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## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

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**Thursday Morning, October 5, 2017**

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 165<sup>th</sup> annual session with Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church, Blackwater, VA hosting this blessed event.

Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Primitive Baptist Church is one of Lee County's and our association's oldest churches. The church was called Blackwater Lick with the "Lick" coming from the old "salt works" located nearby, where salt water was pumped from a well and boiled down in large kettles on a furnace near the site of the present Post Office building.

It was organized on September 27, 1847, and is proud to have had such stalwart Soldiers of the Cross as Elder G. B. Wallen, who, as far as is known, was the first pastor. According to the writings of the late Elder Hampton Osborne, a local historian, "There was a large distillery where whiskey and brandy were manufactured and sold. It was told that the good people of the area made it so hot for the distiller that he pulled out for more peaceful precincts." The old "still" house was then used as the first church. The following year, in 1848, the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists met with Blackwater Lick. Six churches were represented, including: Blackwater, TN (Willis), Blackwater Lick (Big Door), Sulphur Springs, Zion (Burke's Union), Hickory Flat, and Cedar Fork. Local historians tell us that Blackwater was first called Whitewood and later changed to Blackwater.

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

A short time after the war, a large log church was constructed on the present site. The building was used for church, school, and community gatherings. The entrance had a large double door; therefore, the name "Big Door" naturally came to be applied to the church, to which it is most commonly called by the local community.

Sometime near 1900, a one-room building was constructed on the property at Enoch Osborne's home near the present church building. This combination church and school building was called "Osborne Institute." In 1906, a two-story building was

erected. The late Elder W. S. Osborne had a saw mill and furnished most of the material, and local people did all the labor. That building served the people until 1960, when a new and improved building was constructed of block which was later bricked, paneled, and the ceiling was sheet rocked, with electric heat being installed in 1968. The church fellowship hall was added in 1971 to help accommodate the 110<sup>th</sup> annual session of our association. In 2001, the church acquired the schoolhouse property to help with the association's 150<sup>th</sup> annual session. The school served as a garment factory from the early 1970's until its closing in 1995, and employed more than 60 people, which had an enormous economic impact on the community. Constructed in the 1920's, with two later additions, the school was a combined school until 1968, when the high school closed. Remaining an elementary school for several years after that, former students tell of times when they were allowed to leave school to attend revivals at Big Door, and of the many students who were redeemed at those revivals. We praise God for His enduring spirit, His mercy, His never-ending blessings, and for our Godly heritage.

Down through the years, our church has been blessed to be led by a host of Godly men who for the past 170 years, have helped the church to become a comfort to the distressed, a home to the saved, and a light to the lost. Unfortunately, many faithful members have died and others have moved away, leaving a small but active congregation to continue the holy mission set forth in 1847.

God has richly blessed the generations of people who have attended here over the years. It has endured from the Spanish American war through Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and many other troubled times; and thanks be to God it remains an organization unmovable. We thank God for those saints who went this way before us, for what they stood for and the guidance they gave us. Most of all, we thank God for meeting here with us, and pray that He will continue to do so until time is no more.

If the Willis Chapel Church is our mother church — and surely it is — then it could be said that Blackwater Lick is where she travailed and the Eastern District Association was brought forth.

On Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1848, twenty-one delegates from six churches met in a log building near here to organize the association. They elected Elder Isaac Chrisman as moderator. Elder Chrisman and Elder Green B. Wallen wrote the church covenant when the Blackwater Lick Church was organized September 27, 1847.

One of the delegates from Blackwater Lick to that first annual session was a man named Solomon Robinette. In 1839 his son, Isaac S. Robinette was born and he was converted in 1866 and shortly felt the call to the ministry. At that time, the association

was trying to recover from the effects of the Civil War and consisted of only 2 to 4 churches with a total of less than 100 members. He had a deep love for the churches and an intense desire to see the association prosper. Isaac, who also served as pastor, later deeded the land to the Primitive Baptists. He seemed to love the association and its brotherhood better than anything on earth. He was a soul-stirring minister, tender in assail of error, though a firm defender of the truth. After being elected moderator, he served until his death in 1886 at the still young age of 48 years. Much of the early growth of the association is attributed to his preaching and organizational abilities. In the 20 years of his ministry, the association grew to 22 churches and approximately 1,000 members.

One of the men who preached here regularly and gave much of his life to the ministry was Elder J. P. Peters. He served as moderator of the association on 3 different occasions, although for only one year at a time. He preached and labored in the ministry 42 years, beginning at the age of 17. Elder E. S. McPherson was pastor of the church for 32 years, association clerk for 2 years and for 20 years was moderator of the association. Elder E. A. Robinette served the church as pastor for many years. He not only served for 24 years as moderator, but served as clerk for 11 years. Elder Carl Lawson served as pastor for 34 years. Elder John Henry Sybert served the association as moderator for a total of 34 years and he served as pastor for 14 years. Elder Amos Osborne was association clerk for 15 years at various times and served his home church in that capacity for 59 years. For 36 of those years, he was also a Primitive Baptist minister. Elder Hampton Osborne was a member of this church all his Christian life. At the time, he was our oldest minister both in age and in the ministry, having been ordained for 64 of his 84 years. He served as association clerk for 2 years and as assistant clerk for 2 other years. Elder Daniel Hurd is our current pastor, who we are so proud of and we thank God for him.

The wives of these men and others, as well as other faithful women have been known by untold numbers of people for their kind and gentle lives and their belief in the truth of the doctrine preached in the pulpit of this church. These people entrusted the pastoral care of the church to a number of young ministers whom they nourished and supported until they too came to be considered leaders in the association.

Unfortunately, the records for the first fifty years of Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church were lost or misplaced; therefore, we had to rely on the information obtained from older people as it was handed down.

In conclusion, this church, like all others, has had its problems; yet, it has served its purpose well in this community. The light from this church has penetrated the darkness of the perilous times and given hope to a multitude of troubled souls. It would be impossible to estimate the power and scope of influence this church has had.

The gospel that has gone forth from this church, at the time may have seemed fruitless, but in later years was gathered up like bread cast upon the waters to be gathered up days hence. Let us pray that this church will continue to grow through the coming years as it has in the past and continue to be a bright shining light to lost souls and a comfort and inspiration to the children of God.

The cool crisp air greeted everyone as they arrived at this 165<sup>th</sup> session of this grand body. Sister Zula McCullough led us in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It won't be very long till all the saints get home and we'll sing with the angels around the throne. Tell the old, old story of Jesus and His wonderful love for us. We are trusting the unseen hand that guides us through this weary land where some sweet day we'll reach that strand. We long to see our Savior's face and sing the story saved by grace. Marcelle Bledsoe led the congregation in songs of praise for our blessed Redeemer. We are assured that earth holds no treasure and perish with using, but Heaven holds all to us, for it is joy without measure. Loved ones are watching and waiting our coming, so if we are prepared to meet Jesus our King, what a truly wonderful time is just ahead.

Our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore, welcomed everyone to God's service. We are here for God's work; let us do His will in everything we attempt. The moderator also reminded everyone to turn in church letters, obituaries and financial contributions. He then appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises which consists of Ralph Baker (chairman), Dennis Stewart and Larry Fannon. During this past year, we have lost four of our Elders: T. J. Elliott, Harold Shaw, Bob Brown and Glen Williams, so please remember in prayer the families of these great soldiers of the Lord. Thank God for these men and their stand for the Lord.

Sister Zula came forward to lead the congregation in singing the old song that is the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." We wait on our King when He shall return again. Some have gone to join that happy heavenly band, but we will meet again on Heaven's bright shore. Remember, all is vain unless the Holy Spirt comes down to shower the Holy Manna all around.

The Moderator asked all of our ministers to sign the minister's book, including ministers from other associations and church affiliations. He also reminded everyone that delegate ribbons are up front. We are so blessed to serve a risen Savior, for to be absent from this body is to be present with the Lord.

Brother Bradley Brown blessed us with songs of praise. Our precious Lord will linger near His children and hold our hand lest we fall. Through the storm through the night, through it all He takes our hand and leads us home. He will take our hand if we trust in Him. Wallen's Creek Church singers blessed us with their testimony and songs

of praise. The valley of dark despair was threatening until He came and searched for us. Till Jesus came and searched for me. Jesus passed this way before us just as He passed through Jericho to get where Zacchaeus was in the sycamore tree and He told him to make haste and come down out of that sycamore tree.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches, those serving in the military, our country, Richard Seiber, Kathy Lawson's family and Roller's Chapel Church family, Hershel Baker, Brandon Williams, H. C. and Pearl Johnson, Nadine Horne's brother, Hershel; Lewis Baker, Roy Jones' brother and mother, families of those who have lost loved ones all over our country, Brenda Horton, leaders of our and other nations, Haley Shelton, Frank Gilliam, Gary and Lou McMurray, Beulah Webb, Roger Sturgill, Sherrie Brown and her brother, and a show of uplifted hands signifying countless unspoken prayer requests. Brother Casey Breeding blessed us with his prayer as he took us to the throne of grace.

Elder Sizemore mentioned that our new speaker system is in use. Continue to pray for the preaching service. Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Our Heavenly Father cares, and He cured all sin by taking it upon Himself on Calvary.

Elder Richard Seiber was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, but could not be with us due to health problems. Please remember him in your prayers that the Lord will bless him and restore his good health. Elder Mike Fullington came forward to preach the introductory message. He read Habakkuk 3:16-19 using as text, "Jesus is the same today as He was in Habakkuk's time." Our world is very similar to what Habakkuk saw because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forevermore. The elders of that time had the same trust we have today. The same "I Am" is with us today, so let us rejoice in the Lord. This same God will never change and is with us all the time. Through the problems of this life, we still have Him just as he was when He created the universe. Even when we complain and murmur, God still hears His children and takes care of us. He is the same God; He has not changed and He is still on the throne at the right hand of the Father. Nothing beats salvation, for it is the same gospel as when Jesus walked on the earth. No matter how dark the way seems, He is with us. We don't have to face these problems alone. We don't always know if or how He will answer, but we know He is able. Rejoice in the Lord, for He is that ever-present help.

Elder Daniel Hurd followed with another wonderful message from our Lord and Savior. This grand old body is special and continues to be blessed of the Lord. This same God is just as able today as in times past. We are able to stand, rejoice and feel what we have down in our heart because of this man Jesus. There is nothing He cannot do except to lie, for when He says it, it becomes the truth. Regardless of our age when He saved us, it gets better each and every day. As shouts rang out across

the building, God's children rejoiced in their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Heaven was made for me and you. Are you ready to go? He carried our sins that we might be saved and have eternal life. He carried the whole weight of our sins that we might praise Him as we travel along this way. Praise His Holy name forevermore! If you don't know this Savior, we pray you can come to know Him today. If you ask, He will answer. We are on our journey home, never to leave again. As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us never forget to pray for the lost and each other.

Elder Sizemore led us in a song to allow those with a need to come forward. We'll walk down the aisle made of pure gold, the groom is asking the bride to come, how will you answer this invitation from our Lord and Savior? We were dismissed for lunch with a song and fellowship.

