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Primitive Baptists

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Introductory ELDER GREG HILL

Alternate ELDER DANIEL HURD



“Remember the days of old ...”

Psalm 143:5

From 1848 –

AT BLACKWATER LICK

... ON A JOURNEY ...

– To 2018

AT SPRING VALLEY, OHIO

“Looking for that blessed hope ...”

Titus 2:13



Macedonia



Rose Chapel

**Clear Springs****Fairview**

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 4, 2018

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 166th annual session hosted by Clear Springs, Fairview, Macedonia and Rose Chapel churches meeting at Clear Springs Church in Spring Valley, Ohio.

Clear Springs

The Clear Springs Church had its beginning on Easter Sunday of 1966 when Elder Harold Shaw and other interested people rented a one room schoolhouse on Clear Springs Road a mile south of Spring Valley, Ohio.

The church obtained an arm from the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church. It was organized with nine charter members, and lettered in at the 114th annual session held with Fairview Church in 1966.

Having outgrown the school house, the decision was made to build a new house of worship. Five acres of land was purchased and after having raised the money to build the church, the first service was held in the new building on Thursday before the first Saturday in May, 1971.

The Church has had as its pastors: The late Elders Harold Shaw, Ray Jackson, and Claude VanHoose, Elders Bill VanHoose, Joe Pitzer, and Josh Robinette. Elder Roger VanHoose pastored the church from 1982-1997 and currently has been pastoring since 2011.

God has truly blessed the Ohio Sister Churches this year in working together in our endeavors clinging to the theme that was so apparent from the time we first met to pray about hosting the 2018 Association. Hebrews 13:1 "Let Brotherly Love Continue." We give all honor and glory to God for His many blessings and for meeting with us each time we gathered throughout the year.

Fairview

Over 80 years ago, people from various mountain sections of Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky began to migrate to this area of Ohio as they sought a more prosperous way of life. Many found employment in industrial plants in this area and established their homes and farms in the vicinity.

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

The location where the church now is was offered to them and arrangements were made for it to become the permanent location of a band of Primitive Baptist people. This was made possible with the help of George Driskel, who owned the land. Although he was a member of another organization, he was a true friend of this church.

The original building was erected and in August, 1938, the church was formally organized with the help of Elders E. A. Robinette, W. H. Burke, H. V. Hall, and J. H. Sybert with a total of 18 charter members. The building was dedicated and the first Union Meeting was held. The church lettered in to the Eastern District Association in October, 1938, with 37 members on the roll.

Elder Clarence Slagle, who was the first Pastor, served in that capacity until 1976. Others who have served as Pastor include: Elders Joe Dean, Frank Brown, Rolan Callahan, Charles Roller, Luther Abrams, Bryan Moore, Elmer Parsons, Crawford Sage, Ron Bledsoe, Kenneth Mitchell, and Hasco Jenkins. The current Pastors are Elders Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette.

The first Deacons included Brothers Orbin Barnett, Lewis Joyner, and Bryan Moore, who all rest with the Lord. Others who have served as Deacons include: Brothers Owsley, Leonard Davis, Homer Lovins, Jim Osborne, Crawford Sage, Bobby Taylor, William Vanover, Kyle Vanzant, Ron Bledsoe, Kenneth Mitchell, Emerson Browning, Morris Giles, Ray Eldridge, and Eldon "Sonny" Wallen. Current Deacons are Brothers Jake Fairchild and Bobby Graham.

Brother Lewis Joyner was the first Clerk/Treasurer and served the church until 1966. Other Clerks who served the church are: Sisters Virginia Hall Osborne, Berneda Moore Vanover, Betty Barnett Livingston, Brother Kenneth Mitchell, and Sister Charlene Mitchell. Current Clerk is Sister Jennifer Robinette with Sister Erin Harkleroad serving as her Assistant.

In 1950, Sister Georgia Moore Sage was elected as Treasurer and served until her death in 2008. Current Treasurer is Sister Shelley Wallen with Sister Kristy Fairchild serving as her Assistant.

May God bless you!

Macedonia

In 1993, Elder David VanHoose had a calling to start a new church in the Wilmington, Ohio area. After much prayer, God led a small group of people to a small church on Macedonia Road, south of Wilmington. After receiving an arm from Clear Springs Church, the Macedonia Church was organized in 1994 with 13 members. In 2004, the building was deteriorating badly so the members began searching for a new building. God opened another door in December 2004 in Wilmington at the Columbus Street address, in which God wonderfully blessed and the congregation began to grow. In the beginning of 2018, the church saw a need to move again and again God opened a new door! In March of 2018 the church moved to a beautiful building in downtown Wilmington at 160 N. South Street. Many years have come and gone and we have seen many souls saved! God's mercy and grace has blessed us with a lot of preachers that have helped pastor with Elder David VanHoose - Elder Garry Carter, Elder Harold Shaw, and Brother Troy Beaugard. There are still a few of the original members but one in particular, even though her health is not good and she is in the nursing home, is Sister Vivian Stroud. She is the oldest member of the church. With God's grace we will continue to fight the good fight of faith!

Rose Chapel

Feeling a move of God, a group of God fearing people felt a need to start a church in Miamisburg Ohio. Finding a property on Saxony Road in Coleman Platt, Miamisburg, Ohio they began having services. The late Hasco Jenkins was the first pastor of the church. Receiving an arm from Fairview Church, they lettered into the association and were accepted as a sister church in 1958. Over a few years, the church house suffered from flood waters so they began looking for a new building to hold services and moved to its current location on Shannon Drive, West Carrollton, Ohio. God has blessed over the years to see many souls give their lives to Christ. Several ministers have pastored the church over the years; most noted the late John Turner, who served the longest amount of time. The current pastor is Sam VanHoose.

Anxiously awaiting this time, everyone came together with smiles of joy as they gathered for the 166th session of this grand body. Just think for the last 166 years, people have come in this same manner. Their mode of transportation may have been different, but they came for the same purpose as we are here today, to worship our heavenly Father. What a joy and privilege to be a part of this tradition. As I read the pastor's names mentioned above, images of past services come to mind. Brother Steve Minton and Dennis Stewart led us in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It won't be very long till here we'll cease to roam, but we'll receive our crown to shout and sing with the angels around the throne. Earth shall pass away, for Jesus has prepared us a happy dwelling place. They tried our Lord

with no one to defend Him, so let us be a friend to Him. Though the world turn against Him, let us be a friend until our years shall end. To all who need a Savior we gladly recommend Him. When the redeemed are gathering in oh what music we'll behold, for we'll be washed like snow and free from all sin. He whispers sweet peace to the Saints who sing redemption's story. As the redeemed gather in, His invitation is come ye blessed of the Lord. I am so glad that Jesus loves even me. Our thought as we remember His blessings is that Jesus loves us.

Our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore, welcomed everyone to God's service, the 166th gathering of this grand old body. God continually blesses His children and we are thankful for all the work that has been accomplished by the four churches hosting the association. Our main business is to worship our Savior. If you are lost this morning, you can be saved. We miss Sister Zula McCullough who could not be with us this year. 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 Dennis Stewart (chairman), David Horton and Gary Hall. During this past year, two of our Elders have gone to their reward: Richard Seiber and Donald Lowell Johnson, so please remember their families in prayer. Thank God these men stood for the Lord.

Elder Sizemore came forward to lead the congregation in singing the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." We have met again, let us join and sing. Are you waiting for your King when He shall return again? When our work below is done, we shall go to be with Him; for all is vain unless the Holy Spirit comes down.

Elder Joseph Robinette welcomed everyone to today's service by thanking everyone for coming this way. Let brotherly love continue as we step up and move in God's direction to worship our Lord. Let everything be done to honor His blessed name. He will save our people if we call upon our blessed Redeemer.

The children of Bellbrook Church blessed us with their songs of praise. We are soldiers bound for glory, just soldiers going home. He walks among us, but the world cannot contain even in part what He has done for us, for we are truly blessed. He is the reason why we sing, shout and praise His Holy name. Please continue to encourage our young people for true peace only comes through Him.

The Moderator asked all of our ministers to sign the minister's book, including ministers from other associations and church affiliations. He reminded each delegate to get their ribbon for the afternoon service.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches and association, those serving in the military, our country, leaders of our and other nations, Angie Sybert,

Elder Burnice and June Sybert, Jenna and Jade, John Shelton, Roy Jones mother and his brother, Lewis Baker, Madison, David Moody, Cliff's sister, Naomi Adkins, August Robinette's grandson, Andy Wallen, Kay Short, revivals, and many others shown with uplifted hands signifying countless unspoken prayer requests. Elder Curtis Hale blessed us with his prayer as he took us to the throne of grace.

Sister Kim Robinette blessed us with her song of praise and wonderful testimony. This life is almost over as the curtain of time swings low and we are so glad we have a better place to go. Continue to pray for the preaching service.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Jason Robinette came forward thanking God for all His blessings. Someday we'll stand in God's city where we'll kneel once more just to thank Him for what He has done. Reading from I John 1:1-7 he used as a thought, "God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all." When He created this earth, it was dark until God said let there be light. Our Heavenly Father stated "This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." God's light is love. One day we met a Man that showed us all things and removed our stony heart and replaced it with one of love. We must love our brother or there is no love of God in us. He loved us while we were yet in our sins. He loved the world enough to send His Son to die that we may have everlasting life. We are surrounded by darkness, but our God is light. May our joy remain full at all times. Only God can do the things that can help this world come to know Him. We should never get downhearted because of what is happening in the world, for God warned us of these times. We have control over our joy, because Jesus wrote to us to tell us these things that our joy might be full. Let us rid our lives of the darkness that surrounds us such as jealousy, envy, malice, and strife, then joy will abound in our lives. We have power in the Lord. Time is short, so it is time to do God's will, not ours. He has power to forgive sin and He will do it when we come to Him in truth and spirit, to confess our sins. He is faithful and just to forgive us. He hasn't changed one jot or tittle and we are the same in the eyes of God. Don't be downhearted; look up for our redemption draweth nigh.

