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

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**Thursday Morning, October 3, 2019**

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 167<sup>th</sup> annual session hosted by “Southwest Virginia Bible Study” Churches of Blackwater Lick, Cadet, Davis Chapel, Roller’s Chapel and Wallen’s Creek Churches held at the Blackwater Schoolhouse.

### **ROLLER’S CHAPEL**

Roller’s Chapel Church had its beginning in the year of 1947. There was a man in the community by the name of Charles Roller who felt like he was being called into the ministry. He failed though to answer that call. His little girl got sick and later died. One day, he went out to his barn and fell on his knees and cried out to God. He told the Lord that he would do what He wanted him to do. He raised from his knees and preached all the way from the barn to his house. He told his neighbors that he was called to preach and he was going to start services that very night in his barn. Charles cleaned the barn out and started having services. Word got out among the community, and the crowd soon grew. Brother Roller felt like there was a need for a Primitive Baptist Church in the community. The closest churches were Burkes Union and Peterson Chapel. This was a time when people walked to church, and this created a hardship. He started contacting people in the community and soon found out there was a willingness to help in building a church. J.A. Percy, father-in-law of Charles, gave the land for the church to be built. Charles owned a saw mill, and he started to saw the church pattern. Men in the community came together and gave of their time and effort to help build this new church. His wife Pearly Mae and other good women also helped in every way possible. Elder Roller’s dream became a reality in April of 1948 when the church was organized and lettered into the Association that same year.

In the early 1990’s, several changes were made to the church building. These changes included inside bathrooms and Sunday school rooms among other things. These changes and improvements helped make it more comfortable for the people. Several years down the road, we had started noticing changes in the building. The church walls were shifting, and the foundation was giving away. In 2011, we were given the news that something would have to be done if we were to keep having church. It was decided that we would have to tear our old church building down and build a new one. In 2011, we started having fund raisers for this project. Our sister churches and churches in the community and other areas sent us money, as did individuals. In the fall of 2013, we started tearing our building down and were blessed to have a block store building in the community that we were able to use as storage and to have services until we could erect our new building. In the year of 1947 when Elder Roller had a mind to build a new church and the men and women came and

helped, it was the same with us. Men from our sister churches came and donated their time and talent. Men from other churches in the area came. The women of the church did as they could to help. Though there was still more work to be done to the church, we were able to have our first church service on Sunday morning September 28, 2014. On Sunday afternoon October 18, 2015, we held the dedication of the church with Elders Terry Sizemore and Oscar Irving bringing the message.

Originally, in 1948, Rollers Chapel received twelve members by letter and nine by experience and baptism. Brother Cecil Bledsoe and Marion Edwards were the first deacons, and Ida Percy was the first clerk. We have been blessed over the years to have many wonderful men serve as our deacons, but present day, we do not have deacons. Also over the years, Rollers was blessed with wonderful clerks. Kim Robinette serves as clerk today.

Elders Ben Hill, Charles Roller, and Alex Willis served as the church's first pastors. Elder Ben Hill brought the first message in the church after it was built. Others who have served as pastors are: Curtis Adams, Logan Willis, Bryan Moore, Corbett Bowen, Walter Pendegrass, Nelson Jones, Gerald Hopkins, J.D. Maggard, Don Woodward, Coy Willis, Odus Caudill, Mark Holder, and Greg Hill. Present day, we do not have a pastor, as the Lord called our good servant and friend Elder Greg Hill to his long home on December 18, 2018.

Elder Charles Roller's desire in 1947 was to have a church where people could come and worship our creator in spirit and in truth, and we are thankful that, 72 years later, we at Rollers Chapel Primitive Baptist Church still have this desire.

### **CADET**

The Cadet Church had its beginning from a group of interested Christians who first gathered in 1919 in an old store building owned by John Lambert. In the spring of 1921, the church was organized, having received an arm from the Ayers' Chapel Church. Elder Hal Laster was the pastor at Ayers' Chapel and was also the first pastor of Cadet Church.

The Cadet Church First lettered to the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists in 1922 while convened in its 70th annual session with Swan Creek Church, Sneedville, Tennessee. Cadet has not failed to letter to the Association since it became a member. Cadet hosted the Association in 1935 during its 83rd annual session and again in 1968 during its 116th annual session.

Some of the first members were Minnie Horton, Lillie Horton Akens, Landon R. Trent, William Johnson, Verna Trent, Granny Payne, George Collins, Eliza Collins, John Lambert, Mattie Hobbs, Pearl Sargent Peters, Phillip Carr, and Emmett Collier. As previously stated, Elder Hal Laster served as the first pastor, and George Collins and Landon R. Trent as deacons, and Thenia Lambert as clerk. The first trustees of the church were John Lambert, Phillip Carr, and Emmett Collier. The first song leaders were Brothers Jarvis and Jones.

Regular church services were held in the old store building until 1924. At this time another site was located, a building erected and dedicated to the service of the Lord. This building, with some remodeling, is the present church as we know it today.

Some of the early ministers which helped the church were Elders Hal Laster, Amos Joyner, Jasper King, Bascom Dickenson, Morgan Ferrell, and Sol M. Hopkins.

