan Church, Whitesburg, KY, hosted the 110th annual session beginning on October 4, 1962. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder R. T. Carter after quoting for his text the 1st and 2nd verses of the 11th chapter of Hebrews, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report.” Elder Clarence Slagle, the alternate, followed 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 1, 1987 was the beginning of the 135th annual session, hosted by Oak Grove Church, Bulls Gap, TN. Elder Lucian Lane preached the introductory sermon by quoting Luke 7:19, “And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?” He was followed by Elder Basil Freeman. 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.

BLACKWATER LICK: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Anita Moore, Gerald Moore, Scott Mellons and Becky Lawson. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 97; 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. Elder Mike Fullington asked to attend. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, VA. Delegate: Kyle Robinette. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 16; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT - 6:00 p.m. EST). Richard Seiber, moderator pro-tem.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Chris Salley and Jim Bowlin. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 64; 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. Jim Bowlin, moderator pro-tem.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Delmer McPherson and Ada McPherson. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 105; 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. Delmer McPherson, moderator pro-tem.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Roy Jones, Lillie Akens, Josh Jones and Lois Collier; alternates: Justin Jones and Vicky Jones. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 38; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Eddie Malone and Lloyd Morelock. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, Sunday (9:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. 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. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday. Lewis Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Dennis Stewart, Karen Stewart, Sam VanHoose and Myra Andrews; alternates: Penny VanHoose and Kristi Robinette. Dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 139; contribution, \$80.00; 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: Allen Addington, Clifton Horne, Nadine Horne and Roger Manning; alternates: Steve Minton and Flo Minton. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 69; 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. Daniel Smith, moderator.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Rita Asbury and Phyllis Cely. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$60.00; 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. Richard Seiber, moderator.

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

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Kay Jackson, June Kail, Gary Hahn and Charlene Mitchell. Alternate: Joseph Robinette. Received by experience and baptism, 11; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 158; 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.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Virgie Grace Hill, Helen Willis and Doug Willis. Dismissed by letter, 3; excluded, 4; total number on roll, 72; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Doug Willis, moderator pro-tem.

GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: Blountville, TN. Delegates: Hiram Gardner and Gail Gardner. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 105; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Tommy Osborne, moderator.

IRONDALE: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Frankie Phillips and Ann Phillips. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 27; contribution, \$15.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Frankie Phillips, moderator pro-tem.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Carol Caudill, Rex Fields, Charlie Little and Doris Banks. Excluded, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. John Banks, moderator.

LITTLE DOVE: Eolia, KY. Delegates: John Bedwell II, J. D. Bedwell, Liz Sturgill and Rod Sturgill; alternates: Benny Sturgill and Janie Sturgill. Received by experience and baptism, 3; excluded, 6; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 21; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in June. John Bedwell II, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Danny Bailey, Virgie Williams and John Charles. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 6; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 189; 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 19, 2013. John Charles, moderator pro-tem.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: None. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 41; 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: Clem Simmons, Bob Story, Kenny Taylor and Brad VanHoose; alternate: David VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 7; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 96; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in April. David VanHoose, moderator.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 29; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Richard Seiber, moderator.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Shirley Blair and Juanita Williams. Received by relationship, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 103; contribution, \$120.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Frank Gilliam, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: John Collins, Jerry Johnson, Donald L. Johnson and Wylie Lampkin; alternates: Christine Conley and Faye Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 6; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 74; 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: Larry Fannon, Carolyn Fannon, James Davidson and Mary Ruth Davidson; alternates: Julia Pierce and Johnny Willis. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 90; contribution, \$96.60; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Harmon Willis, moderator.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Tom Bates, Jane Peterson, Michael Peterson and Daniel Smith; alternates: Lola Peterson and Matthew Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; excluded, 4; total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning (11:00 a.m.) in June. Daniel Smith, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Steve Hunt, Delores Hunt, Matthew Stevens and Richard Stevens; alternates: Oscar Irvin and Priscilla Irvin. Received by experience and baptism, 3; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1st Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Louisa, KY. Delegate: Tommy Meade. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received or restored by recantation, 2; dismissed by letter, 7; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 193; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday night before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Greg Hill, Joe Robinette, Kathy Lawson and Aubra Hill; alternates: Kim Robinette and Emma Jean Robinette. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 54; 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: Luther Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Mark Newkirk and Jim Lykins; alternates: Anne Lykins and Anita Newkirk. Received by relationship, 4; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Turner, moderator.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, TN. Delegates: Andrew Yount, Billie Yount and Terry Yount. Received by relationship, 4; total number on roll, 12; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday night and Sunday following the 3rd Saturday. Terry Yount, moderator pro-tem.

SLOANTOWN: Clinchport, VA. Delegates: Frank Gilliam, JoAnn Griffin and Linda Turner. Total number on roll, 27; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday. James Bowlin, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Johnny Bunch, Clarence Dodson, Carter Hager and Keith Holt; alternates: Earl Lee Dodson and Doyle Odell. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 303; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, VA. Delegates: Ronnie Leonard, Sandra Leonard, Anna Duncan and Patricia Long; alternates: Mike Fleenor and David Parsons. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 60; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Mike Fleenor, moderator.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Richard Seiber, Donna Williams and Eddy Williams. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 45; 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.). Richard Seiber, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Charles Bernard, David Moody, Burnice Sybert and Billy Walton; alternates: Zula McCullough and Leah Moody. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 6; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. 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 and Tina Fullington. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 94; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Wally Berry, Scott Tipton, Teresa Tipton and Amy Bledsoe. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 74; 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; Carl Smith, honorary pastor.

TOTALS: 37 churches (19 in VA., 10 in TN., 4 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 44; received by letter, 18; received by relationship, 26; received or restored by recantation, 2; dismissed by letter, 19; excluded, 15; deceased, 51; total number on roll, 3013.