Elder Roger VanHoose followed with another wonderful message from our Lord and Savior. He led us in song, telling us about the two coats made for us. One was ugly and stained with sin, so let us lay off this old coat and put on the new. Our forefathers overcame many obstacles, just as God gives us a way to overcome the things of this world. The power of God in us will overcome anything this world throws at us, if we will get under subjection to Him. Preaching comes from God, not what man thinks about or dreams up. We must get ourselves out of the way so God can use us for His glory. Man has always been in darkness until Jesus brought us into the light. The light in Jesus is sufficient for every need. His glory cannot be destroyed in the hearts of His children. He is everlasting to everlasting and no one or nothing can change it. He is the light we need to overcome the trials of this life. Some say they took His life, but

they did not take His life, for He willingly gave it so we could have eternal life. Cry for those that don't know Him and pray that somewhere, somehow they can realize their need for Jesus in their life. We have been translated into a new world of God where we will shed the trials and troubles of this world. Many spirits are in this world, but we have one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. The horror of our people dying all alone without Jesus, pray without ceasing that the lost will see their need for Christ in their life. Your testimonies are the greatest things we can ever do to stand up for the cause of Christ. It has not entered into our hearts or minds what awaits us in that city built foursquare. When we get home we will see Christ, for He will see the blood. Our prayer is for someone to be saved in the setting of this association.

Brother Dennis Stewart led us in a song of praise as we were adjourned for lunch. We have a home prepared to be by our Savior's side, just over in the Glory Land.

Thursday Afternoon, October 4, 2018

The host churches served us a magnificent lunch as God's children rejoiced in this glorious day. Brother Steve Minton and Dennis Stewart led the congregation in singing several songs of praise as the congregation gathered for the afternoon service. Misgivings often darken our day and the world would o'erwhelm our soul until He whispers sweet peace to us. Let come what may if Christ for me doth care, let us press along, ever looking unto Christ, for anywhere is home sweet home if Christ our Lord is there. By faith we can see the land that is fairer than day as our Father waits just over the way. In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore. We'll sing and shout and praise our blessed Redeemer.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from Leona Kester, Walter Bales, Bradley Brown, Peggy Sizemore and Terry Sizemore. This world offers us nothing but sin, but we started out to find a better home where the trials of this life can never come, for in His presence we will ever be. We see the stars, we hear the rolling thunder and we realize how great our God is. Just think that God, His son not sparing, bled and died to take away our sin. One day soon He will take us home where we can proclaim, "My God how great Thou art!" Such precious memories are only possible through our Savior. They linger and they flood our soul, for in the stillness of the midnight these sacred scenes unfold. Trials are many and we may stumble and fall, but we are still lead by His steady hand. He has prepared a place where we are headed and we will make it after all. Keep trusting and believing for someday we'll stand on the top of the mountain looking into that city. He came from Heaven our sins to atone, but He didn't come here to stay, just to show us the way,

then He got on a cloud and went home. Just think we may be living when He comes to get us.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service as he thanked God for His presence here in the midst of His children. Thank God for everyone that came this way to gather with us at this blessed event. He thanked the host church for the bountiful lunch. It is in Him that we live and have our being, but turn to the Lord for true comfort and peace and that joy we so desire. He is no respecter of persons. 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, our churches, Angie Sybert's successful surgery, Henrietta Adams, Elder Frank and Juanita Gilliam, Billy Walton, Linda Lucas, Ben Stewart who had open heart surgery, Jack Osborne, Joe and Emma Jean Robinette, Frank Osborn, Teresa Tipton's sister and brother-in-law, John Shelton, Bobby Story family, Darrel Ratliff's family at his passing and numerous unspoken requests signified with many uplifted hands. Elder Scott Tipton led us to the throne of grace in a soul stirring prayer.

Brother Bradley Bowen, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. 36 churches total. The letter from Osborne's Chapel was not received, but should be here tomorrow. With the exception of Osborne's Chapel, 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. With the receipt of Osborne's Chapel letter, the committee will review it and report to the delegation.

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, he will serve for the ensuing year. Elder Irvin asked the congregation to raise their hands as recognition of their confidence in the clerk 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, Elder Sizemore will serve as moderator for the ensuing year. Elder Irvin asked the congregation to raise their hands as 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 and need your prayers as we go forward into another year.

Dennis Stewart read the report from the Religious Exercise Committee which includes:

Thursday night: October 4, 2018

Wiley Lampkin, Jerry Johnson and Terry Sizemore

Friday morning: October 5, 2018

Stand: Oscar Irvin and Scott Tipton

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. As part of the motion, it was noted that Elder Sizemore be part of the Circular Letter committee for 2019.

The moderator then 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: Oscar Irvin (chairman), David VanHoose and Jerry Johnson; Deacons: Roy Jones and Doug Willis; Laymen: Doyle Odell and Robert Brown.

Committee on Finance: Greg Hill (chairman), Joseph Robinette and Chris Salley.

Committee on Obituaries: Scott Tipton (chairman), Sammy VanHoose and Kevin Cross.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Burnice Sybert (chairman), Jason Robinette, Roger VanHoose, Eddie Malone, John Banks, Charles Bernard and Daniel Hurd.

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 allow the clerk to replenish the necessary forms to properly perform his duties.

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 \$2,000 in appreciation for his services.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the moderator \$1,000 in appreciation for his services.

Brother Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Electrical and PA System Committee came forward to give the report, stating it was a pleasure to be here. He thanked the Lord for salvation and all the blessings of this life. He thanked his wife Ada for helping manage and store all the equipment. This being the first time the new sound system has been used in the tent, the committee is well satisfied with the overall performance of the new system.

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

The clerk spoke concerning the Ayers Chapel Church property. With the repairs needed to the church property, it was decided to take the current offer to avoid encountering all the expenses associated with the repairs.

The moderator reminded the delegation that we voted to purchase new chairs once the Ayers Chapel property was sold. The committee, formed at the time, consists of Elder Oscar Irvin (chairman), Steve Minton and Clifton Horne. Elder Oscar Irvin, chairman of the committee, came forward to explain. It was agreed to sell the old chairs at \$5.00 each, with churches having first choice. Once all churches have had a chance to purchase chairs, then all others can purchase any remaining chairs until all have been sold. Of the approximately 360 chairs, 201 have been sold at this time.

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. It was motioned, seconded and voted to give Brother Roy \$1,000 in appreciation for all his work in taking care of the church property.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed in prayer, led by Elder David VanHoose until Friday morning, October 5, 2018.

Friday Morning, October 5, 2018

The Lord blessed His people as they gathered for the second day of this 166th association. Brothers Steve Minton and Dennis Stewart led the congregation in singing several songs of Zion. In seasons of distress and grief our soul can often find relief to escape the tempter's snare as we seek that sweet hour of prayer. We'll sing a nobler, sweeter song, until this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave. We're bound for a land of peace and joy and wonderful light and having been saved by grace divine, we are going that way. They tell of a home far beyond the skies, of a home not far away, of a home where no storm clouds rise, oh they tell us of an unclouded day.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service. Thank God for His leadership and all those that came this way. May God continue to bless in our services.

We were blessed with special singing from the Copper Creek singers, Peggy Shaw-McBee and the Clear Springs Church singers. Wilt thou be made whole, do you want a new life? Believe in Christ and be washed as white as snow. No matter how rough the way, the old ship of Zion continues to sail on, for at the stern of the ship is our Captain. When He bids you get on board, you must obey, for it may never pass this way again. Storms beset us through this life, but beyond lies a better way and we can go farther, still farther for it is truly better farther on. If it wasn't for the Lord what would we do, for He's everything to us. Deliverance will come, and we shall wear palms of victory and crowns of glory.

Thank God for the memories and our heritage He has blessed us with. We thank all those that came before us, how they lived their life, what they taught us and how they showed us the way of the Lord. Let us be as bright of a light to others as they were to us.

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, Ben Stewart, our churches, Pauline Lawson, Hershel Baker, Betty and Earl Dodson, Eugene Sullivan, Nadine Horne, Harmon Willis, Brandon Williams, Joe Robinette, and Vivian Stroud. May each of us ask ourselves if there is something we can do, somewhere we have failed, something more we can do to further the cause of

Christ. Many unspoken requests were signified with uplifted hands. Brother Mark Newkirk humbly took us to the throne of grace in a soul stirring prayer.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

Brother Bradley Bowen, chairman of the Letter Committee, came forward to give his report. The letter committee reviewed and now recommends accepting Osborne's Chapel letter. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept their letter and seat their delegates as part of the voting body.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as read with the change noted by the clerk.

Elder Oscar Irvin, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. Elder Irvin read St. John 19:1-7, using as a thought, "Behold the Man." Christ was there before the mountains were made and before God separated the water and land. God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost existed before the beginning of time. He was before and He will be when this earth comes to an end. He didn't come down here to be the Son of God, He is God. When we met Jesus, we were made whole, translated into a new kingdom, not bound to this earthly world. Who is Christ that anyone should question, but the unbelievers often do. How could a young boy having never been to school know all the things that He taught them? We can never put any other gods before Him and we need to be sure none slip in unawares. Believe in the only begotten Son of God and that He came to seek and to save that which was lost. Keep reminding ourselves that it is not our will, but His will be done, because the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Think of what it meant when Jesus asked God to let this cup pass from Him. It is not His will that any should perish, but that all might come to know Him in the free pardon of sin. He went through the shame, not because He was the Son of God, but He went through it because that is what we deserved. He did it totally for us because He loved us so much, that He willingly laid down His life. Now sitting at the Father's right hand, He makes intercession for us. He did it for you and He did it for me because He died for all who will believe.