The Tri-State Singing Convention, which was held annually at Bullitt Park, had its first gathering, or beginning, at Cadet.

As in most of our older churches, much improvement and many changes have been made; however, the same spirit that led and directed the founders of the church still prevails today.

Beginning in 1922, clerks of the church have been Una Reed, Mattie Hobbs, S. P. Arnold, Claude Hopkins, Unia Hopkins, John Hood, Arthur Fleenor, Ethel Necessary, Glessie Collins, James E. Collier, Jr., Ann Jones, Eula Tignor, Maggie Jones, Roy Jones, and Vicky Jones

The Association minutes did not list the pastors of churches until 1940. Since that time pastors of the church have been Elders G. W. Short, Corbett Bowen, Claude Taylor, W. C. Adams, Jesse Gilley, Edd Willis, Oscar Woodward, Landon R. Trent, Kelly Lawson, Coy Lawson, Roy Giles, Eugene Todd, Fred Smith, Bryan Moore, Gerald Hopkins, Willie Willis, Fred Fletcher, Arthur Hensley, A. D. Howington, Burnice Sybert, Matthew Stevens, and Greg Hill. Elder Lucian Lane was elected as an Honorary Moderator.

Those who have served as delegates to the Association are Hal Laster, Amos Joyner, Jasper King, George Collins, V. T. Glass, Wheeler Dalton, W. H. Noel, George Short, Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert, Margarette Lawson, Mrs. P. H. Carr, P. M. Wells, Mrs. W. A. Sloan, Grace Hopkins, Susan Payne, Amos Johnson, B. L. Lawson, Ellen Willis, Maude Akens, S. M. Hopkins, H. L. Habum, Mrs. G. W. Akens, Mr. and Mrs. Art Fleenor, Marshall Williams, Sam Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Akens, Matt Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Delsie Collins, William Johnson, Morgan Ferrell, Bessie Collins, L. R. Trent, Jeff Thompson, Willie Allen, Lee Trent, H. L. Jones, Venus Stidham, Madge Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Raines, Herb Short, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller, Lillie Horton Akens, Jess Akens, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Head, John Woods, Gerline Akens, Nath Palmer, Bill Taylor, Maggie Jones, Ann Jones, Pearl Peters, Dewey Jones, Lee Burton, Rudolph Akens, Albert Tignor, Ida Head, Kate Burton, Shirley Akens, Jess Akens, Jr., Lillie Pleasant Akens, Roy Jones, Vicky Jones, James E. Collier, Jr., Lois Collier, Brenda Dorton, Monica Fox, Josh Jones, and Justin Jones.

In 1945, the Association minutes began to show the name of the church where the ministers had their membership. Beginning from there, ministers who have been members of Cadet Church are V. T. Glass, S. M. Hopkins, William Johnson, Landon R. Trent, Oscar Woodward, Phillip Shuler, Ollie Lawson, and Arthur Hensley.

In 1922, the church had 32 members; the membership grew, and in 1957, there was 190. A great split came in the church, and in 1958, it reorganized with 56 members.

From that time, the church has many to come and go, as all our churches have. Today, we have 30 members on roll.

### **WALLEN'S CREEK**

In November 1941, Elders George Gibson and Hagan Gibson felt a need for a revival. They stopped at the top of Wallen's Ridge and prayed for Leadership of the Holy Spirit. As they drove down the creek road, they saw a log building known as Banners Chapel Church where Wallen's Creek church is standing now. The building belonged to Charlie Fannon and was full of tobacco at the time. The tobacco was moved out, and they were blessed with 4 weeks of revival, and several souls were saved. They continued to have services there until they moved into an old store building owned by E.R. Livingston, where they organized and built Livingston Chapel Church. They first lettered into the association in 1944 with pastor, Elder George Gibson; clerk, Sister Verna Million and delegates, brothers Jake Lambert and Floyd Burke. Services continued at this location until January 7, 1984 when the church building was destroyed by fire.

Sister Clara Fannon donated the land where the church now stands. The name was changed to Wallen's Creek, and we started building our church in the spring of 1984. We cried, laughed, and labored together to do the work of the Lord. By July, we met in the church yard for prayer meetings, and in August, we had our union meeting in the partially completed church. We had only sub floors and no windows or doors. We used a string of lights connected to the service pole, but the Lord blessed us with a wonderful union meeting. The church was dedicated November 3, 1985. Brother Pete Marcum prayed the dedication prayer, and Elders Brian Moore and Gale Derrick preached the sermon using a portion of the 17th verse of Genesis 28. "This is none other than the house of God". Elder Richard Seiber served as pastor for many years until his health failed him in 2017. The Lord has truly blessed us at Wallen's Creek over the years, and we are thankful for our current pastor Elder Curtis Hale. We pray that He will continue to be with us as we stand firm on the truths of His Word that He may receive all the honor and glory.

### **BLACKWATER LICK (BIG DOOR)**

Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church is one of Lee County's and our association's oldest churches. The church was called Blackwater Lick with the "Lick" coming from the old "salt works" located nearby.

