

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 2, 2014

The church now known as Copper Creek Primitive Baptist was established in the early 1800's. The first records show it was organized in 1807 with Elder Robert Kilgore as the pastor. In those days, services were held mostly in homes and in the Saratoga school house. A plot of land was given by William Addington in an area down on the creek about 3/4 mile from the present site, to build a meeting house. A frame structure was erected and put under roof, only to run out of supplies and funding. Therefore, the meetings could only be held during favorable weather. The land was donated by the Addington family, also the lumber, most of the labor and at that time most of the attendees were from the Addington family. This being the case, the structure was known as "Addington Frame." The first meeting there was in the year 1866. Then James and Julia Addington gave land at the present site to build a church building. The old frame structure was raised and moved to be included in the building of the new church, thus bringing forth the name of "Addington Frame." The first May Meeting was held in this building in 1884. The present structure was built on that same plot, and began services in 1914. This year, the 62nd annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists was held here 100 years ago. At that time, Elder Tom Carter was pastor. The introductory was preached by Elder E. A. Robinette from the 1st chapter of John verse 12; "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of GOD, *even* to them that believe on His name." The moderator was Elder E. S. McPherson and J. J. Addington was clerk. That year, the membership was 94. The donation to the Association was \$2.00, the amount received at the Association was \$44.00, the clerk's fee was \$5.00, and the minutes cost \$30.00.

Elder Tom Carter served the church as pastor until the early 1950's. He traveled each month, in all kinds of weather, on a mule from his home near Hiltons. A few times, the weather made it impossible for him to make the journey. He would come early on Saturdays for afternoon service, spend the night with members in the community and hold service on Sunday morning. Around 1950, his health was failing and Elder John R. Gardner was elected to be his assistant. Brother Carter was unable to attend the May Meeting in 1954. That was the first one he had missed in 20 years. The last time he was able to attend was in May, 1956. He passed away in January, 1963.

In 1952, John R. Gardner was elected pastor, after having been assistant to Brother Carter during his failing health. He served the church well until his health failed and he passed away in October, 1982.

Co-pastors, Elder Eckel Head and Bobby Vermillion were elected in 1983. Bob stayed on for 10 years and Brother Eckel remained our faithful leader until his death in January, 2010. Elder Harold Head was elected in 2009 to assist his brother because of serious health conditions, and was elected pastor after Brother Eckel's passing. He was only with us one year until the Lord called him away, also.

The following year, our present Pastor, Elder Daniel Smith, was elected.

Our church at Copper Creek has been a landmark for many Scott Countians through the years. Its location on the edge of a cliff overlooking beautiful Copper Creek Valley, makes it visible from afar in different directions. Our building remains the same with only a few added amenities, such as central heat and air, and an adjoining fellowship hall with inside facilities. Our meeting times are Sunday following the 2nd and 3rd Saturday. Our annual May meeting, which is also our Union Meeting, has become a homecoming time for many who have left the community and still like to return to fellowship and keep in touch with family and friends. In the early years, bountiful meals were spread on the

ground; then was upgraded to tables under tents, and now we are blessed to have a place to eat inside comfortably in any type of weather.

The Lord has richly blessed us here at Copper Creek over the last 100 years. We still preach the gospel in the old fashioned way and welcome everyone to attend. We are doubly blessed to be allowed to host the "Grand Ole Body" of the Association this year in its 162nd session, 100 years from the first time it was held here. We pray everyone present will receive a wonderful blessing just by being here. It is a great honor and we take great pleasure in serving you this year. Our prayer is to go forth in unity and love and keep spreading the Word in the old time way. God bless each and every one.

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 162nd annual session with Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church, Nickelsville, VA.

One hundred years ago, God's children gathered for the first day of the 62nd annual session much the same way as God's children met to worship and praise His holy name for the 162nd time. Sister Zula McCullough led us in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Draw me nearer blessed Lord and let our soul look upwards with a steadfast hope. Jesus saved our soul from death and now we are free to bask in His matchless love. We should love Him ever more for the pain that He bore. What a wonderful change in our life was wrought when Jesus came into our heart with floods of joy o'er our soul like the sea billows roll.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service and asked each and every one to praise God with all that is within us. May we give Him the praise and honor in every aspect of our being. Many have passed from us since our last gathering, but it is a blessing to see the good number of young people in attendance with us today. When we keep God in the mix, things go right. We pray that if there is anyone who does not know the Lord that they might find Him precious to their soul. All things will pass away, but our knowledge of Jesus is what will matter in the end.

The Moderator asked all of our ministers to sign the minister's book, including ministers from other associations and church affiliations. He also asked each church to get their church letters, donations, and obituaries in so they might be counted.

Elder Sizemore mentioned the passing of Elders Gordon Justice, Don Woodward, Bert Banks, and Paul Norton since we last met. Please remember their families in prayer. Thank God for each of them and their stand for God.

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

Sister Zula led the congregation in singing the old song that is the association's standard song, "Brethren, We Have Met Again." Someday soon we'll meet our brethren there that joined us here. An additional blessing was received as she led us in singing "How Great Thou Art." Thy power throughout the universe displays, as we realize just how great Thou art! When we think how He bled and died for us, our soul can sing. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation, we will proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art."

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which includes Roy Jones (chairman), Jim Bowlin and Gale McCullough.

Elder Daniel Smith, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to today's service. Praising God for everyone here today and for His guidance, he asked us to be obedient to God's Holy Spirit.

Elder Sizemore read the document regarding the tolling of the bell for Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church. This explained its purpose, along with its history.

Eddie and Wanda Malone blessed us with their song and testimony. Thank you for the valley we walk through today. When that valley grows dark, it teaches us to pray in earnest. This life can't be all blessings, or we would fail to pray as we need to.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches, those serving in the military, our country, Anita Newkirk, John Turner, Mary Rose, Phyllis Rose, Roger Trent, Jeanette Trent, Ricky Wells, Don Bostic, Jim and Doris Burke, Hazel Livesay, the family of a man who claimed there is no God who took his own life, Richard Gunther, Sue Turner, Greg Whittaker, Maude Turner, Henrietta's niece and great nephew, John Bowlin, Kathy Robinson, Misty VanHoose, Jerry Persinger, Robert Sword, Jack Lambert and Jenny Brown. A show of uplifted hands signified countless unspoken prayer requests. Elder Scott Tipton gave us a wonderful testimony and praise before leading us to the throne of grace in a soul stirring prayer.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Daniel Smith took the first part of the service. He read from Hebrews 6:4-20, using as a thought, "We should stand on the sure things of God." We have a better promise, so when we come to the end of this life, we can say we have fought a good fight and we have kept the faith. For we are persuaded that better things are to come. We cannot go our own way and expect God to bless us. Let us stand on His promise that we may remain steadfast and unmovable.

Elder Oscar Irvin followed with another wonderful message, while thanking God for the privilege of being here and for the memories of traveling with Elder Eckel Head. God understood the needs of man, so He provided a way. He came for a reason, to make a way that man might have eternal life. God takes man out of things so we can see it is Him. God will provide for Himself a sacrifice in that He that knew no sin was made sin for us. Because He lives, we can live also. Our anchor in Christ is steadfast and we know whom we have believed and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day. Nothing but the blood of Jesus can make us whole. This is a good way that God has brought us through, for He is the same yesterday, today and forevermore. We have a better place to go. We don't have to wonder, for we know God's promise is forever settled and one day soon we will go into our haven of rest.

We were dismissed for lunch with a song by Jim Bowlin. We must hold to God's unchanging hand so He can lead and direct our path.

Thursday Afternoon, October 2, 2014

The church at Copper Creek served us a wonderful lunch as God's children enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. It won't be very long till Jesus shall appear, that day is drawing near. This earth shall pass away and the works of men will decay, but Jesus has prepared a place for those who believe and trust the unseen hand that guides us through this weary land. Some sweet day we'll reach that land still guided by His unseen hand. We have heard of a land on the far away strand where we will never grow old.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from Brother Clarence Dodson, who led us in singing an old hymn. As you travel on the Jericho road, our heart He will bless if we bring it to Him and confess all our sins. On this road there is room for just two, Jesus and you. Robert, Sherry and Bradley Brown told us about a better home, goodbye old world as we step inside the gate, we'll need at least a million years to view the throne. The best thing we ever could do is to take off the old coat and put on the new. We have friends who left because of pain, but in that city there'll be no pain. We won't need the sun or moon or stars, for He will be the light of that city. Peterson's Chapel Church singers reminded us to be nearer the cross, for it is where our soul shall find sweet rest beyond the river and in the cross be our glory ever. Walker Bales of Clear Springs Church told us the coming of a day where all is peace for evermore and we shall look upon His face, yes, the One who saved us by His grace. What a day that will be!

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service as he thanked the host church for taking such good care of God's people. Obey the Lord in everything we do that others may see and know there is something different about us.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all those made during the morning service, Leona Collins, Roy Jones' brother, Roger VanHoose's granddaughter and with many uplifted hands, many unspoken requests were signified. Brother Robert Wagner of the Thornton Union Association blessed us with his wonderful testimony and asked us to continue praying for the family of Bert Banks just before leading us to the throne of grace.

Brother Ralph Baker, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. Letters were received from 38 churches. The church letter from Little Dove was not received. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association.

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 Chris Salley was nominated. No other nominations were made. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Elder Salley 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 Chris Salley 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. This being the 26th year of serving as the clerk and treasurer, he asked the delegation to pray about someone new to take over this

task. While he will not leave them hanging without a clerk, this is not an excuse to not pray in earnest and seek God's guidance in it.

