

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 3, 2013

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 161st annual session with Blackwater Lick Church, Blackwater, Virginia.

Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Primitive Baptist Church is one of Lee County's and our association's oldest churches. It was organized on September 27, 1847, near the present Blackwater Post Office. The old salt works located nearby gave it the name "Lick." An old still house was first used, and then a short distance away, a log building was erected.

During the latter part of the Civil War, a band of Union soldiers came through Blackwater and stayed in the church. It is thought that they used the fireplace at one end of the building to cook their meal, and the next morning there was a pile of ashes where the church had stood. Whether the fire was accidental or intentional remains unknown.

A short time after the war, a large log church was constructed on the present site. Isaac Robinette, who also served as pastor, deeded the land to the Primitive Baptists. The building was used for church, school, and community gatherings. The church became known as Big Door due to the unusually large front door.

In 1906, a two-story building was erected. The upper floor was used for Odd Fellow and Masonic meetings. That building served the people until 1960 when a new building replaced it. The church kitchen was added in 1971 to accommodate the 110th annual session of our association.

The church has been blessed to have been led by a host of Godly men, including: Elders E. S. McPherson who served for 32 years, E. A. Robinette, Dan Bowen, G. B. Wallin, Joe Wallen, Harrison Burke, Jessee Peters, Nicholas Alder, Pleas Jenkins, W. S. Osborne, John Henry Sybert, H. V. Hall, Freeman Johnson, Coy Lawson, Alex Willis, Bryan Moore, Garland Litton, and B. A. Johnson. Elder Carl Lawson served faithfully as pastor for 34 years. He was followed by Elder David Smith. Elder Amos Osborne served the church as clerk for 59 years. Sister Sarah Parsons held that position for 19 years. We are blessed to have Elder Daniel Hurd as our current pastor.

In preparation for the 150th annual session of our association, the school property was acquired. It was used as a garment factory from the early 1970's until its closing in 1995. The factory employed more than 60 people, having an enormous economic impact on the community. The building was constructed in the 1920's with two later additions and was used as a combined school until 1968, when the high school closed. It remained an elementary school for several years after that. Former students tell of times when they were allowed to leave school to attend revivals at Big Door, and of the many students who were redeemed at those revivals. We praise God for His enduring spirit, His mercy, His never-ending blessings, and for our Godly heritage.

For the 161st 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. Our troubles and trials will be o'er in that land where we'll never grow old. Won't it be wonderful having no burdens to bear, just walking and talking with Christ the supernal One. While pointing souls to Calvary, the Lord leads us on; for it is through Him we must win. Our cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice in that bright city. Heaven holds all to us in that country to which we are going, brighter its glory will be, for joy without measure will be our treasure. Don't long for this world and its sorrows, but set your sights

on a country where millions are singing the wonderful story. To be able to say it is well with our soul are the greatest words that can be spoken. Our sin not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and we bear it no more.

Welcoming everyone to today's service, Elder Terry Sizemore asked us to praise God with all that is within us, and then he led us in singing Amazing Grace. It was grace that taught our heart to fear and grace will lead us home. After ten thousand years, we'll have no less days to sing God's praise for we will have just begun to live. He asked that everyone turn in their church letters, financial contributions, and any obituaries not yet sent to the clerk. He also asked all ministers to please sign the minister's book, including any visiting ministers that were with us in the service.

Elder Sizemore mentioned the passing of Elders Carl Smith, Henry Wheeler, Harold Gilley and Paul Persinger since we last met. We thank God for these dedicated men of God and we ask that you continue to pray for their families.

Sister Zula led the congregation in singing the old song that is the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." Our hearts must be settled on things of God, for the Lord is here to bless our souls and our faith and hope increase.

The Letter Committee consists of Steve Minton (chairman), Ralph Baker, Billy Walton and Joe Robinette (alternate).

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises which includes Bradley Bowen (chairman), Jim Bowlin and Clifton Horne.

Elder Daniel Hurd, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to today's service. He asked everyone to obey the Holy Spirit and do as God bids you. Without God in our midst, our work would be in vain. Elder Hurd thanked everyone who had helped us over this past year, especially thanking God for his watch care in guiding His children.

Elder Joe Pitzer blessed us with his song. In sin's dark valley there is no hope, but when Jesus comes, He breaks the chains of fear and sorrow.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches, those serving in the military, our country, families of the wreck, David Clark, Null Lawson's daughter-in-law, Jim Burke, George Livingston, Johnny Logan, John Turner, Zula McCullough's sister and her husband, Kathy Robinson, H. C. Johnson, Roy Jones' youngest brother, Gordon Justice, Don Woodward, Greg Trent, Terry Sizemore, Mike and Tim Horne, family of Junior Osborne. A show of uplifted hands signified countless unspoken prayer requests. Brother Lloyd Morelock humbly led us to the throne of grace.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Daniel Hurd took the first part of the service. After a wonderful testimony thanking God for all things, Elder Hurd read Luke 2:8-16 using as a text the 14th verse, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." He was born that we might have eternal life. Jesus Christ was and still is the Savior of the world. We have all things in Him and through Him. We need to walk as our forefathers walked, that He would receive the glory and honor for it all. If you know this man called Jesus, we are brothers and sisters in Christ. May we find this grace we have heard about all morning. He made the bridge that allows us to enter into eternal rest. He saved us from a place called hell. His word is a consuming fire and that's the only fire we will ever feel. He is still calling to all those who are heavy laden and He will give them rest. He shed His precious blood to make us free from sin. Where His seed remains there

is no sin. Let us go through this life depending on God. Greater is He that liveth within us, than he that lives in the world.

Elder Porter Carroll followed with another wonderful message, thanking God for the privilege of being here. We all are leaving this old earth. We need to focus on lifting up the name of Jesus while coming out from among the world. Never compromise the word of God, for it will hurt the lost. In John 1:29 and 1:36 when John saw Jesus coming unto him, he said "Behold the Lamb of God." He knows all things, you have nothing hid from Him. The biggest wimp can be an alcoholic, or adulterer, because it takes no power, but God wants men and women that will behold the Lamb of God to lift up His name that He receives all glory and honor. We serve the only true and living God and He will see us through until the end. He is the way, the truth and the life. It all belongs to Him and we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We long for home, He is longsuffering, though we know not the time, we will reach our heavenly home some glad day.

We were dismissed for lunch with a song by Sister Naomi Adkins. This old time religion was good for our fathers and it is good enough for us. Due to a power failure in the kitchen, lunch was delayed for a few minutes, giving everyone more time to praise God.

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After dealing with power outages all morning, the church at Blackwater Lick served us a wonderful lunch as God's children enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation, what joy shall fill our heart as we bow in humble adoration and proclaim my God how great thou art! Oh how precious is the promise that fills our soul with gladness, for we will be at home with Jesus while eternal ages roll. That day is drawing near till Jesus shall appear, so be ready to meet Him and be known as we are known.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from The Peterson's Chapel Church singers, Terry Sizemore, Naomi Adkins and Bella Robinette, John Bowlin, and the Clear Springs Church singers. Bright is the way as onward we go to praise our King; our troubles are gone as we finish our work here. Jesus is our captain and we are safe on board, sailing on the sea toward our home. He came here to show us the way, and then He got on a cloud and went home. We must let our light shine every day. He is precious; we love Him, worship and adore Him. There are not enough words or notes in the music to tell of all our Savior has done, for He is our all and all. It does not matter what the trouble may be, He is the one on which we call. Though we may be a wayfaring stranger, we are just going over Jordan, just going over home, there to see our Savior. These singers' wonderful testimonies touched our hearts. Our real home is up there on high where it'll be spring time forever. 'Tis so sweet to tell the story; will you be ready when He comes? Earth holds no treasure, but perishes with using, heaven holds all to God's children.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service, thanking God for everyone that helped the host church in any way. Without the Lord and the help of our brothers and sisters, we could not have done this.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all those made during the morning service, Virgie Williams' family and John Bowlin. Elder Scott Tipton took us to the throne of grace in a soul stirring prayer.

Brother Steve Minton, chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. Letters were received from 39 churches. A total of 38 churches were recommended by the committee to be accepted. The committee had a minor question on the letter from Low View Church and will take care of that later in the afternoon. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association.

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

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

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

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

Elder Sizemore thanked Elder Sybert for standing as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. The moderator thanked the delegation for their confidence in him. The clerk thanked the delegation for their confidence in him, as well.

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

Thursday night:

Stand: Richard Seiber and Roger VanHoose

Roller's Chapel: Darrell Ratliff and David VanHoose

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Stand: Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert

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

The moderator appointed the following committees:

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

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers – Lewis Baker (chairman), Oscar Irvin and Mike Fullington; Deacons – Dennis Stewart and Roy Jones; Laymen – Doyle O'dell and Mark Bradshaw.

Committee on Finance: Daniel Smith (chairman), Charles Bernard and Tommy Meade.

Committee on Obituaries: Harmon Willis (chairman), Frank Gilliam and Roger Manning.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Burnice Sybert (chairman), Greg Hill, Jim Lykins, Scott Tipton, Jason Robinette, Porter Carroll and Jerry Johnson.

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 of 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. The trouble experienced last year with the microphones could not be duplicated. They are using these microphones, as well as the old recorder, along with new computer software to record all of the services this year. If the software proves to work well, then a computer may need to be purchased to run it on. The committee will continue to use their better judgment to determine the best course of action.

Brother Roy Jones reported to the delegation on the Ayers Chapel property. While the timeline has extended longer than anticipated, several things have been accomplished, including an appraisal, property survey, and the lawyer has completed his records search on the property. The attorney has asked that we contact the proposed buyer who will pay the agreed upon purchase amount to him directly and he will petition the court to draw up the deed in the buyer's name. Once this process has been completed, it will take approximately two weeks, depending on court docket. The interested buyer has been contacted and has promised to get back in touch with us this week.

The clerk read the letters written in accordance with last year's minutes concerning the ordination credentials of those ministers and deacons who have moved membership or their church has not lettered into the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. These include:

- Thank you letter to the attorney that reviewed the ordination procedures
- Letter of warning to churches not lettering in 2012
- Letter to church clerks requesting deacon ordination credentials
- Letter to ministers requesting ordination credentials

There were no questions or comments from the delegation at this time.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 4, 2013.

Friday Morning, October 4, 2013

The Lord blessed us with another beautiful day as the congregation gathered for the second service of the association. Our wish is that everyone will heed the gospel call today and get in the glory land way. We have joy unspeakable and full of glory. As a mother stills her child, Jesus can hush the ocean wild as the boisterous waves obey His will; we can hear Him say "fear not I will pilot thee." When our strongest trials are past, our triumph is begun and the angel band will come and around us stand. By faith we can see that land that is fairer than day and in the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore. What a friend we have in Jesus, in whom it is such a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Our trails and temptations should never discourage us, because where else can we find a friend so faithful? As we get nearer the cross, we will find rest beyond the river.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service, thanking God for another privilege to meet with God's children. We were thankful to get the report that John Bowlin is doing okay. Thank God for the services last night. If there be one here that doesn't know the Lord, now is the time to call upon Him. Our Lord is alive and alive for evermore. Thank Him for the wonderful power He bestows on His children. His children have God given talents. Thank God for our young people coming up in this true and tried way.