It was organized on September 27, 1847, and is proud to have had such stalwart Soldiers of the Cross as Elder G. B. Wallen, who, as far as is known, was the first pastor.

Many faithful members have died, and others have moved away, leaving a small but active congregation to continue the holy mission set forth in 1847.

God has richly blessed the generations of people who have attended here over the years. It has endured from the Spanish American war through Vietnam, Iraq,

Afghanistan and many other troubled times, and thanks be to God it remains an organization unmovable. We thank God for those saints who went this way before us, for what they stood for and the guidance they gave us. Most of all, we thank God for meeting here with us and pray that He will continue to do so until time is no more.

In 1839, Isaac S. Robinette was born, and he was converted in 1866 and shortly felt the call to the ministry. At that time, the association was trying to recover from the effects of the Civil War and consisted of only 2 to 4 churches with a total of less than 100 members. He had a deep love for the churches and an intense desire to see the association prosper. Much of the early growth of the association is attributed to his preaching and organizational abilities.

Elder Daniel Hurd is our current pastor, who we are so proud of, and we thank God for him.

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

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

This church like all others has had its problems; yet, it has served its purpose well in this community. The light from this church has penetrated the darkness of the perilous times and given hope to a multitude of troubled souls. It would be impossible to estimate the power and scope of influence this church has had. The gospel that has gone forth from this church, at the time may have seemed fruitless, but in later years was gathered up like bread cast upon the waters to be gathered up days hence. Let us pray that this church will continue to grow through the coming years as it has in the past and continue to be a bright shining light to lost souls and a comfort and inspiration to the children of God.

### **DAVIS CHAPEL**

Davis Chapel church began as The Constitution of Lawson's School House Church located in Wallen's Creek, VA. The church was organized in 1910 by Elders E. A. Robinette, F. J. Johnson and M. L. Fannon. Services continued there from 1910 - 1913.

Tom Davis purchased the Lawson School House in 1913 and donated it to the church. The name was changed to Davis Chapel Church. Services continued there until 1972.

Having outgrown the small church, the decision was made to build a new house of worship. Land was obtained from the Chandler family in Wallen's Creek, VA. The new church was completed, and services began there in 1972.



Church pastors include: Elders E. A. Robinette, F. J. Johnson, M. L. Fannon, Richard Johnson, Hampton Osborne, Carl Lawson, Walter Willis, Hobert Hall, Alex Willis, Bryan Moore, John Henry Sybert, Coy Willis and Richard Seiber.

God has blessed our 5 Bible Study churches to come together in fellowship to study His word.

Everyone came together with smiles of joy as they gathered for the 167<sup>th</sup> session of this grand body. Sister Zula McCullough, Steve Minton, and Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in singing songs of praise to our precious Lord and Savior. If we are prepared to meet Jesus the King, a wonderful time it will be. If you don't know Him, let the Savior in for your joy He will restore and take you on to Heaven. When we are cast down in spirit and soul, He whispers sweet peace to His children. Get ready for that day for it won't be very long till Jesus shall descend, and we'll meet the Savior up there in the sky. While going through this world of woe, His unseen hand still leads us as we go. It leads through shadows drear so we cannot fear. Some sweet day we'll reach that strand where we can praise Him for His unseen hand. We will meet in the morning over there. They truly blessed us with their songs of praise.

Our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore, welcomed everyone to God's service by thanking everyone for coming this way. Thank God for all He has done for us since our last gathering. Let us give thanks and praise Him for everything and for who we are.

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.

The moderator reminded everyone to turn in church letters, obituaries and financial contributions. During this past year, one of our Elders has gone to his reward, Greg Hill, so please remember his family in prayer.

Sister Zula McCullough came forward to lead the congregation in singing the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." Twelve months have passed since we met the last time, so let us rejoice and praise our blessed Redeemer. Love your blessed Lord and pursue His holy word, for we can shout and never fear as His Holy Manna is showered all around.

The moderator then appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which consists of David Horton (chairman), Clifford Bledsoe and Ralph Baker.

Robert and Angie Sloan blessed us with their song of praise and wonderful testimony. Never had One so young spoke with such wisdom. He was the Son of God and the Son of man. He is the King of Kings. Jesus our blessed Redeemer rose and sits today at the right hand of the Father. Let's keep our thoughts on the Lord.