Roy Jones, chairman of the Religious Exercise Committee, came forward to read the report which includes:

Thursday night:

Willow Chapel: David VanHoose and Jason Robinette

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Stand: Roger VanHoose and David VanHoose

Church: David Stapleton and Daniel Hurd

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: Burnice Sybert (chairman), Greg Hill and Porter Carroll; Deacons: Millard Ray Hall and Earl Dotson; Laymen: Doyle Odell and Andy Wallen.

Committee on Finance: Carter Hager (chairman), Daniel Hurd and Eddie Malone.

Committee on Obituaries: Roger VanHoose (chairman), Oscar Irvin and Jerry Johnson.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Lewis Baker (chairman), Richard Seiber, Jason Robinette, Frank Gilliam, and Mike Fullington; Deacons: Bradley Bowen and Doug Willis.

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.

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

The moderator reminded everyone that only delegates were allowed to vote on the business proceedings concerning the association.

The moderator noted modifications to our trustees as follows:

Kentucky: John Banks, Robert Sword, Roger Sturgill

Ohio: Mark Newkirk, Joe Pitzer, Eldon "Sonny" Wallen

Tennessee: Earl Dotson, Steve Hunt, Billy Walton
Virginia: Ralph Baker, Jim Bowlin, Roy Jones

The clerk reported all financial transactions of the year to the delegation. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the report.

Brother Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Electrical and PA System Committee came forward to give their report. The committee purchased a new computer to record the proceedings of each service. This provides a backup for the current system, which will not be used when all the kinks are worked out of the new computer recording system.

Brother Roy Jones reported to the delegation on the Ayers Chapel property. All known hurdles have been crossed, except that of the courts. The buyer has been approved for their loan and the lawyer has created the paperwork necessary for the deed to be created by the judge/court. We are waiting on the court docket and no real time estimate has been given.

It was motioned, seconded and voted that no more correspondence will be made with the ministers and deacons who did not surrender their ordination papers as requested. Along this same line, the search of the deeds for those churches leaving the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists revealed no significant findings. This item will not be investigated any further.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 3, 2014.

Friday Morning, October 3, 2014

The Lord blessed us with another wonderful day as the congregation gathered for our second service of the association. We don't have long to wait until we will meet just inside the eastern gate. There is a country to which we are going where loved ones are watching and waiting our coming. This earth holds no treasure and perishes with using, but Heaven holds all to us. When peace like a river attendeth our way, we know it is well with our soul; for our sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to His cross. Swing out on the never failing, all sufficient promises of our Savior's everlasting word. Praises throughout the tent bore witness of His spirit.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service with a song of how God came here to show us the way. Thank God for another privilege to meet again as God so richly blessed His children. Several preachers praising God showed evidence of God's wonderful love. Regardless of the day God touched us, we know it was the hand of the Lord. Glory, glory, glory, somebody touched me and we know it was the hand of the Lord. Wonderful testimony and shouts of praise rang out throughout the tent and God's people praised His holy name. We know where our help comes from and we know where we are headed. We have a blessed hope and it is here for our taking, if we will just look to Him. Jesus plus nothing is the basis of our meeting together and our very being.

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, Tommy and Earletta Meade, man's son-in-law, Henrietta's niece, David Moody, John Shelton, man's daughter and son-in-law, Mary's son, lady's sister, Becky, Evelyn Shaw, Clifton Horne's 2 brothers, lady's sister Mary, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Johnny Banks humbly took our petitions to the throne of grace.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

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

The clerk thanked Mike Longacre of Textco Media for hosting our internet website. Textco Media provides excellent support and help with any problems that may arise. 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.

Sister Rana Morphew blessed us with her song of praise. The wondrous story is telling us how the Lord came down from glory. We are strangers and pilgrims in this land, but we are here for a short time.

Elder David VanHoose, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. He read Numbers 16:23 - 50. God breathed into Adam the breath of life and he became a living soul. God wants to give you eternal life today, but you must ask Him to come into your heart. Thank God for the spirit that moves in our life. The spirit must draw you, but you must answer when He calls. Without Him we have no promise of tomorrow. Satan will tell you to put it off, but heed the Gospel call today. The old must die and the young may die, you need God in your life now. We have the victory through Jesus for the Gospel is the power of God.

Elder Roger VanHoose followed with another heaven bought message from God and he blessed us with his song of praise. Jesus left His home in glory, came and died for you and me on the cross of Calvary. Some glad day we will arise and in His likeness we will be shining until He calls for us. Go on brethren, go rejoicing for this life will soon be o'er. The children would murmur against Him until they realized their need for Him. Without God in our life, we are outsiders, but God has a remedy for everyone. God wants us to be holy, because He is holy; for He loves us. Man cannot live good enough for God, therefore we need Him in our life at all times. He took all of the iniquities that were laid upon Him to the cross and on that third day He rose, giving us eternal life and making us alive, alive for ever more. We are the beloved of the Lord. Let us give Him the glory every day. Earthly sorrow does not work repentance with God. If it is not of God, we better leave it alone. Love one another as He loves us.

We were dismissed in a song led by Elder Scott Tipton. Farther on, still go farther; count the milestones one by one. Shouts of praise and honor for our Lord rang throughout the tent during the singing and preaching of this morning's service. God so wonderfully blessed His children.

Friday Afternoon, October 3, 2014

The congregation assembled after a wonderful lunch served by the host church as everyone continued to praise the Lord. He sprinkled us with rain showers as He sprinkled us with showers of blessings. Just over in the glory land we'll join the happy angel band where we shall meet on that beautiful shore. We should never be discouraged; for we can all attest to the true Friend we have in Jesus.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Amy Bledsoe, Null Lawson, Billy Marcum, and Clear Springs Church singers. He is our cornerstone, our solid ground, and our comforter in all manner of storms. From the grave He rose in victory, so we also have the victory and in His power we stand. When troubles come we can say, it's me again Lord, I need help that only comes from You. What wondrous love is this, oh my soul, to bear the dreadful curse. He laid aside His crown for my soul

and through eternity, we'll sing on. Did I mention that I love Him, worship, and adore Him? He is faithful in all things and He will make a way. We love Him and that's all we need to say. We are filled with anticipation just thinking that someday soon we shall behold Jesus face to face. When we finally make the crossing, we'll not fear chilly Jordan.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for a bountiful and delicious lunch and asked that everyone continue to 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. Allen and Patsy Hensley, Lowell Johnson, family of Mary Rose, whose son passed away, Jacob, Lynn Nickels, L. A. Livesay, Bill and Joyce Hilton, Clara Smith, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Daniel Hurd blessed us with his testimony before he took our petitions to the Lord in an earnest and heartfelt prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Ralph Baker gave the final report of the Letter Committee. No letter from Little Dove has been received. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk to review the letter if it was received after the association and if deemed in order, include it in the body of the association.

The moderator appointed the Church Letter Committee for 2015 which includes: Billy Walton (chairman), Joe Robinette, David Horton, and Michael Peterson (alternate).

Roy Jones, chairman of the committee, read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Friday night:

Church: Greg Hill, Scott Tipton, Tyler Stapleton and Sammy VanHoose
Poplar Grove: Johnny Banks, Roger VanHoose and Terry Sizemore

Saturday morning: October 4, 2014:

Stand: Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert

Saturday night:

Swan Creek: Billy Marcum
Roller's Chapel: Keith Holt and Johnny Banks

Sunday morning, October 5, 2014:

Stand: Bob Brown and Sammy VanHoose
Poplar Grove: Billy Marcum
Kingswood: Roger VanHoose
Roller's Chapel: Harold Shaw, Harmon Willis and Lewis Baker

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

The moderator reminded the congregation that we should always come to worship the Lord first and foremost. While we do have the Rules of Decorum, Articles of Faith and our Association Constitution, he asked that we all pay particular attention to our 16th Article of Faith which states, "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.” We all agree to these and must follow them to the best of our abilities.

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

The Committee on Finance reported \$5,281.80 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 28 have been received at this time.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that no queries had been received. Three individual letters were received, but these letters were not signed. Queries must be discussed in their home church, read three times and sent from the church to the association.

The moderator noted that all committees are dismissed upon delivering their final report.

The men chosen to write the circular letter for 2014 were Elders Scott Tipton, Jerry Johnson and Harmon Willis. All of these men came forward as Brother Scott read the letter. Its message was to each of us showing us the way and reminding us that He is the answer for all things. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to print the letter in our minutes as it was read.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Circular Letters for 2015 which includes: Deacons Dennis Stewart, Steve Hunt and Doug Willis.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow Roy Jones \$600 in appreciation for his services in handling the maintenance and sale of the Ayers Chapel Church property.

Two wheel chairs were donated to the association last year.

The committee created last year to investigate our options concerning the association chairs consists of Oscar Irvin (chairman), Clifton Horne, and Steve Minton. As the committee gave their report, they had checked with Mecca Chair Company. They do not deal in seconds and they give no discounts, regardless of the number ordered. The chairs contain a foam padded bottom, as well as a padded back. The cost per chair is \$13. After some discussion, a motion was made that when the Ayers Chapel Church property is sold, we use a portion of the money to buy the chairs. While original discussions were on buying 100 chairs, it was motioned, seconded and voted to buy 400 new chairs at \$13 each, still contingent upon the sale of the Ayers Chapel Church property. A question was raised concerning whether the chair company would take in the old chairs as a trade-in on new ones. The motion was amended to cover the trade-in, also contingent on the Ayers Chapel property sale and for the committee to get the best possible price. The same committee remains in force to find best price possible.