The congregation was blessed with special singing and wonderful testimony of God's saving grace from Billy Marcum. Come ye sinners, poor and needy, true belief and true repentance will allow you to arise and go to Jesus, for in the arms of our dear Savior there are ten thousand charms.

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, Zach Johnson, Nancy Brewer, Betty Dotson, Terry Ketron, Kathy Robinson, Jerry Scalf, H. C. and Pearl Johnson, John Bowlin, lady's grandsons, those under conviction, Roger Manring's brother-in-law, our school systems, Clifton Horne's brothers, Cori Wilder, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother Jim Bowlin took our petitions to the throne of grace.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

Before reading the proceedings from Thursday, the clerk thanked Mike Longacre of Textco Media for hosting our internet website over the past several years. Textco provides excellent support and help with any problems that may arise, while offering new ideas to promote the website. We appreciate their willingness to support the association in posting God's work on the World Wide Web. Their company website is www.textcomedia.com.

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

Elder Oscar Irvin, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. He read Hebrews 2 and used a portion of verse 9 as a text, "but we see Jesus." Jesus is not a man like us, for His ways are far above ours. We cannot hide anything from God, He sees us at all times for He is God and besides Him, there is no other. He created man after His own image. We need to serve, adore and worship Him. When Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, they realized their nakedness and thus sin began. No matter who we are, we face sin in our life. He took upon Him the seed of Abraham, to know flesh, and He left His home in glory to

seek that which was lost. Except you believe that He is God, you will die in your sins and be lost forever. Jesus asked, "if it be thy will, let this cup pass from me," knowing what He must do to give all believers eternal peace and glory. The flesh is weak, but the spirit is willing. Through His spirit we can have great power. God's kingdom is not of this world, but is in the hearts of His children. Jesus told the thief, "this day thou shalt be with me in paradise." Look at Calvary's cross to see the death of a sinner. He nailed our sins to the old rugged cross. He gave His life that we might have life and have it more abundantly. There's a place called Heaven that God's children have a right to, but there's a place called Hell reserved for non-believers.

Elder Burnice Sybert followed with a message from on high. We trust your eye of faith has been opened with the realization of all the things Jesus went through that we might have eternal life. A redeemer had been supplied even before Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit. Man desires to see God in some form, but He hid Moses in the cliff of the rock and allowed him to see His hinder parts. There is more to Jesus than just His birth in a manger. To truly serve Him, we must see all of Jesus in His glory. Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of man. He came to seek and save that which was lost. He is alive and the only one who can save the lost from hell. The angel told Mary to go back and tell them that Christ has risen. He said on the cross that "it is finished" and we must see Jesus, for it is only through Him that salvation comes. Why stand ye here gazing into the heavens, for this same man that you saw going up will come again in like manner. That which has gone down in weakness will rise in power. There is a change coming where we will receive our glorified body to unite the soul and spirit and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Throughout all the preaching of this morning's service, God so wonderfully blessed His children as shouts of praise and honor for our Lord rang out throughout the building. We must believe the word of God and in due time we will see Jesus in all His splendor.

The congregation sang songs of praise as we were adjourned for lunch. We have another building, not made with hands.

Friday Afternoon, October 4, 2013

The congregation assembled after a wonderful lunch served by the host church as everyone continued to praise the Lord. Wonderful songs that were sung during lunch blessed our hearts as God continued to bless His children. 'Tis so sweet to tell His story, do not bother thus delaying, but be ready when He comes. Anywhere is home, sweet home if Christ the Lord is there. He keeps us all the way no matter where we may roam. Let us labor in His vineyard until we are called away. Trust the unseen hand that leads through ways we cannot see. Shouts of praise rang out through the building as God's children praised our Lord and Savior. We long to see His shining face, to praise Him for His guiding hand. Satan may buffet, and trials may come, but His blessed assurance will lead us safely home if it is well with our soul. Singing, shouting, and preaching were heard all over the house; we were truly blessed of the Lord. With three and sometimes four preaching at one time, no one can doubt we have been to meetin'.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Jason Robinette, Shannon Payne, Dustin Lawson, Myra Andrews, Joseph Robinette, Alisa Tomlinson and Dan Cross and Linda. As the weary traveler overcame the mountain, his deliverance came so he could wear palms of victory and crowns of glory. The day will soon come when we all can sing deliverance has come. We are weak, but He is strong, and He will allow us a closer walk with Him. Let our daily walk with Jesus

be closer each and every day. Standing on God's promises we cannot fail, because He cannot fail. Our trials on earth will end some day and we will have unending peace with Christ forever. We see the stars; we hear the rolling thunder and see His power throughout the universe displayed. In heaven, a mansion is waiting for us, where the Lord will welcome us home at the end of life's troublesome way.

Joe Robinette asked for the prayers of everyone as Roller's Chapel Church begins their new church building project.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for a bountiful and delicious lunch and asked that everyone obey the Lord.

Prayer requests were made with many uplifted hands signifying the needs of God's children. Always remember the unsaved, all those serving our country in the military and their families. Elder Mike Fullington took our petitions to the Lord in an earnest and heartfelt prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Steve Minton gave the final report of the Letter Committee. Questions on the letter from Low View were answered and the committee recommended accepting the church and seating their delegates as part of the voting body of the association. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat their delegates.

The moderator appointed the Church Letter Committee for 2014, which includes: Ralph Baker (chairman), Billy Walton, Joe Robinette, and David Horton (alternate).

Bradley Bowen, chairman of the committee, read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Friday night:

Church: Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette

Saturday morning: October 5, 2013:

Stand: Terry Sizemore and Greg Hill

Saturday night:

Poplar Grove: Roger VanHoose and Joe Pitzer

Roller's Chapel: Billy Marcum and Harmon Willis

Sunday morning, October 6, 2013

Stand: Chosen from those in attendance

Poplar Grove: Billy Marcum

Roller's Chapel: Joseph Robinette and Jason Robinette

The clerk read the Resolution of Thanks that he had prepared. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

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

The Committee on Finance reported \$5,156.80 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 33 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 2013 were Elders Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin and Roger VanHoose. All of these men came forward as Elder Greg Hill read the letter. To the saved of God, always turn to God for guidance to help during our troubling times. Our elders need to preach Christ so His sheep can be fed. Deacons should tend to their duties to take care of the widows and others of the church that are in need and the saints should take their place in church to pray and witness to the lost. The world does not make the church a better place, but much more so the church makes the world a better place to be, for we are a separate people. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Circular Letters for 2014 which includes: Elders Scott Tipton, Jerry Johnson and Harmon Willis.

The moderator acknowledged the attendance of Grace Russell (96) and Lois Collier (94) and gave them a special welcome at today's service. He also informed us that Brother Basil Holbrook, who built and donated the stand to the association, had passed away this year. One more of our saints has gone on to his reward.

The association trustees reviewed the deeds of churches not lettering in. Ohio churches were not involved in this process. The Tennessee and Kentucky churches are in good order. In Virginia, there is one church with questionable ties to the association and one church yet to be reviewed. The moderator suggested that we seek legal counsel before proceeding further. It was motioned, seconded and voted for the Virginia trustees, the moderator, and clerk to look further into this matter.

The moderator asked the delegation if it would be prudent for the association to obtain a wheelchair, or maybe two, for use during our annual services. The delegation agreed this was an excellent idea and it was motioned, seconded, and voted that if one could not be donated, the association should purchase one. At the end of the service, one was donated to the association. We would like to have one more if anyone has one they would like to donate. Note: two wheelchairs have been donated.

The association chairs were purchased in 1973 and have held up well, but some are rusting and need to be redressed. Since these have a powder coating finish, paint was not considered to be a reasonable solution. The moderator appointed a committee to check on the options we might consider, including purchasing new ones. This committee consists of Oscar Irvin (chairman), Clifton Horne, and Steve Minton.

During the 2012 association meeting, it was motioned, seconded and voted to grant a year of grace to those churches which have not joined another association, but for whatever reason failed to letter in to the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Letters similar to those sent earlier will be sent to those ministers who held membership with these churches.

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

The greatest news heard all day was about the young man who gave his life to Jesus Christ last night at Roller's Chapel. Please remember him in your prayers.

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 Copper Creek. Before the plea process began, Blackwater Lick withdrew. During the plea process, Clear Springs withdrew, sending the association to Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 2, 2014) before the first Saturday in October, 2014. Introductory – Elder Daniel Smith; Alternate – Elder Oscar Irvin.

We were adjourned until Saturday morning, October 5, 2013.

Saturday Morning, October 5, 2013

The cool morning air and beautiful sunshine once again greeted everyone as they gathered for the memorial service. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in several songs of joy and praise for our Savior. When the redeemed of the Lord gather in, they will be washed like snow and free from all sin. The angels must listen for they cannot join that song. There will also be showers of blessings sent from the Savior above, which we need so much as we journey through this weary land. For the saints of the Lord, He is our God, our heaven, our all. Through Christ we will reach heaven our home, then He will wipe our weeping eyes as we bid this world farewell. There is coming a day when there'll be no more clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye, and when we look upon Jesus' face, what a glorious day that will be. Just imagine a place with no sickness, no pain, no tears and no parting over there. Such amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. Be ready faithful pilgrim, come morning we will meet just inside the eastern gate, over there. Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning; for the joy of that glad meeting just inside the gate will be the beginning.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service. It is another day which God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We have true consolation just knowing that God is with us always.

Wonderful blessings were received from special singing and wonderful testimonies from the Copper Creek singers, 4Christ singers, Null Lawson, and the Blackwater Lick singers. If we love the Lord, feed His sheep. We must never deny Him or His work, but stand firm in the Lord and He will give us strength for the journey. Do you love Him today? If we do these things, we will grow stronger in the faith of Jesus Christ. While standing on the banks of the river, looking out over life's rugged way and behold the Lamb of God as we see the old ship of Zion. Though it is bent and battered, it sails safely along with Jesus at the helm. Jesus gave us living water that we may never thirst again. Once we were lost with no hope, but Jesus had compassion on us and now we are a child of the King and His royal blood now flows in our veins. Come to Him relenting, repenting of your sins, then He will reach down and make us one of His own. There is a place for the saved of God, but there is also a place of torment for the unbelievers, which lets us know the only fire we'll ever feel is burning in our heart. Every time we hear from Jesus, we know He lives in us. Shout it to the world that you are in the glory land way, as heaven grows nearer and the way groweth clearer. We are on our way to Canaan's land where the soul of man never dies. There we will spend eternity, with no sad farewells, nor tear-dimmed eyes. Precious memories flood our soul during the stillness of the midnight as God blesses our soul to recall the sacred scenes unfolding, as special times in our life.