On behalf of the host churches, Elder Oscar came forward to thank the congregation for sending the association this way. These five churches banded together and put forth a great effort to host this association. The Lord is and has been with us through all of the work and efforts put forth by these churches. Do not let this heritage slip away, but strive to put and keep our Lord first. Please pray for them and all our churches that we will never forget where our help comes from. Get earnest before God and cry out, for He will hear our cry and deliver in due time.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches and association, those serving in the military, police officers and EMS, our country, leaders of our and other nations, H. C. and Pearl Johnson, Jean Wallen, Colon Smith, Ronnie Leonard, Wren Tomlinson, Susan Younce, Tommy Meade, Lewis Baker, Pauline Lawson, Wayne Gibson, Mike Fullington, Eli Stidham, and several others that the clerk could not hear, and many others shown with uplifted hands signifying countless unspoken prayer requests. Elder David Parsons blessed us with his humble prayer as he took us to the throne of grace.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Daniel Hurd came forward thanking God for all His blessings and the wonderful service we had last night. He took the first four verses of the twelfth chapter of Genesis as his text, using the thought, "we're on a journey". Abraham went out, not knowing where he was going, but he obeyed God. Our God can do all things. We are on a journey for Him, and He will lead us to Glory Land. God called this special place Heaven, and it is good to know we are His children. He made us a new creature, for He knows His children better than we know ourselves. He shed His blood that we could have everlasting life. He will move in our lives if we will allow Him to have His way in our lives. Bless His holy name. Nothing greater can ever be said than to simply state we are a child of God. We are on a journey to that Heavenly home God has prepared for them that belong to Him. God's word contains all the instructions we will ever need for this journey. Seek out the old paths, and when you find them, walk therein. He is there to lead us every step of the way. We are blessed to live in America, but we are more blessed to know our blessed Redeemer. The prayers of a righteous man availeth much, so there is no stopping place for us. We must continue to move forward and uplift the name of the Lord. As great as the earth is, there is no comparison with what God has prepared for us in Heaven.

Elder Curtis Hale followed with another wonderful message from our Lord and Savior. A blessed man on a blessed journey for our Savior. We serve a King capable of doing all things. Knowing we have a home on the other side makes it worth every obstacle we encounter on our journey. When we get in His word, we find out just how great it is. If you don't know this man called Jesus, you are in the right spot to find him precious to your soul, that you might be a partaker with Him in Heaven. Don't let shame or anything else stand between you and Jesus and your eternal destiny with Christ. It is a personal thing between you and God; take that first step, and He will meet you there. Our journey starts on an old fashioned altar. If you don't know Jesus, then Hell will be your home. It matters not how good we think we are, none are worthy to enter into that Home without salvation. Come see this man that can show you all things. His name is Jesus Christ. Don't you want to know Him and His plan of eternal life?

We were adjourned for lunch in a song of praise. Some glad morning when this life is over, we'll fly away to be with Jesus forever.

### **Thursday Afternoon, October 3, 2019**

The host churches served us a magnificent lunch as God's children rejoiced in this glorious day. The record high temperatures didn't seem to hinder our faithful delegation. Sister Zula McCullough and Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in singing several songs of praise as the congregation gathered for the afternoon service. Oh glory to Jesus our soul is redeemed for we are saved, so sweetly saved. On that bright and cloudless morning when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, the roll will be called up yonder, and all God's children will be there. What a day of rejoicing that will be when we all get to Heaven and see Jesus. When we all see Jesus we'll sing and shout the victory.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service as he thanked God for His presence here in the midst of His children.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from Bradley Brown, Null Lawson, Millie and Kala Hale, Copper Creek singers, Terry and Peggy Sizemore, and the Fairview, OH singers. God's blessed assurance is our story, and it is our song, praising our Savior all the day long. This journey we are on has many great sites to behold, for our steps are led by the Lord. We owe everything to Him, and we have so much to thank Him for. One day we'll see Heaven's shore for we have so much to thank Him for. Standing on the banks of life's troubled sea, if we look, we can see the old ship of Zion. Bent and battered was the ship, but it was still sailing. Get on board now, for it may never pass this way again. There is coming a day when

there'll be no clouds in the sky, for we'll see sweet Jesus face to face. What a glorious day that will be, for there'll be no sorrows, no burdens to bare, no sickness, no pain, and no parting over there. Think what joy it will be when we look upon Jesus, face-to-face. Such love for man we can't understand, but God freely gives it to us. He gave all He had to give on Calvary for each of us. We don't have to know and understand it all, but God takes care of His children. When Gods calls, we need to move instantly. One day soon we'll stroll over Heaven with our Lord. When our burdens are over and our work is through, we'll stroll over Heaven with you. What kind of man reached down His hand and said that we could still go free? We are no longer subject to the law of sin and death.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all those made during the morning service, our churches, Richard Workman, Jerry Scalf, David Moody, Hershel Baker, Ashley Absher, revivals including the one at Beech Grove, and numerous unspoken requests signified with many uplifted hands. Elder Roger VanHoose led us to the throne of grace in a soul stirring prayer.

Brother Steve Hunt, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. Sloantown has closed the doors due to only having two members. They were in agreement and voted to cease function with land, etc. going back to the heirs. With 34 churches total, it was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association. The association clerk will follow up with the church clerks of the two churches who failed to complete all the information on their church letter.

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

Brother David Horton, chairman of the Religious Exercises Committee, came forward to give the committees report.

- Thursday night in Stand: Roger VanHoose, Sammy VanHoose, Jason Robinette.
- Thursday night - Osbornes Chapel: Scott Tipton, Terry Sizemore, Alex Bartlett, and David VanHoose.
- Friday Morning in Stand: David VanHoose and Scott Tipton.
- Friday night in Stand: Wally Berry, Keith Holt, and John Banks.
- Friday night - Swan Creek: Jason Robinette and Scott Tipton.
- Saturday morning : Burnice Sybert, Oscar Irvin, and Terry Sizemore.
- Saturday night - Swan Creek: Billy Marcum and Keith Holt.