The association clerk brought it to the attention of the delegation that the supply of Query books is very low and they have not been updated since they were printed in 1978. After some discussion, it was motioned, seconded and voted for the moderator to appoint a committee to gather all the query data and give it to the clerk so a price might be obtained from the printer and reported to the association at next year's meeting. The moderator appointed a committee consisting of Elders Burnice Sybert (chairman), Scott Tipton, and Mike Fullington.

The clerk also stated that the supply of direction books is almost depleted. The number of churches is fewer, so the number of pages will be fewer, which should reduce the cost. The only requested

addition is to include the actual address of the church. While some churches do not have actual addresses, these can be requested through the local post office, or perhaps through the power company billing records. Church clerks will need to send an update to the association clerk if needed, but each church clerk must send the association clerk a church address. It is requested for each church clerk to do so by March 1st. If the church does not have an address, they may request one be given them through the post office. It was motioned, seconded and voted for each clerk to send any church direction updates and the church address to the association clerk so he can put things together and get a price from the printer.

The moderator reminded the delegation that only those chosen or appointed by their respective churches as delegates were allowed to vote. There were 2 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Fairview, OH (Bellbrook), and Poplar Grove/West View. During the vote, by a clear majority the delegation sent the association to Poplar Grove/West View Church where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 1, 2015) before the first Saturday in October, 2015. Introductory – Elder Oscar Irvin; Alternate – Elder Burnice Sybert.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 4, 2014.

Saturday Morning, October 4, 2014

The cool morning air and beautiful sunshine greeted everyone as they gathered for the memorial service. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in several songs praising our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On Christ the solid rock we stand because all other ground is sinking sand. We rest on His unchanging grace. How we've proved Him o'er and o'er. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, precious Jesus, oh for grace to trust Him more. We journey through the land pointing souls to Calvary. When in service to our Lord, dark may be the way, so we need to cling to Him more closely. As we look toward the mountains high, we see His outstretched hand to help us and guide us through this weary land.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service, thanking God for another beautiful day. His omnipotence is so vast; He set things up in a way that man can praise Him in one more way. He knows exactly what we need. Let us rejoice in knowing there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. In our memorial service, we thank God for these saints that came this way before us and helped show us the way in the lives they lived.

The Copper Creek Church singers so wonderfully blessed us with their testimony and songs in honor of our Savior. The old ship of Zion sails through as the captain bids everyone to get on board. That city John saw coming down was from almighty God. When we reach that beautiful city, we'll meet by the river to know as we are known. Dustin Lawson also blessed us with his testimony and song. The emblem of suffering and shame, we cling to the old rugged cross, where we will exchange it someday for a crown. The dear Lamb of God left His home to bear it for our sins. The Bowlin family blessed us with the remembrance of what a day that will be when we see Jesus and look upon the face of the One who saved us by His grace. There will be no sorrows there, no burdens to bear, no sickness nor parting there, forever we shall be with the Lord. How beautiful heaven must be!

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, Kathy Robinson, H. C. and Pearl Johnson, Brandon Guy, Bruce Addington, Valice Daugherty, the lost in David Stapleton's family and in all our

families, Bradley Brown's family, ladies grandchildren, Eckel Head's sister-in-law and her husband, Tommy and Earletta Meade, Amber Stephenson, Nadine's grandson's dad and granddad, Gary's wife, and many uplifted hands signifying unspoken requests. Elder Greg Hill humbly took our petitions to the Lord. This was a special time for God's children to praise Him and testify of His greatness.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

The clerk explained to the congregation that Brother Tim Addington works with the 911 board and can help churches, especially the local churches. The clerk also mentioned that an offer made many years ago is still valid today. If any church or churches do not have facilities to host the association, the school house located at Blackwater Lick (Big Door) is available to them to use the auditorium or to put the tent on the grounds as well. The church would be tickled to open its doors for someone to host this grand old body.

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

Authorization was given for the chair committee to check on trading in the old chairs. The question arose of what will be done with the old chairs if the chair company will not accept the existing chairs as trade-ins. Several avenues could be taken, such as selling on eBay or something similar, or allowing our churches to purchase them, etc. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the committee to take care of the old chairs, as well as obtain new chairs.

Brother Steve Minton, a deacon of the host church, came forward to thank everyone from the depths of their heart for everything, regardless of what it may have been.

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
Phone: 865-993-4960
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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. God's precious memories mean so much to us as we remember these departed saints. Please remember their families in your prayers and thank God for having known them.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Burnice Sybert took the lead of the service, and gave us a little history of this great gathering. The practice started in 1956 to honor our ministers, and was expanded in 1963 to honor all of our departed saints. He read Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and used as a thought, "Days of weeping and mourning are ended." When the last breath is taken, a portal is opened whereby we can go to God. A new beginning, such as the birth of a baby, is considered the happiest time of life, while the end of life is mourned with sad hearts. However, for God's children, the end of this life is best, since we have a heavenly home not made with hands. God chose Caleb and Joshua to replace Moses. When He turned them back into the wilderness, they were not lost, for God knew exactly where they were all the time. When Moses

passed away, the people were left in good hands with Joshua. Moses didn't get to go into the promised land, but God allowed him to view the land. Our young people gathered here today are considered the 5th generation. God always has someone to step up and do His will when it is time to mourn a loss. Thank God for those that came this way before us and for what they taught us. God blesses us with precious memories of these loved ones. Thank God for these our dear friends. With all these gifted people, God has someone to take their place. The mourning of our trials and troubles has ended and it is a time of healing. Let us all go forward and serve our Lord with every ounce of our being.

Elder Terry Sizemore came forward to take the second part of the service with a song and wonderful words of God. He thanked each one gathered in today's service. Our people need to attend this special service, for it is indeed a special time of healing. He thanked everyone for their prayers during his cancer surgery last year, thanking God for his healing power. Life is short and the time will come when we face the hour of death, we must turn to God for His help. These friends who have outstripped us faced this and are now at rest. We are still here and we need to carry on the mighty works begun years ago. If we know Jesus, we are going to a land much fairer than day. They left us the mantle that we can pick up and carry forward. What God did for these dear saints, He'll do for us as well. Our remembrance was good then and will be good throughout the eons of time. Our friends and loved ones are gone and it is left to us to carry on. Moses was a great leader; however, Jesus is our great hope, for He is our supreme sacrifice, meaning there is none greater.

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

Sister Zula led us in singing songs of praise as we were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 5, 2014.

Sunday Morning, October 5, 2014

The Lord blessed us with a beautiful crisp October morning as God's people gathered for the final service of this association.

The service began with singing of "I Know My Name is Written There," "What a Friend" and "I'm Redeemed."

Elder Daniel Smith welcomed everyone to the house of the Lord with opening remarks while thanking everyone for all their work and attendance during the Association.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our young people, those of the previous services, those who are sick, including Bob and Maudella Head, Mr. Bostic, Janice Sturgill's uncle, Fred Kendrick who is facing surgery, Eula Sturgill is having back problems, a young man in Ohio, many families with lost people and a large show of hands for unspoken requests. Elder Roger Manring led us to the throne of grace.

Thank God for the association, which is a grand body of God's people. We were blessed with special singing from Janice Porter singing "Coming Soon," Mike Peterson singing "How Firm a Foundation," Pauline Harper singing her song, and the Bradshaw Family with their two small children singing "Jesus Loves Me" and "Every Day With Jesus is Sweeter than the day before."

The church clerk read a letter of thanks to everyone who helped in any way, in the association.

Elder Bob Brown took the first part of the service as he asked the congregation to stand and sing "Victory in Jesus." He read from Acts 1:1-3 and used a portion of the third verse as a thought, "To whom also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs."

Elder Sammy VanHoose followed with another wonderful message from God. He read Genesis 1:26-27, "And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness." He was blessed to bring a message concerning the formation of the body and the breathing of life into it to become a living soul.

Elder Chris Salley brought closing remarks just before God's people praised Him in singing "Just As I Am" and "Blessed Assurance" while fellowshiping with one another.

The congregation was dismissed for lunch, served in the fellowship hall.

As in every year, it is a sad time for the host church as everything gets packed up and moved away, it actually brings a little sadness into our lives, but this is quickly overcome when we think of all the wondrous blessings God has bestowed on His children during this gathering.

We thank God for this church and all those that were able to visit and make this their home for a few short days.

The clerk was not able to attend the last day due to being "under the weather" so to speak, but I want to thank Sister Flo Minton for helping me with the details of the service. She did an excellent job and I appreciate her help from the bottom of my heart.

I also want to thank everyone for your kind words as I asked the association to be thinking about a new clerk. We don't know exactly when this will happen, but we know God has someone to continue the work. It is sad for me, in a way, but it is joyous as well knowing that someone will get to share in all the blessings that go along with the job. It is not me, but Christ working within me that allows me or anyone else to do the work. I have been blessed in so many ways. The years have passed quickly and I treasure each one, especially the fact that God allowed me to get to know each one of you better. It is nothing that I did, but Christ working through me to keep moving forward.

I pray that each one of you will pray in earnest for the next person who takes this position. While it is a work of love, the Lord must have His hand on this individual if they are to be successful. We know He is able; we just need to do our part so He will send the successor. I love you all from the bottom of my heart and I pray God will bless you and your family in the coming year.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To our Brothers and Sisters of the 162nd session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists held at Copper Creek Church, we greet you with our thoughts and meditations of the Holy Spirit and being led by the Holy Spirit. What Is the Holy Spirit? The dictionary gives the definition as the "third person of the trinity." True, but the Holy word of God, tells us it: Convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11); Guides us into all truth (John 16:13); Dwells within every believer (Romans 8:11); Assures us we are saved (Romans 8:16); Gives us spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 12:4-11); and Seats our Salvation (Ephesians 1:13).

We could never have enough time to write down everything the Holy Spirit serves in our lives. Everyone lives in a daily spiritual battle with sin and the flesh, but thank God we have the Holy Spirit to help us wage the war against sin. The biggest thing is that we set our minds on the things of the Spirit and not the flesh (Romans 8:5 – "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.") Satan cannot force us to sin, but he will tempt us. It is our choice to fall into the snares of the devil or we can resist his lies through the power of the Holy Spirit. We should strive every morning as we open our eyes that our desires for the day should be to be led by the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

If all as children of God would treat every day as a gift from God that He has blessed us with to serve Him and by serving Him, we should have that desire to serve others who are in need. We get wrapped up in our own desires and what we want to do and we put the Holy Spirit behind us until we find our own selves in need. When we choose not to listen to the Holy Spirit, we become disobedient children of God. Disobedience is not always wrapped up in a sinful looking package. When we resist to listen to the Holy Spirit and God's plan for our lives, it will only bring misery and regret.

We find ourselves following tradition instead of being led by God's Holy Spirit. Tradition is good, especially if it's being handed down from our forefathers who were indeed blessed by the Holy Spirit, but even God's Holy Spirit should override our traditional ways. If our traditional ways keep others from obeying what God has given them to do or robs us of a blessing, then we should put aside "our" ways and let God lead. We often wonder what God's way is. How do we know if it's truly from the Lord? We should always reference the fruits of the Spirit, listed in Galatians 5:22-23 – "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Love is the Holy Spirit itself. Joy is happiness in the Lord. Peace is freedom from worry. Long suffering is the patience to wait upon the Lord. Gentleness is speaking evil of no one and avoid quarreling. Goodness - let love be genuine and abhor what is evil, cleave to that which is good. Faith - the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Meekness is humbling our heart - ridding ourselves of pride. Temperance - let us control our mind and our tongue as in 2 Peter 1:6 "And to knowledge temperance: and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness."

When we choose to go our way and not the Lord's way, it can bring heartache, loss, worries, and even division among our own families and our churches. We think of divisions that have come among Christians in ages past and even among the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. In Ephesians 4, the Bible teaches us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We begin to think of what great things that work for the cause of Christ when we are spirit lead. As we look at some of the things the Bible teaches about the Spirit, I John 3:24 – "...we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us." 2 Corinthians 3:6 – "...the Spirit giveth life." Romans 8 teaches righteousness is fulfilled in us, when we walk in the Spirit and not after the flesh. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Also, they that are led by the Spirit of God are the people of God. I John 4:1 tells us to try the Spirits whether they be of God. We look at what happened on the day of Pentecost when the Spirit came, and about three thousand souls were added. There have been great revivals in times past, even in our time when the Holy Spirit was not quenched.

All of us should check our lives according to God's word, walk in the Spirit, set our affection on things above, and daily seek the will of God in our lives. Then we can be like the writer in Psalm 45:1 when he said, "My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer."

So brethren, let us remember that the Lord said He would never leave, never forsake us, but He would send us another comforter that will lead and guide us in all paths of truth and righteousness. That is the Holy Spirit.

In brotherly love,
Elders Jerry Johnson
Scott Tipton and
Harmon Willis

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Once again we are blessed to meet in such a wonderful setting where we can worship our Lord in truth and in spirit. Imagine the Lord walking over hills just like those around us and the overall splendor of His creation. We are truly blessed to know the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Copper Creek Church has been preparing for our visit for a year. Thank God for such wonderful friends willing to go the extra distance to make our stay the best it can be.

We are indebted to our sister churches and the countless others who have given in so many ways to help in this noble endeavor. It is with sincere hearts and boundless appreciation, gratitude and wonderful love in our heart, that we offer our deepest and heartfelt thanks to our sister churches. We know and understand the Lord blesses His children in divers ways and our prayer is that your visit here at Copper Creek will be a blessed event in your life.

Copper Creek Church would like to thank each one helping in this blessed event individually, but that is not possible. Therefore, with these few words we thank everyone for each and every donation regardless of what form it may have been delivered. Donations received from 36 churches contributing \$6,195.00 help the host church tremendously. We trust God will receive all the honor, glory and praise for everything, for He is truly deserving.

Each year we meet for a few short days to enjoy the blessings of God, and then everyone goes their separate ways, wondering what the next year will bring. The association does not work that way and there are items that must be handled, many in delicate ways, throughout the year. For this we depend on our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore. Don't take this wrong, we depend on the Lord, but He expects us to look to Him for our guidance and leadership. Elder Sizemore does indeed look to God, and in doing so; he does a wonderful job as he leads this grand body year after year. We see only a small portion of what goes on with our association. We appreciate his dedication and his trust in the Lord to guide him. We ask God to continue to bless him and his family in the coming years.

Each year when writing this letter, there are many thoughts that come to mind, so much so that it is difficult to focus upon a single thought. My train of thought always centers around one thing as I put together the whole minute. Of course I capture the business, but in addition to that I try to write as best I can in a way that will be a blessing to those who were not blessed to be in attendance. I try to get a piece of each song, a piece of scripture or maybe a piece of a testimony so they can picture in their mind the blessings of Jesus. Many times, that image can help them get closer to God and they can be blessed while reading the minutes. You may think "it is just not the same" and I agree completely. If I could write the spirit into the minutes with words, I would truly have something, but it is not possible. Think for a moment what you would want to see and hear about the association if you could not attend. While words alone cannot insert the spirit into the minutes, the Lord can bless those who are reading

because they could not attend. It is a known fact that I am not a great writer, but I use the words God gives me to help those who could not be here. In addition, many of you here today may forget something that was sung about, preached about or even discussed during the services. I trust that when you review these few words that it will bring to your remembrance the true blessings of this grand gathering, and that you will treasure not just the memories from it, but the true blessings from our Heavenly Father.

You may wonder why I would compose words concerning my writing of the minutes. This is my 25th Resolution of Thanks letter. Elder Burnice Sybert wrote my first one in 1989, and I just want to describe some of the thought process behind it. It has never been my desire to try to entice man with words, but to simply be a blessing to the association and to our communities surrounding our churches. In a sense, this resolution of thanks is for all the churches of the association over so many years of serving God, and for the blessings here at Copper Creek and at all the churches during this time. It is truly a privilege and an honor to be blessed to serve as the clerk and treasurer of such a wonderful organization over the years. As Sister Nancy Bledsoe would say, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

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

Terry Sizemore
Moderator

Danny Lawson
Clerk & Treasurer

PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING NEW CHURCHES

(Revised 1964)

1. Obtain an arm from the nearest sister church when practical. This arm must be chosen at a regular business session of the church and should consist of no less than seven members; three of whom should be ordained members.
2. When the arm arrives at the designated place, a moderator and clerk pro-tem shall be chosen after which the moderator shall call the council to order and have the clerk read the Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, Rules of Decorum and Church Constitution. These must be adopted and written in the church book.
3. The moderator shall ask for those who wish to become members of the church, and they shall be received in the manner approved by the Primitive Baptist Church. Should there be less than seven, they shall remain under the watchcare of the church from which the arm was obtained. This church shall be required to appoint such members as may be necessary to transact business. These members shall be required to be present at each regular church session until the new church becomes a body of at least seven members.
4. A pastor and clerk shall be elected at this time, and when practical, at least one member shall be chosen to prove himself for the office of deacon.
5. A name shall be given the church and their regular meeting time declared.

PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTER OR DEACON

(Revised 1964, 1970, 1983, 1988, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011)

Any person being considered by the church for the Ministry or the office of Deacon must be set apart by the church to prove himself as to his calling and qualifications for as long a time as the church may deem necessary.

In order to better acquaint both the presbytery and the local church pertaining to the qualifications of a minister and deacon, the past records have been thoroughly searched. There may have been many ideas, opinions and much discussion; however, the records are the only official means we have of knowing where the association stands and the action it has taken.

(A) We believe the only power that can qualify a person to preach the gospel is the Spirit of God, and no educational institution can qualify a person to preach the gospel.

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

(B) We advise the churches to be careful in the ordination of ministers and deacons in order that they observe gospel order. (See Paul's instructions to Timothy and Titus.)

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

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

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

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

(D) Is it proper procedure for the ordained deacons and elders of the Eastern District Association to participate in ordination of brethren from other churches or church organizations that have not joined our membership?

Answer: No, an ordained deacon or minister of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists has no authority to serve on the presbytery for the ordination of someone outside the association.

(Adopted at Riverside Church – 2005; published 2005)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH COVENANT

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

Copied from the Willis Chapel Church Book, 1807

CHURCH CONSTITUTION (Especially for Newly Constituted Churches)

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

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

The final perseverance of the saints;

The resurrection of our bodies;

A restricted communion to church members in full fellowship;

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

The Christian Sabbath to be a holy and heavenly institution;

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

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

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

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

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

1. Conference shall consist of members of the church and visiting members of sister churches of the same faith and order if so desired.
2. Conference shall be opened and closed with praise and prayer to Almighty God. I Tim. 2:1; I Thess. 5:17, 18.
3. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of "Brother Moderator," to whom every speech shall be perfectly directed.
4. The members' names being regularly enrolled shall by the Clerk be distinctly called over.
5. A door shall be open when thought necessary for admission of new members into the church. But none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent, and shall first verbally relate their experience and give an account of the work of God in their hearts; and secondly, of their faith and principles, if the church requires it; and thirdly, the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct. When full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Moderator shall manifest the same by giving the right hand of fellowship and thus receive them in order.
6. No complaint shall be brought in the Conference respecting crimes of a private nature until the grieved party has complied with the directions of our Lord in Matt. 18:15.
7. Every motion and second shall come under the consideration of the Conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it.
8. Every query presented shall be three times read. When it is read, the Moderator shall put it to a vote to see if the majority is for or against answering it. The query shall be debated if deemed necessary, but the querist may withdraw it any time providing that no intricate question be asked.
9. If the minority at any time should be grieved at the determination of the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God as revealed in the Bible and the Holy Trinity by the name of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I John 5:7.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scripture, as recorded in the King James translation of 1611, to be the written and revealed Word of God. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:20, 21.
3. We believe God created the heaven and the earth and all things therein. Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16, 17; Rev. 4:11.

4. We believe God made man of the dust of the earth, and He made him good and He gave him a law to keep and man transgressed the law and fell from his first estate and lost his righteousness. Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 2:16, 17, 3:6-23.
5. We believe in the total depravity of man, that he was unable to redeem himself from the fallen state he was in. Gen. 3:24; Rom. 5:9-19.
6. We believe God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16; I John 2:2.
7. We believe sinners are justified by faith and saved by grace. Eph. 2:8; Rom. 5:1, 2.
8. We believe the Gospel is the only means God has ordained by which sinners are brought to Christ. I Cor. 1:21-24.
9. We believe he that believeth in the Son of God hath the witness in himself. I John 5:10.
10. We believe baptism, the Lord's Supper, and feet washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ given to the church by example and command for us to observe until He comes again. Matt. 28:19; John 13; I Cor. 11:23-26.
11. We believe the only scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion of the whole body in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and believers are the only fit subjects for baptism. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Matt. 28:19.
12. We believe all the saints will persevere through grace and never fall away. Eph. 1:13, 14; I Pet. 1:5; John 10:28, 29.
13. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God and the sanctification of the Spirit through the belief of the truth. Eph. 1; I Pet. 1:2, 3.
14. We believe the church is the light of the world and is made manifest by keeping the commandments and examples of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church in all things. Matt. 5:14; Eph. 1:22, 23.
15. We believe God chooses, calls and qualifies those whom He would have to preach the gospel, and God has promised temporal support of His ministers. Rom. 10:14, 15; I Cor. 1:25-29; I Cor. 9:7-11.
16. We believe in a restricted communion confined to the church in fellowship, walking in the light and observing gospel order. I Cor. 5:11, 12; John 13; I Cor. 11:31, 32.
17. We believe Christ is the only lawgiver in Zion, and the New Testament scripture is perfect, a thorough furnisher to the man of God unto all good works. James 4:12; II Tim. 3:16.
18. We believe Jesus Christ, during the time of His earthly ministry, set up a spiritual kingdom on earth, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy; He being the King and all born again believers the subjects of the Kingdom, and they are now reigning with Him as Kings and priests on the earth. Dan. 2:44; Isa. 9:6, 7; Matt. 3:2; Luke 17:20, 21; John 18:36; Rev. 1:5-7.

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

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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

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

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

LIST OF MINISTERS

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

Name & Address	Church Membership
Baker, Lewis A., 867 Fall Creek Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-5529	Chestnut Flats
Banks, Charles, (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
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	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
Carroll, Porter, 2020 Autumn Lane, Morristown, TN 37814 (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) 2498 Lawson Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-4221	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
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, (Phyllis) 9803 Middle Wallen's Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263, (276) 346-3402	Blackwater Lick
Irvin, Oscar, (Priscilla) 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-6226	Poplar Grove
Jarrett, Tim, 12422 Horton Hwy., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 579-2067	Caney Creek
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) 312-0282	New Life
*Lampkin, Wiley, 2111 Thomas Dr., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 353-3473	New Life
Little, Tony, (Tonya) 583 Sycamore Loop, Jeremiah, KY 41826, (606) 633-2257	Little Cowan
Lykins, Jim, (Anne) 7447 W. Third 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
Osborne, Tommy, (Robin) 5091 Bristol Hwy., Bristol, VA 24201, (276) 591-7777	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Persinger, Jerry, 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) 835-3826	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, Christopher, 3445 Island Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 323-9507	Blue Springs Hiltons, VA
Seiber, Richard, 4596 Middle Wallen's Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263, (276) 546-3146	Wallen's Creek
Shaw, Harold, (Evelyn) 5645 State Route 380, Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 382-8324	Fairview
Short, Freddie, (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
Stapleton, David, (Linda) 612 Melinda Ferry Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 235-9443	Burke's Union
*Stevens, Matthew, (Terri) 2819 Emory Lane, Johnson City, TN 37604, (423) 328-0602	Poplar Grove
Sybert, Burnice, (June) 2132 Welch Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 288-2309	West View
Tipton, Scott, (Teresa) 235 Sante 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, Samuel, (Vicki) 972 Union Rd., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 372-9264	Fairview
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
*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) 439-9097
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	5258 Boozy Creek Rd., Bristol, VA 24202,	(423) 361-4777
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
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	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 - Jennifer Stamey	880 Murray Bridge Rd., Mohawk, TN 37810,	(423) 231-8075
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley	164 Neeley Dr., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 346-3563
Peterson's Chapel - Mandy Smith	179 Willard Lawson Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857,	(423) 312-8753
Poplar Grove - Jean Wallen	744 Poplar Grove Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664,	(423) 349-4903
Richardson Chapel - Rosemary Borders	13657 Hwy. 1690, Louisa, KY 41230,	(606) 673-4516
Roller's Chapel - Kim Robinette	2516 Canton Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 431-4725
Rose Chapel - Sandra J. Johnson	360 Ethelrob Cir., Carlisle, OH 45005,	(937) 743-2017
Shelby Creek - 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) 300-8593

Valley View - Wanda Parsons.....	1853 Cave Springs Rd., Dryden, VA 24243, (276) 546-3643
Wallen's Creek - Francis Tomlinson	370 Middle Wallen's 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 Wallen's 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 – Copper Creek Church in Scott County, VA, hosted the 62nd annual Eastern District Association beginning October 1, 1914. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. A. Robinette, from St. John 1:12 “But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of GOD, *even* to them that believe on His name.” Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and J. J. Addington, clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – On October 5, 1939 the 87th annual session met with Spire’s Chapel Church, Hawkins County, TN. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. J. Johnson from Ephesians 4:3, “Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” He was followed by Elder John Henry Sybert along the same subject. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator and T. R. Carter as assistant moderator, with Amos Osborne being elected clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Mountain View Church, Scott County, VA, hosted the 112th annual session beginning on October 1, 1964. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder H. V. Hall, reading Matthew 16:13-20 and Genesis 28:17, using for his text, “This *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.” Elder Bryan Moore, 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 – October 5, 1989 was the beginning of the 137th annual session, hosted by Mt. Mitchell Church, Mount Carmel, TN. Elder Eckel Head preached the introductory sermon reading II Timothy 4:1-9, and preached concerning the instructions the Apostle Paul gave to Timothy. He was followed by Elder Fred Gilreath. Elder J. H. Sybert was chosen moderator and Danny Lawson was elected clerk and treasurer for his first time.

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: Hershel Baker, Daniel Hurd, Gerald Moore and Anita Moore; alternates: Pauline Lawson and Betty Baker. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; Total number on roll, 97; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning, Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May. Elders Porter Carroll and Mike Fullington asked to attend. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, VA. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 16; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT & 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Jim Bowlin, John Bowlin, Joe Horton and Chris Salley; alternates: Brenda Bowlin and Pauline Harper. 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. Chris Salley, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Delmer McPherson, David Stapleton and Ada McPherson; alternate: Tyler Stapleton. Received by relationship, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in July. David Stapleton, moderator.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Roy Jones, Vicky Jones, Josh Jones and Justin Jones; alternates: Lillie Akens and Lois Collier. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 41; 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: Shelia Bledsoe, Bobby Jones, Eddie Malone and Wanda Malone; alternates: Otis Roberts and Lloyd Morelock. Received by letter, 3; total number on roll, 89; 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 Mary Baker; alternate: Christopher Gibson. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Lewis Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Dennis Stewart, Karen Stewart, Walker Bales and Carlene Bales; alternate: Carrie Fox. Dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 138; 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: Joan Enix, Doris Keith, Carson Sturgill and Janice Sturgill; alternates: Shane Hall and Nell Kendrick. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$250.00; 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, Phyllis Hurd, Butch Woodward and Janie Woodward. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 45; contribution, \$90.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday in April. Richard Seiber, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, KY. Delegates: Henrietta Adams, Casey Breeding, Roger Sturgill and Teresa Sturgill; alternates: Beulah Webb and Sheilah Holbrook. 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: Richard Workman, Jason Robinette, August Robinette and Joseph Robinette; alternate: Harold Shaw. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 152; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in May. Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Homer Osborne, Eugene Sullivan, Helen Willis and Doug Willis. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 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. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 104; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

IRONDALE: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Frankie Phillips and Ann Phillips. Total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$20.00; 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. Total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$100.00; 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, Linda Lucas and Carol Caudill; alternate: John Banks. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 70; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. John Banks, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Danny Bailey, Virgie Williams, Judy Head and John Charles; alternates: Linda Charles and Ralph Lindsey. Received by letter, 1; received or restored by recantation, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 188; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 17, 2015. John Charles, moderator pro-tem.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegate: Carter Hager. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 35; 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: David VanHoose and Pam VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 27; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 132; 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: Ralph Lawson, Shirley Lawson, Elizabeth Manes and Frankie Manes; alternate: Tommy Tipton. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st and 4th Sunday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May (10:45 a.m.) W. C. Manes, moderator pro-tem.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen, Juanita Bowen and Paula Ayers. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 21; contribution, \$75.00; 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 and Juanita Williams. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 96; contribution, \$130.00; 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: Ervin Haager, Donald L. Johnson, Willie Stamey and Wiley Lampkin; alternates: Jerry Johnson and Phyllis Short. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received

by relationship, 4; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 7; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 85; 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: Null Lawson, James Davidson, Denver Osborne and Carla Osborne; alternates: Harmon Willis and Thelma Johnson. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 89; contribution, \$123.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Oscar Irvin, moderator pro-tem.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Tonya Berry, Jane Peterson, Michael Peterson and Lola Peterson; alternates: Kyle Robinette and Matthew Smith. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in June. Daniel Smith, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Larry Holden, Steve Hunt, Matthew Stevens and Richard Stevens; alternate: John Shelton. Received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1st Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Louisa, KY. Delegate: Tommy Meade. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 193; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday night before Memorial Day. Brad Dutton, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Greg Hill, Aubra Hill, Kathy Lawson and Kim Robinette; alternates: Don Stokes and Jerelene Persinger. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 51; 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, Sandra Johnson and Luther Johnson; alternates: Mark Newkirk and Anita Newkirk. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Turner and Jim Lykins, moderators.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, TN. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 12; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night, following Sunday and 1st Sunday night. Oscar Irvin, moderator.

SLOANTOWN: Clinchport, VA. Delegates: Frank Gilliam and JoAnn Griffin. 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: Rodney Dodson, Johnny Bunch, Clarence Dodson and Doyle Odell; alternates: Earl Lee Dodson and Larry Dean. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 5; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 302; 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: David Parsons, Ronnie Leonard, Sandra Leonard and Anna Duncan; alternate: Patricia Long. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 63; 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: Bill Tomlinson, Francis Tomlinson, Richard Seiber and Pauline Gillenwater; alternates: Alyssa Tomlinson and Michael Tomlinson. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in May (10:30 a.m.). Richard Seiber, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Charles Bernard, Robert Brown, David Horton and Billy Walton; alternates: Charlotte Ruth Horton and Zula McCullough. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 59; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April (10:30 a.m.). Burnice Sybert asked to preach the memorial service. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, TN. Delegates: Mike Fullington and Millard Ray Hall. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 89; 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, Scott Tipton, Janice Jones and Donnie Jones; alternates: Teresa Tipton and Kala Hale. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 11; excluded, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$200.00; 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: 38 churches (19 in VA., 12 in TN., 3 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 51; received by letter, 8; received by relationship, 28; received or restored by recantation, 2; dismissed by letter, 8; excluded, 15; deceased, 42; total number on roll, 3075.

There are 27 ministers serving as pastors - 21 are serving 1 church; 5 are serving 2 churches and 1 is serving 3 churches. There are 7 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 28 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2015

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

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

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

4 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Chris Salley, 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: Wally Berry, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Sammy VanHoose and all others who wish to attend.

- MAY -

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

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.). 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, Daniel Hurd, 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, Roger Manring, Chris Salley, Richard Seiber and Freddie Short.

- JUNE -

1 - 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.

2 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Porter Carroll, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

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

4 - CANEY CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Donald Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

5 - 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, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, Freddie Short, Burnice Sybert and any other ministers are welcome.

6 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Bob Brown, Porter Carroll, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Donald L. Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Roger Manring, Joe Pitzer, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

7 - 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 Manring, Terry Sizemore, 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. 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, Matthew Stevens, 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, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

6 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Mike Fullington, Roger Manring, Chris Salley, Richard Seiber and Harmon Willis.

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

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

9 - MOUNTAIN VIEW: To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. 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, Bob Brown, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Harold Shaw, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton 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, Greg Hill, Richard Seiber and Burnice Sybert.

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

4 - KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Mike Fullington, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin and Terry Sizemore. 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, Porter Carroll, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose, 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 POPLAR GROVE CHURCH

744 Poplar Grove Road
Kingsport, TN 37664

From Kingsport

- I-26 East to Rock Springs Road (Exit 6)
- Turn right onto Rock Springs Road (Route 347 West)
- Go approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Rock Springs Drive (Route 347 West)
- Go .6 mile and turn left onto Poplar Grove Road (Route 347 West) (this is 1st left)
- Church is 1.3 miles on right

From Kingsport

- 93 South (this turns into Sullivan Gardens Parkway)
- Turn left onto Mill Creek Road (Route 347 East)
- Go .6 mile and turn left onto Old Mill Creek Road (this is 1st left)
- Go .1 mile and turn left onto Poplar Grove Road (Route 347 East)
- Go .1 mile to fork and take a sharp right to stay on Poplar Grove Road
- Church is .3 mile on left

From Southwest Virginia

- 23 South to I-26 East in Kingsport
- I-26 East to Rock Springs Road Exit 6
- Turn right onto Rock Springs Road (Route 347 West)
- Go approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Rock Springs Drive (Route 347 West)
- Go .6 mile and turn left onto Poplar Grove Road (Route 347 West) (this is 1st left)
- Church is 1.3 miles on right

From Johnson City

- I-26 West to Rock Springs Road
- Turn left onto Rock Springs Road (Route 347 West)
- In approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Rock Springs Drive (Route 347 West)
- Go .6 mile turn left onto Poplar Grove Road (Route 347 West) (this is 1st left)
- Church is 1.3 miles on right

From Rogersville

- 11W to I-26 East in Kingsport
- I-26 East to Rock Springs Road Exit 6
- Turn right onto Rock Springs Road (Route 347 West)
- Go approximately 1 mile, turn right onto Rock Springs Drive (Route 347 West)
- Go .6 mile turn left onto Poplar Grove Road Route 347 West (this is 1st left)
- Church is 1.3 miles on right

From Morristown

- I-81 North to Highway 93 (Exit 50 Fall Branch exit)
- Turn right onto 93 North
- Go approximately 5 or 6 miles (this goes through Fall Branch)
- Turn right onto Mill Creek Road (Route 347 East)
- Go .6 mile and turn left onto Old Mill Creek Road (this is 1st left)
- Go .1 mile and turn left onto Poplar Grove Road (Route 347 East)
- Go .1 mile to fork and take a sharp right to stay on Poplar Grove Road
- Church is .3 mile on left

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2013	\$ 16,227.63
Receipts from 2014	5,281.80
Interest	24.42
TOTAL	\$ 21,533.85

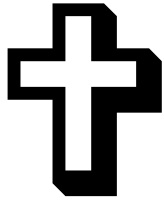
DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	818.00
Charter registration fee	22.25
Postage	65.91
Repairs to the kitchen (New Freezer)	357.30
Electrical and PA Supplies (New Computer)	580.42
Gift to Moderator	800.00
Gift for Maintaining Ayers Chapel Church property	600.00
Gift to Clerk	1,500.00
Printing and packaging 1,250 copies of 2014 minutes	2,575.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 7,378.88**

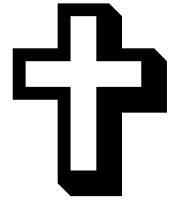
BALANCE IN TREASURY **\$ 14,154.97**

NOTE: The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes ordered was \$5.90



MEMORIAM

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



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

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

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

ADDINGTON, Janelle Donelson
BARNETT, Bascom Ray
BURNS, Billy Jeff
DANIELS, David L.
ELKINS, Ronald Claude “R. C.”
GREEN, Shirley Ann Reed
JOHNSON, Earl
LANEY, Bessie
MARCUM, Eula Fern
PARRIMAN, Roy W.
PRESTON, Ella Vermillion
TANKERSLEY, Jay
THOMPSON, Ellen Tomlinson
WARD, Louise M.

BAKER, Norman Ryland
BURCHFIELD, Geneva Ann Williams
COX, Vernon D.
DEAN, Donna Hickman
GILES, Sue Ella Osborne
HENSLEY, Mayme F. “Janie”
*JUSTICE, Elder Robert Gordon
LIVINGSTON, George Gordon
*NORTON, Elder Paul
PARSONS, Margaret Napier
SPARKS, Beatrice P.
THACKER, Millicent M. Robinette
WALKER, PFC Aaron R.
*WOODWARD, Elder Warren “Don”

*Ministers

JANELLE DONELSON ADDINGTON was born June 30, 1931 in Scott County, VA and went to rest in her heavenly home April 10, 2014 at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 11 days.

She was the daughter of William J. Sr. and Ollie Castle Donelson. She was married to Preston Bruce Addington June 9, 1950. They celebrated their 63rd anniversary last year.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 1 son, Douglas C. Addington; 3 brothers, Earl, Fred and William, Jr. Donelson; 4 sisters, Maude, Clarice, Ada Ruth Donelson and Irene Donelson Castle.

She is survived by her husband; 1 daughter, Vivian Hall; 2 sons, Danny W. and Timothy D. Addington; 7 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Eugene Donelson and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was saved at 14 years of age in a revival at Culbertson's Chapel. She had been a faithful member of Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church for many years. Sometimes she couldn't attend because she was a caregiver for aged and sick family members.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved the church and will be missed by all.

- Written by the family

NORMAN RYLAND BAKER was born September 2, 1930 and passed away March 29, 2014.

He was a member and trustee of Chestnut Flats Church. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elder Charlie J. and Rosa Whitaker Baker; 1 grandson, 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

He is survived by his wife, June Denton Baker; 1 daughter, Kay Puckett; 1 son, Ricky Baker; 3 grandchildren; 2 sisters and 1 brother.

He is greatly missed by his family and the church family.

- Written by the family

BASCOM RAY BARNETT, age 95, of Spring Valley, OH passed away February 8, 2014 at Quaker Heights Nursing Home in Waynesville.