### **Thursday Afternoon, October 5, 2017**

The host church served us a wonderful lunch as God's children rejoiced in this glorious day. Sister Zula led the congregation in singing several songs of praise as the congregation gathered for the afternoon service. When we are cast down in spirit and soul and the world seems to overwhelm us, He whispers sweet peace to our soul. Jesus is our rock of ages, and His unseen hand leads through ways we cannot see as we rise to worlds unknown.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from Roger VanHoose, Bellbrook Church youth, Loretta Emery, Terry Sizemore, Naomi Adkins, Peggy Shaw-McBee, and Jason Robinette. Jesus left His home in glory and suffered on the cross of Calvary. Let us go on rejoicing, for in His likeness we will be shining and we'll be satisfied. We stepped our feet in the water one day and have never been the same, for we once were lost but now we are found. God answers prayers when His children ask in true belief. When Jesus saved us, we became walking, talking miracles for His honor and glory. We'll shout the victory as we enter our new eternal home. He didn't come here to stay, and neither will we when we meet Him in the clouds to all go home together. Just look around and see all the good things that we must thank Him for. Thank Him for what He has done is such a simple statement that has so much meaning we can only imagine.

The moderator mentioned the blessings of the young folks that sang for us earlier. Seeing our young people sing His praises is such a thrill for this grand body and likewise it is a true joy to have in our midst Sisters: Grace Russell (100), Lois Collier (98) and Pauline Lawson (95) for whom we thank God.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service as he thanked God for gathering with us at this blessed event. He thanked the host church for the bountiful lunch. The joy of knowing our blessed Redeemer is beyond anything we can imagine in this world.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all those made during the morning service, Virgia Grace Hill's son and grandson, Jerry Scalf, David VanHoose, Roger Manring, Bessie Robinette, Ida Lee Flanary, Dan Sturgill, John Arnott, the girl's dad, others the clerk could not understand and numerous unspoken requests signified by many uplifted hands. Brother Dan Cross led us to the throne of grace in a soul stirring prayer.

Brother David Horton, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing, reporting a total of 35 churches who wish to be received into our delegation. 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 Oscar Irvin was nominated. No other nominations were made. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Elder Irvin 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. Elder Irvin asked the congregation to stand as recognition of their confidence in the clerk and treasurer and in so doing they would pray for him.

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 Irvin asked the congregation to stand in recognition of their confidence in the moderator and in so doing they would continue to pray for him.

Elder Sizemore thanked Elder Irvin for standing as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. The moderator thanked the delegation for their



vote of confidence. Continue to pray for your association officials; we desire your prayers as we go forward into another year.

Elder Sizemore read the report from the Religious Exercise Committee which includes:

Thursday night: October 5, 2017

Stand: David Stapleton and Chris Salley

Friday morning: October 6, 2017

Stand: Burnice Sybert, Oscar Irvin, and Kevin Cross

The moderator announced several revival services beginning soon which include: Poplar Grove with Scott Tipton and Terry Sizemore and Swan Creek with Oscar Irvin and Carl Ray Cope.

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, Clifford Bledsoe and Danny Lawson.

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers: John Banks (chairman), Charles Bernard, Chris Salley; Deacons: Robert Sword and Doug Willis; Laymen: Gary Hall and Clarence Dodson.

Committee on Finance: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Joseph Robinette and David VanHoose.

Committee on Obituaries: Jason Robinette (chairman), David Stapleton and Jim Emery.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Burnice Sybert (chairman), Scott Tipton, Carter Hager, Roger VanHoose, Greg Hill, Eddie Malone and Roger Manring.

The moderator reminded the delegation that Excused Absence forms are available at the clerk's desk, as well as a Community Service form.

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

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

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk \$1,800 in appreciation for his services.

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

The clerk read the letter from Peterson's Chapel Church and noted that it was appreciated that the church pastor and deacons returned their ordination credentials. It was also noted that as long as the church keeps the same name and continues to meet as a religious organization, there is not a problem, but if they cease to do so the church property will revert back to the Eastern District Association.

Brother Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Electrical and PA System Committee, came forward to give their report, stating it was a pleasure to be here. The new system is in place with new speakers and wiring, microphones at the stand and 2 wireless mics. The old system was taken to Jeff's Morrell Music in Kingsport to be evaluated. After a couple of months, it was recommended that we replace the old equipment with the new equipment mentioned above. While the team is continuing to fine tune the new equipment, it is working great and everyone seems to be pleased with the results.

The clerk spoke concerning the Ayers Chapel Church property. Since the first contract has been dissolved, another contract was entered into with Lonnie Garrett. From January 2017 through July 2017, he paid the monthly fee of \$300, making a total of \$2,100 paid on the rent to own contract. It was motioned, seconded and voted to help Roy Jones with a gift of appreciation for his willingness to work with the Ayers Chapel property. Brother Roy had turned down such offers in the past, but asked that we pay it to his home church, Cadet. The amount is to be determined by what we had paid him in the past. The clerk searched past records dating back through 2009 and found the following:

From the 2012 minutes: Brother Roy Jones has been taking care of the Ayers Chapel Church property. It was suggested to give him \$300 in appreciation for all his work on the church property, then it was motioned, seconded and voted to give him \$400 in appreciation for all the work he has done.

From the 2014 minutes: 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.

From the 2015 minutes: A motion was made to increase the gift of \$600 to help defray costs and to compensate Brother Roy for his time and trouble to \$1,000. Roy came forward and asked the delegation to allow the money to stay in the association treasury. The motion was withdrawn at his request.

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

The moderator brought to our attention the fact that our trustees need to be updated. Brother Dennis Stewart will be added as an Ohio trustee to replace Brother Eldon “Sonnie” Wallen. The moderator requested that we consider adding the trustee list as a permanent part of our minutes. It was motioned, seconded and voted to add this as a standard entry into our minutes. The association trustees consist of: Kentucky – Robert Sword, Roger Sturgill and John Banks; Ohio – Joe Pitzer, Mark Newkirk and Dennis Stewart; Virginia – Roy Jones, Jim Bowlin and Ralph Baker; Tennessee – Earl Dodson, Billy Walton and Steve Hunt. These will be listed as a standard part of the minutes.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed in prayer, led by Brother Lloyd Morelock until Friday morning, October 6, 2017.

### **Friday Morning, October 6, 2017**

The Lord blessed His people as they gathered for the second day of this 165<sup>th</sup> association. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing several songs of Zion. His matchless love was shown for each of us that we may love Him evermore. It will be wonderful when we enter the Glory Land where everybody will be happy in that land where no one knows a care and there are no burdens for us to bear. He bled and died to take away our sin, then sings our soul, my Savior God to Thee. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation, we will proclaim my God how great Thou art! Marcelle Bledsoe led us in singing another song of praise. As we travel through this weary land, we need His blessed light to guide us every hour. Blessed Jesus hold our hand and keep us that we may be wholly thine.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today’s service as he urgently requested that everyone obey the Lord. He acknowledged to the delegation that Brother Ronnie Leonard attended every union meeting this year. Ronnie thanked God for the privilege of attending these meetings and for the love he felt as he went to our churches. Thanking God for the messages he heard and for God’s guidance in his travels, he

praised God for watching over him. Let this be encouragement to each of us that when we put forth the effort, God will richly bless us.

We were blessed with special singing from the Big Door singers. He has prepared a place for us in heaven and when we all get there, what a day of rejoicing that will be; for when we see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory. Onward to the prize before us as the pearly gates open, we'll live with our dear Redeemer forever in glory by-and-by.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved; all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military, our association, our country, revivals, young people, our churches, Virgia Grace Hill family, William Seibers, Margaret and Judi Sorah, Wayne Leonard, our pastors, Patrick Banks, Steve Hunt's son-in-law's family, Edna Lane, Kenny Osborne, Earl Dodson and his wife; Kay Short, Shirley Sullivan, Helen Willis, Steve Minton's son-in-law, Mary Calhoun and many wonderful testimonies given in praise, thanking God for His blessings. Many unspoken requests were signified with uplifted hands. Brother Joe Robinette humbly took us to the throne of grace in a soul stirring prayer.

Elder Daniel Hurd, pastor of the host church, came forward to thank everyone for their help in getting ready for this grand event. Each individual and every business is greatly appreciated from the bottom of our hearts. Without this help, we wouldn't have been able to do it. Please pray for his granddaughter, Whitney.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

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

Elder Burnice Sybert, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. He blessed us with some history of the Primitive Baptists and his wonderful testimony. In the case of Primitive Baptist, Primitive is used to mean original, because our doctrine has not changed over the years and we stand on the original word of our Savior. An individual's soul is the most important thing that we can consider. Elder Sybert read Acts 26:19-26 and used as a text a portion of verse 22, "I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:" along with the last part of verse 26 "for this thing was not done in a corner." Preach nothing except that which is in the word of God. Our knowledge comes from studying the Word, just as Christ taught the disciples and they in turn taught others. Recall to your mind what God taught you. Paul taught from the Old Testament and preached God's word just as our elders do today. He spoke to the prophets (no prophet since John) and revealed that Jesus is come. His word revealed all the truths of God, for it is inspired of our Heavenly Father. He is the same

yesterday, today and forevermore. Be aware of what is around you and listen to God, not man. No man knows the time when Christ will come after His children. Watch always and be ready, for He is coming to receive us unto Himself that we can be with Him forever. Press on for He will return to receive us unto Himself.

Elder Oscar Irvin followed with another wonderful message from the Lord. We must humble our hearts before God. He came forward thanking God for this wonderful opportunity of being here yesterday and today. We know God is ready, willing and able to add to our churches, but we the church have a responsibility to let our light shine to those around us. Tell others just what Jesus means to you and what He has done for you. The Old Testament is a schoolmaster to us and if we will come humbly, it will teach us much. God thought it out before He ever created Adam. When He had created everything, then He created man. The world, Satan, wants everyone to think that everything is all right. The world as we know it is blinded to the good works of the Lord. There was One to come that would bruise the serpent's head and Jesus did just that. Aren't you glad the Angels told of His coming as a new born babe? Christ died for the sins of the world. Being born of a virgin is impossible with man, but everything is possible with God. He is the same yesterday, today and forevermore. What a big change that took place when God came into our life.

Elder Kevin Cross followed with still another wonderful message directly from our Savior on high. An old, old story showed us how our Savior came from Glory and gave us our victory in Jesus. Let us rejoice in our Lord this day. Only the children of God can understand. This Heaven bought privilege was paid for in full on the cross of Calvary. His Spirit fills our hearts just as it filled the grounds around this blessed place during this gathering. Our faith in Jesus Christ will see us through everything this old world can throw at us, for the Word of God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. Ye that have an ear, let him hear the Word of God. To be a Christian is an extraordinary thing coming directly from God, but it is also a serious thing that we cannot take lightly; for the life we live, we live by faith in Jesus Christ. We have a hope of a great resurrection when Christ will come to take us home to be with Him forever.

We were dismissed in song of His Amazing Grace and how sweet is the sound that saved a wretch like us. Most precious is the hour we first believed. He will take us home where joy will fill our heart and we can exclaim how great Thou art. Shouts of praise for our blessed Redeemer rang out throughout the building. Bless His Holy name!