Elder Scott Tipton followed with another wonderful message from the Lord. Behold the Man, it does not matter who we are, because it is all about Him. Never be afraid to feel the spirit of God in your life. This is the best we will know in this life, but our hope is in Jesus. Come see a man that told me all things I had ever done, is this not the Christ? We can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens us. There is no place for selfishness, so Jesus said let he who is without sin cast the first stone. Aren't you glad you know this man called Jesus? We might think sometimes that it might be easier to run, but knowing Jesus is the most important thing we can ever do. All we needed was

to ask Jesus to save us, we don't want to go to hell. Don't believe Satan's lies, because when Jesus bowed His head, He said it is finished. This same Jesus they saw going away, will come again in like manner. Whatever day we were touched, we know it was the hand of our blessed Redeemer.

Thank God for the liberty He gave these men to preach.

We were dismissed by Sister Kala Hale with a song of how His amazing grace will lead us home. We were glad to see the precious soul come to pray that he could help lead someone to the Lord. Just after this, another precious soul made his way to the altar. Just a young man, Brother Joe Brown was made a new creature when he accepted Christ as his Savior. He testified, "the Lord saved me." No greater words can ever be spoken. There was singing, shouting, and praising God all over the grounds. We know Jesus saved us and that's enough for us. We owe it all to you, Lord, for you are truly the best thing that ever happened to us. It was difficult to adjourn for lunch as God so wonderfully blessed His children.

Friday Afternoon, October 5, 2018

The congregation assembled in the tent after a superb lunch served by the host churches. Steve Minton and Dennis Stewart led us in more praises to the King. When in service for our Lord dark may be the night, but our Lord leads us on and through Him we will win. Jesus will keep us near the cross if we trust Him. There is rest beyond the river, as the morning star sheds its beams around us. Earth holds no treasures to God's children for there is another country to which we are going. Joy without measure will be our treasure, so why long for the world and its sorrow? What a privilege we have to carry everything to our Lord in prayer. Don't let the trials of this world get us down, just take it to the Lord in prayer. Oh tis sweet to sing this story, will you be ready when He comes? Do not risk delaying, but be ready when He comes, so continue working, watching, and waiting till He comes to take His children home.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Millie and Kala Hale, Jake Fairchild, Bobby Graham and Joseph Robinette from Bellbrook Church. If you're happy and you know it, say so by praising our Lord and Savior. Why did we stop the things of this world? Looking at the outward body is one thing, but what you really see before you is a new man, for the old man is dead. We were lost in darkness, searching for the light, but we gave our heart to Jesus, now the old man is dead.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for the bountiful and delicious lunch. Such a wonderful time in the Lord and a precious place to be. Words cannot express how wonderful it is to serve our Lord.

Prayer requests were made, along with many wonderful testimonies. Always remember the unsaved, all those serving our country in the military and their families. Tommy Meade's friend, Howard Perry, Edith Knowle, Kyle Robinette's friend's son, man's sister with cancer, Charlotte Horton, Steve Minton, Larry and Judy Turner, Jennifer who needs the Lord, lady's son with medical problems, Charlene Smith, Ada McPherson's brothers and sister, Linda and Tom Baker, Steve Osborn, Steve Hunt's brother and grandson, Myra's husband, Nick, 2-1/2 year old grandson that needs a heart, Dennis Stewart's family, revivals, John Shelton, Kay Short, Andy Wallen, Cora L. Neeley, Eddie and Donna Williams, Brandon Williams, Lewis and Phyllis Williams, Leonard, Luther and Freddie Williams, David Horton's sister and Wayne Gibson, Elder Kevin Cross blessed us with his humble, soul stirring prayer as he took our petitions to the Lord.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Dennis Stewart read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Friday night: at stand: Curtis Hale, Kevin Cross and Daniel Hurd

Saturday morning: October 6, 2018:

Stand: Burnice Sybert, Greg Hill and Terry Sizemore

The moderator appointed the Church Letter Committee for 2019 which includes: Steve Hunt (chairman), Steve Minton, Robert Brown and Gary Hall (alternate).

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

The Committee on Newly Constituted Churches reported that none had been received. Let us examine our lives to help the cause that new churches might come in.

The Committee on Finance reported \$5,030 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

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

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

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 23 have been received at this time. The committee recommended that obituaries be sent through the church clerk. It was motioned, seconded and voted to follow our original standard that was developed in the 1990's and print these in the minutes.

The men chosen to write the circular letter for 2018 were Elders Sammy VanHoose, Jason Robinette and Oscar Irvin. All came forward as Elder Sammy VanHoose testified of how the Lord helped him. Elder Oscar Irvin read their letter. Its message to each of us was that our forefathers laid up markers for us to follow. God knows all about our hardships and like the saints of old we must walk in the old paths, and just as God directed them, He will direct us. Hold steadfast to the old paths. 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 2019 which includes: Elder Terry Sizemore, Deacons: Ronnie Leonard and Clifton Horne.

Everyone sang praises to the Lord as they fellowshiped and took up an offering to help with this cost of the new chairs. A donation of \$960.00 was received.

A new point of business was brought before the delegation involving several of our Primitive Baptist churches that host Bible Study sessions. They would like to host the association, but none of the churches marked this on their church letter to the association. These churches include: Roller's Chapel, Cadet, Wallen's Creek, Blackwater Lick and Davis Chapel. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow this group of churches, known as the Southwest VA churches to be allowed to ask to host the association.

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 2 groups of churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Ohio churches of Clear Springs/Fairview and the Southwest VA churches of Rollers Chapel, Cadet, Wallen's Creek, Blackwater Lick and Davis Chapel. By a clear majority, the delegation sent the association to Southwest VA Churches, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 3, 2019) before the first Saturday in October, 2019 for the 167th gathering. The association will be hosted in the Blackwater Lick Schoolhouse. Those chosen to preach the introductory and alternate sermons will be chosen and the association clerk will be notified no later than October 19, 2019.

Elder Burnice Sybert dismissed us in prayer as we were adjourned until Saturday morning, October 6, 2018.

Saturday Morning, October 6, 2018

God blessed His children once again as they gathered for our memorial service. Brother Dennis Stewart led us in songs of praise for our blessed Savior. His amazing grace taught our heart to fear and grace our fears relieved that we might forever praise His Holy name. Through many dangers, toils and snares, He safely leads us through and His grace will endure till time is no more. We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. We know we have another building not made with hands. On many days we wish to be all alone with Christ our Lord as He allows us to tell Him all about our troubles.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our Saturday morning memorial service, thanking God for our wonderful services thus far. Joyous smiles were abundant all around as Elder Sizemore encouraged everyone to obey the Lord. The spirit of revival is among us, so we can strengthen and grow in the Lord. Knowing Jesus is the key and if you don't know Him now would be a great time to ask Him to save you. Today we honor those going before us.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Billy Marcum, Sammy VanHoose, Stephanie Pitzer and the Looking Beyond Quartet. Thank God for this great family of God's children and this privilege to meet in a Heavenly place. Jesus heard and answered our prayer when He rolled the burdens from our sin-sick soul, so we can walk hand-in-hand, day-by-day with Jesus. When the time comes for us to leave, celebrate us home, celebrate us in that home prepared for the Saints of God. Great is the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father each morning, for He is all we have need of. Strength for today and hope for tomorrow in His new mercies that we can only see through Him. When the blood was applied, Jesus paid for each of us as He laid down His life to purchase us. More valuable than all the riches of the world, what a transition day that was on Calvary. It is joy to know that to Heaven we are going to see Jesus face-to-face. He saved us by His grace so we don't have to fear chilly Jordon. When the angels step back, then we will sing our song while the ages roll. We'll see Jesus split the eastern sky as He calls for His children to come home.

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, Pleas Lawson, Dennis Stewart, Penny VanHoose's cousin James and the family, Steve Minton, Clifton Horne's sister, Mike NewKirk, our burden for lost souls, revivals, Janice Sturgill, a

burden to draw our people to church, Vicky Jones's sister and family, Jerelene's brother, Edna Bledsoe, Daniel Hurd's children and grandchildren, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother Roy Jones humbly led us to the throne of grace. What a grand reunion day when all the Saints of God come together to be with the Lord forever.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

Brother Dennis Stewart came forward to give the final report of the Religious Exercises Committee.

Stand tonight: Sammy VanHoose, Patrick Pitzer and Joseph Robinette

Stand, Sunday Morning: Daniel Hurd and Terry Sizemore

It was motioned, seconded and voted to print Sister Eileen Brown's contact information in the minutes as she continues sending out revival and special service notices. Please let her know by the 20th of the month for the notice to be included in next month's announcements. Individuals and churches should send a donation to help Sister Eileen with postage and handling. Her contact information is as follows: 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 moved on to that fair city. Please remember their families in your prayers and thank God for their friendship.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Burnice Sybert took the lead in our memorial service. He read Leviticus 17:10-11 and 6:53-54. He used as his thought: "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." The natural blood is required to sustain life in our body. God made everything needed by man, but only He could breathe life into man that he would become a living soul. This breath of life, along with the blood, sustains us. We look back to Adam as he disobeyed the command not to eat of the fruit, and sin entered into the world. God knew man would do this, so He gave a remedy whereby man could be saved. That we must eat the flesh, drink the blood of Christ is a hard saying, because all the blood

shed down through time cannot save anyone. However, the spiritual blood shed on Calvary's tree is special and required if we are to see our Heavenly home. If the Lord is bidding you to come to Him, please step forward and receive Him into your life that you can say the Lord saved me. Remember June and Burnice and their family in your prayers.