He was born October 28, 1918 in Scott County, VA to Franklin Benjamin and Etta Mae Muncie Barnett.

Before retiring, Bascom worked as a farmer and factory worker, designing and producing steering wheels for General Motors. He enjoyed playing his guitar and singing with his wife and friends, being involved at church, fishing, hunting, raising cattle and camping.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Beulah and 1 son, Michael.

Bascom is survived by 2 sons, Christopher and David Barnett; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and 1 brother, Joe Barnett.

He was a member of Fairview Church in Bellbrook, OH.

- Written by the family

GENEVA ANN WILLIAMS BURCHFIELD, age 53, of Surgoinsville, TN went to be with the Lord March 13, 2014 of an aneurysm.

She was saved at the age of 8 and remained a member of Long Hollow Church all her life. She was employed at Church Hill Care and Rehab Center for 13 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, H. P. Williams; 1 brother, Eugene Williams and 1 nephew.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Robbie Burchfield; 2 sons, Wayne and Tommy Burchfield; 3 grandchildren; her mother, Virgie Williams; 2 brothers, Raymond and Danny Williams; 1 sister, Phyllis Roop; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She loved her family and is missed daily.

- Written by her sister, Phyllis Roop

BILLY JEFF BURNS, 84, of the Romeo Community of Greene County, TN passed away December 12, 2013 at his home.

He was a member of Marion Robinette Memorial Church, which he attended faithfully as long as his health permitted. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years, which he enjoyed very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Gertrude Burns; and 2 brothers, J. C. and Bobby Burns.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Burns; 1 son, Steve Burns; 3 daughters, Vona Brotherton, Kema Woolsey and Joni Parker; 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by family and his many friends.

- Written for the family by a cousin, Elizabeth Rose Manes

VERNON D. COX was born April 22, 1923 in Fordtown Community near Gray, TN and departed this life July 5, 2014 to enter his heavenly home at the age of 91 years. He was the son of Dee Cox and Roxie Cox Hamilton, and married Anna Hurd Cox, who all preceded him in death.

Left to mourn our loss is 1 daughter, Janice Chatman; 1 grandson and 1 great grandson.

He was saved and became a member of Fordtown Baptist Church. He later moved his small family to Mt. Carmel, TN in January, 1950. His family attended Mt. Mitchell Church, where he became a member and attended as long as his health permitted. He was a prayer warrior that loved his heavenly father.

He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1943 to 1946. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Our loss is heaven's gain. He was God's child and was loaned to us for a little while. Rest and sleep in peace until we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by his daughter, Janice Chatman

DAVID L. DANIELS, retired U.S. Navy Chief was born March 2, 1945 and departed this life October 31, 2013 at the age of 68 years, 7 months and 29 days.

He was a member of New Life Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert and Lucy Daniels.

Survivors include 2 children; 2 grandchildren; 4 sisters and 1 brother.

He is sadly missed, but he is free of pain and in God's care.

- Written by his sister, Emma Merrifield

DONNA HICKMAN DEAN, age 48, of Rogersville, TN passed away April 8, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Harold Hickman.

She is survived by her parents, Garland and Virginia Hickman; 2 brothers, Randy and Larry Hickman; 5 sisters, Cathy Bowery, Mildred Duncan, Teresa Hickman, Janet Hickman and Julie Hickman; and a special nephew.

She was loved by all her nieces and nephews.

Donna will be missed and remembered by all who knew her. She was saved at an early age at Long Hollow Church and remained a member.

We will meet her in heaven when our time comes.

- Written by her mother, Virginia Hickman

RONALD CLAUDE (R. C.) ELKINS, 82, passed away July 22, 2014 at Indian Path Hospital in Kingsport following a lengthy battle with rheumatoid arthritis. His loving family was by his side.

He was born in Lee County, VA and retired from Lee County Health Department after working for the health departments in Tazewell and Bristol, VA. He was a graduate of Jonesville High School and Lincoln Memorial University. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Germany. He was a member of Davis Chapel Church on Wallen's Creek.

He was preceded in death by his parents, B. W. and Dona Osborne Elkins; his wife, Carol Gilbert Elkins; 1 infant brother, Ray Elkins; and 1 sister, Ada Lou Fletcher.

He is survived by 2 brothers, Omer and Don Elkins; 2 sisters, Betty Willis and Estell Creech; several nieces and nephews, and a special cousin.

He is in heaven now with all of his loved ones and no more pain.

He will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

- Written by the family

SUE ELLA OSBORNE GILES, age 89, of Kettering, OH went to be with the Lord on February 18, 2014 at the Legacy Village Assisted Living Senior Community. She was born in Blackwater, VA and retired from Rikes Kettering and was a longtime devoted member of Fairview Church in Bellbrook, OH.

Sue was a loving wife, mother and grandmother (Grandma Susie).

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Edgar (Morris) Giles; her parents, Roy E. and Mattie M. Osborne; 1 sister, Eula Ruth Harris and 1 brother, Donald Osborne.

She is survived by 2 sons, Carroll and Charles Giles; 4 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Maxine Rowland and many other relatives in Ohio, Virginia and Tennessee.

- Written by the family

SHIRLEY ANN REED GREEN, age 68, of Sneedville, went home to the Lord August 26, 2014. She was born December 19, 1945 and professed faith in Christ at an early age. She joined Swan Creek Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Roger Green; her parents, Carson and Flora Reed; 1 brother, Lowell Reed and a grandmother.

She is survived by 1 son, Tony Green; 2 daughters, Angie Mullins and Ginger Gibson; 1 sister, Mary Lou Haire; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; 3 nephews and some very special friends.

Shirley had many friends and loved ones and will be missed by all that knew her. As we mourn her passing, we believe our loss is heaven's gain and that she is rejoicing in heaven with loved ones and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- Written by the family

MAYME F. (JANIE) HENSLEY was born January 7, 1920 and went to be in the presence of the Lord February 3, 2014 at Bristol Regional Medical Center. She was the daughter of the late R. C. and Ola McNamara Crain.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age of 11. She was baptized in 1931 at Gardner's Chapel Church. She was a member of Gardner's Memorial Church at the time of her death. On December 28, 1935 she and the late Joe Hensley were married and they remained together for 63 years.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by 1 son, Benny Hensley; 6 brothers, Charlie Crain, Blaine McNamara, Mack Crain, James Crain, Hugh Crain and Ward Crain; 4 sisters, Mattie Crain, Laura McMurray, Lora Bailey and Florance Miller and 1 great grandson.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Dorothy Anderson and Mary McKee; 2 granddaughters; 3 grandsons; 2 great granddaughters; 4 great grandsons; 3 great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She was born and raised in Sullivan County and was a housewife and farmer all of her life. She was a quilter for many years. Lots of her quilts went to many states and as far away as Germany. She loved teaching quilting and raising flowers.

Her faith and trust was totally in the Lord Jesus Christ. One of her favorite songs was "The Unseen Hand." She will be missed dearly by her family, friends and neighbors.

- Written by the family

EARL JOHNSON, son of Minter and Elizabeth Osborne Johnson, was born October 8, 1930 in Blackwater, VA. He went to be with his Lord and Savior July 28, 2014 at the age of 83 years, 9 months and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 1 sister, Naomi, and 2 brothers, George Andrew and Burley Johnson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Draxie Johnson; 1 daughter, Angela Johnson, who was the love of his life; 1 sister, Bertha Creech; 1 niece, 1 nephew and many dear friends.

Earl was saved, as was Draxie, in a revival at Blackwater Lick Church about the year 1958. They joined the church, were baptized, and were faithful members until moving to Fairfax, VA where Earl worked for the Fairfax County School System until retiring in 1988. After moving to Kingsport, TN, he joined West View Church and remained a loyal, faithful member until his health prevented him from attending. Even then, he was intently interested in the church and the Eastern District Association, which he looked forward to attending each year.

We will meet again in a land where there is no more death, pain, sickness or parting, and none will ever grow old.

- Written for the family by Elder Burnice Sybert

ELDER ROBERT GORDON JUSTICE, age 78, of Rogersville, went to be with his Lord on July 24, 2014 at his residence. He was born February 16, 1936.

He was a member of Flower Gap Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Selma Justice; parents, Randall and Pearl Justice and 2 brothers, Richard and Joe Justice.

Gordon leaves his daughter, Michelle Hillis; 2 sons, Dale and Adam Justice; 9 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter and 4 brothers, Jay, Danny, Randall, and Lee Justice.

He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by his family

BESSIE LANEY, 87, of Louisa, the daughter of the late Dave and Nora Dove Fraley Fitch of Peach Orchard, was born February 18, 1926 and passed from this world for her eternal home February 17, 2014 after a short illness.

Bessie was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Milton Laney; 3 sons, David, Melvin and Mikey; 1 daughter, Janie; 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

She is survived by 4 daughters, Junell May, Annie Dutton, Louella Step and Mickey Rose; 19 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; 1 brother, Milton Fitch; many nephews and nieces and a great host of her extended family that are hid with Christ in God, some on this side and others that await with her on the other side for us to gather forever in our heavenly home.

Bessie and Milton often sang as their part in the service of the Lord or testified of what the Lord had done for them, during which Bessie shouted for the victory to come, not for the battle or sickness, but for the victory. So often when they sang, the church rejoiced in God our Savior. Looking for that blessed hope that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Written by the family

GEORGE GORDON LIVINGSTON, age 79, went home to be with the Lord December 1, 2013, in Kettering, OH. He was born November 7, 1934, the son of the late Echol Roy (E. R.) and Bessie Mae Willis Livingston in Lee County, VA.