Brother Danny Lawson, clerk of the association, came forward to speak to the congregation concerning the election. He told of the countless blessings he has

received from serving the association alongside many wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. Afterwards, he respectfully asked that he not be considered for reelection.

It was with deep regret that the delegation granted the request of Brother Lawson, but an even deeper appreciation was shown as the delegation gave a standing ovation. His thirty-plus years of service were filled with hundreds of hours meticulously recording the proceedings of the annual sessions of our beloved association. Reading his records brings delight to the soul as one is able to either relive or experience the spirit-filled gatherings he so vividly describes. It is understood that words will not be able to fully transfer our feelings of gratitude from our hearts to Brother Lawson. We pray that God will continue to richly bless him and his family.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. Elder Jason Robinette was nominated. No other nominations were made. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Elder Robinette came forward to serve during the election.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as clerk and treasurer of the association. Brother Kevin Hale was nominated 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.

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 Sizemore thanked Elder Robinette for standing as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. The moderator thanked the delegation for their vote of confidence. There is a great responsibility attached to the offices of the association. We solicit the prayers of its members that the Lord's will be done in our every action.

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

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

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

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers: Burnice Sybert (chairman), Scott Tipton, and Mike Fullington; Deacons: Earl Dotson and Roy Jones; Laymen: Tony Smith, and Null Lawson.

Committee on Finance: Tyler Stapleton (chairman), Mark Newkirk and Eddie Malone.

Committee on Obituaries: Sammy VanHoose (chairman), Jim Emery, and Carter Hager.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Roger VanHoose (chairman), Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, John Banks, Porter Carroll, Harmon Willis, and Charles Bernard.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to discontinue use of ribbons for members of committees, but continue use of delegate ribbons.

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. Brother McPherson stated the new sound system was working well, being in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Brother McPherson's service is greatly appreciated, and the fruits are thoroughly enjoyed by the delegation.

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

Elder Oscar Irvin, chair of the committee to purchase new chairs, reported that the new chairs had been purchased and were currently in use.

Brother Sammy VanHoose asked that the congregation gather together to lay hands on and pray for the moderator and clerk of the association. The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed in prayer in the manner requested, led by brother Sammy VanHoose, until Friday morning, October 4, 2019.

### **Friday Morning, October 4, 2019**

The Lord blessed His people as they gathered for the second day of this 167<sup>th</sup> association. Sister Zula McCullough and Brother Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in singing several songs of Zion. The redeemed will sing the redemption story when they gather together in that blessed home on high. It is a joy unspeakable to be saved from that awful gulf of sin. I am so glad that Jesus loves me! There's a country to which we are going, and Heaven holds joy without measure.

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 five host churches. Shouts of rejoicing came from all directions, from the stand to the back row. The Spirit came down on several preachers in the midst of the singing. More people were standing and worshipping God than remained sitting. The preaching and shouting were even louder than the singing. Peace, peace, wonderful peace comes down from the Father. Through His everlasting promises, He will let the path shine. Without God's Amazing Grace, we wouldn't have those wonderful promises. How sweet they sound. There's a crimson river flowing from the cross of Calvary; it is redemption, it is salvation, and it is our Savior's precious blood. I know that Jesus saved me, and that's enough for me.

The Spirit was moving mightily, and Elder Sizemore begged any unsaved among us to step forward for the Lord. Prior to salvation, we weren't looking for Jesus, but He was looking for us, just as He left the ninety and nine to go after that one lost sheep. He was looking for us to save us from that awful place called Hell.

It's an honor to be a part of this grand old body. There are many elders that have gone on to be with the Lord, and the best way to honor them is to be obedient to the Spirit, as we have done this morning.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, as they are lost and don't understand, all the requests from the previous day, those serving our country in the military, our association, our country, revivals, our young people, our churches, Jim Emery's

daughter, H.C. and Pearl Johnson, Colon Smith, Ronnie Leonard, Jean Wallen, Kay Short, Bill Spurlock, Suzie Yount, Tommy Meade, Daniel Hurd, Frank Gilliam, and our new clerk. Many gathered around the alter to lay hands on Brother Ronnie Leonard. Prayer gave way to the Lord preaching through Elder Scott Tipton. Jesus died for you and became the propitiation for our sins, all because He loved us.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as read with the change noted by the clerk. (There were 2 members at Sloantown instead of only one.)

Elder Sizemore called for the ministers to meet on the steps after lunch for the annual picture.

Elder David VanHoose, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. Elder VanHoose read from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John, taking the 16<sup>th</sup> verse as his text, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." God chose those that started our churches. As an association, we all stand for the same thing. He put us together to spread the Truth, and that is our heritage. If we don't walk together and love and forgive each other, how are we to show Jesus? Storms will come, but the Lord will provide the increase. His pruning will yield a better fruit. Let's walk together as His Children and as Primitive Baptists.