There are 27 ministers serving as pastors - 24 are serving 1 church; 2 are serving 2 churches; 1 is serving 4 churches and 2 are serving as honorary pastor. There are 7 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 28 ministers and 0 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2013

(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: Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fleenor, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manning, Daniel Smith, J. R. South and Burnice Sybert.

3 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Jason Robinette, Joe Robinette, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

4 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wallace Berry, Mike Fullington, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, J. R. South and Harmon Willis.

5 - CADET: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Mike Fleenor, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Moody, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, J. R. South and Scott Tipton.

6 - PETERSON'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wallace Berry, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert 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, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith and Burnice Sybert.

2 - SWAN CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Mike Fleenor, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

3 - OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

4 - COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, David VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

- JUNE -

1 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Porter Carroll, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Donald L. Johnson, Wiley Lampkin, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert, 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: Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Jerry Johnson, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

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, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and Don Woodward.

5 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

6 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA): To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Frank Gilliam, Roger Manning, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

7 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Roger Manning, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, Harmon Willis, Don Woodward 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, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

2 - SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Eddie Malone, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and Terry Yount.

3 - BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Mike Fullington, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

- AUGUST -

1 - WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South and Burnice Sybert.

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, Mike Fleenor, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

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

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

5 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert.

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

7 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Harmon Willis.

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, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

10 - MACEDONIA: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Donald L. Johnson, Daniel Smith and Burnice Sybert.

- SEPTEMBER -

1 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Harold Shaw, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

2 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Frank Gilliam, Richard Seiber and Burnice Sybert.

3 - LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Greg Hill, Jeff Holbrook, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

4 - CHESTNUT FLATS: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Charles Bernard, Bob Brown, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber and Burnice Sybert.

5 - WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Oscar Irvin, Carl Smith, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all other ministers welcome.

6 - FLOWER GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber and Harmon Willis.

DIRECTIONS TO BLACKWATER LICK (BIG DOOR) CHURCH

1440 A. J. Osborne Hwy.
Blackwater, VA 24221

Coming from Kingsport or Big Stone Gap on Route 23, turn at the Duffield intersection onto Route 58 West. Follow Route 58 for 0.8 mile, turn left onto Route 604. Follow Route 604 for the next 2.6 miles to Pattonville, where Route 604 turns to the left. After 1 mile, the road forks and Route 604 continues to the right. Follow Route 604 until it intersects with Route 603 (approximately 10.6 miles). Turn right across bridge, staying on Route 604 for approximately 0.4 mile to the church on the left.

If coming in from the Rogersville area (Route 11W), turn North onto Route 70 and follow it to Blackwater. After 5.2 miles, Route 70 and Route 94 split. Remain on Route 70 for another 16.7 miles until you get to Route 604. Turn right and go approximately 1.3 miles to the church.

When coming in from the Jonesville area, turn South onto Route 70 and follow it for about 12 miles to Route 604, turn left and go approximately 1.3 miles to the church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

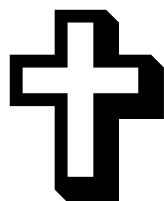
Balance from 2011	\$ 18,047.52
Additional Receipts from 2011	3,743.56
Receipts from 2012	4,676.60
Interest	29.58
TOTAL	\$ 26,497.26

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	1,138.32
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	82.56
Clerical supplies	0.00
Electrical and PA Supplies	13.13
Gift to Moderator	800.00
Maintenance/Expenses for Ayers Chapel Church property	650.00
Gift to Clerk	1,500.00
Printing and packaging 1,250 copies of 2012 minutes	2,575.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 6,839.01

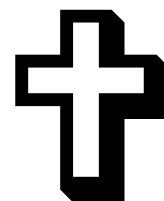
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 19,658.25
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NOTE: The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes ordered was \$5.47



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.

ADDINGTON, Leta Jane McConnell
BAKER, Gary Pearson
BLANTON, Edna Lucille
BORDERS, Jeffery Wallace
BURTON, Michael Luther
CHILDERS, Clinton
COLLIER, Orville, Sr.
DOWELL, Jeffery Dean
FIELDS, Bobby John
FIELDS, Phoebe
GILLIAM, Hassie Marie Osborne
HILL, Kelly Jack
HURD, Eva Carlene Bradley
JETER, Roy, Sr.
LAWSON, Charles T.
MARCUM, Maxie McDavid
MILES, Virginia
OSBORNE, Mary Ruth
PEARCY, Kenneth
RHODES, Charlsie
SLAGLE, Clara A.
SMITH, Kellis J.
STEWART, Janelle
WALLEN, Annalou
WALTON, Addie Faye

ALLEN, James Lester
BARNETT, Beulah Meade Roller
BOGGS, Elsie
BURKE, Eliza (Granny)
CAUDILL, J. Thomas (J. T.)
CLARKS, Devotia Giles
COX, Millard Keith (George)
DUNCAN, Edward Marcum
FIELDS, Edward Earl
GILES, Edward (Eddy) Dwight
HICKMAN, Lester Wayne
*HILL, Elder Lewis (L. E.)
JACKSON, Paul
KERNS, Cathy Monette
LAWSON, Hobart James
MCCONNELL, Ruby J. Addington
OSBORNE, Maybelle Marie Johnson
PARSONS, Sarah Elizabeth Osborne
PITZER, Catherine Lightner
SEIBER, Vivian F.
SLAGLE, Mary Nancy
SMITH, Linda Sue Christian Coffey
THACKER, John (J. C.)
WALLEN, Clifford R.
*WILLIAMS, Elder Robert E. (Bobby)

*Ministers

LETA JANE MCCONNELL ADDINGTON was born April 15, 1915 and the Lord called her home on May 22, 2012 at the age of 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delmar D. Addington; parents, James and Myrtle McConnell; 4 sisters, 2 brothers and an infant great grandson.