He was saved and baptized as a young man at Livingston Chapel Church, Wallens Creek, VA. Some years after moving to Ohio, he joined Fairview Church, Bellbrook, OH. He served honorably in the U.S. Army for two years and retired from Chrysler Corp., Dayton, OH after 33 years of employment. After retirement, he moved back to the family farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant sister, Lucille, and sister, Joanne Livingston Vierkandt.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Barnett Livingston; 1 son, Alan Livingston; 1 daughter, Belinda Napier; 4 grandchildren; 1 great grandson; 3 sisters, Carnelle Starnes, Aileen Livingston and Ruble McFall; numerous nieces, nephews and close friends.

He was a well-respected, hard-working man and he is now at rest. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

- Written by his family

EULA FERN MARCUM was born March 5, 1931 to Zack and Mary Burke and departed this life on March 5, 2014 at the age of 83.

Her husband, Pete Marcum, preceded her in death. She left behind 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives to miss her for the rest of our days.

Mom gave her life to Christ and joined Livingston Chapel Church as a young girl. She later moved her membership to Davis Chapel and remained an active member as long as time and circumstances would allow.

Like most treasures, true worth is only discovered after the treasure is gone. Mom's price truly was "far above rubies." Rest easy, Mom....we'll see you again.

- Written by the family

ELDER PAUL NORTON was born June 17, 1961 and at the age of 53, he went to be with Jesus on August 7, 2014.

He was the son of the late Alvie and Dorothy Norton.

Survivors include his loving wife of 34 years, Lisa Norton; 1 son, James Norton; 1 daughter, Jennifer Stamey; 1 special granddaughter; 5 grandsons; 1 step grandson; 2 sisters, Nellie Barham and Sue Roberts; 1 brother, Ricky Norton; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He had 1 deceased sister, Darlene Shelton. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a retired truck driver. He loved going to church, fishing, cookouts with family and friends and especially loved his grandchildren and loved life. He was a devoted member of New Life Church. He never met a stranger and was loved by many. He is greatly missed and loved by his family and friends.

- Written by his wife

ROY W. PARRIMAN, age 86, of Brodhead, KY, passed away January 24, 2014 at Saint Joseph Hospital East in Lexington, KY.

Roy was born in Harlan, KY on January 17, 1928. He was a member of several organizations in Brodhead and he was a licensed minister. Roy was a veteran of the United States Navy and a member of the Lockland Christian Church in Cincinnati, OH. God blessed Roy with a beautiful voice and the love to sing. His wife, Judy, is a member of Cadet Church and on their visits he would bless us with many of his beautiful songs. The most remembered song was "Come Home it's Supper Time." His baritone voice would echo throughout the church and we all enjoyed his songs and to fellowship with him.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, William Lyman and Cumile Brummett Parriman; 1 daughter, Debbie Parriman Smith; 2 brothers, Vernon and Benny Parriman; and 2 sisters, Bonnie Rose and Gertrude Henry.

Roy is survived by his wife of 23 years, Judy Burton Eldridge Parriman; children by his first wife, Susan Tyle and Danny Parriman; step-children, Jim Eldridge and Tammy Eldridge; 10 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Betty Bicknell; many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

- Written by the family

MARGARET NAPIER PARSONS, 89, of the Cave Springs community in Dryden, VA was born April 24, 1925 and passed away August 13, 2014. She was a lifelong resident of Lee County and a member of Valley View Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Henry and Maggie Lambert Napier; husband, Loran in February 1997; 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

Survivors include 3 sons, Larry, John, and David Parsons; 5 granddaughters, 3 grandsons and 16 great grandchildren.

- Written by the family

ELLA VERMILLION PRESTON was born in 1916 and passed away July 18, 2014 at the age of 97. She was born and lived most her life on Little Cowan Creek.

Ella was married to John Preston and they both taught in the Letcher County, KY school system until their retirement.

Ella is survived by 1 son, Bruce and 1 grandson.

She attended Little Cowan Church where she was a willing worker.

Ella was loved and respected by her students, family and friends.

- Written by the family

BEATRICE P. SPARKS, 82, of Wilmington, OH, died August 19, 2014 at The Willows-Citation in Lexington, KY.

Mrs. Sparks was born June 1, 1932 in Norton, VA, a daughter of the late James and Donna Griffith Hays.

She was a member of Macedonia Church.

She is survived by 2 sons, Mark Baker and Dale Sparks; 1 daughter, Sheila Chesney; 2 sisters, 9 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Sparks on November 7, 2005; her parents; 1 daughter, Rita Baker; 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Her strong will to live, unwavering faith in God, and the love and prayers of family, friends, and many supporters carried her through her time of illness. Yet, even throughout her own struggle with this battle, she always reached out to others. Even while others were attempting to be a blessing to her, she inevitably was a blessing to them. She possessed a contagious smile and an entertaining sense of humor. Throughout her life, she maintained a sweet and simple demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many, who even now are being changed by her witness of constant nurturing love and faith. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling, laughter, and joking around, will never be forgotten. Bea faithfully cared for family and friends throughout her life. She was a true Proverbs 31 woman of faith and her family called her blessed. Bea is now free from pain, heartache, and debilitating illness and resting in the arms of her Heavenly Father, her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. While we miss her now and our grief is nearly unbearable, we know she is far better off. It would be her desire to point friends and family, who do not yet know the Lord, to Him as we celebrate her life.

- Written by her Pastor David VanHoose

JAY TANKERSLEY was born August 27, 1939 and departed this life May 23, 2014 and went home to be with the Lord.

He was saved at an early age and was a member of Willis Chapel Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Erma Robinson Tankersley.

He is survived by 1 son, Jay Tankersley, Jr. and 1 daughter, Avanelle Parker; 5 grandsons; 1 great grandson; 1 brother, Carl Tankersley; 1 sister, Mobee Tankersley Bledsoe; 3 nephews and 1 niece, as well as a host of family and friends.

Jay loved the Lord and enjoyed going to church and spending time with his family. He is gone from this side of life, but his spirit will always remain in our hearts. Resting peacefully in the arms of our Lord and Savior in a land that knows no sorrow or pain, and one day we'll meet again on Heaven's bright shore.

- Written for the family by his niece, Cherlene Johnson

MILLCENT M. ROBINETTE THACKER, 89, of Rogersville, TN passed away August 19, 2014, following an extended illness.

She was the daughter of the late Carson and Clara Goan Robinette. Mrs. Thacker was a charter member of Marion Robinette Memorial Church, which she attended faithfully, as long as her health allowed.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Thacker was preceded in death by her husband, W. Earl Thacker; 3 sons, Wayland Earl, Rayburn C. and Rickey N. Thacker.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Karen J. Reed; 1 son, Randall "Sonny" Thacker; 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

- Written by her daughter, Karen Reed

ELLEN TOMLINSON THOMPSON was born December 6, 1927 and departed this life on January 15, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Worley and Fannie Gibson Tomlinson; her husband, John Rance Thompson; 4 sisters, Sarah Christian, Cora Graham, Louise Kerns and Frankie Tomlinson; and 2 brothers, Cornel and Charlie Tomlinson.

She is survived by 1 sister, Lizzibell Fritz and 2 brothers, Robert and Bill Tomlinson.

Ellen was a member of Roller's Chapel Church. She was hindered from attending at Roller's for several years. In just the last few years of her life, I was richly blessed from time to time to be able to go to her home in Stickleysville and bring her to church. Her conversations would always be centered on the goodness of the Lord.

She is now free from the pains she suffered in this life. We look forward to meeting her in that good land that she would speak so often about.

- Written by the church clerk, Kim Robinette

PFC AARON R. WALKER, age 25, was born May 6, 1988 and passed away unexpectedly on March 3, 2014. He was a member of Long Hollow Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and horseshoes.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Donald and Esther "Moe" Spencer.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Walker; 1 daughter, Olivia Lily-Ann Walker; mother, Brenda Walker Maricio; father and stepmother, Randy and Alecia Walker; grandparents; 2 brothers, Ben Walker and Phillip White; several uncles and aunts; and a host of friends and other relatives.

He will be missed.

- Written by the family

LOUISE M. WARD, age 87, of Bulls Gap, passed away March 13, 2014 at Tacoma Hospital in Greenville.

She was a member of Marion Robinette Memorial Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Reece Ward; 1 son, James Lee Ward; mother, Ethel S. May; father, Lee J. May; several brothers and sisters and a host of friends and relatives.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Agnes Juanice Warner and Tina D. Brown; and 1 sister, Juanita Short.

- Written by her daughter, Tina D. Brown

ELDER WARREN (DON) WOODWARD was born July 22, 1922 and departed this life May 25, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel S. and Martha Bledsoe Woodward; his wife, Bessie Phillips Woodward; 2 sons, Timothy Dale Woodward and Warren (Donnie) Woodward, Jr.; 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

He is survived by 1 son, Daniel (Butch) Woodward; 4 daughters, Lois Bledsoe, Linda Quesenberry, Holly Robbins and Kathy Crabtree; 1 brother and 1 sister.

He pastored at Low View Church many years, where he was a member until existing health issues kept him from attending. He always had a great concern for his family and also his church family. He always said it was a blessing to serve the Lord. He will be missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the family

HISTORICAL DATA

Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists organized 1835

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

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

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

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

1994	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J. H. Sybert & Basil Freeman, Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin
1999	Roller's Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2000	Butcher's Valley	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Henry Wheeler
2001	Clear Springs	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger VanHoose
2002	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	David Smith
2003	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2004	Beech Grove	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Phil Crittenden
2005	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
2006	Flower Gap	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2007	Pilgrim's Rest	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Virgil Lipe
2008	Little Cowan	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Banks
2009	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette
2010	Richardson Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
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
2014	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Daniel Smith