Elder Greg Hill took the next part of our memorial service. The clouds opened up and there stood Jesus. No more heartaches and no more tears will we know. Life is in the blood. While doctors can tell many things about us from our blood, we know it is tainted, we know that no good thing dwells in this flesh. The wages of sin is death. Adam sewed together the fig leaves and he knew of his sin, for he tried to hide from God. The voice of God came walking in the cool of the day. Adam then knew that he was still naked in the eyes of God. God knows our sin, but He will not look upon it with the least of allowance. We cannot blame anyone for our sin, but we must look within ourselves, for we will each stand and give an account before God. We cannot keep ourselves, but we must depend on God each and every day. There is a hell to shun and a Heaven to gain.

Elder Terry Sizemore came forward with another wonderful message from God. We all were sinners, but Jesus paid the sin debt for us. It is still the blood that saves from sin and cleanses within to give us the victory. Remember what the Lord said, take eat; drink this in remembrance of Him. He was the supreme sacrifice and nothing less will allow us to enter into the Kingdom of God. In the shedding of Christ's blood, our sins were forgiven. There is a resurrection and through His shedding of blood we will be with God throughout eternity and we can embrace the throne of grace boldly. Thank God for those that came this way before us. Our spiritual heritage is precious to us and precious in God's sight. Look up and know our redemption draweth nigh. Many saints we grew up around showed us Christ and without them in our life, we may not know our precious Redeemer. We must be a strong light for Jesus to those around us. Jesus wants to save you from having to go to that awful place called hell.

Thank God for these men and their willingness to stand firm and preach His word.

We were dismissed in songs of praise led by Sister Peggy Shaw-McBee. As poor wayfaring strangers we are going over Jordon, just over home. Such wonderful praises were made as we were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 7, 2018.

Sunday Morning, October 7, 2018

The Lord blessed us to gather out for our last service of the 166th annual session. Elder Roger VanHoose welcomed everyone and thanked them and God for meeting with us.

Congregational singing opened with "Hide Thou Me," along with "Victory in Jesus," and "The Love of God." Three wonderful hymns sung in honor and glory to our blessed Redeemer. Praise His Holy name for the blessings, not only this week, but prior to it and the future blessings He will bestow on His children.

The young man that was saved Friday night, Brother Ben Stewart, had a desire to join the church at Fairview. Elder Jason Robinette seated the church in order for taking in new members. After Brother Stewart gave his testimony it was moved and seconded to accept him into the body. It was moved and seconded to close the session. While singing "Amazing Grace" Brother Stewart was given the right hand of fellowship and the full right hand to be given pending baptism next Sunday, October, 14th.

The Looking Beyond Singers were requested to sing "He is Here." As the Spirit moved and the power of God fell upon his children, all the ministers were called to the front and Deacon Bobby Graham spoke pleading for someone to come to the altar.

Elder Sammy VanHoose, Elder Joseph Robinette, and Elder David VanHoose extended the invitation while the singers were singing "Had It Not Been" and "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven with You." Elder Roger VanHoose encouraged whoever the Lord was speaking to or calling on to "Just Trust Him" for yourself and not another. The congregation sang "Just As I Am." The church is saying "Come," the Spirit is saying "Come." What can wash away my sin "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." A dear sister came forward asking for special prayer for a need in her life. We were blessed to have Sister Peggy Sizemore sing "Amazing Love."

Elder Daniel Hurd came forth preaching about "The Real Thing" and how we need to be sure that what we have is "The Real Thing."

Elder Terry Sizemore sang "He Got On A Cloud and Went Home." Elder Sizemore then spoke concerning how there has been a presence here this morning, and preaching about when Paul was speaking to King Agrippa and the King replied thou almost persuaded me to be a Christian. The realistic truth of the matter is that without Christ, we are dead. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Satan will

tell us that we're not worthy, but when we surrender unto the Lord he makes us a fit subject. Faith is "simply believing." Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

During fellowship handshake and singing "Are You Washed in the Blood" and "I Want My Friends to Pray for Me," several Brothers and Sisters came to the altar one by one asking for prayer.

The service ended with many testimonies and thanksgiving, and Elder David VanHoose reading Hebrews 6 verse 10: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name and that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

The congregation was dismissed in prayer and lunch was served.

I want to sincerely thank Sister Penny VanHoose for her excellent write-up of Sunday's service. I appreciate her willingness to help me with this. I pray God will continue to bless each and every one of you as time moves forward. What a time we have had in the Lord this week. Bless His Holy name!

CIRCULAR LETTER

Greetings to the saints scattered throughout the bounds of the Eastern District Association, grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places and we have a goodly heritage. Let us be careful to maintain that heritage and not hew out broken cisterns that will not hold water, but let us draw joy from the well of salvation. According to the Scriptures, our forefathers laid up markers along the way and we are to follow after them. Let us not forsake the old paths, but let us stand in the old ways. Let us ask the Elders which is the good way, and when we find them, walk therein. In days gone by, our folks were hoping, praying, and attending our churches, working together for the great cause of Christ. Let us continue to be laborers together and workers one of another that we might see the whole body flourish.

As we look back over the past year, many of us have had to endure a great amount of hardship. Some say there is no hope. However, the Lord knows your uprisings and your down sittings. He knows your grief and joy. He knows your pain and He knows your glory. David came to the battlefield knowing he was going to face the giant. He came humbly, doing that which his Father asked him to do. Because of that, God helped him slay the giant. By maintaining the old paths, it enables us as a people to slay the giants we face in today's world. We must not be discouraged, but have joy for we know the Lord not only knows our every need, but he will supply them as well. Our

forefathers faced many giants throughout the years, but they held unfaltering onto their beliefs and the way that had been laid before them. We too must not stray, but must hold steadfast to those same paths.

The Scriptures teach us that the only way we can worship God is in spirit and truth. We believe in the material right of the church to choose to practice differently. As long as the practices are within our covenant that we have coveted together and all things are done in spirit and truth, we should be able to worship together. We are not to look to things that are seen that will pass away with using, but we are to look unto the things that are not seen that are eternal. Let us make sure that whatever we do, we are honoring the Creator and not the creature. Jesus Christ is the only one worthy of all our honor and praise. Our forefathers called all the ministers of the Gospel, Elders, because the only thing that should be revered is God, not man.

We are firm believers that God is the same yesterday, today and forever and changes not. If God changes not, why would we want to change and stray from the old paths? If we are not careful, wanting to be like everyone else, we will become as Israel. Israel had everything they needed in God, but they wanted to be like everyone else, and wanted a king. So, God gave them a king, and it was to their hurt. We are supposed to be a peculiar people, a royal priesthood. Being peculiar means we are different. We cannot worship God with things made of man, but we must worship by God's Holy Spirit. We cannot make the Spirit do anything, but the Spirit will make us rejoice in God's goodness and greatness. God has provided us everything we need in Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Let us lean not unto our own understanding, but let us look to the hills of the Lord from whence cometh our help.

As an association, we must work together and worship together for the good of all of us. We must pray for each other, support each other, and keep the paths our forefathers laid before us, the paths God has blessed down through the years. Let us always keep God's Holy Spirit and His will in the center of our hearts. May God's richest blessings be yours today and always.

Your Committee,
Elder Oscar Irvin,
Elder Jason Robinette,
Elder Sammy VanHoose

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

It is not often, actually this is only the second time that multiple churches have hosted the association and it is even more special that four of our churches are doing so this year. Clear Springs, Fairview, Macedonia and Rose Chapel have joined together as hosts for this blessed event. It does our hearts good to see our brothers and sisters in Christ step forward to accept such an undertaking. In the world's eyes, this would be an overwhelming chore, but we know that with God's help, everything has gone in order. Not only do we thank God, but we humbly thank everyone who labored to make this possible. Welcome to the 166th gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. What a joy and an honor to be a part of such a peculiar people.

Each time we meet, the host church does everything to make our stay as good as it can possibly be, but this year we have four of our churches to thank for the hospitality and fellowship. Thank God for the friendships made down through the years. 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 we thank God for sending you this way.

Receiving \$5,190 from 29 churches in donations tremendously helped the host churches. Many individuals helped our host churches to get ready for this grand event and they are greatly appreciated. The blessings of the Lord are huge as He fulfills all of His promises toward us. We do not always understand the things of God, but we know He will never leave us, nor forsake us. We pray and sincerely hope that our Lord will bless all those taking part, no matter the job. We pray God will receive all the honor, glory and praise for everything.

Elder Terry Sizemore is a dedicated Christian, preacher and soldier of the Lord and we praise God for him. We humbly ask God to continue blessing him and his family in the future. Thank God for His leadership and guidance in Terry's life, and for his determination throughout the year allowing us to reap the benefits of God's love and blessings for His children.