She is survived by her daughter, Doris Keith; her son, Allen L. Addington; 3 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was the oldest member of Copper Creek Church (Addington Frame) where she faithfully attended as long as she was able. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and a friend to all and we loved her so much.

She is sadly missed, but we know she has peace and rest in a far better place with her family and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

JAMES LESTER ALLEN, 67, of Duffield, VA, was born August 25, 1944 and passed away on December 9, 2011 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, TN.

He was a lifetime resident of the Duffield, VA area and was a member of Mountain View Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wheeler O. and Maggie Thompson Allen and by an infant brother, Marsell Allen.

He is survived by 2 brothers, Kermit and Robert Allen; 2 sisters, Allie Marie Wallen and Margaret Kinsler and several nieces and nephews.

- Written by the family

GARY PEARSON BAKER, 35, departed this life on December 16, 2011. He was saved at the age of 13 under the preaching of Elder Astor Banks and was a member of Gardner's Memorial Church.

He was preceded in death by three of his grandparents and his great grandparents.

Survivors include 1 son, Skylar Daniel Baker; parents, Gary W. and Cathy Baker; 1 grandmother; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pearson was a proud father and loving son and is greatly missed by all who loved him and knew him.

- Written by his Dad and Mom

BEULAH MEADE ROLLER BARNETT, beloved wife, mom, grandma and friend, passed away December 21, 2011 at Quaker Heights Nursing Home, Waynesville, OH at the age of 89.

She was born Aug. 13, 1922 in Scott Co., VA to Rebecca Ann (Bledsoe) and Haskew Roller. She was a former member of Rose Chapel Church and most recently a member of Fairview (Bellbrook, OH) Church where she enjoyed being active.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 1 son, Michael Barnett; 5 brothers and 6 sisters.

Beulah is survived by her husband of 70 years, Bascom; 2 sons, Christopher and David; and 4 grandchildren.

- Written by the family

EDNA LUCILLE BLANTON of Partridge passed away October 18, 2011 at her residence.

Lucille was the daughter of the late Wendell and Dora Caudill Parsons.

She was born July 12, 1931, being 80 years, 3 months, and 6 days of age at the time of her passing.

Lucille was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Herbert.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Glenda Barnett and Teresa Schottler; 1 son, Clifton Blanton; 3 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Ann Sayers and Carolyn Boggs; 5 brothers, T. J., Parnell, Dale, Loyal and Donnie Parsons; along with nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Sister Lucille was a member of the Little Dove Church since May, 1947. Her church family misses this special lady very much.

- Written by the church clerk

ELSIE BOGGS of Little Cowan passed away March 5, 2012 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center.

Elsie was the daughter of the late Nathaniel Patrick "N. P." and Etta Collins Banks.

She was born July 29, 1918, being 93 years, 7 months, and 5 days of age at the time of her passing.

She joined Little Cowan Church on March 26, 1937.

Elsie was the widow of Paul Tollie Boggs.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Ina Vincent and Paula Lowe; 2 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Elsie was preceded in death by 5 brothers, Bernard, Bert, James Elmo, Clifton and Clayton Banks; 3 sisters, Lucy Montgomery, Ruth Dyer and Rillavae Risner.

- Written by the family

JEFFERY WALLACE BORDERS was born Sept. 5, 1969 to Wallace and Juanita Borders and went to be with the Lord on Father's Day, June 17, 2012.

He was married to Misty Hickman Borders and was blessed with 2 children, Emily Kathern Borders and Hayden Wallace Borders. He is survived by his parents; his maternal grandmother and 1 half-sister, Dawn Cook Jordan.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather and paternal grandparents. He was saved and baptized in January, 2012 and joined Richardson Chapel Church. From the time he was saved, his main concern in life was that his children be brought up in church. He is greatly missed by his family and his church family.

- Written by his mother, Juanita Borders

ELIZA "GRANNY" BURKE departed this walk of life with her Lord and Savior August 15, 2012 at the age of 97 years and one month. She was born July 16, 1915 in Lee County, VA.

Eliza loved her flowers and gospel music. She was saved in her younger life and joined Davis Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ben Burke; infant twin boys; 1 son, Tommy; parents, Peter and Florence Lambert; 3 brothers, Arthur Ray, Jim and Gale; 4 sisters, Nanabelle, Eva, Margie and Cora Lambert.

She leaves to mourn her passing 4 daughters, Emogene Mitchell, Ruth Vincent, Peggy Bowers and Susie Campbell; 14 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

- Written by her niece, Wren Tomlinson

MICHAEL LUTHER BURTON was born May 24, 1967 and passed away April 15, 2012 at the age of 44 years.

He was saved at the age of 12 and joined Low View Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Luther Burton.

He is survived by his mother, Elsie Burton; 3 sisters, Debbie Rogers, Dottie Kleineick and Sharon Shuler; several nieces, nephews and friends.

Michael suffered a lot of pain but seldom complained. We miss him very much, but someday we'll see him in heaven with a perfect body without pain.

- Written by his family

J. THOMAS "J. T." CAUDILL, 76, of Whitesburg, Kentucky, went home peacefully to be with the Lord surrounded by family and friends on September 10, 2011 at Holston Valley Hospital in Kingsport, TN.

Mr. Caudill was born January 27, 1935 on Little Cowan near Whitesburg, Kentucky and was a son of the late Burnice and Madge Caudill. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Eileen Combs Caudill and 1 sister, Freida Caudill Runyons.

Mr. Caudill was a member of Little Cowan Church where he was deeply loved and called upon often to lead prayer.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp, having served in the South Pacific and as a Drill Instructor at Paris Island, South Carolina. Mr. Caudill retired from the United States Postal Service. He was also a member of the Fields Masonic Lodge in Cumberland, Kentucky.