**Friday Afternoon, October 6, 2017**

The congregation assembled after a wonderful lunch served by the host church as everyone continued to praise the Lord. Just knowing our blessed Redeemer, we know He can wipe our troubles away. We stand on Christ the solid rock where our anchor is in the veil as all other ground is sinking sand. Steve Minton led us in more praise to the King. We are redeemed by love divine, and great is our joy, for Christ is ours and precious is He to us.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from the Osborne Chapel youth group, Wallen's Creek Church singers, Caney Creek Church singers, Rose Chapel singers, Sammy VanHoose and Aubra Hill.

Just a little talk with Jesus makes everything right. We can tell Him all about our problems and He will remove all our doubts and fears, for He already knows our troubles. One day soon we will fly away to God's celestial shore. Swing low sweet chariot, He is coming for to carry us home, for we have seen the light and there will be no more in darkness. Thank God for our young people. Jesus paid it all and salvation has been brought down where we all can partake of it and tell it all over this land and country. All of our hopes in this world are anchored in the blood of the Lamb. Such peace and joy within can only come from Jesus. He took away death's sting and the joy of knowing Him will take away our cares. Face to face we shall behold the One who saved us by His grace. Such joy to know we are going to Heaven to see Jesus face-to-face. Let us mention how much we love Him, when we see no way, He makes a way. Wonderful testimonies and praises rang out throughout the building as God's children praised His Holy name. If we go or if we stay, the victory is ours. If we know the Lord, we are a winner either way.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for the bountiful and delicious lunch and asked that everyone continue to obey the Lord. Such a wonderful time in the Lord and a precious place to be.

Prayer requests were made, along with many wonderful testimonies. Always remember the unsaved, all those serving our country in the military and their families, all those with cancer, Tommy Meade, all those dependent on drugs, Richard Workman and his family, Nadine Horne's brother, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother David Parsons blessed us with his earnest prayer as he took our petitions to the Lord.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

The Letter Committee addressed the Letter from Gardner's Memorial. It could possibly be in the mail at the clerk's home. The committee recommends that the clerk send Richardson's Chapel letter to the church pastor for his signature. Since there were no other problems with the letter, once it is received, the clerk will enter the information into the minutes. Likewise, when the letter from Gardner's Memorial is received, the clerk will review it and take appropriate actions to get the church information into the minutes. It was motioned, seconded and voted for the clerk to take the appropriate actions for these churches.

The moderator appointed the Church Letter Committee for 2018 which includes: Bradley Bowen (chairman), Steve Hunt, Steve Minton and Robert Brown (alternate).

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

Friday night:

Stand: Sammy VanHoose, Joseph Robinette and Jason Robinette

Saturday morning: October 7, 2017:

Stand: Terry Sizemore and Roger VanHoose

Saturday night:

Stand: Harmon Willis and Tyler Stapleton

Roller's Chapel: Mike Fullington and Jason Robinette

Swan Creek: Billy Marcum

Sunday morning, October 8, 2017:

Stand: Determined from those in attendance

Roller's Chapel: Roger VanHoose

West View: Porter Carroll

Poplar Grove: Billy Marcum

Swan Creek: Tyler Stapleton

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 noted that Brother Jim Bowlin asked to be removed as a Virginia trustee. Joe Horton will be added as a Virginia trustee.

As a follow up of business from yesterday concerning giving Brother Roy Jones a gift in appreciation of his services for taking care of the Ayers Chapel Church property, it was motioned, seconded and voted to give Brother Jones \$600. As requested by Roy, this money will be sent to his home church of Cadet.

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

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 34 have been received at this time.

The Committee on Finance reported \$5,630 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

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

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

The men chosen to write the circular letter for 2017 were Elders Burnice Sybert, John Banks, and Lewis Baker. John Banks came forward and gave a wonderful testimony of such wondrous salvation before reading the letter. Let each of us serve and obey our blessed Lord in everything we attempt. We are a special people in His eyes and we are to love one another as He loves us. Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so! 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 2018 which includes: Elders Sam VanHoose, Jason Robinette and Oscar Irvin.

It was noted we are still waiting on the sale of the Ayers Chapel Church property before taking any action concerning new chairs.

It was brought to our attention that the association kitchen will need three new stoves before next year, so everyone sang praises to the Lord as they fellowshiped and took up an offering to help with this cost. A donation of \$1,253.50 was received.

The moderator reminded the delegation that only those chosen or appointed by their respective churches as delegates were allowed to vote and the maximum number of votes per church was 4 if all delegates are present. Likewise, if only one delegate was present, then the church would only have one vote. There were 6 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Blackwater Lick, Burke's Union, Clear Springs, Fairview, Macedonia and Rose Chapel. As noted, four of these churches are standing as a joint venture. These are: the Ohio churches of Clear Springs, Fairview, Macedonia and Rose Chapel. Blackwater Lick withdrew before the plea process began, leaving the plea process between Burke's Union and the Ohio churches. During the vote, by a clear majority the delegation sent the association to



the Ohio Churches on the grounds of Clear Springs Church, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 4, 2018) before the first Saturday in October, 2018 for the 166<sup>th</sup> gathering. Introductory – Elder Jason Robinette; Alternate – Elder Roger VanHoose.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 7, 2017.

## **Saturday Morning, October 7, 2017**

God blessed His children once again as they gathered for our memorial service. Sister Zula McCullough led us in songs of praise for our blessed Savior. We're on our way home where all is peace and joy and love and the soul of man never dies. Just knowing Jesus saved us is enough for us to continue on our journey home. His cleansing power is sufficient to keep us in the path set before us. Blessed assurance is our story and our song as we praise Him all the day long. All is at rest for in our Savior we are happy and blessed. There is coming a day when no heartaches shall come and there is peace forevermore on that happy golden shore where we shall see Jesus face-to-face. Just think about it, no sickness, no burdens to bear, no parting over there for Jesus will take us by the hand and lead us through the promised land. Marcelle Bledsoe led us in more songs of praise. In that land on the far away strand we'll never grow old. We'll reach our new home to never more roam. When misgivings darken our way, our Lord whispers sweet peace to us. We trust Him by faith and by faith we hold His hand as that still small voice speaks to help even when we are cast down in spirit and soul.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our Saturday morning memorial service, thanking God for our wonderful services thus far. Smiling faces were all around as Elder Sizemore encouraged everyone to obey the Lord. Bless His Holy name for everyone in attendance today and throughout the week.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Billy Marcum, Mishayla Hensley, Dustin Lawson, Jonathan and Peggy Shaw-McBee. There is a place of torment, but we escaped that awful place when Jesus saved our soul, so the only fire we'll ever feel is burning in our heart. Serving our Savior is joy even though we haven't seen Him face-to-face yet, but one day we will. We don't even know the half, but one day we will behold Him in all His splendor and glory. Don't doubt it or deny it because He really cares about us. To prove His love, He gave us His only begotten Son. If it wasn't for His lighthouse, our ship would be no more. That old lighthouse has guided many a stray ship home. Where would you be without that lighthouse?

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, Billy Walton, Vicky Jones, Kathy Lawson and family, Shirley Sullivan, Helen Willis, three teenage boys, sister's lost family, Cora L. Neeley and family, Thelma Tankersley and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother Bradley Bowen humbly led us to the throne of grace.

Thank God for our access to the throne room. Prayer changes things and is God's way of allowing us to bring things to Him.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as read with one addition to the preaching service at Roller's Chapel tonight.

Sister Eileen Brown has pictures on the window sill, available to anyone that wants them on a first come, first serve basis.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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: Please report to her via email.

Eileen Brown

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For many years, the Saturday morning service has been dedicated as a memorial service for those saints who have passed from among us. The moderator read the names of those that have gone on to their reward. Please remember their families in your prayers and thank God for having known them.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Terry Sizemore took the lead of our memorial service. He read Mark 7:24-29 and used as his thought, "Let us be reminded just who we are." We must be drawn by His Holy Spirit, and only the power of God will do this. To know the Lord is a personal thing. The disciples followed by sight, but we have the Holy Spirit to lead us. There is something within us that helps us to deal with our Lord. We must know in our heart who Jesus is, so we can have an understanding of the things of God. We must acknowledge our self to Him. It is not what we know or think we know, but it is God and His will. What a thrill it is to feel God in our life. Many times when the Lord speaks

to us, we only hear what we want to. Peter didn't have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as we do, but he was with Jesus and could see what sayeth the Lord. When the Lord is in your house (soul), He cannot be hid, but He will show up. We must persevere to give God all the honor and glory. There is no place to quit, or even slow down, in the work of our Lord. Our prayer helps us draw nigh to Him and Satan has to flee. We may be living when He comes again, then we'll get on a cloud and go home.

Elder Roger VanHoose was the second servant of our Heavenly Father to take the stand in this memorial service. Paul preached to the Gentiles, as we were once, but when God saved us, everything changed in our life. What a privilege it is to be a child of the King; everything else is a distant second in comparison. Things of God are a mystery, but He will reveal things to us so we can understand His plans for our life. So many people will not accept, nor even listen to the things of God, but there will be a time when they will know things as they truly are. Salvation is to everyone that will call upon the Lord, repent of their sins and accept Him as their Savior. This simple thing is the most important thing that an individual can do. It is truly a gift from God. With the help of the Lord, we have the power to bring this outward man under subjection. Without the spirit of God, all is in vain. God's testimony is steadfast and sure and will not work unless we hear it straight from God. We must step out for the Lord that others will know the great "I Am," for little is much when God is in it.

Elder Greg Hill came forward with another wonderful message from God. Singing about our Lord. We are going there to meet our blessed Redeemer, for we are going over Jordan, going home. We are fellow citizens to the household of faith. Give the most earnest heed to the things of Jesus. Those gone before us now rest from their labors but their works go on. What is life to you? We are here for a little while then we vanish away. God is not hid from our midst, but is here with us for He said He would never leave us nor forsake us. The King of Kings will answer our call if we ask in faith believing. We can never clean up ourselves enough to be worthy to enter the kingdom of God, but He will do the cleaning of our soul and make us fit subjects. Those that wait upon the Lord will rise up as eagles.

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

We were dismissed in songs of praise. As we work at Jesus' feet, it is joy unspeakable and full of glory. One day soon we'll meet just over in the glory land. Such wonderful praises were made as we were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 8, 2017.

**Sunday Morning, October 8, 2017**

The Lord blessed us again with some much needed rain on this our last day of the 165<sup>th</sup> association gathering. There is a land that is fairer than day and in the sweet by-and-by we shall meet on that beautiful shore. I will meet you in the morning just inside the Eastern gate, so be ready faithful pilgrim that you not be too late. We have the glorious gift of His love and some glad morning we'll fly away to God's celestial shore. When we die, hallelujah by and by, we fly away. To know it is well with our soul is extremely important for every Christian to be certain of. Christ regarded our helpless estate and shed His own blood for us, so we will know our sin is nailed to His cross and we bear it no more. Sweet is the song we sing today and shout I have been redeemed by love divine. Precious indeed is our Savior to us. Let us trust in His unseen hand that leads through ways we cannot see, for we know it will lead us to that home where sin nor sorrow can come. It is not the things that we want, but the things we need; therefore, we must leave it in the hands of the Lord.

We were blessed with special singing and precious testimonies from Doug, Helen and Sarah Willis. God's children know how they made it and rest assured we made it by God's amazing grace. We live by that One who abides within us.