Elder Scott Tipton followed with another wonderful message from the Lord. He stated his delight to see the Power of the Holy Spirit on the people. Joshua led the Children of Israel across Jordan and set up twelve stones as a memorial to show that the hand of the Lord is mighty and that future generations might remember that the Israelites walked across Jordan on dry ground. That memorial was part of their heritage. The Association is part of our heritage. Elijah cried out to God, and the fire came down to consume, and to bless, and to show that the God of Israel is the One True God. And He's our One True Friend.

We give God all the praise, honor, and glory for the Spirit that came down as a mighty rushing wind, yet still whispered sweet peace to our souls.

We were dismissed for lunch with a song. Some day, some happy day, we'll live with Christ forever.



**Friday Afternoon, October 4, 2019**

The congregation assembled in the school after a superb lunch served by the host churches. The Lord blessed us with cooler weather. There were fewer fans waving, as the school house was a little cooler than the prior day.

Sister Zula McCullough and Brother Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in singing several songs of Zion. In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore. We'll live in Glory forever. We'll be saved from wrath and be ever pure with the Rock of Ages. How firm a foundation is that Rock. He is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. No greater King could we serve. Everybody will be happy over there, but we don't have to wait until Heaven experience joy through and by Jesus Christ.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Walker Bales, Tony Smith, Kala Hale, Amy Bledsoe, and Looking Beyond, a group consisting of Dennis and Karen Stewart alongside Roger and Sammy VanHoose. How great thou art, oh God, who didn't just make the earth; he even hung the stars and decorated the whole universe. That same God sent His only Son to carry our burden of sin to the Cross. He was the Mediator of a better covenant with God. Soon I shall anchor on Heaven's bright shore with that same Jesus. There will be no trouble or death over there. God's been good already. My chains are gone, and I've been set free. My Savior has ransomed me from an unpayable sin debt, through His unending love and amazing grace. He saved me, and a new life He gave me. He's alive today, just like He was on the third day. I'm looking for that happy time when He beckons me Home to stay. What a joy to know the Way to Heaven where I'll get to see Jesus face to face.

Elder Sizemore thanked the churches for the bountiful and delicious lunch.

Prayer requests were made, along with many wonderful testimonies. Always remember the unsaved, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Clifton Horne's brothers, especially Mike, who is lost, Eddie Malone's grandsons, Betty Sizemore, Carl and Dennis Osborne, Paul Surcey's sister, stepfather and his family. Elder John Banks blessed us with his humble prayer as he took our petitions to the Lord and asked God to continue to pour out His Spirit upon us.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Steve Hunt, chairman of the Letter Committee, came forward to give his report. The letter committee reviewed and now recommends that we accept the two incomplete letters from Irondale and Gardener's Memorial if they answer affirmative the question on the Church letter that affirms they believe and agree to teach and practice according to the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Church Covenant.

No reason was brought forth suggesting the omission was anything but an inadvertent error. The moderator and clerk will check into this. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept their letter at a later date and seat the delegates as part of the voting body.

The moderator appointed the Church Letter Committee for 2020 which includes: Steve Minton (chairman), Robert Brown, Gary Hall, and Danny Lawson.

Brother David Horton read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

- Friday night in Stand: Wally Berry, Keith Holt, and John Banks.
- Friday night - SwanCreek: Jason Robinette and Scott Tipton,
- Saturday morning : Burnice Sybert, Oscar Irvin, and Terry Sizemore.
- Saturday night - Swan Creek: Billy Marcum and Keith Holt.
- Sunday morning in Stand - David Parsons and Hunter Hensley
- Sunday morning - Swan Creek – Roger VanHoose
- Sunday morning - Poplar Grove – Billy Marcum

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

Elder Terry Sizemore, on behalf of the Committee on Newly Constituted Churches reported that none had been received.

Elder Eddie Malone reported on the behalf of the Committee on Finance reported \$5740 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

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

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 31 have been received at this time. The committee recommended that obituaries be sent through the church clerk. The deadline is one week from now to have obituaries printed in the 2019 minutes. 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 2019 were Elder Terry Sizemore and deacons Ronnie Leonard and Clifton Horne. All came forward as Elder Sizemore read their letter. Its message to each of us was, "Do you know the Spiritual voice of the Lord?" It was motioned, seconded and voted to print the letter in our minutes as it was read.

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

The moderator appointed the Committee on Circular Letters for 2020 which includes: Elders Mike Fullington, Keith Holt, and Chris Salley.

Brother Clifton Horne brought forth the proposal for the association purchasing a 24 ft. enclosed trailer for \$4250 to store and haul the equipment of the association, chairs, tent, etc., from one host church to the next. It was motioned, seconded and voted to purchase this trailer.

Brother Clifton Horne brought forth the proposal for the association to purchase and install an awning on the cook house (mobile kitchen). It would be used when the serving doors are down to cover the food in case of rain. Elder Sizemore appointed Clifton Horne, Danny Lawson, and Scott Tipton to serve as the committee to look into the awning and report back at our next session.

Marcel Bledsoe led as everyone sang praises to the Lord as they fellowshiped and took up an offering to help pay for the trailer and for other expenses. A generous donation of \$1400 was received.