J. T. was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed worshipping the Lord and visiting with family and friends. He was also an avid fisherman and liked relaxing at Cherokee Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Carol Caudill; 1 son, Douglas Wayne Caudill; 1 daughter, Sherrie Brown; 1 stepdaughter, Jill Kent; 1 sister, Barbara Halcomb; 4 grandsons; 4 granddaughters; nephews, nieces, and a host of loving relatives and friends.

- Written by the family

CLINTON CHILDERS of Richardson passed away March 27, 2012 at the age of 72. He was born August 7, 1939 to the late Harmon and Dorothy Martin Childers.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Lloyd and Glen Childers and 3 children, Linda, Brenda and Greg Childers.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda Vanhooose Childers; 1 son, Jamie Childers; 1 sister, Marie Childers and a host of relatives and friends.

Clint was a member of Richardson Chapel and is greatly missed by all that knew him.

- Written by the family

DEVOTIA GILES CLARK was born June 30, 1927 and passed from this life on July 10, 2012 at the age of 85 years. She was a lifelong resident of Lee County, Virginia.

She professed Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and was a faithful member of Peterson's Chapel Church for many years. She was the daughter of the late Roy and Lucy Giles.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Carlyle Clark and 1 grandson.

Devotia is survived by 2 daughters, Teresa Fannon and Vickie Mustek; 4 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Audnia Giles; 1 sister, Peggy Cervarich and several special nieces, special nephews and friends.

- Written by the family

ORVILLE COLLIER, SR. went peacefully home to be with the Lord on March 20, 2012, being 89 years, 10 months and 3 days. He was born and raised on Franks Creek at Eolia, KY to the late William Marion and Nancy Maggard Collier.

Orville was a veteran of World War II and served in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a 50 year member of the Fields Masonic Lodge in Cumberland, KY. He was a faithful member of the Little Cowan Church.

Orville was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lela Scott Collier; 1 son, Roger Wayne Collier; 1 grandson; 3 brothers, Henry, Curtis and Arnold Collier and stepmother, Ollie Halcomb Collier.

Survivors include 1 son, Orville Collier, Jr.; 3 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Nancy Hubbard, Joyce Caudill and Doris Banks and a host of nieces, nephews, church family, good friends and neighbors who will mourn his passing.

- Written by Ramona Caudill, church clerk

MILLARD KEITH “GEORGE” COX departed this life on May 9, 2012 and went to his heavenly home to be with his God and Savior at the age of 69.

He was a member of Davis Chapel Church and worked for VDOT for 31 years, retiring in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his father, Millard Cox and 1 brother, Kenny Cox.

Surviving are his wife, Sheryll Cox; his mother, Laura Cox; 1 son, Tim Cox; 1 daughter, Vickie Lewis; 3 granddaughters; 2 brothers, Jim and Doug Cox; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and relatives.

Keith was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will be missed by all who loved him.

- Written by his daughter, Vickie Lewis

JEFFERY DEAN DOWELL was born December 31, 1963 and departed this life December 17, 2011.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Dowell.

Survivors include his mother, Grace Dowell; 1 sister, Connie Penley; 2 brothers, Billy Dowell and Bobby Dowell.

He was a member of Gardner’s Memorial Church. He is sadly missed, but will never be forgotten.

- Written by his family

EDWARD MARCUM DUNCAN was born January 26, 1921, and went home to be with his Jesus on April 5, 2012.

He was a member of Valley View Church in Dryden, VA for approximately 12 years, and he served as a Trustee for the last years of his membership.

Ed was a veteran of the U.S. Army of World War II. He testified often of the time when God spoke to him while he was in a foxhole and told him what he needed to do to save his life.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Alvonia Marcum Duncan; and his son, Samuel Duncan; 8 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Anna Hartsock Duncan and 1 grandson.

Ed is greatly missed by his loving wife and church family.

- Written by the church clerk

BOBBY JOHN FIELDS went to be with the Lord May 31, 2012 after battling cancer for a year.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Fields; father, Willie Fields; 1 sister, Sue and 2 brothers, Fred and Dub Fields.

He has four living sisters, Gladys Thacker, Margie Charles, Louise and Dorothy Fields and 1 brother, Lynn Fields. John has 2 daughters, Lori Campbell and Deanna Arnnott and 1 stepson, Chad Kirk; his wife, Reba Kay Fields; 5 grandchildren and 1 step grandson.

John served in the U.S. Army and spent two years in Vietnam. He was a deacon at Long Hollow Church for many years. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. John Fields was a friend to all. He will be greatly missed.

- Written by Reba Kay Fields

EDWARD EARL FIELDS, 76, passed away June 6, 2012 at Brookhaven Manor in Kingsport, TN. He was of the Baptist faith.

He served four years in the U.S. Air Force and was previously employed at Holliston Mills in Church Hill, TN.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Phyllis Ann Fields; parents, Ed and Emma Fields; 1 brother, Bob Fields and 3 sisters, Nellie Fields, Tilda Charles and Eulah Manis.

He is survived by 2 sons, Phillip and Darrell Fields; 4 sisters, Janie Trent, Faye Barrett, Helen Manis and Virginia Hickman; several nieces and nephews.

- Written by the family

PHOEBE FIELDS of Little Cowan passed away March 1, 2012 at her residence. Phoebe was the daughter of the late Cleveland and Kate Smith Adkins.

She was born October 25, 1918, being 93 years, 4 months, and 6 days of age at the time of her passing.

Phoebe was a member of the Little Cowan Church for over 65 years.

She was the widow of Nelson Fields.