We know God doesn't change, but we also know He has a way of changing things in our life. This sometimes results in us having to reevaluate or reexamine things to determine better ways to resolve situations. During this reevaluation, we must always make sure He is first and foremost in everything we do. This hurry-up world keeps us too busy at times to truthfully realize all the blessings God bestows upon us. It is when we truly look at God's will in our life that we can comprehend just how great His blessings have been. For it is in the moment we think He has left us or doesn't care about us anymore that we realize just what a magnificent God we serve. Much like the picture of the footprints in the sand, if we look back and see only the one set of footprints, we can know once again that more times than not He carries us, as He does the majority of the time. We have a lively hope in our Savior for we know He will never leave us, nor forsake us, as He is an awesome God. Just to say He is awesome does

not do Him justice, for there are no words to truly describe Him. Praise His Holy name. During this reevaluation, we resolve to do better; may each of us determine in our hearts to praise Him more, to give Him all the honor, and strive to do more for Him that in every way we can 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, 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) 327-8235	Willis Chapel
Gilliam, Frank, (Juanita) 2001 Timbers Edge Ct., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 480-9262	Sloantown
Hager, Carter, 109 Walnut St., New Tazewell, TN 37825, (423) 489-0861	Low View
Hale, Curtis, (Kendra) 1807 Goshen Valley Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 256-9624	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 Wallens 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, Gregg, 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) 552-8785	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
 Sizemore, Terry, (Peggy) 1225 Deneen Lane, Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 581-8496 Swan Creek
 Stapleton, David, (Linda) 612 McLinda Ferry Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 523-4883 Burke' s Union
 Stapleton, Tyler, 612 McLinda Ferry Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 327-0605 Burke' s Union
 Sturgill, Darrel, 750 Sturgill Branch, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 634-7663 Edwin Holbrook Memorial
 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
 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

Church and Clerk	Address	Phone
Blackwater Lick - Anita H. Moore.....	651 Roy Cheek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263,	(276) 346-1392
Blue Springs (Duffield, VA) - Doris Fee	327 Dry Creek Rd., Duffield, VA 24244,	(276) 546-3549
Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA) - Brenda B. Horton	7514 Bristol Hwy., Hiltons, VA 24258,	(276) 386-3535
Burke's Union - Ada McPherson	4650 Dry Creek Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 431-2756
Cadet - Vicky Jones	1716 Dawson Avenue West, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219,	(276) 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 - Teresa Sturgill	9624 Cumberland Rd., Pound, VA 24279,	(276) 796-5234
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,	(703) 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 24244,	(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) 345-6065

Sloantown - Frank Gilliam	2001 Timbers Edge Ct., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 480-9262
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 Wallens 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 Wallens Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263, (276) 346-3024
Willow Chapel - Earika Marshall	2100 Welch Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 288-3675

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago – The 66th annual Eastern District Association began on October 3, 1918 at Beech Grove Church in Scott County, VA. Elder C. M. Fuller preached the introductory sermon, from St. John 14:15-16, “If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father and He will give you another comforter that He may abide with you forever.” Elder F. M. Phipps followed at some length on the same subject. In the necessary absence of Elder J. P. Peters who elected to remain at the bedside of his sick companion, Elder E. A. Robinette was chosen moderator pro-tem. The association was called to order by the moderator pro-tem. Afterwards, the body of 35 churches was organized by electing Elder E. A. Robinette moderator and J. J. Addington, clerk and treasurer and J. W. Hurd, assistant clerk.

75 Years Ago – On September 30, 1943 the 91st annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists met with Big Cut Church, Gate City, Scott County, VA. Elder F. M. Phipps was to preach the introductory sermon, but was unable to be present so the alternate, Elder L. R. Hensley delivered the introductory sermon. A scripture lesson was read by Elder H. S. Busic from St. Matthew, 16: 6 - through end of the chapter. Elder Hensley based his sermon on the 18th verse: “And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” He was followed by Elder Dana Crawford. Elder T. R. Carter was elected moderator and Amos Osborne being elected clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Beginning on October 3, 1968, Cadet Church in Big Stone Gap, Wise County, VA hosted the 116th annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Freeman Thacker who read Isaiah 5:1-7, using a portion of the 4th verse for his text, “What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?” Elder C. J. Baker, the alternate, came forward using the same text. Elder J. H. Sybert, moderator and Ellis I. Wallen, clerk and treasurer were chosen by acclamation to serve for the ensuing year.

25 Years Ago – On September 30, 1993, West View Church, Kingsport, Sullivan County, TN hosted the 141st annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Elder John Henry Sybert preached the introductory sermon reading Ezekiel 22:30, Jeremiah 30:22 and Hebrews 9: 19-28, using Ezekiel 22:30 as his text, “And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” He was followed by Elder Hobart Hall. 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: Anita Moore, Becky Lawson, Daniel Hurd and Gerald Moore; alternate: Melanie Deckard. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, First Saturday night in May (6:00 p.m.) and the following Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Elders Porter Carroll and Mike Fullington asked to attend. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, VA. Delegates: None. Received by Letter, 2; total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT & 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Gary Hall and Chris Salley. Total number on roll, 31; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday in May. Chris Salley, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Delmer McPherson, Joe Robinette, Ada McPherson and Emma Jean Robinette; alternate: Tyler Stapleton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 109; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in July. David Stapleton, moderator.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Roy Jones, Vicky Jones, Lois Collier and Lillie Akens. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 31; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. Greg Hill, moderator.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Eddie Malone, Wanda Malone, Jimmy Bledsoe and Shelia Bledsoe; alternates: Lloyd Morelock and Mary Morelock. Received by experience and baptism, 3; total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday (9:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (9:30 a.m.). Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, VA. Delegates: Chris Gibson and Kevin Cross. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Lewis Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Dennis Stewart, Myra Andrews, Kim Warner and Susie Yount; alternate: Roger VanHoose. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 135; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd 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: Roger Manring and Steve Minton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 70; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. Harmon Willis asked to attend. Harmon Willis, moderator.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Phyllis Hurd, Butch Woodward, Janie Woodward and Bobby Terry. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Tyler Stapleton, moderator pro-tem.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, KY. Delegates: Henrietta Adams, Casey Breeding, Darrel Sturgill and Roger Sturgill; alternate: Teresa Sturgill. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in April. John Banks and Darrel Sturgill, moderators.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Jennifer Robinette, Josh Harkleroad, Erin Harkleroad and Richard Workman; alternate: Savanna Harkleroad. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 2, deceased, 3; total number on roll, 167; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in May. Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Doug Willis and Helen Willis. Deceased 1; total number on roll, 72; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Doug Willis, moderator pro-tem.

GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: Bristol, VA. Delegates: Hiram Gardner, Gail Gardner, Gary Baker and Cathy Baker. Total number on roll, 103; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

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

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, TN. Delegates: Anita Brown and Don Brown. Total number on roll, 59; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Sunday morning (after 11:00 a.m. service) following the 1st Saturday (except in September when it follows the 4th Saturday) and every Sunday morning. Evening worship only on the third Sunday (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service and Homecoming, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. Jim Emery, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Verna Rayburn, Linda Lucas, Candra Leach and Beth Callihan; alternates: Carol Caudill and Kevin Rayburn. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 66; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday night. John Banks, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Linda Charles and Kenneth Charles. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 183; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 19, 2019 (10:30 a.m.). John Charles, moderator pro-tem.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegate: Carter Hager. Dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 33; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Carter Hager, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Kenny Taylor, Clem Simmons, Alex Bartlett and Marvin Moeller; alternate, Pam VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 5; received by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 152; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday (10:00 a.m.) in April. David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Ralph Lawson and Sherl Lawson. Total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.), 1st Sunday of May. Steve Burns, moderator pro-tem.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Stickleyville, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 16; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and following Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). (There will be no Sunday night meeting in August). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. John Banks, moderator.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Peggy Harold and Juanita Williams. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 79; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Frank Gilliam, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: Faye Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Phyllis Lampkin and Wiley Lampkin; alternates: Faith Morphew and Gregg Johnson. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Jerry Johnson, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Denver Osborne, Keith Holt, Carla Osborne and Courtney Osborne; alternate: Mona Holt. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 103; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Keith Holt, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Wanda Crawford, Delores Hunt, Steve Hunt and Priscilla Irvin; alternate: Oscar Irvin. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 81; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1st Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Louisa, KY. Delegates: Tommy Meade and Dorlane Meade. Received by experience and baptism, 7; received by letter, 8; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 199; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday night before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Greg Hill, Kathy Lawson, Jerelene Persinger and Kim Robinette; alternates: Aubra Hill and Debbie Jeffers. Received by experience and baptism, 3; total number on roll, 42; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Anita Newkirk, Sue Turner and Mark Newkirk and Clynthian Turner; alternate, Justin Pardue. Received by experience

and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 2; total number on roll, 111; contribution, \$275.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday and 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 3rd Saturday in October. Samuel VanHoose, moderator.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, TN. Delegates: None. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday night, 2nd and 3rd Saturday night. Wally Berry, moderator.

SLOANTOWN: Duffield, VA. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, Sunday (6:00 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday. James E. Bowlin, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Doyle Odell, Clarence Dodson and Larry Dean. Received by experience and baptism, 3; total number on roll, 297; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, VA. Delegates: Ronnie Leonard, Anna Duncan, Curtis Pennington and Sandra Leonard; alternates: David Parsons and Carolyn Pennington. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Wally Berry, moderator.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Curtis Hale, Eddy Williams, Donna Williams and Jeffrey Williams. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in May (10:30 a.m.). Curtis Hale, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Robert Brown, Leah Moody, Charles Bernard and Annie Jessee; alternates: Burnice Sybert and Jane Donihe. Total number on roll, 55; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April (10:30 a.m.). Burnice Sybert asked to preach the memorial service. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, TN. Delegates: None. Excluded, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd 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, 2; excluded, 3; total number on roll, 87; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.), 3rd Wednesday night (6:30 p.m.) business, other Wednesday nights (6:30 p.m.) Bible study. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd 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, 33; received by letter, 13; received by relationship, 6; received or restored by recantation, 0; dismissed by letter, 5; excluded, 8; deceased, 40; total number on roll, 2,940.

There are 29 ministers serving as pastors - 24 are serving 1 church, 4 are serving 2 churches, and 1 is serving 3 churches. There are 5 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 21 ministers and 1 visiting minister who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2019

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

- APRIL -

1 - ROSE CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton and Scott Tipton.

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

3 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Frank Gilliam, Curtis Hale, 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 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton and Harmon Willis.

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

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

- MAY -

1 - SWAN CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st 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, 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 1st 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, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

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

4 - OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Roger VanHoose, Sammy VanHoose and Harmon Willis.

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

- JUNE -

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

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

3 -NEW LIFE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Eddie Malone, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton and Burnice Sybert.