The moderator reminded the delegation that only those chosen or appointed by their respective churches as delegates were allowed to vote, and the maximum number of votes per church was 4, if all delegates are present. Likewise, if only one delegate was present, then the church would only have one vote.

There was one church and one group of churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are Fairview (Bellbrook) and Copper Creek together with Willow Chapel. Elders Scott Tipton and Harmon Willis delivered the plea for Willow Chapel and Copper Creek. Bobby Graham and Elder Jason Robinette delivered the plea for Fairview.

By a clear majority, the delegation sent the association to Copper Creek and Willow Chapel, to be held at Copper Creek (Addington Frame), where, the Good Lord willing, we will convene on Thursday morning (October 1, 2020) before the first Saturday in October, 2020 for the 168<sup>th</sup> gathering. The introductory and alternate sermons will be preached by Elders Harmon Willis and Scott Tipton, respectively.

Elder Terry Sizemore dismissed us as we were adjourned until Saturday morning, October 5, 2019.

**Saturday Morning, October 5, 2019**

God blessed His children once again as they gathered for our memorial service. Sister Zula McCullough and Brother Marcel Bledsoe led us in songs of praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is sweet to know that the Way of the cross leads home. I'd rather be an old-time Christian than anything I know, and that means to tell about Him everywhere I go. Keep your lamp stem trimmed to be a light for Jesus every day. His Light will guide us, and Jesus holds our hand to keep us all the way. He whispers sweet peace to me along the way.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our Saturday morning memorial service, thanking God for our wonderful services thus far. He asked that we each obey the Lord, and if there are any lost in the midst, that now the is perfect time to be saved.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Dustin Lawson, Elder Jason Robinette, Jonathan and Peggy Shaw-McBee, and Elder Terry Sizemore. God is faithful and true. Don't doubt it or deny Him, for He really cares about you. When I thank Him for what He had done, I must look back to the Crucified One. We're wayfaring strangers in this world, but we're going to a new home over Jordon. Jesus gave us peace like a Heavenly dove, because the cross covers our sins. It's such a blessing to be set free.

Remember in prayer the lost, all the requests made in previous services, our young people and their parents, Wanda Malone, HC and Pearl Johnson, Jean Wallen, Kay Short, Bill Spurlock, Suzie Yount, a man who lost his son and mother, Tommy Meade, Jenny Goode's son, the young man injured in a football game, Wren and Bill Tomlinson and family, Eugene and Darsulla Sullivan, and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Kevin Cross humbly led us to the throne of grace with a fervent prayer.

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 David Horton provided the final report of the Religious Exercises Committee. There were no changes from yesterday.

- Saturday morning : Burnice Sybert, Oscar Irvin, and Terry Sizemore.
- Saturday night - Swan Creek: Billy Marcum and Keith Holt.
- Sunday morning in Stand – David Parsons and Hunter Hensley

- Sunday morning – Swan Creek – Roger VanHoose
- Sunday morning - Poplar Grove – Billy Marcum

It was motioned, seconded and voted to print Sister Eileen Brown's contact information in the minutes as she continues sending out revival and special service notices. Please let her know by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the notice to be included in next month's announcements. Individuals and churches should send a donation to help Sister Eileen with postage and handling. Her contact information is as follows: Please report to her via email.

Eileen Brown

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For many years, the Saturday morning service has been dedicated as a memorial service for those saints who have passed from among us. The moderator read the names of those that have moved on to that fair city since we last met. Please remember their families in your prayers, and we thank God for their friendship.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Burnice Sybert took the lead in our memorial service. This is the 64<sup>th</sup> time the Saturday morning service has been held in memorial to those gone on their reward, which is to be present with the Lord. The memorial service originally remembered the departed elders, but within a few years, was dedicated to all members of the association that have gone Home in the last year. Many have gone on to Heaven since our association began.

Elder Sybert read from the fifth chapter of 2 Corinthians, verses 1-10, using as a thought, "the assurance and comfort of a believer." Paul preached the Resurrection to the Gentiles. "For we know" that this earthly tabernacle will be dissolved, as it is appointed unto man once to die. Dissolved means to break into parts; the outward man returns to the earth, but the inward man, which is the soul, goes back to God who created it. Earthly death is not the end. There remaineth a rest in the presence of the Lord. In the day of the resurrection, the dead in Christ will rise first. A new and glorified body will rise, likened unto the Son of God, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. That new Heavenly house was created for us in Heaven when we were saved, and we'll move into that new house on the Resurrection Day. That will be the beginning of true happiness that lasts forever. Christ took the keys to death, Hell, and the grave, and He also took away the fear of death.

As Elder Sybert stepped down from the stand, he leaned upon Elder Curtis Hale, who is much younger. We thank Elder Sybert for allowing us to spiritually lean upon him for so many years.