Surviving are 8 daughters, Kathryn Hoskins, Evelyn Cosgriff, Ella Caudill, Juanita Caudill, Janet Napier, Libby Honeycutt, Helen Roberts and Lisa Howard; 5 sons, Ralph, Orell, Rex, Dean and Gary Fields; 39 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Phoebe was preceded in death by 4 sons, James C., William H., Richard B. and Delmer J. Fields.

- Written by the family

EDWARD "EDDY" DWIGHT GILES was born August 10, 1946 and departed this life May 10, 2011 at the age of 64 years and 9 months. He was the son of Ray Giles and Ruby Phillips Giles.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Benny Giles. His mother outlived him by almost 2½ months.

He is survived by 2 sons, Jarrod and Travis Giles; 1 brother, David Giles; 1 grandson; several cousins, 1 nephew and a host of friends.

Eddy was retired from the Wise County, Virginia school system, but was still active as a school bus driver, a member of the Big Stone Gap Town Council and a member of the Habitat for Humanity.

He was saved at a young age and was very active in the Ayers Chapel Church, where he served as song leader, Sunday School Teacher and any capacity where he could be of benefit to God and his fellow church members. His race having been finished, he is now at rest in the presence of the Lord awaiting the great day of resurrection.

- Written by the family

HASSIE MARIE OSBORNE GILLIAM, 89, of Blackwater was born December 6, 1922 and passed away May 25, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Cordelia Osborne; husband, Elice (Bob) Gilliam; 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Narsie Osborne and Thelma Johnson; 3 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Emma Robinette and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was of the Baptist faith and a lifelong resident of Blackwater. A loving and caring mother and grandmother, she will be missed a lot by all family and friends.

- Written by the family

LESTER WAYNE HICKMAN, 66, of Surgoinsville, TN, passed away at Wellmont Hawkins County Memorial Hospital on March, 22, 2012.

He was preceded in death by his father, Will Hickman and mother, Carrie Louise Christian Hickman; 4 brothers, Ralph (Habe), Guy, Alvin and Andrew Hickman and 1 sister, Shirley Moffitt.

Wayne was well known in the area for his fish flies, turkey calls and his love of hunting. He was of the Baptist faith. He loved to sing praises unto the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary L. Hickman; 3 sons, Rick, Scott and Bob; 2 brothers, Dewey and Aray Hickman; 2 sisters, Margie Hutchins and Inez LaFollette; 5 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Wayne was loved dearly by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

- Written by the family

KELLY JACK HILL, 74, went to be with the Lord on March, 23, 2011 in Hendersonville, NC.

Kelly Jack was a hardworking man. He also loved to sing gospel songs and read his Bible.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elder Ben and Flora Hill; 2 brothers, Jabo Anderson and Elder L. E. Hill.

He is survived by 2 sons, Larry and Robert Franklin Hill; 2 daughters, Debbie Hill Fowler and Merida Cutshaw; the mother of his children, Betty Hill Hansen; 1 brother, Gaylord Hill; 3 sisters, Emma Jean Robinette, Edith Sybert and Geneva Glover; 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Sleep on dear daddy, brother, uncle, friend until we meet again in heaven.

- Written by the family

ELDER LEWIS (L. E.) HILL, 71, of Blackwater, VA went to be with his Savior on March, 19, 2011. He was born November 19, 1939 to Elder Ben and Flora Hill.

L. E. was saved at an early age. He was a young man when the Lord called him to preach His word. He was a member of Sloantown Church. There were many things L. E. loved doing, but the one he loved best was preaching and telling people about the love of God. He loved spending time with his family and he is greatly missed by his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 1 brother, Jabo Anderson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Virgia Grace Hill; 5 sons, Billy, Robert, L. B., Mark and Ronald Hill; 1 daughter, Patsy Blankenbeckler; 21 grandchildren; 1 great grandson; 2 brothers, Kelly Jack and Gaylord Hill; 3 sisters, Emma Jean Robinette, Geneva Glover and Edith Sybert; several nieces and nephews and lots of family and friends.

You are missed greatly by family and friends.

Sleep on dear daddy, brother, uncle and friend until we meet again in heaven.

- Written by the family

EVA CARLENE BRADLEY HURD, 54, was called home to be with Jesus on December 20, 2011 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center.

She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, C. H. and Nova Bradley; 1 brother, Mark Bradley and her grandparents.

She is survived by her husband and best friend, Elder Daniel Hurd; 2 daughters, Danyale Wade and Misty Jarnagin; 3 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

Eva was saved at an early age, and went to church all her life. She was a lifelong resident of Blackwater, VA, and a devoted member of Blackwater Lick Church. All those who knew her cared for her deeply.

- Written by the family

PAUL JACKSON, age 89, a native of Harlan County, KY, was born April 8, 1923 in Cumberland, KY and died October 6, 2012. He was a graduate of Cumberland High School and proudly served in the United States Navy. He was of the Baptist faith and served as a deacon for many years at the Blair Chapel Church and was a faithful member of the Little Cowan Church. His greatest joy in life was singing praises to the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Elavie Henson Jackson; parents, Margaret Gilliam and Jason Jackson; 1 brother, Archie Jackson; 3 sisters, Edna Scott, Verna Johnson and Vera Overbey; 1 grandson and 1 granddaughter.

He is survived by his daughters, Sandra Perry and Paula Early; 1 brother, Jason Jackson, Jr.; 2 sisters, Lena Hill and Wilma Sturgill and a host of other relatives and friends. He is greatly missed by all that knew him.

- Submitted by Ramona Caudill, church clerk

ROY JETER, SR. was born May 15, 1912 and passed from this life January 27, 2012 at the age of 99 years, 8 months and 15 days.