4 -CANEY CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Carter Hager, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Jerry Johnson, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and Scott Tipton.

5 -BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, VA.): To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd 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, Burnice Sybert and all other ministers are welcome.

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

7 -BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA): To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Wally Berry, 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 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton and Scott Tipton.

2 -SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: All ministers are welcome.

3 -BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Carter Hager,

Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

- AUGUST -

1 -WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

2 -BLACKWATER LICK: To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday (10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.); Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

3 -POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Curtis Hale, Greg Hill, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Roger VanHoose.

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

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

6 -MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Charles Bernard, Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Roger Manring, Chris Salley and Harmon Willis.

7 -IRONDALE: To begin on the 3rd 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 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Mike Fullington, Carter Hagar, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

9 - MACEDONIA: To begin on Friday night before the 4th 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 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Kevin Cross, Daniel Hurd, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

2 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Wally Berry, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Harmon Willis and all other ministers welcome.

3 - LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis.

4 - KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Homecoming at 10:30 a.m. following the Union Meeting. No Sunday school or evening worship. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Mike Fullington, Carter Hager, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton and Harmon Willis.

5 - CHESTNUT FLATS: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Charles Bernard, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

6 - WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m. nightly). 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 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

*****NOTE: The 2019 association will meet on the grounds at Blackwater Lick Schoolhouse.***

DIRECTIONS TO BLACKWATER LICK CHURCH

1440 A J Osborne Highway
Blackwater, VA 24221

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

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

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

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

CADET

1117 Main Avenue West
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Visitors traveling from Tennessee and Virginia (Kingsport, Tennessee - Duffield, Virginia areas) take US 23 North to the first Big Stone Gap, Virginia exit. Turn left onto US 23 North Business Road and proceed approximately 1.4 miles to the fifth traffic light. Turn left onto West Alternate US 58 and proceed approximately 1.4 miles. Turn right and cross the Cadet Bridge onto Short Street. The church is 0.2 of a mile from the bridge and within visual sight.

Visitors traveling from Eastern Kentucky and Virginia (Whitesburg - Ermine, Kentucky and Norton - Wise, Virginia areas) take US 23 South to the second Big Stone Gap, Virginia exit. Turn left onto US 23 North Business Road and proceed approximately 1.4 miles to the fifth traffic light. Turn left onto West Alternate US 58 and proceed approximately 1.4 miles. Turn right and cross the Cadet Bridge onto Short Street. The church is 0.2 of a mile from the bridge and within visual sight.

Visitors traveling from Ohio (Spring Valley – Bellbrook areas), take US 75 South to Corbin, Kentucky. Turn onto US 25 East to Cumberland Gap. From Cumberland Gap, Virginia, take Highway 58 East to the WELCOME TO WISE COUNTY sign. Proceed toward Big Stone Gap approximately 2.3 miles and turn left, crossing the Cadet Bridge onto Short Street. The church is 0.2 of a mile from the bridge and within visual sight.

DAVIS CHAPEL

127 Elkins Drive
Jonesville, VA 24263

From Jonesville, VA, take state Route 70 South approximately 3.5 miles. Turn left on 617 (Roller's Chapel Road) and proceed 1.9 miles, to intersection of 617 (Roller's Chapel Road) and 612 (Middle Wallen's Creek Road). Remain on 612 Middle Wallen's Creek Road) for 2 more miles to Davis Chapel Church on left.

From Duffield, VA, take Route 58 (Wilderness Road West) 6.2 miles to Stickleyville. Turn left on 612 (Middle Wallen's Creek Road) and proceed for 7.5 miles to Davis Chapel Church on right.

From Blackwater, VA, take state Route 70 North toward Jonesville. After crossing Powell Mountain, turn right on 612 (Middle Wallen's Creek Road). Proceed 3.8 miles to Davis Chapel Church on left.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL

220 Canton Road
Duffield, VA 24244

From Kingsport, TN go North on Highway 23 to Duffield, VA, then turn left on Highway 58 and go 0.8 of a mile, turn left on Highway 604, then go 3.8 miles and bear left on Highway 603, then go 0.2 of a mile and the church is on the right.

From Jenkins, KY go South on Highway 23 to Duffield, VA, then turn right on Highway 58 and go 0.8 of a mile, then turn left on Highway 604, go 3.8 miles and bear left on Highway 603, then go 0.2 of a mile and the church is on the right.

From Ohio, take Interstate 75 South to Highway 25E to Middlesboro, KY, and take Highway 58 to Duffield, VA, then turn right on Highway 604 and go 3.8 miles, then bear left on Highway 603, and go 0.2 of a mile and the church is on the right.

WALLEN'S CREEK

3111 Middle Wallen's Creek Road
Duffield, VA 24244

Coming from Kingsport, TN, take US 23 North to Duffield, VA. Turn left onto US 58 and 421. Proceed approximately 6.5 miles to Stickleyville. Turn left on Road 612 and proceed approximately 3 miles to the church.

Coming from Kentucky and Big Stone Gap, take US 23 South to Duffield. Turn right onto US 58 and 421, follow directions above.

Coming from Jonesville, VA, take US 58 East approximately 13.5 miles to Stickleyville. Turn right on Road 612, proceed 3 miles to the church.

Coming from Pennington Gap, take US 421 North, proceed 10.2 miles to Stickleyville. Turn right on Road 612, proceed 3 miles to the church.

Coming from Rogersville, TN, take US 70 North to Hunters Gap, VA. Turn right on 612, proceed 8.6 miles to the church.

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Guidelines for Obituaries Printed in Association Minutes

Everyone should adhere to the guidelines that have been used over the years for entering an obituary into the association minutes. Obituaries should be approved through the church before sending them to the clerk of the association. If at all possible, please send the obituary to the clerk before August 1st or as soon as possible.

The Obituary Committee reported that while reviewing the obituaries, many appeared to be very long. In trying to help conserve space in our minutes, the committee recommended that we limit each obituary to 10 to 14 typed lines. After some discussion, it was motioned, seconded and voted that every obituary be presented to and reviewed by their respective church. At this time, the church would send them on to the association clerk throughout the year until the final deadline, which is when the church approves their church letter. Each church should follow the guidelines noted above when reviewing the obituaries. It is still requested that these be sent to the association clerk as soon as possible to help in the preparation of the minutes. As recommended in years past, it is a good idea that while you are preparing your thank you notes, that you prepare the obituary and send or give it to your church clerk for review by your church. Please don't hesitate to check with the association clerk to make sure it has been received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

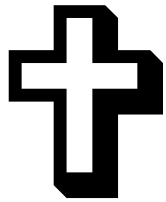
Balance from 2017	\$ 9,494.36
Receipts from sale of Ayers Chapel Property	23,271.00
Receipts from 2018	4,505.00
Sale of association chairs (253 sold as of 11/20/18)	1,265.00
Special offering	960.00
Interest (October 2017 thru September 2018)	21.31
TOTAL	\$ 39,516.67

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 75.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	1,092.00
Insurance Ayers Chapel Church Property	1,196.32
Charter registration fee	20.47
Postage	41.06
Clerical Supplies	101.05
Gift to Roy Jones (For care of Ayers Chapel Church Property)	1,000.00
Gift to Moderator	1,000.00
Gift to Clerk	2,000.00
Printing and packaging 1,200 copies of 2018 minutes	2,995.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 9,520.90
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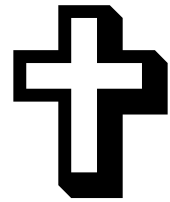
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 29,995.77
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MEMORIAM

“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.

*BANKS, Elder Charles Ray
BLEDSOE, James “Jay” B.
BOWEN, Kimberly Ann
BROWN, Virginia Gibson
FISHER, Mary Addie
LAMBERT, Danny Charles
MARCUM, Carl David
MILLER, Jamie Nicole Charles
ROBINETTE, Lester Elmer
RUTHERFORD, Joyce Spears
*STAPLETON, Elder Johnny Ray
STURGILL, Danny G.
WALLEN, Michael “Peanut”
WELLS, RoseLee Vada
WORLEY, James Myrt

BARKER, Jill Barnett
BLEDSOE, Thelma Louise
BROWN, Maurine Ward
FIELDS, Maudie Lambert
KAIL, June L.
LIVESAY, Oney Blonde
MEADE, Richard Leon
ROBERTS, Darrell Clay
ROLLER, Mary Ruth Wallen
*SEIBER, Elder Richard Lee
STEWART, Carolyn Marie
TATE, Thelma Head
WEBB, Beulah Mae
WITT, Jeffery Craig

*Ministers

ELDER CHARLES RAY BANKS, 84, of Van Lear, KY, passed away Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

He was a member and assistant pastor at Richardson Chapel Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Banks; 1 son, Fred Banks; 3 daughters, Sandra Murphy, Velma Banks and Tina McKenzie; 2 brothers, Lloyd Banks and Bobby Banks; 1 sister, Nila Collins; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

- Written by his family

JILL BARNETT BARKER, age 58, formerly of Bellbrook, passed away at her home in Miamisburg on Sunday, January 21, 2018. She was born April 30, 1959 to Kate Marcum and Charles Raymond Barnett.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Kate Barnett; 1 brother Thomas; her ex-husband, Randy Barker; and their son, Nathaniel.

Jill is survived by 5 siblings, Doris Critz, Charles, Janice Meredith, Susan Murphy and George; multiple nieces, nephews and cousins.

Her love of family and her keen sense of humor will be missed by all who knew her.

- Written by her family

JAMES "JAY" B. BLEDSOE, age 82 of Pennington Gap, VA went home to be with the Lord July 22, 2018 at his home.