Remember in prayer the lost, the requests made in previous services, our young people, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Dana Pearson, Tommy and Betty Jo Lawson, Virgie Grace Hill's children and grandchildren, Don Stokes, Cody Sammons – newly saved young man, Kathy Robinson, H. C. and Pearl Johnson, and many uplifted hands signifying unspoken requests. Elder John Banks humbly took our petitions to the Lord. We are not at the end. For God's children, it is just the beginning.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

Elder Daniel Hurd, pastor of the host church, came forward to thank all those who helped, especially the local companies that had donated goods or services to the host church. He also thanked the young people of the church for all their hard work before and during the setting of this association. Most of all He thanked God for such a sweet spirit that has been here throughout the association.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to print Sister Eileen Brown's contact information in the minutes as she continues sending out revival and special service notices. Please let her know by the 20th of the month for the notice 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 and has been dealing with the lawyers trying to get the deed created, in addition to maintaining the grounds. He graciously asked the association to keep any gift the association might have presented to him. However, it was motioned, seconded and voted to give him \$400 in appreciation for all he has done.

For many years, the Saturday service has been dedicated as a memorial service for those saints who have passed from among us. The moderator blessed us with His song of praise then he read the names of those that have passed from our midst this year. These precious memories we sung about earlier mean a lot to us. Please remember their families in your prayers and thank God for having known them. Jesus came from heaven one day; showed us what to do, and then He got on a cloud and went home. He didn't come here to stay; nor are we here to stay, so we will soon get on a cloud and go home.

Elder Daniel Smith blessed us with his song of honor and praise. Jesus is no longer in the grave, for He is alive and we can feel Him deep inside. So many times His nail-scarred hands reached out to rescue us from death to life. Shouts of praise from the building rang out as testimony that He is alive forevermore.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Terry Sizemore took the lead of the service, reading verse 5 from the 2nd chapter of I Peter. God is alive and Christ said if His people hold their peace, the rocks would cry out in His honor. Our sins were paid in full on the cross of Calvary. Our spiritual building is of God and we need to do whatsoever He bids us to do. Our God-given talents are uniquely fit together and must be used for Him. This flesh is not going

anywhere and we need to bring it under subjection. It cannot be done in itself, but it takes God in our life. If we are to see our people saved, we must turn loose and let God have His way in our lives and in our churches. Lift up His name that our people might be saved. Ask God, "What can I do to present Christ to a lost and dying world?" We all need to do more for Him; in other words put Him first in our lives and keep Him there each and every day. It is not us that lives, but Christ that dwelleth within us. We are the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

God bless the man from Arkansas (Mark) who drove for many hours just to see and worship with God's people.

Virgie Williams, our sister from Long Hollow Church, blessed us with her wonderful testimony and song of faith. Heaven holds all to the children of God. One day the graves will burst open and those remaining will be changed in a moment and twinkling of an eye and get on a cloud and go home. Joy without measure will certainly be our treasure, for brighter heaven's glory will be for the millions who are singing the wondrous story.

Elder Greg Hill came forward to take the second part of the service with a song and wonderful words of God. The clouds opened up and there stood Jesus. We appreciate this old time way of worshiping the Lord. We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, chosen of God. He draws us to Him and we must come boldly to the throne of grace. One day the kingdoms of earth will be destroyed, but the kingdom of God will stand forever. God is our rock, our help not only in a time of need but when things are well, too. Upon this rock He built His church and the gates of hell will never prevail against it. There is only one way to get into the kingdom of God. Jesus said, "I am the way, I am the door" and only through His precious blood can we enter. By the grace of God we are what we are. Oh the blessings that God so wonderfully bestowed upon these dear saints that have gone on to their reward!

These men preached the Gospel to us and we thank Him for their dedication and faithfulness to the work of the Lord.

Sister Aubra Hill led us in singing songs of praise as we were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 6, 2013. He lived and died to buy our pardon; and because He lives we can face tomorrow with all our cares gone. Shouts of joy and praise rang out throughout the building as God so wonderfully blessed His children.

Sunday Morning, October 6, 2013

The early morning fog gave way to brilliant sunshine as God's people gathered for the final service of this association. Though tired in body, everyone was still filled with His wonderful spirit. God blessed His children today just as He did throughout the previous services. The church is so thankful for everyone that came to Big Door to worship with us. Just a few more weary days till we fly away to a land where joys will never end. Although we are tempted and tried all the day long, farther along we'll understand all about it. We wonder why others prosper when they live so wicked year after year, but we'll understand it all by and by. Sing the wondrous love of Jesus for when we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be; when we all see Jesus, we will sing and shout the victory.

Elder Daniel Hurd welcomed everyone to the house of the Lord as he thanked God for meeting with us each time we gather. His blessings have been so wonderful this week. We pray that the fire which has been kindled will continue for the weeks, months and years to come.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our young people, Kathy Robinson, Joe Horton's children and grandchildren, Daniel Hurd's children and grandchildren, Dustin Lawson and his family, our association, Jim Bowlin, John Bowlin, Debbie with lung cancer, and Fred Kendrick. While there were several prayer requests, there were even more who testified of the goodness of God in their lives. May His love shine on our face as we think of His wonderful blessings of life. Brother Junior Glass led us to the throne of grace.

Many wonderful testimonies praising God that our prayers have been answered were given at today's service.

Thank God for the association, which is a grand body of God's people. We were blessed with special singing from the singers from Copper Creek Church, Sue Osborne and Carl Osborne, Terry and Peggy Sizemore and Brenda Horton and Jim Bowlin. When our way groweth drear, the Lord will draw near and take our hand to lead us through the stormy night into the light. We have heard of a land on that far away strand, 'tis a beautiful place where we will never grow old. When our work here is done and our life crown is won, our troubles and trials will be o'er. How sweet the sound of God's amazing grace as it taught our heart to fear the hour we first believed. When we've been there ten thousand years, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. Praise God for His amazing grace and wonderful love. Help us Lord to see thy face when this world is pressing us. If we stay our mind on God, He will give our soul the victory. The tender hand that leads us will keep us steady and we can make the journey after all. By our self we cannot make it, but there are only a few more steps to go. With danger all around us, His precious words calm the waves as He steps between us and the storm. In the darkest of times, be not afraid; for it is the Lord coming to rescue us from the storms of life. God leads His dear children, some through the waters, some through the floods, some through the fire, but all through the blood.

Elder Terry Sizemore, our moderator, took the first part of the service. It is such a privilege to know God and serve Him. He read Psalm 40 for his wonderful message from God. The nature of man has always been somewhat rebellious, but God waits patiently. David was a man after God's own heart, but he was not perfect in the flesh. God loves beyond this nature of our being. We need something more than a covering, so God gave us a cloak. He loves us as He loved Adam. Call upon Him that we may be robed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Though we think we are covered, we can't do the job except God be with us. He brought us up out of the miry clay, for God has to do the work; man is not able. He established our goings. He put a new song in our mouth that comes from God when we are saved, and lets the world know we are one of His. We can't establish a real covering, for it can only come from God. We must be born again to see God's kingdom. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Adam feared God as he hid in the bushes, but we cannot hide anything from God at any time. We must know for sure that we have not just completed some process, but know there has been a change in our lives brought about by God's marvelous grace bringing salvation.

Elder Chris Salley followed with more wonderful words of encouragement. It is so good to be a child of God. The risen Savior, the only true and living God will deliver us from the clay and set us upon a solid rock. God's word is so big, but He helps us to discern that which is needed in every individual's life. The 16th verse tells us to magnify the Lord in everything we do. We can enjoy the peace, rest, and blessings He has given to each of us if we will but magnify the blessed name of the Lord.

Elder Daniel Hurd closed the service with more wonderful words of encouragement. We are never between a rock and a hard place, for Jesus is always there between us and the troubles of this world. The tomb is empty, for He rose on that third and appointed morning. God is able, regardless of what our situation may be, He will deliver through all circumstances.

The service was closed in song led by Sister Peggy Sizemore. Thanks be to the Lord of Lords whom we magnify in all we do. Bless the Lord, bless His Holy name!

Everything gets packed up and moved away, bringing a little sadness into our lives, but this is overcome by the wondrous blessings of this gathering. Following in the old paths, the Lord has been so good to us. We thank Him, and behold the Lamb who has poured out holy manna from heaven during the past few days. It has been a while since we have seen the spirit come down so wonderfully on His people. We pray the fire that has been kindled will go back to each church and work miracles in each of our churches. Our hope is that the surrounding community may realize how great a God we serve 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 Cody Sammons, who accepted the Lord as his Savior and that God will bless him and strengthen him as a young Christian that he may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As a member of the host church, I thank God foremost for all He has done. So many prayers have been answered and I know there will continue to be many prayers for all God's children answered in due time. If you attended any of the services, you know what you felt and saw as God richly blessed us. If you could not attend, I pray you will be able to attend next year. We talk about following the old paths; that's exactly what we did this year. Bless the holy name of God! Thanks again to everyone for all you did during the association. This has been a truly inspiring event. Thank God for His holy spirit that showered down manna from heaven. 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

First of all, we count it a great privilege and honor to write this letter that hopefully will be a help to the churches of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists and to those who are loved and called of God, saved by His son Jesus Christ, who is the head of the body and we are His members. Those who have been saved have been redeemed only by being washed in His blood, quickened and made alive by His Holy Spirit. It is our desire by the help of the Holy Spirit to write this letter to help us in our time of discouragements, to comfort us in our time of sorrows, and to help us find strength in our time of weaknesses.

To the elders, it is important that we be found somewhere in our churches preaching the doctrine of Jesus Christ. If we have received a calling into the ministry of God, it is important that we fulfill that calling. We need to understand we are to fill the pulpit, neither by constraint nor filthy lucre, but with a ready mind. Many of our churches don't have a pastor, the sheep look up and are not fed, and some go astray. If you take away the bread, the children hunger. When people cannot hear the gospel preached, they are robbed of strength needed for life's journey. When the doctrines of grace and the glorious atoning sacrifice is not set forth so they can feel its power, all sorts of evil follows. When men are preaching to edify the flesh, they are glorifying man more than God, the creature more than the creator. Instead, they should be seeking the ways and asking for the old paths. Jesus said to

Peter, "Lovest thou me?" Peter said unto the Lord, "Yea Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus then told Peter to feed His lambs and He again said feed my sheep.

To the deacons, you are the watchmen over the church of the living God. It is important that you see that the widows and orphans are cared for. You're also to guard the doctrine and be strong in the power and might of God.

To the saints, it is important to fill your place in the house of God with a prayerful attitude. It is important that you use your gifts for the edifying of the body of Christ. It's our responsibility to attend our home church and visit our sister churches as much as possible.

Many have chosen a worldly version of life, determining within themselves that as long as they have Christ in their hearts, they can worship at home. It is a sad and trying day for God's people when they fail to assemble themselves together. The solemn assemblies of Israel were her glory. Her great days of festivals and sacrifices were the gladness of the land, and to the faithful the holy days were their holidays. It is a sad time when the church conforms to the world. The world never made the church a better place, but the church makes the world a better place. The church must offer what the world cannot offer, and that is Jesus Christ. When we conform to the world, God is not pleased. When the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair, they joined themselves to them, and then the flood swept them all away. We are not to be conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of the mind. Come out from among the world and be a separate people. We don't go to church to prove we are Christians, but to worship God in Spirit and Truth. Our witnesses, testimonies and lives should reflect to all, especially our young people, that it is not about the outward man, but the inward man. If we follow after the Spirit, our lives will shew forth the goodness of God in the land of the living.