Elder Daniel Hurd, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to today's service praising God for being here on the grounds with us. What a time we have had in the Lord this week.

Prayer requests, along with some wonderful testimonies, were offered to our Savior. Please remember the unsaved, the sick, and the destitute, our country, those serving our country in the military, the lost in Carl Osborne's family and coworkers, our association, Joe Horton's family, for all those taking part in this association, Richard Seiber, William Seiber who has never been saved, Tee Osborne's family, Virgia Grace Hill's family, especially her boys, and Billy Walton who had a heart attack. Elder Chris Salley humbly took our petitions to the Lord.

Following prayer, we were further blessed with songs from Carl Osborne, Dustin Lawson and Brenda Horton. Even though we are homesick for a country to which we have never been before, some day we will stand where our home will be eternal. Looking out across the river, our faith will end in sight as we take our heavenly flight. Consider all the worlds thy hands have made, for then sings our soul how great Thou art. Christ will come with shouts of acclamation, then we will bow in humble adoration and there proclaim my God how great Thou art. Love and honor His name and trust and obey. Such wonderful testimonies were made in honor and praise to our Lord and Savior. Bless His holy name for all His blessings on His children!

Elder Daniel Hurd took the first part of the service, reading Acts 27:27-33. He used as a thought the 31<sup>st</sup> verse, "Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved." When times get so rough, it is only through God's will that we can sail through safely to the other side where we can drop our anchor. This is not a "maybe" thing; God works in a straight forward manner and is not a fan of chaos. In Paul's time, God told him no harm would come to anyone who stayed on the ship and the same is true for us if we stand firm in Him. Walk with God and He will bless you to the utmost. The old ship of Zion has been tossed and battered, but she sails on today just as God promised. This old world holds nothing for God's children, because we have a better place, an eternal home in Heaven. God prepared it for us and we know when we reach that Heavenly place, we will be completely satisfied. He is the life that dwells within us today. Let us never fail to obey God rather than man. He died on the cross for our sins, but on that third and appointed morning He arose from the dead just as He said He would do. Bless His holy name! When we see all the things we are seeing take place today, He said to look up for the time of His coming is nigh.

Elder Chris Salley followed with another message from on high. God said if they would abide in the ship they could not be saved. They abided in the ship and were safe from all harm, just as we are when we abide by God's word. This old world worries only about themselves, not caring for anyone else. Paul had a concern for all, the same as all of God's children who are concerned for the lost. Never forget to pray for those that don't know the Lord in the free pardon of sin. The captain is ready to sail the ship away; therefore, do not hesitate or it may be too late. When God is not involved, chaos is the result, but He is not pleased for He is our God of order and peace. God's people know what to do for they know in whom their trust is placed.

A beautiful final fellowship of congregants ended the association service. Such a wonderful place to be and such a wondrous spirit has descended all over this valley during this great gathering of God's children. God prepared a building not made with hands for those that are saved by His marvelous grace. I appreciate so much everyone that came this way for this great association meeting. Bless you and your family.

## **CIRCULAR LETTER**

Greetings to the churches of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, the redeemed of the Lord, the household of faith in Jesus Christ, being those who are born again by the Spirit of God and chosen, not unto the wrath of God but into His promises.

Our Lord said follow me, and I will make you fishers of men, and if any man come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me.

If any man come to Him, he must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him who is the Savior of all men, especially of those that believe.

For we know that by grace are you saved through faith and not of yourselves, but it is a gift of God and not of works lest any man should boast. Whom having not seen, ye love, in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

We have this joy because when we were dead in trespasses and sins, He quickened us. We now have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him.

We know no man can serve two masters for he will hate the one and love the other. Ye cannot serve God and the world at the same time. Jesus said ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain.

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. The Lord said concerning His church that we are the light of the world, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Now being free from sin ye became the servants of righteousness, and your works should be fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Brethren, love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. The Lord said, this is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. If we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in likeness of His resurrection that we would bring forth the fruit of His spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Against such there is no law. Paul wrote I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. In Proverbs it says the fruit of the righteous is a tree, and he that winneth souls is wise.

Let us not be weary in well doing for if we sow good seed, we will reap in due season. The good seed is the Word of the Lord. We know that faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Paul said I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. The Word says let the redeemed of the Lord say so. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which ye have been taught whether by word or epistle. Paul's desire, as expressed in his writing to the Colossians, was that we would continue in the faith, grounded and settled and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel. Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we would let them slip.

We are members of the church of the living God that Christ purchased with His own blood. Christ himself is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the

first-born from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell.

Jesus said whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my works in this adulterous and sinful generation of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father and the Holy Angels.

Let us be like Paul who said as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Paul also wrote preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. Christ said ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto him. Feed the flock willingly, preaching not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the spirit and power. Do all things for the glory of God.

Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery Holding forth the Word of Life that I may rejoice in the Day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain, that we would use the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to open the eyes of the lost, to turn them from darkness to the light of the Lord, and from the Power of Satan unto God.

Let us remember Paul's words to Timothy that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Your Committee,  
Elder John Banks  
Elder Lewis Baker  
Elder Bumice Sybert

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Big Door has anxiously awaited your arrival to the 165<sup>th</sup> gathering for what seems like a very long time. It is indeed a privilege to welcome each of you here and we pray you will make yourself at home. Each time we meet, the host church does everything in its power to make your stay as good as it can possibly be, and this year is no exception. We ponder on every aspect of the meeting and try to determine how we can improve it. Friends we have known for many years come to see us one more time and we thank God for each and every one of you that saw fit to be here with us. We thank you from the depths of our heart for joining us and our resolution is that we thank God for sending you this way.

Another huge help to Big Door was the receipt of \$6,015 from 34 churches in donations. Our sister churches have been an incredible help to us and we appreciate them so much. Countless other individuals pitched in to help as well, and we treasure

them for doing so. It is our prayer and our sincere desire that this will be a wonderful time in the Lord for everyone in attendance. Big Door Church thanks the community as a whole for everything they have helped us do. Through it all, we pray God will receive all the honor, glory and praise for everything.

Elder Terry Sizemore has dedicated his life to the Lord and to this association and we praise God for him. We pray God will continue to bless him and his family in the future. His leadership and guidance are a gift from God and we thank him for his service, enthusiasm, and commitment. He puts God's work first, allowing this grand body to reap the blessings throughout the year.

Looking back over the past 28 years, I think about what this grand body means to me and what I have learned during my time serving as your clerk. At first, it was a time when I could honestly say I was scared to death and in many cases, didn't know what to do, much less when to do it. I must give the Lord all the credit as He showed me how and what to do. Sure, I still get nervous and tongue tied, but God has helped me in so many ways that the content of every minute book ever published could not hold them. This dear congregation has been so patient with me and encouraged me when I needed it the most. While this resolution is from the association as a whole, in true thanks for everything each of you has done, it is a resolution of thanks directly from my heart to each of you. Yes, the devil gives me a hard time as I write and then try to read these few words, but I wouldn't take anything for the blessings that God bestows upon me for doing so.

Think of those that came this way before us, how they lived their lives, what they taught us and helped show us how to walk in this path set before us. How could we ask for anything better? This area is a small farming community where in the past our gatherings would bring in excess of one thousand people. Today our crowds have dwindled, but the most important part is that God is very much here with His children. I know it is easy to get discouraged, and no doubt we all do, but we must stand firm for the Lord. We cannot let the protesters, the politicians and the nay-sayers dictate how we worship our dear Lord and Savior. May each of you search your soul and know there is nothing between you and your heavenly Father. He told us He would never leave us nor forsake us, thus we must strive to carry on to the fullest extent of our being, that our precious Redeemer would receive all the honor, the glory and the praise for it all. We pray that our precious Lord would empty us of everything that would hinder our sweet walk with Him and that His Holy Spirit would shine down upon us and fill us anew that in every way we may be more like Him.

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

*Terry Sizemore*

Moderator

*Danny Lawson*

Clerk & Treasurer



## **PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING NEW CHURCHES**

(Revised 1964)

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

## **PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTER OR DEACON**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Adopted at Riverside Church – 2005; published 2005)

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

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

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

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

(I Timothy 3:2-7). A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, 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 double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless. Even so *must their wives be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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

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

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

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

## **CHURCH COVENANT**

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

- Copied from the Willis Chapel Church Book, 1807

## **CHURCH CONSTITUTION**

### **(Especially for Newly Constituted Churches)**

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

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

The final perseverance of the saints;

The resurrection of our bodies;

A restricted communion to church members in full fellowship;

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

The Christian Sabbath to be a holy and heavenly institution;

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

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

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

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

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

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



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

## **ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

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

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

**BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN**

*By: Elder I. S. Robinette*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

## LIST OF MINISTERS

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

### Name & Address

### Church Membership

Baker, Lewis A., 867 Fall Creek Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 765-5740	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, (865) 805-6045	Little Cowan
Beaugard, Troy, 7871 Dogwood Way, Douglasville, GA 30134, (937) 218-6406	Macedonia
Bernard, Charles, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 276-2814	West View
Berry, Wally, 119 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 480-0856	Shelby Creek
Carroll, Porter, (Wanda) 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
Emery, Jim, (Loretta) 280 Obe Kirk Loop, Mohawk, TN 37810, (423) 235-6832	Kingswood
Fullington, Mike, (Tina) 2498 Lawson Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-4221	Willis Chapel
Gilliam, Frank, (Juanita) 180 Flanary St., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 444-1644	Sloantown
Hager, Carter, 109 Walnut St., New Tazewell, TN 37825, (423) 489-0861	Low View
*Hale, Curtis, 1807 Goshen Valley Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 361-0198	Willow Chapel
Hill, Greg, 156 Horn Gap Dr., Gate City, VA 24251, (276) 690-6904	Roller's Chapel
Holt, Keith, 150 East Greenway St., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2002	Osborne's Chapel
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) 2600 Springvale Rd., Morristown, TN 37813, (423) 312-0282	New Life
*Lampkin, Wiley, 2111 Thomas Dr., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 839-9025	New Life
Little, Tony, (Tonya) 583 Sycamore Loop, Jeremiah, KY 41826, (606) 633-2257	Little Cowan
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, (Dorlane) P. O. Box 403, Hager Hill, KY 41222, (606) 367-0199	Richardson Chapel
Moody, David, (Leah) 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 782-8830	West View
*Newkirk, Mark, (Anita) 3764 Stone Barn Ct., Franklin, OH 45005, (937) 475-1807	Rose Chapel

Osborne, Tommy, (Robin) 5091 Gate City Hwy., Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 591-7777 ..... Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA  
 \*Peters, Tony, 501 Sequoyah St., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 246-5523 ..... Caney Creek  
 Pitzer, Joe, (Susie) 1820 Stevenson Rd., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 266-7495 ..... Clear Springs  
 Robinette, Jason, (August) 9 W. Walnut St., Spring Valley, OH 45370, (937) 245-1746 ..... Fairview  
 Robinette, Joseph, (Jennifer) 106 Shepherds Ridge, Waynesville, OH 45068, (937) 212-8192 ..... Fairview  
 Robinette, Josh, (Kristi) 320 St. Rt. 72N, Jamestown, OH 45335, (937) 499-0285 ..... Clear Springs  
 Salley, Chris, (Carol) 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  
 Sizemore, Terry, (Peggy) 1225 Deneen Lane, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-8496 ..... Swan Creek  
 Stapleton, David, (Linda) 612 Melinda Ferry Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 523-4883 ..... Burke's Union  
 \*Stapleton, Tyler, 612 Melinda Ferry Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 327-0605 ..... Burke's Union  
 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  
 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) 673-6865 ..... Rose Chapel  
 Weems, Everette, 261 McCloud Church Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 754-7727 ..... Marion Robinette  
 Weems, Mark, 118 Pine St., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 754-7374 ..... Long Hollow  
 Willis, Harmon, 3200 Cameo Loop, Lot 26, White Pine, TN 37890, (865) 674-6971 ... Copper Creek (Addington Frame)

\*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**

<b>Church and Clerk</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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) 219-5759
Caney Creek - Lloyd T. 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 - Vicky Webb	970 Webb Br., Jenkins, KY 41537,	(606) 831-0720
Fairview - Jennifer Robinette	106 Shepherds Ridge, Waynesville, OH 45068,	(937) 416-8799
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	403 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 - Phyllis Lampkin	2111 Thomas Dr., Morristown, TN 37814,	(423) 839-9025
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley	164 Neeley Dr., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 346-3563
Poplar Grove - Jean Wallen	744 Poplar Grove Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664,	(423) 349-4903
Richardson Chapel - Katherine VanHoose	3855 Nats Creek, Louisa, KY 41230,	(606) 297-1761
Roller's Chapel - Kim Robinette	2516 Canton Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 431-4725
Rose Chapel - Sandra J. Johnson	360 Ethelrob Circle, 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) 444-1644
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) 639-0813
Wallen's Creek - Francis Tomlinson .....	370 Middle Wallen's Creek Rd., Lot 109, Duffield, VA 24244, (276) 594-0250
West View - Robert Brown .....	105 Knollcrest Dr., Jonesborough, TN 37659, (423) 483-4385
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** –The 65<sup>th</sup> annual Eastern District Association began on October 4, 1917 at Hopewell Church in Hawkins County, TN. Elder J. P. Peters preached the introductory sermon, from St. Matthew 28:18, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” Elder J. P. Peters was elected moderator and J. J. Addington, clerk and treasurer and J. W. Hurd, assistant clerk.

**75 Years Ago** – On October 1, 1942 the 90<sup>th</sup> annual session met with Fairview Church, Bellbrook, OH. Elder E. A. Robinette, moderator of the association was chosen at last year’s association to preach the introductory sermon, but since that time had been called to his reward, leaving the preaching of the introductory sermon to the alternate minister, Elder John Henry Sybert, who used a text from Colossians 2:9-10, “For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him which is the head of all principality and power.” He was followed by Elders T. R. Carter and F. M. Long. Elder T. R. Carter was elected moderator with Amos Osborne being elected clerk and treasurer.

**50 Years Ago** – Beginning on October 5, 1967, Marion Robinette Memorial Church in Rogersville, TN hosted the 115<sup>th</sup> annual session. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Basil Freeman who read Acts 20:16-35, using a portion of the 28<sup>th</sup> verse for his text, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves.” Elder Gerald Hopkins, the alternate, came forward using the same text. Elder J. H. Sybert, moderator and Ellis I. Wallen, clerk and treasurer were chosen to serve for the ensuing year.

**25 Years Ago** – October 1, 1992 was the beginning of the 140<sup>th</sup> annual session, hosted by Clear Springs Church, Spring Valley, OH. Elder Terry Sizemore preached the introductory sermon reading Haggai 1:4 and II Timothy 2:1-9, using as a text verse 6, “The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.” He was followed by Elder Oscar Irvin. Elder J. H. Sybert was chosen moderator and Danny Lawson was elected clerk and treasurer.

## **CHURCH DATA**

**NOTE:** All regular morning services begin at 11:00 a.m. and all evening services begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. EDT is Eastern Daylight Time (March - November) and EST is Eastern Standard Time (November - March). Starting times for Sunday school are not included.

**BLACKWATER LICK:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Hershel Baker, Daniel Hurd, Gerald Moore and J. T. Osborne. Received by experience and baptism, 1; Total number

on roll, 91; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday morning, Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May. Elders Porter Carroll and Mike Fullington asked to attend. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Doris Fee and Judy Burke. Total number on roll, 16; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Gary Hall, Joe Horton and Chris Salley; alternates: Brenda Bowlin and Lisa Griffith. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 31; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May. Chris Salley, moderator.

**BURKE'S UNION:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Delmer McPherson, Joe Robinette, Clifford Bledsoe and Dennis Duncan; alternates: Tyler Stapleton and David Stapleton. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 110; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July. David Stapleton, moderator.

**CADET:** Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Roy Jones, Vicky Jones, Josh Jones and Lillie Akens. Excluded, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 33; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. Greg Hill, moderator.

**CANEY CREEK:** Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Eddie Malone, Wanda Malone, Jimmy Bledsoe and Shelia Bledsoe; alternates: Lloyd Morelock and Otis Roberts. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 89; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday (9:30 a.m.) following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (9:30 a.m.). Eddie Malone, moderator.

**CHESTNUT FLATS:** Gate City, VA. Delegates: Lewis Baker, Ralph Baker, Dan Cross and Kevin Cross; alternate, Chris Gibson. Total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Lewis Baker, moderator.

**CLEAR SPRINGS:** Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Dennis Stewart, Myra Andrews, Karen Stewart and Penny VanHoose; alternate: Roger VanHoose. Dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 136; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October (10:30 a.m.). Roger VanHoose, moderator.

**COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME):** Nickelsville, VA. Delegates: Anita Howell, Danny Howell, Clifton Horne and Nadine Horne; alternates: Nell Kendrick and Flo Minton. Received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 71; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. Harmon Willis and Greg Hill asked to attend. Harmon Willis, moderator.

**DAVIS CHAPEL:** Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Rita Asbury, Phyllis Hurd, Butch Woodward and Janie Woodward. Total number on roll, 45; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Richard Seiber, moderator.

**EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** Ermine, KY. Delegates: Henrietta Adams, Casey Breeding, Darnell Sturgill and Vicky Webb; alternates: Roger Sturgill and Treasa Sturgill. Received or restored by recantation, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 11; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday mornings. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April. John Banks, moderator.

**FAIRVIEW:** Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Jennifer Robinette, Josh Harkleroad, Bobby Graham and Joseph Robinette; alternate: Peggy Shaw-McBee. Received by experience and baptism, 13; received by letter, 3; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 167; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, moderators.

**FLOWER GAP:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Homer Osborne, Helen Willis, Robin Stapleton and Cheryl Thomas; alternate: Doug Willis. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased 1; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 103; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

**IRONDALE:** Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Frankie Phillips and Ann Phillips. Total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$15.00; meeting day, None. Memorial service, None. Frankie Phillips, moderator pro-tem.

**KINGSWOOD:** Morristown, TN. Delegates: Denise Brooks, Loretta Emery, Anita Brown and Don Brown; alternate: Jim Emery. Excluded, 4; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 59; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday morning (after 11:00 a.m. service) following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (except in September when it follows the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday) and every Sunday morning. Evening worship only on the third Sunday (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. Jim Emery, moderator.

**LITTLE COWAN:** Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Robert Sword, Rusty Akers, Randy Day and Randy Brown; alternates: Linda Lucas and Tori Akers. Received by experience and baptism, 5; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 66; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night. John Banks, moderator.

**LONG HOLLOW:** Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Ralph Lindsey, Danny Bailey and Kenneth Charles; alternates: Margaret Marrisett and Judy Head. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 185; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 20, 2018 (10:30 a.m.). John Charles, moderator pro-tem.

**LOW VIEW:** Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: Carter Hager, James Bledsoe and Barbara Bledsoe. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 37; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Carter Hager, moderator.

**MACEDONIA:** Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Kenny Taylor, Clem Simmons, Alex Bartlett and David VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 11; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 147; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in April. David VanHoose, moderator.

**MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Ralph Lawson, Shirley Lawson, Frankie Manes and Rose Manes; alternate: Steve Burns. Total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.) of Union meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of May. Everette Weems, moderator.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Stickleyville, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen, Juanita Bowen, Paula Ayers and Charles Ayers. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 17; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and following Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May. Richard Seiber, moderator.

**MT. MITCHELL:** Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Shirley Blair, Vicky Fletcher, Peggy Harold and Juanita Williams; alternate, Mollie Gilreath. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 81; contribution, \$175.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Frank Gilliam, moderator.

**NEW LIFE:** Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: Ervin (Buck) Hager, Danny Bateman, Donald L. Johnson and Wiley Lampkin; alternates: Faye Johnson and Phyllis Lampkin. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 89; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Jerry Johnson, moderator.

**OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Denver Osborne, Julia Pierce, Carolyn Fannon and Larry Fannon; alternates: James Davidson and Null Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 8; dismissed by letter 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May. Keith Holt, moderator.

**POPLAR GROVE:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Larry Holden, Terry Ketron, Carson Sturgill and Andy Wallen; alternate: John Shelton. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 2; excluded, 2; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

**RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** Louisa, KY. Delegates: Tommy Meade, Dorlane Meade, Katherine VanHoose and Bobby VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 10; dismissed by letter, 7; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 196; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Memorial Day weekend on Friday. Tommy Meade, moderator.

**ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Greg Hill, Aubra Hill, Kathy Lawson and Kim Robinette; alternates: Betty Stokes and Don Stokes. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 39; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

**ROSE CHAPEL:** West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Anita Newkirk, Sam VanHoose and Mark Newkirk. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 107; contribution, \$275.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) and evening (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. Samuel VanHoose, moderator.

**SHELBY CREEK:** Eidson, TN. Delegate: Wally Berry. Excluded, 2; total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night. Wally Berry, moderator.

**SLOANTOWN:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Frank Gilliam and Jo Ann Griffin. Total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. James E. Bowlin, moderator.

**SWAN CREEK:** Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Rodney Dodson, Doyle Odell, Clarence Dodson and Ronnie Brewer; alternates: Larry Dean and Ann Bunch. Dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 294; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

**VALLEY VIEW:** Dryden, VA. Delegates: David Parsons, Ronnie Leonard, Anna Duncan and Sandra Leonard; alternates: Curtis Pennington and Carolyn Pennington. Total number on roll, 67; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Wally Berry, moderator.

**WALLEN'S CREEK:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Bill Tomlinson, Pauline Gillenwater, Katlyn Tomlinson and Francis Tomlinson. Total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May (10:30 a.m.). Elder Burnice Sybert asked to preach. Bill Tomlinson, moderator pro-tem.

**WEST VIEW:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Robert Brown, David Horton, Charles Bernard and Billy Walton; alternates: Burnice Sybert and Zula McCullough. Excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 55; contribution, \$1,000.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hall. Total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September. Mike Fullington, moderator.

**WILLOW CHAPEL:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Scott Tipton, Kevin Hale, Teresa Tipton and Tony Smith; alternate: Kala Hale. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.), 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night (6:30 p.m.) business, other Wednesday nights (6:30 p.m.) Bible study.

Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

**TOTALS:** 37 churches (18 in VA., 12 in TN., 3 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 43; received by letter, 21; received by relationship, 15; received or restored by recantation, 1; dismissed by letter, 17; excluded, 12; deceased, 47; total number on roll, 2,963.

There are 28 ministers serving as pastors - 23 are serving 1 church and 5 are serving 2 churches. There are 5 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 31 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

## **UNION MEETINGS - 2018**

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

### **- APRIL -**

**1 - ROSE CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Tyler Stapleton and Scott Tipton.

**2 - VALLEY VIEW:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Jim Emery, Carter Hager, Keith Holt, Roger Manring, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

**3 - DAVIS CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore and Harmon Willis.

**5 - CADET:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Moody, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**6 - CLEAR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Tommy Meade, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Sam VanHoose.

**- MAY -**

**1 -SWAN CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

**2 -MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night (7:00 p.m.) before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, Mark Weems, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**3 -OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

**4 -COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME):** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, (Sunday 10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, David VanHoose, Sammy VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

**5 -SLOANTOWN:** To begin on Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Roger Manring, Chris Salley and Richard Seiber.

**- JUNE -**

**1 -RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore and Roger VanHoose.

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

**3 -NEW LIFE:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Wiley Lampkin, Eddie Malone, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose and Mark Weems.



**4 - CANEY CREEK:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Carter Hager, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Donald Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**5 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, VA.):** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:00 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, Burnice Sybert and all other ministers are welcome.

**6 - LONG HOLLOW:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Jim Emery, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Mark Weems and Harmon Willis.

**7 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA):** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Porter Carroll, Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

**- JULY -**

**1 - FAIRVIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; Sunday. Ministers asked to attend: Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton and Scott Tipton.

**2 - SHELBY CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Chris Salley, Richard Seiber, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, our pastor and all others who wish to attend.

**3 - BURKE'S UNION:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Mike Fullington, Carter Hager, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

**- AUGUST -**

**1 -WALLEN'S CREEK:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

**2 -BLACKWATER LICK:** To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Chris Salley, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**4 -WILLIS CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert.

**6 -MT. MITCHELL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Roger Manring, Chris Salley, Richard Seiber and Harmon Willis.

**7 - IRONDALE:** To begin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: All who wish to attend.

**8 - MOUNTAIN VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

**9 - MACEDONIA:** To begin on Friday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

**- SEPTEMBER -**

**1 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Daniel Hurd, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

**2 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Chris Salley, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

**3 - LITTLE COWAN:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

**4 - KINGSWOOD:** To begin on Thursday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Mike Fullington, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Donald Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton and Harmon Willis. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Charles Bernard, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Chris Salley, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

**6 - WILLOW CHAPEL:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Greg Hill, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose, Sammy VanHoose, Harmon Willis and all other ministers welcome.

**7 - FLOWER GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

***\*\*NOTE: The 2018 association will meet on the grounds of Clear Springs Church.***

### **DIRECTIONS TO CLEAR SPRINGS CHURCH**

2201 Centerville Road  
Spring Valley, OH 45370

Traveling on Interstate 71 north of Cincinnati, OH, go approximately 28 miles to exit 28. Go north on Route 48 and travel approximately 5 miles. Then turn right on Route 42 and go approximately 14 miles to Centerville Road. Turn left on Centerville Road and the church is 0.3 of a mile on the left.

From north of Dayton, OH, travel south on 75 to State Route 35 East, go approximately 20 miles to State Route 42 South and go approximately 10 miles. Turn right on Centerville Road and the church is 0.3 of a mile on the left.

***Directions to the other Ohio churches co-hosting the association are shown below so you can find them when you're ready to visit them as well.***

### **FAIRVIEW**

2353 Ferry Road  
Bellbrook, OH 45177

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

### **MACEDONIA**

280 Columbus Street  
Wilmington, OH 45177

Traveling from Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee, take 23 North to Portsmouth. Take 73 North to Wilmington. Turn left on 22 & 3; go across railroad tracks. Turn right on High St.; turn right on Columbus St. Church is on the right.

Traveling from Western Kentucky and Tennessee, take 75 North to 275 bypass for Cincinnati; 275 to 71 North; 71 North to Exit 50, State Route 68. Turn right on State

Route 68 South; go past the Library, then turn left on Columbus St. Go through 3 stop signs. Church is on the right.

### **ROSE CHAPEL**

101 East Shannon Avenue  
West Carrollton, OH 45449

North on I-75 to exit 47 turn left at light on East Central Ave. travel 1.1 miles turn right on Locust Street go through 4 stop signs church on right corner of Locust and Shannon Ave.

## **Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists Trustees**

Last Changed 2017

### **Kentucky**

Robert Sword	606-633-0343
Roger Sturgill	276-796-5234
John Banks	865-805-6045

### **Ohio**

Joe Pitzer	937-266-7495
Dennis Stewart	937-723-1055
Mark Newkirk	937-475-1807

### **Virginia**

Roy Jones	276-439-9097
Joe Horton	276-386-3535
Ralph Baker	423-245-7216

### **Tennessee**

Earl Dodson	423-733-8211
Billy Walton	423-349-6243
Steve Hunt	423-349-6264

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

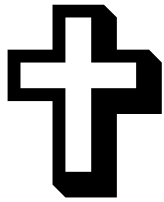
Balance from 2016	\$ 10,744.83
Receipts from sale/rent of Ayers Chapel Property	2,100.00
Receipts from 2017	5,630.00
Special offering	1,253.50
Receipts after association adjourned	250.00
Interest (October 2016 thru September 2017)	18.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,996.59</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

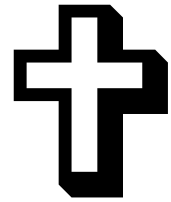
Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 75.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	991.00
Charter registration fee	20.47
Postage	84.77
Association Website Domain Costs	219.74
Clerical Supplies	4.35
Gift to Roy Jones (Cadet) care of Ayers Chapel Church Property	600.00
Electrical and PA Supplies	2,118.71
Replacement parts to repair association kitchen stoves	304.19
Gift to Moderator	800.00
Gift to Clerk	1,800.00
Printing and packaging 1,300 copies of 2017 minutes	3,484.00
(Note: Larger type (font size) increased number of pages by 20)	

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 10,502.23</b>
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<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY</b>	<b>\$ 9,494.36</b>
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## 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 these our brothers and sisters in Christ. Their names shall be engraved on the pages of our BOOK OF MEMORIES – We honor them. This association at large mourns their passing.

ADAMS, Dean  
BANKS, Charles Edwin  
BLEDSOE, Bertha Gilliam  
BOWLIN, Hazel Gracyce Mitchell  
BROWN, Stephen Cyrus  
DOWELL, Billy Allen  
EUSTACHE, Linda L. Spradling  
FIELDS, Lynn  
HARROLD, Linton D.  
KETRON, Wade  
LOWE, Eddie  
MAYNARD, Gregory Steven (Greg)  
NOBLE, Pearl Elizabeth  
RAYBURN, Chester B.  
TURNER, Rickey Lee (Rick)  
WILEY, Linda Lou  
WORKMAN, Sarah Margaret

ASBURY, Hazel H.  
BANKS, Elsie Caudill  
BLEDSOE, Kyle  
\*BROWN, Elder Bob  
CARTER, Garry Dale  
\*ELLIOTT, Elder Tyler James (T. J.)  
FALIN, Joe  
FULLER, Sr., Hiram Patton (Pat)  
HOOD, Ruth B.  
LAWSON, Jr., Ralph B.  
MARCUM, Robert L.  
MAYNARD, Jackie Darrell  
PERSINGER, Carolyn Ann  
\*SHAW, Elder Harold Laverne  
WALLEN, Eldon (Sonnie)  
\*WILLIAMS, Elder Glen B.  
YOUNT, Wilma Jean

\*Ministers

**DEAN ADAMS**, 58, of Whitesburg, TN went to be with the Lord April 17, 2017 at his home. He was baptized and was a member of Cadet Church in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Dean served in the United States Navy, and was employed by Shoun Allen Masonry. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, especially at Cherokee Lake.

Dean was preceded in death by his father, Echol L. Adams; 1 brother, Lee Adams; and 1 sister, Tracie Adams.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Debbie Adams; 1 daughter, Kelly Helton; 2 sons, Chris Adams and Jonathan Adams; 3 grandchildren; mother, Pansy Giza; 3 brothers, Patrick Adams, Rick Adams and Kevin Adams; 1 sister, Connie Kilgore.

He fought a good fight and kept the faith. Dean will be missed by all.

- Written by the family

**HAZEL H. ASBURY**, age 93 of Dayton, OH passed away on October 26, 2016. She was born in Wise County, VA to the late Martha and Taylor Clark.

She was a member of the Blackwater Lick, Big Door Church in Lee County, VA, where she has a farmhouse that has been in her family for many years. Hazel retired from Elder-Beerman in the Dayton area where she worked in gift wrapping.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ora Eugene Asbury; 7 siblings, 1 grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is survived by 2 sons, Terrance Asbury and Stephen Alan Asbury; 4 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren.

- Written by the family

**CHARLES EDWIN BANKS**, son of the late Charles D. and Thelma Florence Gibson Banks was born March 30, 1933 in Cowan, KY. He entered eternal life on October 31, 2016 at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard, KY being 83 years, 7 months and 1 day of age at the time of his passing.

He married Norma Faye Banks on May 20, 1989. She passed away on September 1, 2013. Charles was a member of the Little Cowan Church.

He is survived by 2 step sons, Mark Adams and Stephen Adams; 1 step daughter, Tammy Holbrook and 9 step grandchildren.

Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by a step son, Tim Adams; 1 sister, Jeanette Day and 3 brothers, Bert Banks, Jack Banks and Kendall Banks.

- Written by his family

**ELSIE CAUDILL BANKS** passed away July 16, 2017 at the age of 102 years.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Bert C. Banks; 1 son, Johnny Hiram; her parents, Hiram and Annie Caudill; 2 sisters, Gladys Pitts and



Louanna Banks; 5 brothers, John Fleenor, Charley Caudill, Cassell Caudill, Edison Caudill and Burnice Caudill.

Elsie is survived by her son, Carl.

She was a teacher and a newspaper columnist. Elsie, her father, Hiram, and grandfather, Isham, lived from George Washington's second term as President of the United States until the day of Elsie's passing.

Elsie was the oldest member of Little Cowan Church and she always loved to have her church friends and preachers visit her home and share a meal with them.

- Written by her family

**BERTHA GILLIAM BLEDSOE** went to be with the Lord on August 7, 2017 at the age of 89.

Bertha was preceded in death by her husband, Roy L. Bledsoe; 2 children, Patty and Charles Bledsoe; parents Willie Rhea and Eugenia Gilliam; 2 brothers, Fred Gilliam and Willie Rhea Gilliam Jr.; 3 sisters, Adaline Guy, Betty Cowan and Ruth Ann Culler.

Bertha is survived by 2 sons, David Lee Bledsoe and Gary Allen Bledsoe; 1 daughter, Debbie Bledsoe; 3 grandsons; 1 great grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Bertha was a longtime member of Osborne's Chapel Church. She served as the Director of the Junction Center in Big Stone Gap, VA for many years until her retirement in the late 1990's.