He spent most of his life in Lee County and was a member of Low View Church where he attended faithfully until he became unable to go.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Pearl Bledsoe; 1 son, James M. Bledsoe; 3 brothers, Jack, Cecil and Earnest Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Colone Byington and Texil Baldwin.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Bledsoe; 1 son, Calvin and adopted son, Austin Bledsoe; 2 brothers, Roy and Floyd Bledsoe and 1 sister, Brenda Lister.

Jay never complained about his pain, although we knew he was in a lot. He is sadly missed by his family and church family, but we know we will meet him again where there is no more pain nor goodbyes.

- Written by his wife, Barbara Bledsoe

THELMA "LOUISE" BLEDSOE, age 83 of Woodway, Virginia, was born in Keokee, Virginia, on Thursday, November 1, 1934, and passed away on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at Bristol Regional Medical Center in Bristol, Tennessee. Louise was a homemaker who loved working in her flower gardens and was a member of Valley View Church in Dryden, Virginia.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Ray "Buster" Bledsoe; her parents, Henry and Dora Mae Vanover Herron; 2 sisters, Elsie Gibson and Rosa Gibson; and 2 brothers, Dallas James and Joseph Gibson.

Thelma is survived by one son, Jesse Lee Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Nervie Lee and Lois Collins. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Louise attended church as long as she was physically able, and her desire was to attend long after it was not possible. If members of churches in the association wanted to be in church as Louise did, all of the churches would have fewer empty pews.

- Written by her family

KIMBERLY ANN BOWEN was born February 18, 1973 and departed this earth for a better home on November 12, 2017.

She joined Osborne Chapel Church where she attended until her health prevented it.

She left to mourn her passing her mother, husband and son, who was her pride and joy, and a host of other family members and her church family. She told us all she would wait for us on the other side.

- Written by her church family, who loved her dearly

MAURINE WARD BROWN, 98, of the Dryden Community, passed away on December 5, 2017 at Lee Health & Rehab Center in Pennington Gap, Virginia. She was born on September 18, 1919, to Charles Sherman Ward and Buna Miller Ward of the Seminary Community. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Clyde Brown; 3 brothers, Buster Ward, Olen Ward, and William Bascomb (Buddy) Ward and 3 sisters, Ellena Ward, Crystelle Willis, and Emily Jo Norton.

Maurine was a member of Valley View Church of Dryden, Virginia.

Maurine is survived by 3 sons, Gary B. Brown, Jerry Brown and Larry Brown; 1 daughter, Carolyn Randolph; 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

- Written by her family

VIRGINIA GIBSON BROWN passed away January 20, 2018 at the age of 98. She was the daughter of Joseph "Hop" Gibson and Minerva Adams Gibson.

Virginia was a member of Little Cowan Church for 77 years. She taught Sunday School and Bible School and influenced many lives with her kindness and dedication to serving the Lord. She loved to cook and entertain her friends and family in her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Myrel Brown; 1 son, Stephen; her parents; 2 brothers and 8 sisters.

She is survived by 2 sons, Joe and Randy Brown; 9 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

- Written by her family

MAUDIE LAMBERT FIELDS was born on September 10, 1936 and joined our Heavenly Father on August 27, 2018.

Maudie was of the Protestant faith, accepting Jesus Christ as her Savior and being baptized at Livingston's Chapel Church which later became Wallen's Creek Church. After her marriage to Norman Fields, they attended Mt. Washington Covenant Church.

Due to Norman's employment and transfers she also attended Wesleyan Church at 16th and Grove, Lafayette, IN and Front Street Baptist Church in Statesville, NC.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Ruby Lockhart Lambert and Henry Lambert; 1 brother: Carson Lambert; and 1 sister, Carnell Lambert Bledsoe Hoskins.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Norman H. Fields; 2 sons: Harold Fields and Gregory Fields; 1 grandson; 5 sisters, Opal Muncy, Thelma Welch, Doris Burke, Maggie Lawson and Mary Woodard; 4 brothers, Billy J. Lambert, Roy Lambert, Carl Lambert and Harold Dean Lambert; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Maudie was loved by all who knew her. She loved flowers, cooking shows, bird watching, and most of all her family.

- Written by her family

MARY ADDIE FISHER, age 82 of Blackwater, VA went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Lee Health and Rehab Center after a brief illness.

She was born in Blackwater, VA on June 4, 1935. She was a member of Osborne Chapel Church and a former member of Blackwater Volunteer Fire Department.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Fisher; her parents, Nathan and Rettie Collingsworth; 3 sisters and 9 brothers.

She is survived by 3 sisters, Alice Shupe, Cleo Smith and Gladys Whittle and several nieces and nephews.

She has gone to her heavenly home where she will have no more pain and we will meet her again.

- Written by her family

JUNE L. KAIL, age 88 of Dayton passed away Sunday, June 3, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Lacy Maynard and Warren Kail; her parents, Samuel and Bertha Livingston, and 1 son, Gregory Maynard.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Penny Profitt and Lisa Maynard Brown; step children, Lavita Bosma and Michael Kail; 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She was a member of Fairview Church in Bellbrook until the time of her death.

- Written by her family

DANNY CHARLES LAMBERT, 62, of Big Stone Gap, passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was a loving husband, father and papaw. He was a member of Cadet Church and a U.S. Army Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Lambert and Oma Trent; stepfather, Elder Landon Trent; 2 brothers, Tony Lambert and Oliver Lambert; and 2 sisters, Margaret Smith and Mary Ann Spears.

Danny is survived by his wife, Deborah Lambert; 5 sons, Jonathan Lambert, Brandon Thacker, Steve Thacker, Cameron Wells, and Bradley Dickenson; 1 daughter, Tana Collier; several grandchildren and a great grandson; 1 sister, Laura Burton; 1

stepsister, Lois Collier; 4 brothers, Rick Trent, Lanny Trent, David Trent and Tim Trent.

- Written by his family

ONEY BLONDE LIVESAY went to be with Jesus on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the age of 88, at Takoma Regional Hospital. She was born April 15, 1929 in Kyles Ford, TN.

She was the youngest of 12 children of Jimmy and Doshie Wallen.

Mrs. Livesay was a member of Willis Chapel Church and attended Hope Community Church until unable to attend. She was a faithful listener of TV evangelist, Dr. Charles Stanley and John Hagee. A homemaker, retired farmer, and an excellent cook, she enjoyed gardening, canning, freezing, sewing, quilting and crocheting.

Mrs. Livesay was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Arnold Albert Livesay; infant son, James Edward Livesay; 4 sisters, Stella Wallen, Cleo Bevins, Bessie Hall and Ruby Eldridge and 7 brothers, Worley, J.D., Earnest, Elmer, John, Harley and Doyle Wallen.

Survivors include 1 son, Waymon Livesay; 1 daughter, Edith Gulley; special nephew and special nieces.

- Written by her family

CARL DAVID MARCUM, 62, suddenly entered eternity April 8, 2018. He was saved October 31, 1972, baptized and joined Davis Chapel Church where he remained a member until his death. He attended Big Hurricane Missionary Baptist Church while living in West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Fern Marcum.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marsha Marcum; 1 daughter, Bethany Marcum; 1 son, Ben Marcum and his cherished granddaughters; 2 brothers, Bill and Pete; 2 sisters, Phyllis and Rita, as well as a host of loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Carl was a talented musician, singer/songwriter and wood worker. He freely shared his God-given talents with all who would receive. His life was a living testimony to his Savior – Jesus Christ. We should all strive to follow his example.

Sleep on, Big Brother, until we all meet again some sweet day.

- Written by his family

RICHARD LEON MEADE, 65, of Louisa, KY passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 20, 1953 in Paintsville, KY to the late William and George-Anna Meade.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 brothers, George, R.D. and Johnny Meade; 4 sisters, Elizabeth Meade, Becky Murray, Sarah Williamson and Linda Wiley.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie Meade; 2 daughters, Nora and Katherine; 3 brothers, Tommy, Jimmy and Willie Meade; 1 sister, Bobbie VanHoose; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

- Written by his family

JAMIE NICOLE CHARLES MILLER, age 33, won her battle with cancer on August 20, 2018 by entering into Heaven pain free.

Jamie received the Lord as her Savior at UT Medical Center ER on July 16, 2018 after God showing her that she had not been saved at a young age as she had previously thought. Jamie attended Long Hollow Church when she was younger.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jamie Lee Miller; 1 son, Andy Lee Miller; parents, Woodroe and Margie Charles; 1 sister, Jennifer Loggans; several nieces and nephews; her mamaw and several aunts and uncles.

Jamie was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to many. We look forward to seeing her again on Heaven's bright shore.

- Written by her family

DARRELL CLAY ROBERTS, of Conway, SC, formerly of Cowan, passed away August 17, 2018 at the Conway Medical Center.

Darrell was the son of the late James and Dora Roberts.

He was born July 2, 1958 being 60 years, 1 month and 15 days at the time of his passing.

Darrell was a member of Little Cowan Church and he is survived by his wife, Angie; 1 daughter, Patricia Deatherage; 3 brothers; 2 grandchildren; 3 stepbrothers; 3 stepsisters, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

- Written by his family

LESTER ELMER ROBINETTE, age 79, of Xenia, passed away Friday, May 11, 2018.

Lester was born October 9, 1938 to Ardena (Stewart) and Daniel Robinette. He was a retired truck driver for General Motors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Edith; sisters, Imogene McPherson and Mary Ruth Osborne; brothers, Roy and Marson Robinette.

Lester is survived by his daughters, Ardena Macy and Tina Robinette; 1 son, Michael Cyphers; 1 brother, Joe Robinette; 3 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Lester loved to go camping in places like St. Mary's, Virginia Beach, and Disney. He also loved tinkering around the garage working on cars, lawnmowers and other small engines. Lester will also be remembered for his love of Bluegrass music.