The world hates the people of God and there are some who love to see the church struggle. We are to be like Moses when he came to the years to know he was not the son of Pharaoh's daughter, but a Hebrew. He chose to suffer the afflictions of the righteous rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, because he had respect to the recompense of reward that was before him. Balak wanted to see the great Assembly of God destroyed. He went to the man of God and offered him a great price to curse God's people. The devil has tried to use the men of God to do his work, but in the end could only say what God allowed him to say. Instead of cursing them, he blessed them and he said let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his.

There are troublesome times when divisions arise in our midst. Doubtful voices are scattered among the people, and the glorious light of the gospel is dimmed by error, but we know we have a goodly heritage and the lines have fallen in pleasant places. God has blessed us with a great association and we need to love it, cherish it and thank Him for it. We need to be like Naboth when Ahab came to buy his vineyard or give him a better one for it. Naboth would not sell out his vineyard which was his inheritance. There are some who would have us give up our inheritance and they say they have a better one than ours. They want us to give up our vineyard. Our reply should be just as Naboth's was, "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee." However, there have been some who have sold out. God has blessed our forefathers in this vineyard and we have seen it to be fruitful. God has blessed their labors in it. We need to labor in the vineyard and pray the Father would send more laborers. The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

The house of the Lord is to many of us our own house. His family is our family. Unless the Lord is exalted and the gospel is preached in the power and demonstration of the spirit, we ourselves feel in disgrace. It is no small thing to us, it is our life.

There are many places in which the Sabbath is a very little day of rest, for they hear no truths of God in which rest can be found. As for the church of God, when she is in her lowest estate, she is still established and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her. Poor as we are, we are rich in having Jesus. Weak as we are, there is no limit to our strength having God. If God is for us, who can be against us? The Lord God is near at hand, ready to deliver his people. He is not across the

ocean; we don't need to look above the stars, or some hidden place. But on that night when a babe was born in Bethlehem, unto us a son was given and we know Him as Emmanuel, God is with us. Therefore He is very near to us. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Though His bodily presence is gone, we have His spiritual presence. He says Lo I am with you always, I'll never leave you nor never forsake you. He walks among the golden candlesticks. He is in the midst of the Church to enlighten, convince, quicken, endow, comfort and clothe us with spiritual power. He still works in us for the accomplishment of His purpose of grace. So when we gather together in His name, the Lord is with us. Where as many as two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them. Shall not the army shout when the King is in the midst of them? "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, which ran down the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments: As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." May we endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and as much that lies within us live at peace with all men everywhere.

Elder Greg Hill
Elder Oscar Irvin
Elder Roger VanHoose

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

One more time, this side of eternity, the Lord allowed us to meet at another gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. I might say that this 161st meeting is a special one for us, but they are all special in their own way. It is a blessing from God to be able to gather in heavenly places. Just to see everyone again is a blessing in itself. God has a way of making things extra special when we gather in His name.

Several years ago, it was a worry as to whether Big Door should buy the school property. With the few of us here, it was a burden to think about borrowing money and going into debt. Needless to say, the Lord has truly blessed us and this is our second time of hosting this grand body in this building. It has been an inspiration and a work of joy for all of us and we thank God and everyone who has helped and come this way to worship with us. We offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to our sister churches for their help in getting things ready. We pray your stay with us has been a blessed event in your life. To everyone that volunteered your time to build, clean, park cars, cook, pick up trash, serve food and countless other things; and for those who offered: your patience, your love, your willingness and your help, it is immensely appreciated. To say we want your stay with us to be spiritual and enjoyable would be an understatement, because we count each one of you as our own. It is an enormous privilege to be a part of and host this gathering.

Donations come in many forms and Big Door certainly appreciates each and every one of them. These donations helped us prepare for this blessed event and we thank the 38 churches who contributed \$5,695 to help us host this year. With the help of the sister churches, the individuals making private donations of time and money makes things much easier. Not knowing each individual or group sacrificing their time, money, and prayers to help us, it is impossible to thank you individually, but I trust you will accept our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for a job well done. Many times we overuse the word appreciate, but I do not think that is possible in our case. Though we are few in number, we have a helper who makes our way straight. In this case, He has aligned things in perfect order so your visit with us will be pleasant and spirit filled. He is our guide and our provider and through Him all things are possible. Not man, but God must receive all the

honor, glory and praise for everything that everyone has done for us, we thank Him first and foremost, and we thank you from the bottom of our heart and we know God will bless you.

Elder Terry Sizemore does a wonderful job as he leads this grand body and we thank him for every minute he gives to the association. What we see is only a small part of what is involved. We appreciate the devotion and dedication he gives us throughout the year. 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 the business and everything run smoothly, we thank you and appreciate you being part of this great body of God's children. Your positive attitude and willingness to do God's will help ensure that He receives all the glory and honor for it all.

While writing this letter, I thought of many fond memories of times gathered at "The Association" as we called it. Even as a child, I remember coming each day, mainly to play at that young age, but as time passed I started to notice what went on during the day. One such memory happened here at Big Door in 1971 when for the first time I noticed Brother Burnice Sybert carrying a satchel. I didn't think too much about it then, but later I realized that was his first year of serving as clerk for the association. Many memories come to mind as we think back over the years and once again we realize how blessed we are to serve our Lord and have these times to remember.

As we go through our daily routines, we sometimes marvel at our accomplishments. Our mistake here is thinking the strength is in us. Looking at II Chronicles 26, we see where Uzziah was made to prosper, as long as he sought the Lord. Verse 15 and 16 show us that "He was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God." Many times when we begin something new, we call upon the Lord and follow His guidance, but as we become more familiar with it, we start feeling good about how great of a job we did. We are not as strong as we think we are, for just as soon as we consider our goodness, God will show us quickly that our strength is in Him. It is only through God that we receive our strength and if left on our own, we would surely fail. Our dependence on Him is more than just words, but it is looking to Him each day for guidance through this wearisome journey. His blessings far exceed our imaginations and we have only Him to thank for our being. 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 dismission;

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

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

1. Conference shall consist of members of the church and visiting members of sister churches of the same faith and order if so desired.
2. Conference shall be opened and closed with praise and prayer to Almighty God. I Tim. 2:1; I Thess. 5:17, 18.
3. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of "Brother Moderator," to whom every speech shall be perfectly directed.
4. The members' names being regularly enrolled shall by the Clerk be distinctly called over.
5. A door shall be open when thought necessary for admission of new members into the church. But none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and shall first verbally relate their experience and give an account of the work of God in their hearts; and secondly, of their faith and principles, if the church requires it; and thirdly, the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct. When full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Moderator shall manifest the same by giving the right hand of fellowship and thus receive them in order.

6. No complaint shall be brought in the Conference respecting crimes of a private nature until the grieved party has complied with the directions of our Lord in Matt. 18:15.
7. Every motion and second shall come under the consideration of the Conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it.
8. Every query presented shall be three times read. When it is read, the Moderator shall put it to a vote to see if the majority is for or against answering it. The query shall be debated if deemed necessary, but the querist may withdraw it any time providing that no intricate question be asked.
9. If the minority at any time should be grieved at the determination of the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.
10. Section 1. All business of the Conference shall be recorded by the clerk before the conference rises; the same shall be distinctly read and corrected, if need be.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

16. We believe in a restricted communion confined to the church in fellowship, walking in the light and observing gospel order. I Cor. 5:11, 12; John 13; I Cor. 11:31, 32.
17. We believe Christ is the only lawgiver in Zion, and the New Testament scripture is perfect, a thorough furnisher to the man of God unto all good works. James 4:12; II Tim. 3:16.
18. We believe Jesus Christ, during the time of His earthly ministry, set up a spiritual kingdom on earth, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy; He being the King and all born again believers the subjects of the Kingdom, and they are now reigning with Him as Kings and priests on the earth. Dan. 2:44; Isa. 9:6, 7; Matt. 3:2; Luke 17:20, 21; John 18:36; Rev. 1:5-7.
19. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by His Son, Jesus Christ, and this day will be after the death of the body. Heb. 9:27; John 5:22; Acts 17:31.
20. We believe there will be a general resurrection at the last day, both of the just and the unjust; this will also be the day of final judgment and the eternal destiny of all people, of all ages, will then be made known. Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:23, 24, 54; I Thess. 4:14-17; II Thess. 1:7-10.
21. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 25:46.
22. We believe God instituted marriage as the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife and any other such union is an abomination. Gen 2:18-25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:24-32; Eph. 5:22-33; I Pet. 3:1-7.

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called "The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists."
2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and producing letters from their respective churches shall be entitled to seats.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the number in fellowship and gains and losses since the last Association.
4. The members chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, neither any clerical power over churches, nor shall they infringe upon the material rights of any church in the union.
5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. New churches may be admitted into the union by letter and delegates; and if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted into the Association and manifested by the moderator giving each the right hand of fellowship.