- Written by her children

**KYLE BLEDSOE**, age 89, of Blackwater, VA passed away June 4, 2017 with his family by his side. He was born to Ballard and Julia Bledsoe.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 4 brothers, James, Robert, Ray and Ewing Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Laura Kate Bledsoe and Geneva Duncan; and 1 grandson.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Edna; his 2 sons, Jim and Jerry Bledsoe; 1 brother, Ralph Bledsoe; 1 sister, Allie Bledsoe; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kyle joined Burke's Union Church in 1965 and was a faithful member. When the doors of the church were open, he was there if his health permitted.

Our loss is heaven's gain. Sleep on until we meet again.

- Written for the family by church clerk

**HAZEL GRACYCE MITCHELL BOWLIN** was born May 6, 1942 in Church Hill, TN and went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 12, 2017.

She was the daughter of George Edward and Ollie Mae Bruner Mitchell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Allen Bowlin; 2 brothers, R. H. and George, Jr.; 4 sisters, Alice White, Lillie Broome, Louise Mitchell Woodward and Betty Mitchell; 1 great grandson and 1 niece.

She is survived by 3 sons, James Bowlin, Steve Bowlin and Brian Bowlin; 1 sister, Helen Darnell; 5 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Hazel was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church and attended when her health permitted. Gone away with a friend.

- Written by her sons

**ELDER BOB BROWN** was born on September 19, 1934 in Wise County, VA to Frank and Lettie Brown. He was spiritually born again March 23, 1959 by grace and through the mercy of God and the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary.

He went to his long home on October 10, 2016 where he will live and praise throughout eternity, the One who saved him. He often sang "What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see, when I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace."

He is experiencing the benefits of salvation and enjoying "Peace, peace, wonderful peace."

He was a member of Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church and is deeply missed by all who loved him.

- Written by Debi Brown

**STEPHEN CYRUS BROWN** was born June 20, 1945 and went peacefully home to be with the Lord while sleeping on October 12, 2016 at the age of 71 years, 3 months and 22 days. He was the son of Myrel and Virginia Brown.

He was preceded in death by his father, Myrel Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Brown of the home; mother, Virginia Brown; 2 brothers, Joe Brown and Randy Brown; 1 son, Robert J. Brown; 3 daughters, Jenny Brown, Andrea Barrett and Brittany Mitchell; 14 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He was saved as a 15 year old boy and joined Little Cowan Church. He later joined West View and he dearly loved his church family. Throughout his life, he continued in his faith with the hope and prayers that all his family, friends, and loved ones would follow him in salvation. He enjoyed worshipping the Lord and singing His praises.

After high school, Mr. Brown graduated from Pikeville College and went to work for Bell Telephone in Lexington, KY. He later took a job with United Intermountain Telephone and moved to the Hickory Tree community of Bristol, TN. His work took him to Kansas City, MO for a short time and he later resided on a small farm near Bristol, VA for a few years. He lived in Blountville for over 30 years, until his passing.

Mr. Brown retired from United Intermountain Telephone (Sprint) with 30 years of service as a construction engineering manager. Later, he worked for engineering firms that did contract work for his former employer. Mr. Brown was an avid fisherman. He

was a charter member of both The Tennessee Christian Bass Anglers and The Reel Christian Bass Anglers of Tennessee. He also enjoyed gardening and bird watching. A loving husband, son, father, and grandfather, he is greatly missed by his family, church family and all that knew him.

- Written by the family

**GARRY DALE CARTER**, age 63, of Kettering, OH passed away February 3, 2017 at Hospice of Butler and Warren Counties. He was born March 2, 1953 in Kingsport, TN to Juanita Ruth (Childress) and William Alfred Carter.

Garry is survived by his mother, Ruth Carter; 2 daughters, Amy Harper and Amber Campton; 1 son, Matthew Carter; former wife of 30 years and lifetime friend, Sandy Carter; 7 grandchildren; 1 sister, Barb Emerick; 1 brother, Merrill Carter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Garry was a current member of Fairview Church, founder and former member of Macedonia Church. Garry was formerly employed with Airborne Express/DHL as a Logistics Coordinator and most recently at Kohl's.

Garry was ordained and faithful to his church and his God. He loved reading and watching anything about history. Garry enjoyed Western movies, NFL Football, shooting and playing golf. He had a fascination with geography as he enjoyed studying maps and atlases.

- Written by the family

**BILLY ALLEN DOWELL** was born February 25, 1957 and departed this life November 20, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy S. Dowell and 1 brother, Jeff Dowell.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; 1 son, William; his mother, Grace; 1 sister, Connie Penley and 1 brother, Bobby.

He was a member of Gardner's Memorial Church. He is sadly missed and will never be forgotten.

- Written by the family

**ELDER TYLER JAMES (T.J.) ELLIOTT**, age 83, of Sneedville, Tennessee, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on July 28, 2017. Born the son of James and America Elliott, he was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters, Wilma Johnson and Lucille Ratliff; 1 brother, Harold Elliott; and one great grandchild.

Saved at a young age, Elder T.J. Elliott joined Swan Creek Church. He served his church with faithfulness and love throughout his lifetime. One of his greatest spiritual gifts was that of prayer. Not only did he lift up countless prayers around the altar of Swan Creek, but he also visited many homes and hospital rooms to pray with beloved members of his church community and his neighborhood. Furthermore, Elder Elliott was graced with the blessing of song, and he especially loved to sing "I'm Bound for That City" with the congregation. Answering the call to preach the gospel, he was

ordained by the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists at Swan Creek Church in April, 1983. He served as the church's co-pastor with Elder Eckel Head from June, 1984 to June, 1986.

T. J. is survived by his cherished wife, Evelyn Elliott, to whom he was married for over 65 years. He also leaves behind his dear children, Junior Elliott, and Beatrice Hatfield; 5 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and special nieces and nephew.

T. J.'s family loved him very much, and they will forever remember his devotion to them, as well as his smile, his encouragement, and his strength even in the midst of illness. He also had many beloved friends, neighbors, and brothers and sisters in Christ - all of whom are blessed by memories of his kindness and his faith. Elder T. J. Elliott will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but his loved ones are assured that he is resting peacefully with the Lord, and he is bound for that city on that evergreen shore.

- Written by the family

**LINDA L. SPRADLING EUSTACHE**, age 69, passed away July 30, 2017. She was the devoted wife of the late Charles Eustache.

Loving mother of Nichola Williams, Tina Price, and Bret Eustache. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Eddie Spradling and Jack Spradling and many friends and loved ones.

- Written by her family

**JOE FALIN**, 86, of Church Hill, TN went home to be with the Lord on July 27, 2017 at his home.

Mr. Falin was a native of Speers Ferry, VA, but had spent most of his adult life in Hawkins County. He joined Mt. Mitchell Church on May 30, 1974.

Joe was a retired employee of J. P. Stevens Company. He was an avid collector of old photos and liked to display them throughout his home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ruth Falin; his parents, James and Maudella Ramey Falin; 2 brothers, Cecil and Billy Falin; 2 sisters, Edith Williams and Betty Jane Bishop.

Survivors include 3 sons, Richard, James and Dean Falin; 1 stepson, Curtis "Butch" Berry; 1 sister, Barbara Butler; 2 brothers, Roy and Robert Falin; 10 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; 2 step grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Falin loved to talk about the Lord. He was a great father, grandfather, brother and friend to all.

- Written by the church clerk, Peggy Harrold

**LYNN FIELDS**, 65, of Rogersville, TN went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 23, 2017 at his residence. He was a member of Long Hollow Church.

Lynn was retired from Eastman Chemical Company and after his retirement was a full time farmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Ruth Fields; 3 brothers, Dub, Fred and John; 3 sisters, Sue Laster, Louise and Dorothy Fields.

Survivors include his loving wife of 43 years, Linda; 2 sons, David and Michael; 2 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Gladys Thacker and Margie Charles; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and cousins.

Lynn is at peace in the arms of the Lord.

- Written by his family

**HIRAM PATTON (PAT) FULLER, SR.** departed this life for his heavenly home February 3, 2017 at the age of 91 years.

He was born in Hancock County, Tennessee. He spent most of his life in Scott County, Virginia except for residing in Hawkins County, from 2004 to 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elder Curtis M. and Elizabeth Bray Fuller; 2 brothers, James C. and Andy C. Fuller; 5 sisters, Edna Mann, Polly Repass, Bannie Rogers, Allie Powers and Myrtle Peters.

Surviving are his wife, Bobbie Brice Fuller; 1 daughter, Connie Wardrup and 1 son, Pat Fuller, Jr.

He was a retired farmer and avid gardener who loved to share in his bounty. He had a wonderful sense of humor and never met a stranger. He had a great mind for local and church history.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of West View Church.

- Written by the family

**LINTON D. HARROLD**, 69, went to sleep in the arms of Jesus on May 11, 2017. He was born November 16, 1947 to Joe Jr. and Aggelena Harrold.

He was married to Peggy Simpson Harrold December 20, 1969 for over 47 years.

Linton joined Mt. Mitchell Church on March 14, 1978. He attended until his health failed him.

He was a Vietnam veteran serving in the U.S. Army.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, L. Chad Harrold.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Simpson Harrold; 1 daughter, Deana Dorton; 3 special grandsons of whom he was very proud and 1 brother, Joe Harrold.

Linton is missed by family and friends, but we look forward to meeting him again on the great resurrection day.

- Written by his wife, Peggy Harrold

**RUTH B. HOOD**, our beloved mother, age 94, went to be with her Lord and Savior, reuniting with her late husband and the love of her life, Garley H. Hood, Sr. She went peacefully the evening of March 16, 2017 surrounded by her family. She was valedictorian of her Fairview High School. She was a homemaker who enjoyed

gardening, flowers, cooking, canning, sewing and spending time with family and friends.

She was a woman of strong faith and loved going to church at Roller's Chapel Church where she was the oldest living member.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Phyllis Bledsoe, Glenda Speers, and Karen Hood; 2 sons, G. H. Hood, Jr. and Edgar Hood; 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was a remarkable woman and most of all, a wonderful mother. We will never forget her and think of her daily, until we meet again one day on heaven's bright shores.

- Written by daughter; Karen Hood (She was more than my Mother, my best friend)

**WADE KETRON**, age 62, was born June 23, 1954 and passed away November 8, 2016.

Wade was a member of Poplar Grove Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dee Dee Ketron; father, Marvin Ketron and mother, Helen Ketron.

He is survived by his children, Jonathan Ketron, Brandon Ketron, and Daniel Ketron; stepchildren, Nicole French and Cody French; 4 sisters, Priscilla Irvin, Shirley Berry, Wanda Sissy Gilliam and Lola Mae Arnold; 1 brother, Terry Ketron; 5 grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Wade was loved by all who knew him and always had a loving and giving heart. The fondest memory we have in his last days was at the revival at Poplar Grove when he testified of God saving his soul. He is missed by all, but we are comforted by the testimony he left behind.

- Written by the family

**RALPH B. LAWSON, JR.** of Big Stone Gap, VA passed away in Indiana on September 30, 2017. He resided in Big Stone Gap all of his 64 years of life.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Kathy; 1 son, David and 3 grandsons.

Ralph attended Roller's Chapel Church where he had been a member since 1998. He was a very active member, especially during our association year of 1999 and thereafter. Several years later, his job took him on the road where he wasn't able to attend like he once did. Nevertheless, he would always make provisions to help Roller's Chapel in any way that he could.

Ralph loved to sing songs about the Lord. Some of his favorites were "In The Garden," "How Great Thou Art" and "Beulah Land."

He will be greatly missed by his wife, family, church family and his friends. Until we meet again, Ralph, where no sad goodbyes will there be spoken and time won't matter anymore.

- Written by his wife, Kathy Lawson

**EDDIE LOWE** of Belfry, KY passed away March 6, 2017 at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV. He was born March 3, 1945, being 72 years and 3 days of age at the time of his passing.

Eddie was the son of the late Orison and Maryland Maynard Lowe.

Surviving is his wife, Paula Boggs Lowe, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Eddie was a member of Little Cowan Church.

- Written by the family

**ROBERT L. MARCUM** was born February 26, 1926 and passed away August 26, 2017 at age 91 after a lengthy illness.

Bob was a member of Poplar Grove Church.

He is survived by family and friends. Bob was always a happy and kind person and will be missed by those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Millie Quillen Marcum and several brothers and sisters.

He never complained about his sickness, but longed for the time he could be united with his loved ones.

- Written by his church family

**GREGORY STEVEN "GREG" MAYNARD**, of Houston, TX, formerly of Dayton, passed away March 26, 2017 at the age of 61. He was born in Dayton, OH on February 18, 1956 to Lacy and June Livingston Maynard.

Greg was preceded in death by his father, Lacy Maynard and stepfather, Warren Kail.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Seals Maynard; 2 sons, Adrian Maynard and Samuel Maynard; mother, June Maynard Kail; 2 sisters Penny Profitt and Lisa Brown; 1 stepsister, Lavita Kail Bosma and 1 stepbrother, Mike Kail; 2 nephews and 1 niece. His stepchildren include Monica Alexander, Lee Alexander, Teresa Alexander; 4 sister-in-laws and a host of friends and loved ones.

He was known for his kind and generous nature. He will be greatly missed by all. After graduating from high school, Greg completed his real estate licensing and was employed by Lennar Homes.

- Written by the family

**JACKIE DARRELL MAYNARD**, born March 27, 1954 and passed away October 18, 2016 at age 62. Jackie was a member of Poplar Grove Church.

He is survived by 1 son, Jamie Maynard; 2 granddaughters; 1 great granddaughter; 1 sister, Brenda Hensley; 1 brother, Ricky Davidson; a life-long friend; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and a host of extended family and friends from Pikeville, KY.

Jackie was a joy to all who knew him. He loved his family, friends and church family. He always wanted to help the church in any way possible. We miss him, but know we will see him again.

- Written by his church family

**PEARL ELIZABETH NOBLE**, daughter of the late Henry and Dora Caudill Pennington was born in Letcher County, KY July 16, 1935.

She entered eternal life November 16, 2016 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital in Whitesburg, KY being 81 years and 4 months of age at the time of her passing.

Pearl married Charles W. Noble on February 4, 1958 in Whitesburg, KY. She enjoyed life to the fullest: Being a full time daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, but her true love was serving the Lord. Pearl was a faithful and dedicated member in her church (Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church) serving for 39 faithful years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Charles W. Noble; 2 daughters, Teresa Pease and Jennifer Holbrook; 1 son, Charles "Chuck" Noble; 2 brothers, Palmer Pennington and Billy Pennington; 2 sisters, Dorothy Tackett and Linda Hall; 4 grandchildren: 2 great grandchildren: and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by 1 son-in-law; 1 grandson; 5 brothers, Merrill, Joseph Murphy, James Earl, Bobby and Hugh Watson and 2 sisters, Margie and Mazie Adams.

- Written by the family

**CAROLYN ANN PERSINGER**, 71, of Kingsport, TN went home to be with the Lord May 6, 2017.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Beatrice Carroll Persinger; 3 infant sisters, Helen, Velma and Thelma; 1 brother, Larry Ellis and a brother-in-law.

Surviving are her sister, Kathleen Poole; 1 brother, Ronald; 1 sister-in-law; 1 nephew; 1 niece; 1 great nephew and 2 great nieces.

Carolyn was a member of Poplar Grove Church. Her gentle soul and quiet spirit will be greatly missed.

- Written by the family

**CHESTER B. RAYBURN**, of Liberty, KY was born February 21, 1936 and passed away August 23, 2017 at the age of 81.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Cora Henderson Rayburn; 2 sisters, Eula McAninich and Mildred Wethington; 1 brother-in-law and 1 grandchild.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Banks Rayburn; 1 son Kevin D. Rayburn; 1 daughter, Renee Stevenson and 9 grandchildren.



Chester was a deacon of Little Cowan Church. He taught school for 33 years in Goshen, OH. He was a U. S. Army veteran and served in the KY and OH National Guard.

- Written by his family

**ELDER HAROLD LAVERNE SHAW**, formerly of Wilmington, OH passed away peacefully on June 17, 2017 at his residence in Hebron, Nebraska with his children, Peggy Shaw-McBee and Philip Shaw at his side.

He was an only child, born December 10, 1932 in Hillsboro, OH, the son of LeRoy and Mary Ethel Hoffer Shaw. He was raised in New Burlington, OH by his mother and father. His father passed away when Vernon was 13 years old.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Faye Messer Shaw.

He is survived by his children: William Lynn Shaw, Peggy Shaw-McBee and Philip Shaw; 4 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was ordained as a Primitive Baptist Minister in April, 1962 along with Deacon Joe Robinette. Above all, Brother Shaw, as most called him, loved and worshipped the Lord. He could light up a room with his warm, infectious, kind smile and he genuinely loved people and everyone loved him in return. He pastored several churches throughout his 56 years of ministry preaching God's word, performing countless baptisms, weddings, and funeral services.

Concurrent with his work in ministry, Vernon was a heavy equipment operator which often took him away from home for days and weeks at a time. He was a great provider for his family and a loving husband, dad, and son. During his off-season time from working heavy machinery, he traveled to the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptist Churches throughout OH, KY, TN, and VA preaching at Union Meetings and Revivals. He said his greatest joys and privileges were staying in the homes of God's people and praising His name.

In his spare time, he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, and fishing, often saying the only thing that made it better was a hot cup of coffee. One of his greatest gifts was his listening skills and his ability to know what to say at the most difficult moments. He was a life-long learner and was always interested in hearing what others had to share.

Vernon was a Veteran of the United States Navy. He served during the Korean Conflict as a cook on the LSD, USS Donner, from 1950-1953. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason and member of the Scottish Rite with the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #163. He is greatly missed by his family, church family and all who knew him.

- Written by his daughter, Peggy Shaw-McBee

**RICKEY LEE TURNER**, age 58, of Carlisle, OH, died May 3, 2017 at his residence. He was born in Middletown, OH on August 2, 1958 to John and Maude Raleigh Turner. He was preceded in death by his father, John Turner, Jr.

Rickey is survived by his 2 sons, Waylon Turner and Daniel Halcomb; 2 daughters, Amanda Cox and Julie Kelley; his mother, Maude Turner; 8 grandchildren; 5 sisters, Anita Newkirk, Marcella Simpson, Loretta Eastridge, Melissa Jarvis and Jessica Moss; numerous nieces and nephews.

- Written by his family

**ELDON "SONNIE" WALLEN**, age 69, of Yellow Springs, OH went home to be with the Lord on February 15, 2017. He was born June 3, 1947 in Hawkins County, TN to Earnest and Bessie Willis Wallen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers, Junior, Rogan and Clifford; 3 sisters, Charlsie Rhodes, Wilma Yount and Nancy Johnson.

He is survived by his daughter, Shelley Wallen; 1 brother, Edsol Wallen; 2 sisters, Barb Johnson and Yvonne Wallen.

He was a very special friend to many of his nieces and nephews.

Sonnie was a faithful deacon of Fairview Church in Bellbrook where he attended church since he was 6 years old. He lived for the Lord and loved his family and church family very much. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to fish, plant flowers, and work at his church. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He is at peace now with his Savior, until we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by his family

**LINDA LOU WILEY**, 69, of Paintsville, KY passed away May 26, 2017. She was born January 1, 1948 in Lawrence County to the late Willie and Anna Meade.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Wiley; 2 brothers, George and R. D. Meade; 2 sisters, Rebecca Murray and Sarah Williamson.

She is survived by 1 son, Paul Wiley Jr.; 3 daughters, Melissa Tackett, Rebecca Williams and Paula VanHoose.

Linda loved her family very much, but took special joy in her six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

- Written by her family

**ELDER GLEN B. WILLIAMS** went to be with the Lord at Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, TN on October 20, 2016. He was born June 29, 1939 in Wise, VA.

He spent 4 years in the Army and retired from AFG in Hawkins County.

Glen was a member at Mt. Mitchell Church where he was very active preaching and teaching a class. He pastored several churches during his ministry.

Glen was preceded in death by his wife, Janette Byington Williams; parents, Clifford and Kathleen Williams; 2 sisters, Phyllis Holder and Donna Overlin and 3 brothers, Jimmy, Bobby and Paul Williams.

Glen is survived by his daughter, Anita Carol Absher; 1 son, Randall (Randy) Keith Williams; 8 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Sharon Brown and 1 brother, Buddy Williams.

Glen will be greatly missed by his family and a host of friends alike.

- Written by the family

**SARAH MARGARET WORKMAN**, age 73 of Xenia, OH went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ January 1, 2017 following a short three-month battle with cancer.

Sarah was born June 17, 1943 to Clarence Elmer and Koneta Cook. She enjoyed working in her flower garden. Her family was her life; her loving and caring nature endeared her to all who knew her, now her legacy will live on through her daughters.

Sarah is survived by her husband of 57 years, Richard Workman; her father, Clarence Elmer Cook; 6 daughters, Tina Workman, August Robinette, Dianna Strickland, Angela Vertrees, Jeanette Callahan, and Rhonda Brown; 15 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; 2 sisters; and numerous loving nephews and nieces on both sides of the family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Koneta Harden Cook; 1 son, Byron Workman; and 2 brothers. Sarah was an honorary member of Fairview church and attended regularly until the time of her death.

- Written by the family

**WILMA JEAN YOUNT** was born August 28, 1935 in Rogersville, TN, the daughter of Ernest and Bessie Willis Wallen.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Billy Wayne Yount; 1 grandson and 6 siblings.

She was a faithful member of Clear Springs Church.

Wilma is survived by 1 son, Marty R. Yount; 2 sisters, Barb Johnson and Yvonne Wallen; 2 brothers, Sonny and Edsol Wallen and 1 great granddaughter.

Wilma is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Rest Wilma, till we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by Barb Johnson



## 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	
<b>Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists organized 1848</b>				
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
<b>Two associations formed, divided by Virginia-Tennessee state line, in 1898</b>				
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
<b>The two associations united again in 1906</b>				
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
2015	Poplar Grove / West View	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
2016	Swan Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Terry Sizemore
2017	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Mike Fullington