- Written by his family

MARY RUTH (WALLEN) ROLLER, born in 1930 in Lee County, VA to the late Null and Pearl Johnson Wallen, went home to heaven on March 11, 2018 at age 87. She had lived in Indianapolis since 1951 and retired after being manager at Roselyn Bakery #3 on the city's south side for more than 25 years.

Mary Ruth professed her faith in Christ when she was 14 years old and was among the 14 people baptized at the June Meeting of Willis Chapel Church in 1945. Mary Ruth remained a member of Willis Chapel throughout her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Calloway Patton Roller, who passed away on July 2, 2001; siblings Jack Wallen, Ova Wallen, Venus Lawson, Ann Manis Addington, Charles Howard, Guy, Bonnie Hurd, and Mitchell.

Mary Ruth is survived by 2 sons, Kerry L. Roller and Tim Roller; 8 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Wanda Osborne; and many nieces and nephews. Joy she brought, joy she has found.

- Written by her family

JOYCE SPEARS RUTHERFORD of Big Stone Gap, Virginia passed away Friday, February 2, 2018 at Holston Valley Medical Center. Joyce was a member of Cadet Primitive Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time with others at Mountain Empire Older Citizens.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Rutherford; parents Axley and Frances Herron Spears; 1 brother, Axley Spears, Jr. and several nieces and nephews.

Survivors include 1 son, Lawrence Still; 1 daughter, Lynn Still and stepchildren, Linda Ketron, Angela Fleenor, Laura Fultz, Karen Bowser and Charles Rutherford, Jr.; brothers and sisters, Robert Spears, Bill Spears, Larry Spears, Brenda Baker, Judy Cole, Phyllis Hobbs and Debby Ramey. She is also survived by several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many family members and friends.

Joyce joined Cadet Church in September, 2014. In her few years with us at Cadet, we grew close to her and loved her very much. She was a kind and giving person. Each Christmas she would give the church family a handmade ornament or craft. Joyce was more than a Sister in Christ, she was our Sister. We will all miss her loving smile.

- Written by her family

ELDER RICHARD LEE SEIBER, born November 3, 1935 went home to be with his Lord on May 3, 2018 at the age of 82.

Richard was the son of the late William Hudson and Maratha Seiber.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Vivian Miles Seiber; 1 sister, Doris Sexton; 2 brothers, Benny Seiber and Elder Oatis Seiber.

He leaves to mourn his passing 1 son, William Lawrence Seiber and a host of friends and church family.

Richard was a member of Wallen's Creek Church and our beloved pastor for 45 years. He was also the pastor of Davis Chapel and Mountain View for a number of years. He is a great loss to us, but a joy for him, so sleep on Richard and rest.

- Written by the church clerk, Frances Tomlinson

ELDER JOHNNY RAY STAPLETON, 60, of Louisa, KY went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.

Johnny was born October 3, 1957 at Louisa, KY to the late Clarence and Nora Stapleton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Teresa.

Johnny was a retired coal miner and assistant pastor at Richardson Chapel Church.

Survivors include his loving wife, Joyce; 2 daughters, Stephanie Wheeler and Teresa Mae Brooks; 2 sons, Johnny Ray Stapleton, Jr. and Clyde Stapleton; 3 brothers, Clarence, Terry and William Stapleton; 6 sisters Bonnie Meade, Alice Stapleton, Mary Howell, Julie Gilmore Stapleton, Brenda Seidlertz and Nora Dove; 8 grandchildren and 2 step grandchildren.

- Written by his family

CAROLYN MARIE STEWART was born June 30, 1963, in Kingsport, Tenn. She died Sunday, April 9, 2017 in Stroud at the age of 53 years.

She is survived by her parents: James Edward and Edith Irene (Hill) Darnell; 3 daughters, Jessica Barrett, Jerri Stewart and Julia Johnston; 1 son, Jesse Stewart; 8 grandchildren; 4 brothers, Wayne Darnell, Dobie Darnell, Mark Darnell and Timmy Darnell; and other relatives and friends.

- Written by her family

DANNY G STURGILL went to be with the Lord on March 30, 2018, at the age of 75.

The son of Baxter and Mary Sturgill, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Vietnam War. He was a retired miner and also a member of the UMW. Dan enjoyed deer hunting, camping, fishing and most of all spending time with his grandchildren. He never met a stranger and he will certainly be missed by those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters, Jackie and Norma.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Eula Sturgill; 1 son, Danny; 1 daughter, Missy; 4 grandchildren; 4 brothers, Carson, Ed, Jim and Teddy; 2 sisters, Nadine and Polly.

Dan was a faithful member of Copper Creek Church as long as health permitted. He had a special love for children, and all children were drawn to him for his loving attention and treats he always carried for them. He was a very special person and friend to all, always helping wherever he could.

We know he rests with Jesus, his Savior, and awaits his brothers and sisters on the shores of heaven. Until then, Dan, we will hold you in sweet memories.

- Written by his family

THELMA HEAD TATE was born August 27, 1936 and went home to be with the Lord on August 8, 2018 at the age of 81.

She was saved at an early age and joined Shelby Creek Church where she remained faithful member. She served as clerk and treasurer for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ballard and Marcia Head; brothers, Cecil, R.L., Ray, Elder Eckel and Elder Harold Head and 1 sister Dorothy Presley.

She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Don "Tater" Tate; 1 daughter, Tammy Fannon; 2 grandchildren; 1 brother, Elmer "Bob" Head, along with special sister-in-law, brother-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

She was a loving wife, mother, Nana, sis and special friend to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. We'll see you soon.

- Written by her family

MICHAEL "PEANUT" WALLEN was born January 30, 1964 and passed away April 16, 2018 at the age of 54.

Peanut was a member of Poplar Grove Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Wallen; father, Calvin Wallen; 2 daughters, Jennifer Wallen and Ashley Wallen and 1 son, Anthony Wallen.

Peanut had health problems for a number of years, but always had a testimony for what God had done for him. His witness was encouraging to all who knew him. He has received the ultimate healing and we know we will see him again.

- Written by his church family

BEULAH MAE WEBB, 87, of Jenkins, went to sleep in the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. She was a devoted member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church. Beulah and the Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church Singers sang in many churches and funerals throughout the years.

Beulah was the daughter of the late Boyd and Ellen Holbrook Church. She was the widow of Denver Webb.

Beulah was preceded in death by 1 daughter, Serita Flynn; 3 brothers, Carl, George and Cletis Church; 1 sister, Arbutis "Boots" Antonikowski.

Surviving are: 4 sons, Allen, David, Neal and Chris Webb; 1 daughter, Jennell Johnson; 1 brother, Jerry Church; 2 sisters, Eulas Guy and Sally Kincer; 22 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Beulah will truly be missed by her Church, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

- Written by church members

ROSELEE VADA WELLS, age 90, was born on January 18, 1928 in Stonega, VA and passed away July 15, 2018 at Lee Health and Rehab Center with her family by her side.

She was a lifelong resident of Blackwater, VA where she was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church. She dedicated her life to helping others in her profession as a Certified Nurse Aide. She came home on her 80th birthday and told her family that she "thought it was time to retire!"

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kermit Wells; her parents, Richard H. Evans and Sarah V. Owens Evans; 3 brothers, Cecil Evans, Fred Evans & Paul Evans; 5 sisters, Ethel Owens, Lillian Pridemore, Alice Jessee, Lona Johnson and Cleo Evans; and 1 granddaughter.

RoseLee is survived by her 2 sons, James Richard Evans and Roger Evans; 1 brother, Don Evans and 1 sister, Julie Pierce; 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

- Written by her family

JEFFREY CRAIG WITT was born August 28, 1961, in Harlan, Kentucky, and died peacefully November 29, 2017 at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC, surrounded by his family after fighting for 6 weeks in ICU following a double lung transplant. Knowing the difficult path of the transplant, Jeff's Christian attitude was, "I'm a winner either way...if I go or if I stay."

Jeff was a member of Valley View Church where he served as Deacon. He was the first person to receive salvation in the new building after being relocated due to a four-lane highway being built.

Jeff served in the Army Reserves for 12 years and was a miner operator for 18 and a half years, working for various coal companies throughout Kentucky and Southwest Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his son, Eric Cooper Witt; his father, J.C. Witt; 1 sister, Janice Witt Irvin; and maternal grandparents.

Jeffrey leaves behind his loving wife of 37 years, Mary Middleton Witt; 1 daughter, Megatha Witt Gates; 5 grandchildren; his mother, Geneva Witt; 1 sister, Jennifer Witt Garlic and a host of other family and friends.

- Written by his family

JAMES MYRT WORLEY, 90, of Bristol, Scott County, VA passed away on June 5, 2018. He was born on October 14, 1927 in Scott County, a son of the late Jonathan and Kennedy Torbett Worley.

He served in WWII U.S. as a control tower operator and flew twin-engine airplanes for the Army Air Corps.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Myra Avaneil Sourbeer Worley; and his second wife, Genevieve Fugate Smith Worley.

He is survived by 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 grandson and 1 brother.

Myrt loved the Lord and was a faithful deacon to two Primitive Baptist Churches and special friend to all who met him. He is greatly missed.

- Written by the church clerk, Cathy Baker

HISTORICAL DATA

Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists organized 1835

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

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

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

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

1994	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J. H. Sybert & Basil Freeman, Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin
1999	Roller's Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2000	Butcher's Valley	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Henry Wheeler
2001	Clear Springs	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger VanHoose
2002	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	David Smith
2003	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2004	Beech Grove	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Phil Crittenden
2005	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
2006	Flower Gap	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2007	Pilgrim's Rest	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Virgil Lipe
2008	Little Cowan	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Banks
2009	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette
2010	Richardson Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2011	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Fred Gilreath
2012	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Burnice Sybert
2013	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Daniel Hurd
2014	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Daniel Smith
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
2018	Clear Springs, Fairview, Macedonia & Rose Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette