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

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

LIST OF MINISTERS

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

Name & Address	Church Membership
Baker, Lewis A., 867 Fall Creek Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-5529	Chestnut Flats
Banks, Charles, (Rose) 25 Hitchcock Loop, Van Lear, KY 41265, (606) 789-3030	Richardson Chapel
Banks, John, (Barbara) 18 Sword Dr., Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-0443	Little Cowan
*Beaugard, Troy, 7871 Dogwood Way, Douglasville, GA 30134, (937) 218-6406	Macedonia
Bedwell, John D. II, (Raeanna) 1664 Smith Creek, Eolia, KY 40826, (606) 671-0161	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
*Cross, Kevin M., 5004 Madison Ct., Charlottesville, VA 22911, (434) 973-7941	Chestnut Flats
Dutton, Brad, (Annie) P. O. Box 1266, Louisa, KY 41230, (606) 673-3927	Richardson Chapel
Elliott, T. J., 6719 Tazewell Hwy., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-8696	Swan Creek
Fullington, Mike, (Tina) 240 Fire Tower Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 272-8064	Willis Chapel
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, 156 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
*Holt, Keith, 150 East Greenway St., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2002	Swan Creek
Hurd, Daniel, 574 Hillsville Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 346-1215	Blackwater Lick
Irvine, 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
Justice, Gordon, 1216 Hwy. 70 North, Rogersville, TN 37857	Flower Gap
*Lampkin, Wiley, 2111 Thomas Dr., 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) 782-8830 West View
 *Newkirk, Mark, (Anita) 3764 Stonebarn Ct., Franklin, OH 45005, (937) 475-1807 Rose Chapel
 *Norton, Paul, 192 Jackson Ln. W., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 234-0115 New Life
 Osborne, Tommy, (Robin) 5091 Gate City Hwy., Bristol, VA 24201, (276) 591-7777 Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
 Persinger, Jerry, (Joan) 590 Poplar Grove Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-7322 Edwin Holbrook
 *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
 Robinette, Joseph, (Jennifer) 106 Shepherds Ridge, Waynesville, OH 45068, (937) 212-8192 Fairview
 Robinette, Josh, (Kristi) 320 St. Rt. 72N, Jamestown, OH 45335, (937) 499-0285 Clear Springs
 *Salley, Chris, 3445 Island Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-9507 Blue Springs (Hiltons)
 Seiber, Richard, 4596 Middle Wallen's Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263, (276) 546-3146 Wallen's Creek
 Shaw, Harold, 5645 State Route 380, Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 382-8324 Fairview
 Short, Freddie F., (Anita) P. O. Box 506, Pound, VA 24279, (276) 796-5593 Cadet
 Sizemore, Terry, (Peggy) 1225 Deneen Lane, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-8496 Swan Creek
 Smith, Daniel, (Mandy) 179 Willard Lawson Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857 (423) 312-3147 Peterson's Chapel
 *Stevens, Matthew, (Terri) 701 Sciota Rd., Unicoi, TN 37692, (423) 330-6435 Poplar Grove
 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
 *VanHoose, Sam, (Vicki) 972 Union Rd., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 673-6865 Clear Springs
 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 - Penny VanHoose	1090 Jefferson Dr., Wilmington, OH 45177,	(937) 725-1189
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 - 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
Kingswood - Denise Brooks	2020 Joe Stephens Rd., Morristown, TN 37814,	(423) 231-2219
Little Cowan - Carol Caudill	735 Hwy. 2035, Whitesburg, KY 41858,	(606) 633-7268
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
Marion Robinette Memorial - Elizabeth R. Manes	541 Kite Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857,	(423) 272-9483
Mountain View - Juanita Bowen & Paula Ayers	519 Dry Creek Rd., Duffield, VA 24244,	(276) 546-1014
Mt. Mitchell - Peggy Harrold	617 Pearl St., Church Hill, TN 37642,	(423) 357-4417
New Life - Christine Conley	4471 East A. J. Hwy., Lot 15, Morristown, TN 37814,	(423) 277-4390
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 Ethel Rob Cir., Carlisle, OH 45005,	(937) 743-2017
Shelby Creek - Bonnie Wilson	4349 Stanley Valley Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642,	(423) 357-7071
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 703 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 – Ayer’s Chapel Church in Wise County, VA, hosted the 61st annual Eastern District Association beginning October 2, 1913. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. P. Peters from I John 3:22, “And whatsoever we ask we receive of Him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.” Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and E. A. Robinette, clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – On September 29, 1938, the 86th annual session met with Little Dove Church, Letcher County, KY. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. A. Robinette from St. John 10:9, “I am the door: by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture.” He was followed by Elder W. H. Burk along the same subject. Elders E. A. Robinette and T. R. Carter were elected moderators, and Amos Osborne, clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Beech Grove Church, Scott County, VA, hosted the 111th annual session beginning on October 3, 1963. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. L. Hill reading Acts 20:15-38 and Hebrews 13:7-8, using the 8th verse for his text, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.” Elder H. V. Hall, the alternate, came forward using the same text. Elder J. H. Sybert, moderator and Ellis I. Wallen, clerk and treasurer were chosen by acclamation to serve for the ensuing year.

25 Years Ago – September 29, 1988 was the beginning of the 136th annual session, hosted by Poplar Grove Church, Sullivan County, TN. Elder Allen Hensley preached the introductory sermon reading Matthew 5:1-12, using as a text the 9th verse, “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.” He was followed by Elder Oscar Irvin. 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: Betty Jo Lawson, Hershel Baker, Pauline Lawson and J. T. Osborne; alternates: Tommie Lawson and Betty Baker. Total number on roll, 97; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning (11:00 a.m.), 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. 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.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Chris Salley, Joe Horton and Jim Bowlin. Excluded, 1; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 58; 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: Clifford Bledsoe, Daphalene Bledsoe, Delmer McPherson and Ada McPherson. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 104; 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 Angela McGuire. Received by experience and baptism, 6; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Frances Armstrong, Eddie Malone, Wanda Malone and Otis Roberts; alternates: Tracie Holmes and Lloyd Morelock. Received by experience and baptism, 3; total number on roll, 86; 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, Dan Cross and Christopher Gibson; alternate: Kay Baker. Total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Lewis Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Carrie Fox, Dennis Stewart, Karen Stewart and Penny VanHoose; alternate: Susie Pitzer. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; received or restored by recantation, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 140; contribution, \$218.80; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in October (10:30 a.m.). Roger VanHoose, moderator.

COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): Nickelsville, VA. Delegates: Clifton Horne, Nadine Horne, Anita Howell and Danny Howell; alternates: Allen Addington and Roger Manring. Received by experience and baptism, 3; total number on roll, 72; contribution, \$180.00; 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, Butch Woodward, Janie Woodward and Phyllis Cely; alternate: Etta Osborne. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.) morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday in April. Richard Seiber, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, KY. Delegates: Roger Sturgill, Casey Breeding, Henrietta Adams and Beulah Webb; alternates: Teresa Sturgill and Sheilah Holbrook. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; 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: Jessica Holton, Shannon Payne, Harold Shaw and Joseph Robinette; alternate: Naomi Adkins. Received by experience and baptism, 5; dismissed by letter, 6; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 154; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.) morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in May. Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Gordon Justice, Homer Osborne, Eugene Sullivan and Doug Willis. Received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Doug Willis, moderator pro-tem.

GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: Bristol, VA. Delegates: Hiram Gardner, Gail Gardner, Gary Baker and Cathy Baker. Total number on roll, 105; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

IRONDALE: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Frankie Phillips and Ann Phillips. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$15.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Frankie Phillips, moderator pro-tem.

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, TN. Delegates: Denise Brooks, Ronnie Brooks, Anita Brown and Don Brown; alternate: Eileen Brown. Excluded, 13; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday night (after 6:30 p.m. service) following the 3rd Saturday (except in September when it follows the 4th Saturday) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. Ronnie Brooks, moderator pro-tem.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Robert Sword, John Banks and Carol Caudill. Dismissed by letter, 4; excluded, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 68; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. John Banks, moderator.

LITTLE DOVE: Eolia, KY. Delegates: John Bedwell, J. D. Bedwell, Liz Sturgill and Rod Sturgill; alternates: June Maggard and Carolyn Lewis. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 23; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in June. John Bedwell, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinville, TN. Delegates: Danny Bailey, Virgie Williams, Linda Charles and John Charles. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 188; 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 18, 2014. John Charles, moderator pro-tem.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: Jackie Miles and Cathy Miles. Total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Carter Hager, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Kenny Taylor and David VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 8; received by relationship, 5; excluded, 3; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in April. David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Ruth Cutshaw, Ralph Lawson, Elizabeth Manes and Billy Robinette; alternate: Shirley Lawson. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 38; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.), following Sunday (10:45 a.m.) and the 4th Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May (10:30 a.m.) W. C. Manes, moderator pro-tem.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen, Juanita Bowen, Paula Ayers and Charles Ayers. Excluded, 1; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 22; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and following 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, Mollie Gilreath, Peggy Harrold and Juanita Williams. Excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 100; 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: David Bailey, Jerry Johnson, Donald L. Johnson and Wiley Lampkin; alternates: Donna Bailey and Christine Conley. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by relationship, 8; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Jerry Johnson, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: J. L. Poteet, Kathy Poteet, James Davidson and Mary Ruth Davidson; alternates: Harmon Willis and Null Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 90; contribution, \$123.00; 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: Tonya Berry, Zachary Berry, Michael Peterson and Lola Peterson; alternates: Tom Bates and Daniel Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in June. Daniel Smith, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Priscilla Irvin, Matthew Stevens, Lenora Stevens and Richard Stevens; alternate: Terri Stevens. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 87; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1st Saturday and every Sunday morning and Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Louisa, KY. Delegates: Tommy Meade and Juanita Borders. Received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 194; contribution, \$125.00; 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, Karen Hood, Joe Robinette and Emma Jean Robinette; alternates: Kim Robinette and Jerelene Persinger. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$220.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Anne Lykins, Jim Lykins, Anita Newkirk and Mark Newkirk; alternates: Luther Johnson and Sandra Johnson. Excluded, 1; 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 and Jim Lykins, moderators.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, TN. Delegates: Andrew Yount, Eugene Yount, Billie Yount and Terry Yount. Total number on roll, 12; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday and 1st Sunday night. Oscar Irvin, moderator.

SLOANTOWN: Clinchport, VA. Delegates: Frank Gilliam, JoAnn Griffin and Linda Turner. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday. No services in January and February. James E. Bowlin, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Johnny Bunch, Clarence Dodson, Carter Hager and Keith Holt; alternates: Earl Lee Dodson and Rodney Dodson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 299; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, VA. Delegates: Ronnie Leonard, Sandra Leonard, Anna Duncan and David Parsons; alternates: Ken Duncan and Patricia Long. Received by experience and baptism, 4; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). David Parsons, moderator pro-tem.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Alyssa Tomlinson, Bill Tomlinson, Michael Tomlinson and Pauline Gillenwater; alternates: Brenda Tomlinson and Eddy Williams. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 44; 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.). Burnice Sybert asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Charles Bernard, Robert Brown, David Horton and Billy Walton; alternates: Annie Jessee and David Moody. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by letter, 2; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 59; 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, Millard Ray Hall and Tina Fullington. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 90; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.). Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Earika Marshall, Mark Bradshaw, Janice Jones and Donnie Jones; alternates: Anthony Henry and Jenny Bradshaw. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 77; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night and 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

TOTALS: 39 churches (19 in VA., 12 in TN., 4 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 49; received by letter, 15; received by relationship, 24; received or restored by recantation, 2; dismissed by letter, 11; excluded, 30; deceased, 53; total number on roll, 3084.

There are 27 ministers serving as pastors - 22 are serving 1 church; 4 are serving 2 churches and 1 is serving 4 churches. There are 8 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 30 ministers and 3 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2014

(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, Jason Robinette, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose and all others who wish to attend.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

3 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

4 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

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

6 - PETERSON'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

- MAY -

1 - CLEAR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert and David VanHoose.

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

3 - MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday (2:00 p.m.), Sunday 10:30 am. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

4 - 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.

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

6 - SLOANTOWN: To begin on Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Jerry Persinger and Richard Seiber.

- JUNE -

1 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Carter Hager, Oscar Irvin, Eddie Malone, Joe Pitzer, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

2 - RICHARDSON CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith and Roger VanHoose.

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, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manning, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber and Burnice Sybert.

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, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Donald L. Johnson, Gordon Justice, Roger Manning, 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.

- JULY -

1 - FAIRVIEW: 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; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Bob Brown, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Donald L. Johnson, Eddie Malone, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert, Terry Yount and all others who wish to attend.

3 - BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, 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, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin 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, John Banks, Porter Carroll, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis 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, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

4 - WILLIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday 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, Terry Sizemore 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 Manring, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

7 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Mike Fullington, Roger Manring, Richard Seiber and Harmon Willis.

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

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

10 - 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.

- 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, Wally Berry, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

4 - KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Mike Fullington, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Matthew Stevens. Homecoming at 10:30 a.m. following the Union Meeting. No Sunday school or evening worship.

5 - 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.

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

7 - 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, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

DIRECTIONS TO COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME) CHURCH

2238 Addington Frame Road
Nickelsville, VA 24271

From Gate City, VA, turn right on Route 71. Go approximately 1 mile; turn left on Route 72. Go approximately 4 miles; turn right on State Route 675. Go 3.2 miles; turn right on State Route 679. Go 0.9 of a mile and turn right on State Route 671. Continue 1.1 mile and turn left on State Route 670. Continue 0.9 mile to church on right.