He was saved at the age of 19 and was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church. Roy was the last surviving founder of Mt. Mitchell.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife, Nannie Jeter; 1 son, Roy Jeter, Jr.; 1 daughter, Joyce Byington; parents, James and Katherine Jeter; 1 sister, Mae Duncan; 2 brothers, Daniel Craft and Herman Jeter.

He is survived by 1 son, Ralph Jeter; 1 daughter, Jeanette Trent; 9 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Roy was the last surviving member of his family generation.

- Written by his family

CATHY MONETTE KERNS was born on February 2, 1959 and departed this life on January 15, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Louise Bledsoe and her husband, Anland Kerns.

She is survived by 1 sister, Shirley Kerns.

Cathy was a faithful member of Rollers Chapel Church. In 2001, Cathy moved to Avilla, Indiana and was no longer able to attend Rollers Chapel, but she always kept the church in her thoughts and prayers. Cathy fought a long, hard battle with cancer. Her pains have now ceased and the victory has been won.

- Written for the family by the church clerk, Kim Robinette

CHARLES T. LAWSON was born January 3, 1922 and departed this life August 8, 2012.

He was saved and baptized at an early age in the Oliver Springs community, below Knoxville. He was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church for more than 53 years, where he was a Sunday School teacher for several years. He was a faithful member until his health failed him. He also served in the U.S. Army in World War II in the European Theatre in Germany, Italy and Africa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Volura Lawson; 1 daughter, Oleda Lawson; 3 brothers, M. B., Guy and J. C. and 1 sister, Sarah.

Surviving are his wife, Lillie Ruth Sizemore Lawson; 4 daughters, Velma, Melissa, Katherine and Gilda; 7 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Dorothy Seals, Irene Price and Sally Herron and 1 brother, James D. Lawson.

He is sadly missed by his family and friends. Until we meet again.

- Written by his family

HOBART JAMES LAWSON, 77, went to be with the Lord on December 16, 2010 at his home with his children at his bedside in Indianapolis, IN.

He was born April 24, 1933 in Blackwater, VA and was the son of the late Mack and Virgia Lawson.

He was saved at an early age and joined Flower Gap Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Eula Mae Lawson; 1 son, Jeffery James Lawson; 6 sisters, Della Lawson, Ova Hurd, Mary Johnson, Georgia Osborne, Ruby Osborne, Rhoda Carroll and 2 brothers, Earnest and William Lawson.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Belinda Weaver; 1 son, Rodney Lawson; 1 brother, Null Lawson; 1 sister, Ettia Osborne; several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

We all love you. Sleep on dear daddy, brother, uncle and friend until we meet again in heaven.

- Written by his niece, Virgia Grace Hill

MAXIE MCDAVID MARCUM was born September 22, 1909 and departed her earthly tabernacle April 27, 2012, being 102 years, 7 months, and 5 days old at the time of her departure from earth to live with her beloved Savior, Jesus Christ eternally.

She was the daughter of W. E. and Jennie McDavid. She married Willie Marcum in 1927. Her husband and 1 son, Doyle (Butch) preceded her in death, as well as 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

She is survived by 3 sons, Joe, Bob (Pete) and Jerry; 2 daughters, Marjorie Mullins and Sarah Clark; 2 sisters, Mary and June; 1 devoted granddaughter; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Sister Maxie was a devoted servant and friend of God. She never failed to witness and praise her Savior, Jesus Christ. She was the oldest member of Ayers Chapel Church. We will meet you again in heaven.

- Written for the family by a sister in Christ, Henrietta Adams

RUBY J. ADDINGTON MCCONNELL was born May 16, 1915, and departed this life on February 10, 2012.

Ruby was raised in the Copper Creek Church community and joined the church at a young age.

She was married to the late Cordus McConnell and they made their home in Kingsport, TN, but she remained a faithful member until recent years of failing health.

She and Cord had no children. She is survived by a special niece and caregiver, Faye McConnell Gilreath, along with several other nieces and nephews and many friends.

A wonderful, kind and cheerful lady, Ruby is missed by family, friends and church. She has ended her journey here to join friends and loved ones in a far better place, where we will meet with them if we are saved by God's amazing grace.

- Written for the family by Flo Minton, church clerk

VIRGINIA MILES was born May 25, 1925 and passed away March 17, 2012.

She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Low View Church. She was a faithful member and enjoyed singing God's praise every time we met at church.

She is survived by 2 sons, Burce and Jackie Miles; 1 daughter, Kathy Miles and 4 grandchildren.

She is greatly missed by her family, friends and all that knew her.

- Written for the family by the church clerk

MAYBELLE MARIE JOHNSON OSBORNE was born on April 11, 1948 and went home to be with the Lord on March 9, 2012.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister and aunt. She was saved at an early age and joined Flower Gap Church and then in later years she joined Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church, where she was a faithful member until she departed this life. She loved singing in church and sang with the Flower Gap Pioneers and the Messenger's Quartet.

She was preceded in death by her earthly father and mother, Lloyd and Mary Johnson; 1 sister, Jerusha Johnson and 1 brother, L. J. Johnson.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, James (Tee) Osborne; 1 son, Barry (Butterball) Osborne; 2 daughters, Martha Perry and Marsha Fields; 2 sisters, Virgia Grace Hill and Ettia Ruth Creech; 1 brother, Daniel Johnson; 4 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren; 1 step great granddaughter; several nieces and nephews and church friends.

Maybelle is greatly missed by all who knew her. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

MARY RUTH OSBORNE, a beloved companion, mom, mamaw, sister and aunt was born January 30, 1935 in Inman, VA to Ardena Stewart and Daniel B. Robinette. She passed away peacefully March 31, 2012 at Hospice of Dayton where she received loving care for the last 9 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, John Roy Osborne.

Ruth was a member Fairview (Bellbrook, OH) Church and enjoyed gospel-bluegrass music and was an accomplished gospel-bluegrass singer. She also loved to quilt, crochet and travel.

Ruth is survived by her best friend and companion, John Rogers; 3 boys whom she dearly loved, Wayne, Dale and Darren Osborne; 2 grandsons; 2 brothers Joe and Lester Robinette and several nieces and nephews.

- Written by the family

SARAH ELIZABETH OSBORNE PARSONS, Pennington Gap, VA, departed this life July 21, 2012 to join her Lord and Savior and her beloved family. She was born in Blackwater, VA on February 10, 1914 and was a life-long resident of Lee County.

Husband Hayes Parsons, parents Amos and Bessie Moore Osborne, brother J. T. Osborne, sisters Elma Osborne, Gladys O. Huff and Beulah O. Huff predeceased her.

Sarah taught in the Lee County Schools for 42 years. Many of those years were in rural two and three room schools. She finished her career at Keokee Elementary School in 1976. Her former students remember her as loving and kind to all and a tremendous teacher. She was a graduate of Radford College. She had a strong Christian faith and was an active member of Blackwater Lick Church. She joined the church and was baptized in 1935, where she taught Sunday School and served as clerk and treasurer for 20 years.

Four nephews, four nieces and their families whom she loved, cherished and supported as if they were her own survive her.

- Written by the family

KENNETH PEARCY was born July 6, 1917 and died on August 7, 2012.

He was the son of the late John and Elizabeth Horton Percy.

He was preceded in death by 1 sister, Pearl Mae Percy Roller; 3 brothers, William, Amos and Omar Percy.

He is survived by 1 daughter, Judy Eldridge; 1 son, Eddie Percy; 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

Kenneth was also known as Peanut and was a member of Rollers Chapel Church.

- Written for the family by the church clerk, Kim Robinette

CATHERINE LIGHTNER PITZER, age 59, of Wilmington Ohio, was born August 4, 1952 in Hillsboro, Ohio and went to be with the Lord April 6, 2012.

She was a member of Macedonia Church in Wilmington, Ohio.

Cathy enjoyed worshipping God. Every time the doors of the church were open, you would find her there, even after many upon many of surgeries for her disease. Her testimony of how God saved her has touched many lives. She is loved and missed. Her last request was for her grandchildren to be saved.

- Written by Elder David VanHoose

CHARLSIE RHODES, age 81, of Xenia, OH, went home to be with her Lord September 22, 2012. She was born July 24, 1931 in Kyles Ford, TN, the daughter of Ernest & Bessie Willis Wallen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers, Ernest Wallen, Jr., Rogan Wallen and Clifford Wallen and 1 sister, Nancy Johnson.

She is survived by her children, Terry VanHoose, Susie Pitzer and Mark VanHoose; 3 sisters, Barb Johnson, Yvonne Wallen and Wilma Yount; 2 brothers; Sonnie and Edsol Wallen; 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Charlsie was a faithful member of Clear Springs Church. She was very loved by her family. What peace, peace, wonderful peace I have to know I will see her again!

- Written by her daughter, Susie Pitzer

VIVIAN F. SEIBER was born July 11, 1930 and departed this life April 10, 2012 at the age of 81. She was the daughter of the late Lawrence H. and Edith Cunningham Miles.

Vivian was a member, clerk and song leader of the Wallens Creek Church.

She was preceded in death by 1 sister and 3 brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Elder Richard Seiber; 1 son, William Seiber; 1 sister, Wilma Giles; several nieces and nephews and her church family.

Vivian was a true Christian lady; kind, gentle to everyone she met, who will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Sleep on Vivian until we meet again.

- Written by the family

CLARA A. SLAGLE, 93, passed away May 28, 2012 at Heartland of Beavercreek. She was born on December 25, 1917 to Eli and Alice Bossinger Seibel in Miami County, OH.

Clara was a member of the Fairview (Bellbrook, OH) Church for 69 years and faithfully attended church in Ft. Myers, FL for 31 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William C. Slagle; 1 grandson and 1 brother.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Charlene M. Mitchell; 1 son, William C. Slagle; 1 sister, Iva Mae (Seibel Hoffman) Bentz; 3 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

- Written by the family

MARY NANCY SLAGLE, beloved mom, grandma and friend, passed away June 11, 2012 at the age of 65. Nancy was born April 7, 1947 in Spring Valley to Joseph Jewel and Helen Marie Barnett Slagle.

She formerly worked for the Montgomery County Job and Family Services as a Medicaid Case Worker.

She was a member of Fairview (Bellbrook, OH) Church, auxiliary member of the American Legion #675 Dayton and a former volunteer for the V. A. Rehabilitation Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 grandsons.

Nancy is survived by 1 son, Bobby Joe Ruse; 1 daughter, Bonnie Marie Huseby; 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

- Written by the family

KELLIS J. SMITH, 83, of Xenia went to be with his Heavenly Father on May 5, 2012. He was born November 2, 1928 in Kyles Ford, TN, the son of Isaac and Lou Ann Willis Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Calvert Smith; 2 daughters, Phyllis Lytle and Debbie Muterspaw; 1 son, Jack Smith; 1 brother, Donald Smith; 2 sisters, Emily Gray and Nadean Anderson; 9 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Kellis was preceded in death by his parents; 1 son, Jerry Smith; 3 sisters, Mary, Sarah and Blanche and 3 brothers, Elgar, Logan and Claude.

Kellis enjoyed tending to the needs of his family or others in need. Kellis was a member of the Fairview Church in Bellbrook, serving as a trustee and taking great pleasure and pride traveling and singing the gospel with church members.

- Written by the family

LINDA SUE CHRISTIAN COFFEY SMITH was born January 31, 1952. Jesus made the call on June 23, 2012 at the age of 60 and she answered.

She was preceded in death by her 2nd husband, Jessee Smith; her parents, Garland and Virgie McPeck Christian; grandparents and 1 great nephew.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Tracey Coffey Motherhead; 2 sons, Allen Davis (A.D.) and Randall Coffey; 2 granddaughters; 3 grandsons; 1st husband and father of her children, Allen Coffey; 2 sisters,

Gladys Christian Duncan and Annette Christian Duncan; 1 brother, Elder Kenneth Christian; several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, a host of friends and her church family.

She was saved at an early age and joined Long Hollow Church. She also attended Friendly View Church until her sickness made it impossible to do so. She was a very loving mother, grandmother and sister. She spent her life loving and caring for others. She was a happy person.

Our hearts are broken, but we know there is no more pain or suffering. She is at peace and rest with Jesus now, so rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus till we all meet again. She is sadly missed by all that knew her.

- Written by the family

JANELLE STEWART, 74, of Dayton, OH went to sleep in the blessed arms of Jesus on September 27, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martha and Hampton Robinette; her husband, Denzil Stewart, and 2 sisters, Irene Baker and Jenny Davenport.

She is survived by her husband, Martin Baber; 1 son, Dennis Stewart; 3 daughters, Cathy Hoak, Terri VanHoose and Michelle Wilson; 11 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Jack Jones and H. T. Robinette; 2 sisters, Wilma Widner and Julia Hampton.

Mom and Dad were both saved at the same revival meeting in 1956 in Xenia, OH. They both joined Clear Springs Church soon after it was established in 1967. They shared the same love, enjoyment and dedication of singing in several different Gospel Quartets over the years. Their love and willingness to witness through their singing made a huge impact in so many lives.

Mom suffered for many years with her illness and finally reached the point where she had no breath to sing the songs that she so loved singing. But she has left this world of troubles and sorrow and is now singing around God's great throne. We miss you, Mom, but we find peace in knowing that you are now able to walk, talk and sing praises once again.

- Written by her daughter, Terri VanHoose

JOHN (J. C.) THACKER, 68, of Rogersville, TN, went to be with the Lord September 28, 2011.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, John Curtis; 1 grandson; parents, Harvey and Dortha; 3 brothers, Guy, Herman and Alfred Thacker.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Gladys; 2 daughters, Delois Lawson and Debbie Dalton; 5 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Donna and Mary Gulley and Francis Holt; several nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He is greatly missed. We know he is out of pain and at peace with our Lord and Savior.

- Written by the family

ANNALOU WALLEN was born June 13, 1922 and departed this life August 28, 2011.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Wallen; 1 son, Frank Wallen; 1 daughter, Shirley Castle; 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

She leaves behind 1 stepson, Billy Wallen; 1 brother, Hobert Moore; 3 grandchildren; 1 great grandson; a niece and nephews.

She was a member at Willis Chapel Church.

- Written by the family

CLIFFORD R. WALLEN, age 78, of Wilmington, OH was born May 30, 1933 in Kyles Ford, TN, the son of Ernest and Bessie Wallen and went to be with the Lord on January 14, 2012.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol; 2 brothers, Ernest Wallen, Jr. and Rogan Wallace, and 1 sister Nancy Johnson.

He was a member of Macedonia Church; a deacon and faithful member. He always said to be doers of the word, not hearers. He loved to hear the good news, the gospel of Jesus Christ. With tears in his eyes he would say, "God is good." He is deeply missed.

- Written by Elder David VanHoose

ADDIE FAYE WALTON was born March 15, 1923 and went to be with the Lord on August 27, 2012. She was the daughter of the late Davey and Jane Lawson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ewing Harold (Pee Wee) Walton; an infant daughter, Betty Iris; 3 brothers and 6 sisters.

She is survived by her son, William D. Walton, 1 brother, Tommie Lawson and 1 granddaughter.

She was saved at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church, where she remained a faithful member until her passing.

She is greatly missed by her family, friends and her church family, but we know she is at rest on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her daughter-in-law, Kathy Walton

ELDER ROBERT E. (BOBBY) WILLIAMS was born December 11, 1937 in Cumberland, KY. He went home to be with his Lord and Master at Mt. Home V.A. Hospital in Johnson City, TN on April 13, 2012.

Bob was married to Juanita Simpson on May 3, 1959 in Sneedville, TN.

He spent 3 years in the U.S. Army and was employed in the Food Industry, working as meat managers and grocery store managers. He retired from Food Lion in 1992 due to health reasons. He spent his time studying and researching the Bible that he might be able to help others understand the word of God and that salvation is of the Lord.

Bob will be missed by those who loved him dearly. When God called Bob home, there was a great book of wisdom closed that will never be opened again, except through council that he left to those who follow him. His grandchildren keep saying that "Pappi" was the wisest man we ever met. We won't have anyone to talk to and get council from like we did from him. He always had the right answers to our questions. He always went to the Bible and gave us what the word of the Lord says. What Bob stood for and the life he lived was a great example for all who knew him.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Kathleen Williams; 1 sister, Phyllis Holder and 2 brothers, Jimmy and Paul Williams.

Bob is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years, Juanita Simpson Williams; 4 children, Dewayne Williams, Sherry Hawkins, Robin Renee Williams and Shannon Williams; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Sharon Brown and Donna Overlin and 2 brothers, Glen Williams and Buddy Williams.

Bob was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church. He was saved in 1953 at Peterson's Chapel Church. He began preaching to the boys he was stationed with in Germany when he was 20 years old. The guys would say "Tennessee" tell us what the Bible says. He carried the gospel of the Lord Jesus to people throughout the Eastern District and other boundaries traveling in revivals and visiting churches in a 6 state radius. Bob pastored 16 churches during his ministry.

- Written by his wife, Juanita Williams

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
2012	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Burnice Sybert