From Nickelsville, VA, turn right on State Route 680. Go 1.5 miles and turn left on State Route 678. Go 1.2 miles and stay left on State Route 673. Go 1 mile and bear right on Route 670. Continue 0.6 mile to church on left.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2012	\$ 19,658.25
Additional Receipts from 2012	30.00
Special Donation from Faithful Ministry Church	449.56
Receipts from 2013	5,156.80
Interest	29.99
TOTAL	\$ 25,324.60

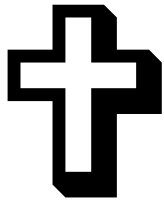
DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	1,217.00
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	97.63
Payment to host church from Faithful Ministry Church	449.56
Repairs to the kitchen	616.00
Clerical supplies	143.74
Electrical and PA Supplies	60.98
Gift to Moderator	800.00
Maintenance/Expenses for Ayers Chapel Church property	1,292.50
Gift to Clerk	1,500.00
Printing and packaging 1,225 copies of 2013 minutes	2,450.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 8,707.41**

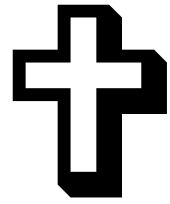
BALANCE IN TREASURY **\$ 16,617.19**

NOTE: The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes ordered was \$7.11



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.

BANKS, Norma Faye
COOK, Mabel Marie VanHoose
EVANS, Georgia Vanzant
GILLENWATER, Mary Evelyn
GRIFFIN, Stanley Elwood
HOLBROOK, Basil
HUTCHINS, Margie Hickman
LAWSON, Lillie Ruth Sizemore
NEELEY, Ezra Hasque
OSBORNE, Claude Allen
OSBORNE, John Henderson, Jr.
SHORT, Herbert (Herb)
TANKERSLEY, Ballard, Jr.
THACKER, Rickey Norman
*WHEELER, Elder Henry E.
WILLIS, Sharon K.
WOLFE, Juanita Faye Sybert

BLEDSON, Jerry Lee
ELDRIDGE, Leonard Ray
FLETCHER, Ada Lou Elkins
*GILLEY, Elder Lowell Harold
HALL, Lydia Lavenia Elkins
HURD, Bertie Venice
LANEY, Michael Shane
LAWSON, Patricia
NIECE, Ralph Junior
OSBORNE, Jesse Charles (Jimbo)
PERSINGER, Amanda Beatrice
SYBERT, Stella Victoria Lawson
TANKERSLEY, Virginia (Gennie)
WEAVER, Sandra Hurd
WILLIAMS, James Eugene
WILLIS, Stella Mae

*Ministers

NORMA FAYE BANKS, daughter of the late Steve Hale and Urah Goode Hale, was born September 22, 1936. She entered eternal life September 1, 2013 at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 9 days.

Norma Faye married Charles Banks on May 20, 1989, and was a member of Little Cowan Church. She enjoyed going to church, singing, making dolls and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband; 1 daughter, Tammy Holbrook; 3 sons, Tim, James Marcus and Stephen Adams and 1 sister, Iva Clark. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by 1 son, Don Adams; 1 daughter, Linda Adams; 1 brother, Junior Hale and 1 sister, Wilma Brady.

- Written by the family

JERRY LEE BLEDSOE, 59, of Pattonville, VA, went to his heavenly home on November 20, 2012 after battling cancer. Jerry was born on June 18, 1953 to Hillard and Lucinda Johnson Bledsoe.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Phyllis Spivey Bledsoe; 2 daughters, Melanie Fields and Misty Burke; 2 granddaughters; 4 brothers, Michael, Paul, Ralph and Hoyt Bledsoe and 2 sisters, Debbie Burchell and Burren Evans.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother, Wayne Bledsoe.

Jerry touched the lives of many during his time here on this earth and made many friends. He graduated from Rye Cove High School in 1971 and joined the 101st Airborne in Fort Campbell, KY. He began his mining career in 1974 and continued working until his death. He was also the first Paramedic for Scott County, VA where he volunteered with Duffield Fire and Rescue since 1975.

- Written by the family

MABEL MARIE VANHOOSE COOK, age 87, of Louisa, KY passed from this life to her eternal home on April 20, 2013 of a sudden illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben P. Cook and 2 sons, Randy and Tommy Cook.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Sharon Ratliff and Pamela Bartlett; 1 son, Lonnie Cook; 12 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

Mabel was a charter member of Richardson Chapel Church and was also the first church clerk.

She loved the church and helped her brother, Claude VanHoose, start Richardson Chapel. Through the years, she was not able to attend regularly, but anyone that knew her, knew her love for the church.

She is missed daily by our family. We will never be the same, but we will meet again very soon in our heavenly home. Rest, Mother, until we meet again.

- Written by her daughter, Sharon Ratliff

LEONARD RAY ELDRIDGE, age 80, of Waynesville, OH passed away April 6, 2013. He was born in Jackson, KY on April 19, 1932 to the late Farrish and Anna Lee Eldridge.

Ray was a quiet and humble man who loved the Lord and his family. He was a very devoted husband, father, grandfather, and an active member of Fairview Church. On March 19, 1977, Ray was ordained as a deacon of Fairview Church in Ohio.

Ray was a decorated Korean War veteran, and after serving in the United States Army, he returned home and worked 27 years at NCR and later retired from General Motors after 20 years' service.

He was preceded in death by 1 son, Gary Eldridge; 1 grandson; 2 brothers, Estill and Ernest and 7 sisters, Goldie, Evelyn, Reva, Etta, Lorraine, Wanda and Ruth.

Ray is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Dorothy Russell Eldridge; 1 daughter, Tina Hanks; 2 sons, Rick and Greg Eldridge; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Lester Eldridge; 1 sister, Cassie Greenwell and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He will be missed and will always be in our hearts. We will once again be together in heaven where there will be no more goodbyes.

- Written by the family

GEORGIA VANZANT EVANS, age 89, was born August 30, 1924 in Scott County, VA and went to meet the Lord February 12, 2013.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kyle and Della Vanzant; husband, James Evans and 2 brothers.

She is survived by her son, James Evans; 1 granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Georgia was a faithful and devoted member and singer at Fairview. She was a Sunday School teacher of children for many years and touched the life of many young people.

She enjoyed gospel music and preaching of the word, even when she could no longer attend church.

Georgia is missed by family and friends, but we know one day we will all be together in heaven.

- Written by the church clerk, Fairview, Ohio

ADA LOU ELKINS FLETCHER, age 83, of Jonesville, VA, passed away October 30, 2012. She was the daughter of Burley and Dona Osborne Elkins of the Wallen's Creek Community of Lee County, VA. She was an active member and Sunday School teacher at Davis Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Fletcher; parents and an infant brother, Ray Elkins.

Surviving are 1 son, Randy Fletcher; 1 daughter, Brenda Meade; 2 granddaughters; 4 great grandsons; 2 great granddaughters; 3 step grandsons; 1 step granddaughter; special daughter, Debbie Fischel; 3 brothers, R. C., Omer and Don Elkins; 2 sisters, Betty Willis and Estell Creech; several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. She is at peace in heaven now.

- Written by her cousin, Barbara Elkins Collingsworth

MARY EVELYN GILLENWATER was born August 27, 1941 and departed this life July 16, 2013 at the age of 71.

She was a home maker and member of Wallen's Creek Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Gillenwater; parents, Emory and Rosa Mae Miles; 2 brothers, Vernon and Dean Miles; 4 sisters, Bertha Grizzle, Kathleen Miles, Anna Mae Miles and Faye Jones.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Sherry Harless; 1 grandson; 1 brother, Bill Miles and several nieces and nephews.

Sleep on, Mary, where you don't have any pain.

- Written by the Wallen's Creek church clerk

ELDER LOWELL HAROLD GILLEY, age 71, of East Stone Gap, VA passed away July 2, 2013 at his home with his family at his side.

Harold was an accomplished gospel singer. He spent his life serving the Lord, preaching and singing all over different states. He gave a lot of his time helping and giving to needy children. He was a minister for many years at Irondale Church and was greatly appreciated and loved by everyone in the church.

He will be missed by us all, but we will be with him soon.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; 3 sons, Bryan, Tim and Steve Gilley; 2 grandsons; 3 granddaughters; 1 brother, John Gilley and a host of loved ones and friends.

- Written by Frankie Phillips

STANLEY ELWOOD GRIFFIN was born April 9, 1932 and died July 13, 2013.

He married Joanne Williams and they were blessed with 3 children.

He was a member of Sloantown Church and a devout Christian.

- Written by Frank Gilliam

LYDIA LAVENIA ELKINS HALL, age 72, of Jonesville, VA passed away peacefully with her family by her side on September 2, 2013. She was born in Lee County of the Wallen's Creek Community on August 13, 1941 to the late Hubert and Merle Elkins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; ex-husband, Frank R. Hall, Sr.; 1 brother, Patton Elkins and 2 infant brothers, Clarence and Johnny Elkins.

She was saved and baptized at an early age and joined Davis Chapel Church. She moved to Gas City, IN and raised her family while working for Marion Family Practice/Cardinal Health Systems. She retired and moved back to the home place on Wallen's Creek in October, 2003.

She is survived by 1 son, Frank Hall, Jr.; 2 daughters, Becky Mannon and Stephanie Hall, who was her caregiver for over 3 years; 3 granddaughters; 4 grandsons; 6 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Ann Tharp, Bobbie Speck and Barbara Collingsworth; 2 brothers, J. C. and Tommy Elkins; 12 nieces and nephews and 21 great nieces and great nephews.

She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends, but we know she is at peace in heaven now.

- Written by her sister, Barbara Collingsworth

BASIL HOLBROOK, age 88, went home to be with the Lord on April 28, 2013.

For 36 years, he was a faithful member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church. Basil was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; 1 daughter, Judith Collins; 2 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He is greatly missed; our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

BERTIE VENICE HURD, age 88, Blackwater, VA went home to be with the Lord on February 18, 2012. Born July 11, 1923, she was the daughter of the late James Ruben Noe and Rosa Lee Bledsoe Noe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Hurd; and several brothers and sisters.

Bertie lived most of her life in the Blackwater community and was a long time member of Osborne's Chapel Church. She loved singing and playing music, especially playing the harmonica, and was a very talented painter. She will be remembered by her friends and family for the kindness and generosity she would show to anyone who came to see her. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, and aunt.

She is survived by 3 sons, James, Roger, and Glen Hurd; 1 sister, Pauline Gilliam; 8 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

We will miss her greatly, but the joys of heaven are now hers.

- Written by the family

MARGIE HICKMAN HUTCHINS, age 76, passed away unexpectedly on July 17, 2013. She was a member of Long Hollow Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Will and Louise Hickman; 1 sister, Shirley Moffitt; 5 brothers, Ralph Haburn, Andrew, Wayne, Guy and Alvin Hickman.

She is survived by her children; 23 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Elder Arry Hickman and Dewey Hickman; 1 sister, Inez Lafollette and several nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Until we meet again in heaven.

- Written by the family

MICHAEL SHANE LANEY was born June 8, 1966, the son of Milton and Bessie Laney of Louisa, KY. Mike passed away on October 9, 2012 at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, KY.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Milton; 2 brothers, David and Melvin and 1 sister, Janie Marcum.

He is survived by his mother, Bessie Laney; 3 sons, Tyler Milton, Emanuele Wyatt and John Jacob Laney; 4 sisters, Junelle May, Annie Dutton, Louella Stepp and Mickey Rose and a great host of nieces and nephews.

Mike was loved greatly by his family and friends, a very well-liked man of everyone he met. He is greatly missed by friends, extended family and all who knew him.

- Written by the family

LILLIE RUTH SIZEMORE LAWSON was born on April 7, 1924. Beloved mother, grandmother, wife, sister and friend, she went peacefully home to be with the Lord on January 20, 2013.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fate and Lillie Sizemore; husband, Charles T. Lawson; 1 daughter, Oleda Lawson; 1 sister, Dorothy Fields and 1 brother, Henry Sizemore.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Velma Morgan, Melissa Smith, Katherine Jeter and Gilda Ward; 7 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and 1 brother, Wiley Joe Sizemore.

Our hearts are full of love for her, the mother that taught us to garden, sew and be kind and thoughtful of others. She raised five daughters by working hard and not complaining, while teaching them that right is right and wrong is wrong. She loved to cook for anyone dropping by. Even though her illness took her memory, she never forgot where she was saved and told us many times of the experience at Davis Chapel.

She was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church and attended faithfully until her health no longer permitted it. She is gone just for a season. Her memory lives on in the hearts of her children and grandchildren. Her faith and testimony assures us that we will see her again, thank God.

- Written by her daughters

PATRICIA LAWSON was born on December 28, 1923 and entered into heavenly rest on December 7, 2012 at the age of 88.

She, her husband and children moved from Colorado to Stickleyville, VA in 1953. She joined Mountain View Church and remained a faithful member as long as her health permitted. Patricia lived the last 11 years in the Kingston Center in Duffield, VA.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Otis Lawson and her parents, Charles and Edith Marshall.

She is survived by 1 son, David Lawson; 1 daughter, Linda Pullon; 5 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Rest in peaceful slumber, Patricia, until the happy waking on heaven's shore.

- Written by the church clerk, Paula Ayers

EZRA HASQUE NEELEY, age 91, of Stickleyville, VA passed away on June 6, 2013 at the Mountain Home V. A. Medical Center in Johnson City, TN. Born in Blackwater, VA on August 13, 1921, he was a son of the late Charlie Melvin and Virdie Mae (Lawson) Neeley. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Mattie Hughes Neeley and 1 sister, Thelma Neeley Joyner.

He helped build and was a faithful member of Mountain View Church in Stickleyville for over 70 years. He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served his country in Europe during World War II. Ezra was honorably discharged in 1946. He was a life member of the DAV.

Ezra was a retired farmer who loved working the land and also worked at Gate City and Jonesville Livestock Markets. His love for his family was evident in his devotion to his wife, daughters, granddaughters and great grandchildren.

Ezra is survived by two daughters, Paula Ayers and Juanita Bowen; 2 granddaughters and 9 great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family, community and church.

- Written by the family

RALPH JUNIOR NIECE of Eolia, KY passed away on February 4, 2013 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center. He was the son of the late Dennis and Edna Brock Niece. He was born August 31, 1934.

Surviving are 2 sons, Ralph Douglas and Ralph Kenny Niece; 6 daughters, Mary Adams, Delana Bowman, Pam Adams, Melissa Brock, Georgia Dickerson and Joanna Adams; 3 brothers, Carfa, Chester and Jimmy Niece; 4 sisters, Heneritta Absher, Juanita Adams, Joyce Ann Standifer and Sue McKnight; 19 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Ralph was preceded in death by 1 son, Junior Darnell Niece; 1 brother, Brad Niece; 3 sisters, Mae Hatton, Agie Halton and Maxine Dollarhide. Ralph is truly missed by the Little Dove Church family.

- Written by the church clerk

CLAUDE ALLEN OSBORNE, age 87, of Blackwater, VA went to his heavenly home October 30, 2012. Born November 6, 1924 to Lewis E. Osborne and Julia Bledsoe Osborne and a stepmother, Bessie Sturgill Osborne.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 6 brothers, Leonard, Olan Jessee, John Roy, Guy, Charles and Dewey.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Nell McPherson Osborne; 1 son, Sherrill Osborne; 1 daughter, Wilma Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Myrtle Bledsoe and Emma Jean Hoskins; several nieces and nephews, numerous acquaintances, neighbors and friends.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age, was baptized and joined Roller's Chapel Church and attended as long as he was able. He served as deacon and used his gift of singing.

He successfully completed 23 years of public service with the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Department of Transportation. He was most faithful concerning his family and work; he was an excellent provider, always aware of family needs; a loving husband and dad. He is deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His humble and quiet way did not go unnoticed nor will it be forgotten. He often spoke of his blessed hope in Christ his Savior.

- Written by his little family, as he so often referred to them

JESSE CHARLES (JIMBO) OSBORNE was born October 27, 1941 in Lee County to Louis Osborne and Frankie Willis Osborne. After many years of failing health, he went to be with the Lord on May 27, 2013 at the age of 71 years and 7 months.

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

He was married to Ruth Osborne on March 2, 1963 in Pennington Gap, VA by Elder Coy Lawson.

He moved to Dayton, OH in 1962, where he worked at Chrysler Airtemp until 1970, when he and his family moved back to his beloved Blackwater. After 28 years of service, he retired from Joy Mining Machinery in 2008. While at Joy, he left a great testimony of his faith with many of his coworkers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant sister, Nadine, and his eldest sister, Katy Osborne.

He is survived by Ruth, his wife of over 50 years; 3 daughters, Christy Robinson, Cindy Osborne and Regina Dunlap; 2 granddaughters, 3 grandsons and 2 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Irene Wallen, Julia Davis and Verna Lawson and 1 brother, Andrew (John) Osborne.

Jimbo loved the Lord and attended church regularly as long as he was able.

Through his many illnesses and surgeries, he'd always say "If I go or if I stay, it's okay either way." He knew he had a better place to go.

Fifty years together here, eternity together in Heaven. I'll never stop missing you.

- Written by Ruth Osborne

JOHN HENDERSON OSBORNE, JR. was born August 17, 1928 and went to his heavenly home September 26, 2013 while his loving wife of 58 years, Wanda Jane Wallen Osborne gently sang a favorite gospel song, "O Come, Angel Band."

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Henderson Osborne, Sr. and Maude Duff Ward Osborne and 2 brothers, Dr. Paul James Osborne and Elmer Ray Osborne.

He is survived by 1 daughter, Pamela Fagans; 2 sons, Wayne Keith Osborne and John Henderson Osborne III; 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Junior, as he was lovingly called by many, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, reaching the rank of sergeant while stationed with a MASH unit.

He was baptized into the fellowship of West View Church July 25, 1961. He was ordained as a deacon February 18, 1967 and served his church faithfully until the end. His faith in God never wavered throughout his long illness, as he daily bore his affliction with patience. It is a great comfort to know he is in the presence of the Lord.

- Written by the family

AMANDA BEATRICE PERSINGER, age 90, of Kingsport, TN went to be with the Lord September 17, 2013 after an extended illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Virgie Carroll; husband, Herman Persinger; 1 son, Larry Ellis Persinger and 3 infant daughters.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Carolyn Persinger and Kathleen Poole; 1 son, Ronald Persinger; 2 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Upon receiving her Lord and Savior, she united with Roller's Chapel Church and later in life she moved her membership to Poplar Grove Church.

She is greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

- Written by the family

HERBERT (HERB) SHORT was born December 30, 1921 and departed this life November 3, 2012 at the age of 90. He was the son of the late Smith S. Short and Julie Pratt Short.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Geneva.

Herb is survived by a niece, other extended family members and a host of friends.

Herb was born in Appalachia, VA. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1945. He lived many years in Xenia, OH with his wife and he retired from the County School System as a boiler maker. Herb and his wife returned to the Big Stone Gap, VA area after his retirement.

He was a member of Cadet Church and briefly served as a Deacon before moving to Ohio. After returning to Virginia, he finished his life as an active member for many years. Herb was loved by all and was a father figure to all the church members and many people living in the community.

- Written by the family

STELLA VICTORIA LAWSON SYBERT was born August 12, 1914 in Lee County, VA and went to rest in her heavenly home October 15, 2012 at the age of 98 years, 2 months and 3 days.

She was the daughter of William S. and Lana Fisher Lawson. She was married to Elder John Henry Sybert June 14, 1936.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; 1 son, Henry Hampton Sybert; 4 brothers, Charles, Thomas, Coy and Echol Lawson; 7 sisters, Elizabeth Barker, Verdie Neeley, Ollie Willis, Ella Sherrill, Addie Goins, Litha Gibson and Vada Childress.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Anna Jane Donihe; 1 son, Elder Burnice Ray Sybert; 3 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was saved in 1932 in a revival held by Elder Pleas Jenkins at Blackwater Lick Church, where she became a member. She joined Davis Chapel Church after her marriage. After moving to

Kingsport, she became a member of Poplar Grove Church and later joined West View Church, where she had been a faithful member for over 50 years and was the oldest member of the church.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, a great prayer warrior, a Mother in Israel, and traveled many thousands of miles with her husband during his 72 years of ministry. She loved the church and will be missed by all.

- Written for the family by her son, Elder Burnice Sybert

BALLARD (JR.) TANKERSLY, age 59, of Blackwater, VA went to be with the Lord, April 26, 2011.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ballard Tankersley; 2 sisters, Ruth Tankersley and Nora McLain and 2 brothers, Ralph and Delmer Tankersley.

He is survived by his mother, Virginia Tankersley; 1 sister, Aubra Hill; 5 brothers, Clarence, Truman, Jerry, Fred and Daniel Tankersley; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He was saved at a young age during a revival at Flower Gap Church and he joined Willis Chapel Church. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and taking care of his mom. He is greatly missed by his family and friends. Precious memories we have forever, until we meet again.

- Written by the family

VIRGINIA (GENNIE) TANKERSLY, age 91 years and 7 months, of Blackwater, VA departed this life February 14, 2013 for her heavenly home.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ballard Tankersley; 2 daughters, Ruth Tankersley and Nora McLain; 3 sons, Ralph, Delmer and Ballard (Jr.) Tankersley; parents, Bigie and Lou Smith; 2 sisters, Una and Birtha Rogers and 2 brothers, Eachel and Emith Smith.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Aubra Hill; 5 sons, Clarence, Truman, Jerry, Fred, and Daniel Tankersley; 14 grandchildren; several great and great-great grandchildren; 1 sister, Rena Hurd; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

She was a member of Willis Chapel Church. The Lord gave her a gift and she would be filled with His spirit by shouting His praises and singing. Her favorite song was "I'm Working on the Building for my Lord."

Mom is sadly missed by her family, but we know she is at rest. Sleep on until we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the family

RICKEY NORMAN THACKER was born April 3, 1964 and passed away January 2, 2012 at the age of 47.

He was preceded in death by his father, W. Earl Thacker and 2 brothers, Wayland E. and Rayburn C. Thacker.

He is survived by his mother, Millicent Robinette Thacker; wife, Amanda Thacker; 1 daughter, Bridget Leanne Thacker; 1 son, Ryan Earl Thacker; 1 sister, Karen Thacker Reed and 1 brother, Randal (Sonny) Thacker; several nieces and nephews.

Toward the end of his life, Rickey faced many trials and tribulations, but remember what is said in John 16:33.

As a born again Christian and a member of Robinette Memorial Church, Rickey has overcome this world. He was loved by many and is missed every day, but he is now at peace with his Lord Jesus Christ, and soon we shall be reunited with him again. Until then, his memory will live in our hearts.

- Written by his sister, Karen Thacker Reed

SANDRA HURD WEAVER went home to be with the Lord December 2, 2012 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She was 53 years of age.

She was born in Kingsport, TN where she lived her entire life. She attended West View Church. She was a loving wife, sister and daughter and loved her nieces and nephews as though they were her own children.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles H. Hurd, Sr.; 1 brother, Donald Hurd; maternal grandparents, William and Lillie Grizzle Rigsby and paternal grandparents, Floyd and Rhoda Giles Hurd.

Surviving are her husband, Jack Arthur Weaver; mother, June Hurd; 1 sister, Karen Carter; 1 brother, Charles Hurd, Jr. and a number of nieces, nephews and great-nephews.

- Written by the family

ELDER HENRY E. WHEELER was born October 26, 1930 and departed this life November 18, 2012 at the age of 82 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Sarah Wheeler and 4 brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, LaUna Hawkins Wheeler; 2 daughters, Janet Lawson and Glenda Hicks; 1 son, Chris Wheeler; 2 granddaughters; 1 great granddaughter and 2 great-great grandsons; 1 brother and 3 sisters.

He was saved at a young age at Hopewell Church. He pastored House Chapel Church for 18 years and Oak Grove Church for 14 years. He served as honorary pastor at New Life Church, where he was a member until his existing health issues kept him from attending. He always said it was a privilege and blessing to be in the house of the Lord. He was a wonderful husband, daddy and granddaddy. Henry was always happy and had a smile for everyone, especially the little children. Our hearts are broken, but we know there is no more pain or suffering. We miss you so much, but we find peace in knowing you are now able to walk on the streets of gold that you often talked about. Until we meet again, your memories will always remain in our hearts.

- Written by the family

JAMES EUGENE WILLIAMS, age 56, passed away from this life to be with the Lord on July 18, 2013. He was a farmer and attended Long Hollow Church when he was a young man. Before he passed away, he called on the Lord Jesus not to let him go to hell. Jesus did call him to a better place where there will be no more sickness. He battled cancer for six months. Many of his friends helped him at church and the Stanley Valley Market. He had many good friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, H. P. Williams and a loving grandson.

He is survived by his mother, Virgie Williams; 2 children, Christopher Thacker and Katonia Jackson; 6 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Phyllis Roop and Geneva Burchfield; 2 brothers, Raymond and Danny Williams and many friends and family.

- Written by a sad mother, Virgie Williams

SHARON K. WILLIS 63 years of age of Xenia, OH passed away suddenly on March 27, 2013 in Xenia. She was born to Ocie (Richard) Oldham and Glenn Gasho on September 1, 1949. Sharon was a loving mom, grandma, wife and a good friend to many. She was an avid gardener, finding much joy working with her flowers.

She was a faithful member of Fairview Church, Bellbrook, OH. Sharon donated her body to Wright State School of Medicine for the advancement of science.

She is survived by her husband, Lester Robinette; her children Veronica Cloud, Jerry Willis, Kristian Willis and Brent Brandenburg; 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

- Written by the family

STELLA MAE WILLIS of Jonesville, VA was born on December 17, 1912 and entered into rest on January 16, 2013 at the age of 100 years and one month, at her home with her loving family at her side.

Stella was saved at an early age and joined Willis Chapel Church, where she remained a member until her death. She always lived for the Lord and read the Bible daily. She always gave everyone counsel from God's word. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt to her nieces and nephews. We will miss her very much, but we know she is at rest in the arms of Jesus. When Jesus was on the cross and one of the malefactors believed on him and requested that Jesus remember him when he entered into his kingdom, Jesus told him this day "Thou shall be with me in paradise." Mommy is with the Lord in paradise with all God's children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Willie Willis; 1 son, Lunie Willis; mother, Winnie Lawson; father, George Lawson; 2 brothers, Harmon and Lunie Lawson and 2 sisters, Vergie Johnson and Rosie Johnson.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Madge Lawson, Vergie Willis and Rosie Ingram; 2 sons, Ralph Willis and Thomas Coy Willis; 3 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren and 1 step grandson, Justin Doyle.

- Written by the family

JUANITA FAYE SYBERT WOLFE was born in Lee County, VA on April 23, 1946 and went to be with the Lord April 29, 2013 at the age of 67 years and 6 days. For most of her life, she lived in the Gate City, VA area.

She was the daughter of Elder Howard Sybert and Bonnie Fannon Sybert, both of whom preceded her in death. She was saved at a young age and joined Osborne Chapel Church, where she remained a member until her marriage, at which time she joined Cowan's Branch Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a leader the remainder of her life.

She is survived by her husband, John Wolfe, Jr.; 2 sons, Paul and Bruce Wolfe; 1 granddaughter and 1 grandson.

- Written by the family

HISTORICAL DATA

Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists organized 1835

YEAR	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	INTRODUCTORY SERMON
1835	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	Moses McGinnis
1836	Blackwater, TN	Daniel Howery	Moses McGinnis	James Gilbert
1837	War Creek	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1838	Gap Creek	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	Isaac Crisman
1839	Thompson Settlement	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1840	New Found	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	
1841	Greasy Rock	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1842	Little Sycamore	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1843	Deep Springs	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1844	Beens Creek	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1845	Richardson's Creek	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1846	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
1847	Zion	James Gilbert	William McNiel	
Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists organized 1848				
1848	Blackwater Lick	Isaac Crisman	John Hurst	Mark Hurst
1849	Blackwater, TN			William White
There are no records available from 1850-1880. It is known no annual meetings were held during the Civil War, (1861-1865?)				
1881	Blackwater, TN	I. S. Robinette	William Henry	I. S. Robinette
1882	Sulphur Springs	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	S. R. T. Robinette
1883	Hopewell	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	I. S. Robinette
1884	Swan Creek	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	J. P. Peters
1885	Zion	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	I. S. Robinette
1886	Piney Grove	I. S. Robinette	E. D. Bowen	E. D. Bowen
1887	Walnut Grove	George Edens	A. T. Bowen	E. S. McPherson
1888	Blackwater Lick	George Edens	A. T. Bowen	George Edens
1889	Hopewell	E. D. Bowen	John Walker	E. D. Bowen
1890	Enterprise	E. D. Bowen	William Henry	George Edens
1891	Swan Creek	George Edens	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Peters
1892	Beech Hill	J. P. Peters	William Henry	Alfred Wallen
1893	Sulphur Springs	George Edens	E. S. McPherson	John Dean
1894	Blackwater, TN	George Edens	William Henry	E. S. McPherson
1895	Blackwater Lick	Alfred Wallen	A. Y. Willis	J. P. Peters

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

1924	Hopewell	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne	H. S. Laster
1925	Valley View	E. A. Robinette	Hampton Osborne; J. W. Hurd, Ass't.	E. Barker
1926	Big Cut	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	E. A. Robinette
1927	Hurricane Gap	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd	A. N. Joyner
1928	Robinette Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. Barker
1929	Burke's Union	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Julia A. Walker, Ass't.	E. A. Robinette
1930	Jenkins Chapel	E. A. Robinette	J. W. Hurd; Maudie May Brotherton, Ass't.	F. T. Carroll
1931	Little Cowan	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	E. A. Robinette
1932	Osborne's Chapel	E. A. Robinette	E. I. Robinette	F. T. Carroll
1933	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette; F. J. Johnson, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	Pleas Jenkins
1934	Cox's Chapel	E. A. Robinette W. H. Burke, Ass't.	E. I. Robinette	F. J. Johnson
1935	Cadet	E. A. Robinette B. L. Lawson, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	T. R. Carter
1936	Pleasant View	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	F. T. Carroll
1937	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson
1938	Little Dove	E. A. Robinette; T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	E. A. Robinette
1939	Spires Chapel	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	F. J. Johnson
1940	Peterson's Chapel	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter, Ass't.	Amos Osborne	F. M. Phipps
1941	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1942	Fairview (OH)	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1943	Big Cut	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	L. R. Hensley
1944	Fairview (VA)	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	J. H. Sybert
1945	Alvis Chapel	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	Claude Taylor
1946	Willis Chapel	T. R. Carter	Amos Osborne	B. L. Lawson
1947	Hopewell	T. R. Carter	H. G. Busic	J. H. Sybert
1948	Ida	T. R. Carter; J. H. Sybert	H. G. Busic	Joe Hickman
1949	Gardner's Chapel	T. R. Carter; J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Frank Brown
1950	Gilliam Chapel	T. R. Carter; J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Dana Crawford
1951	Belcher's Chapel	T. R. Carter; J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	J. H. Sybert
1952	Willis Chapel	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	C. C. Johnson
1953	Swan Creek	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Clifford Williams
1954	Blair Chapel	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Basil Freeman

1955	Fairview (OH)	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Alex Willis
1956	Valley View	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	R. T. Carter
1957	Marion Robinette Memorial	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	C. C. Johnson
1958	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. L. Hill
1959	Peterson's Chapel	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Gardner
1960	Swan Creek	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Basil Freeman
1961	Roller's Chapel	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Alex Willis
1962	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	R. T. Carter
1963	Beech Grove	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. L. Hill
1964	Mountain View	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1965	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Alex Willis
1966	Fairview (OH)	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1967	Marion Robinette Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Basil Freeman
1968	Cadet	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Fremon Thacker
1969	Roller's Chapel	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Peters
1970	Poplar Grove	Basil Freeman	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1971	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1972	Richardson Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bert Banks
1973	Liberty Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1974	Clear Springs	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Ben Hill
1975	Irondale	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1976	West View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. L. Shaw
1977	Chestnut Flats	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1978	Blackwater Lick	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Walter C. Willis
1979	Mountain View	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	J. H. Sybert
1980	Swan Creek	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Bobby Williams
1981	House Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	H. V. Hall
1982	Jenkins Chapel	Basil Freeman	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1983	Caney Creek	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Darrell Ratliff
1984	Slate Hill	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Henry Wheeler
1985	Long Hollow	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Hasco Jenkins
1986	Edwin Holbrook Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Oscar Irvin
1987	Oak Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Lucian Lane
1988	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Burnice R. Sybert	Allen Hensley
1989	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Eckel Head
1990	Blackwater Lick	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Carl Lawson
1991	Burke's Union	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1992	Clear Springs	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Terry Sizemore
1993	West View	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	J. H. Sybert

1994	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J. H. Sybert & Basil Freeman, Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin
1999	Roller's Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2000	Butcher's Valley	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Henry Wheeler
2001	Clear Springs	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger VanHoose
2002	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	David Smith
2003	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2004	Beech Grove	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Phil Crittenden
2005	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
2006	Flower Gap	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2007	Pilgrim's Rest	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Virgil Lipe
2008	Little Cowan	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Banks
2009	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette
2010	Richardson Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2011	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Fred Gilreath
2012	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Burnice Sybert
2013	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Daniel Hurd