Elder Oscar Irvin took the next part of our memorial service from the same scripture. Jesus said, "I am the Door." We all died in Adam, because when sin is conceived, it bringeth forth death. But in Christ, we are made alive. Death is not the end; it is the beginning. Life comes through believing on the lonely death, burial, and resurrection of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, whose cause was to settle the unrepayable sin debt. He'll go all the way with us. From the deepest depths of the valley to the top of the mountain, "Thou art there". Our God provided us a new house; we'll shed this body of clay that's been marred by sin. We have a lively hope of an inheritance that's incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not away, eternal in the Heavens. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." We'll get a new spiritual house fashioned like unto Jesus Christ. Enter in to the joys of the Lord, which were prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Elder Terry Sizemore came forward with another wonderful message from God. He used the fifth verse, and his thought was "the earnest of the Spirit." The Lord provided that earnest of the Spirit as an assurance to show it's more than just a hope. As many that are led by God, they are the sons of God. We have a promise of a country. We've been assured that we'll stand before the Lord, and He will be looking for the witness of the Blood. Our hope is in Jesus. "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven." We can't comprehend, but we have a great confidence through the earnest of the Spirit. Open up our eyes to see the angels and chariots camped around about. This life is temporal, but what God has done is eternal. We'll be clothed upon with a new house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. We have the earnest of the spirit that we'll receive the rest of our inheritance.

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

Elder Curtis Hale came to extend thanks to the Lord for his bountiful blessing over this session and over the last year as the five Southwest Virginia Bible Study Churches prepared to host the association. Many more than the five churches were represented in the work that was done to make the association happen. Elder Oscar and Priscilla Irvin stepped in to lend their experience to fill the void of experience left by the passing of Elder Greg Hill. Elder Hale thanked all for the love that was shown. The ladies in the kitchen had a beautiful, spiritual desire to serve. There was more service than could be recorded, as many parked cars, took out the trash, carried food, helped the elders, prayed for the association, and for some of the most wonderful preaching we've ever heard. The reunion in the sky is the only one that could be better.

We were dismissed in songs of praise led by Sister Zula McCullough. I know I have another building not made with hands. Such wonderful praises were made as we were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 6, 2019.

## **Sunday Morning, October 6, 2019**

The Lord blessed us to gather out for our last service of the 167<sup>th</sup> annual session.

Congregational singing opened with He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me, led by Brother Tee Osborne. He speaks with a small voice, and He dispels all fear. Look above and trust His matchless grace. We have the best friend there is in Jesus Christ. He is a Wondrous Sovereign; Jesus Savior, pilot me. Get ready for that day, as it won't be very long. The rapture will come, and the redeemed will be gathering in. The saints will sing the redemption story. We will meet in the morning of the endless day, where we'll need no sun, as our light will be the Son.

Elder Daniel Hurd welcomed everyone and thanked God for the Liberty that has allowed us to worship the Lord and feel at home during this association gathering.

Prayer requests were expressed for the lost, each other, and our churches. Remember those that have no desire to come to church and that the Lord will extend His drawing power to them. Also, the family of Wren Tomlinson, who was carried into Abraham's bosom last night, Daniel Hurd and his family, Jack Huff, Joe Horton's sister, Virgie Grace's family, Hunter Hensley's dad and papaw, those men that will write the circular letter for next year, and many unspoken requests demonstrated by the uplifting of hands.

Our petitions were taken to the Lord as Brother Harold Vance humbly bowed in the middle of the isle.

We were blessed with special singing from Gerald Moore. My sin not in part but it whole was nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, it is well with my soul!

Elder Hunter Hensley came forth using John 3:16 as his text and preached using the thought that the first 12 words of the verse are about God, and the last 12 words are about man, but in the middle is Jesus, connecting man to God. Through Adam, our inheritance was to perish. God showed His great love, just as He did to the children of Israel, to Noah and his family, to Daniel in the lion's den, and to the three Hebrew children. But their sacrifices weren't good enough for eternal life. God sent His only begotten Son to be that perfect sacrifice, to suffer in the flesh, and to die on

the cross. He stood in the midst of man and God. He conquered death, Hell, and the grave. He makes intercession for us to God. Jesus's blood is the covering of our sin, so that God may look upon us. But those who don't believe will receive pain for eternity. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Elder David Parsons then spoke following the same thought. God will never leave you and never forsake you, but He'll go with you. Some of us may forget our promises, but Jesus never will. Elder Parsons spoke about how the building used to be a school house, but it's now a Holy place. When the temple was built, there was a veil that separated us from God. Only a high priest could take the sacrifices to the Holy of Holies to put sin off for another year, but when Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice, the veil was rent in twain, from top to bottom. Jesus became the High Priest that sits on the right hand of the Father and makes intercession for us. Now it makes no difference where we are; we can be on Holy ground. Jesus came to fulfil the Law that we might have eternal life through Him. In Heaven are our treasures laid up.

During fellowship and handshake, we were blessed by singing from Kim Robinette. I'm so glad that I've got a better place to go.

The service ended with many testimonies and thanksgiving. The congregation was dismissed in prayer by Elder Chris Salley, and lunch was served.

I pray God will continue to bless each and every one of you for the ensuing year, and we look forward to the gathering of our beloved association next year.

## **CIRCULAR LETTER**

Do You Know the Spiritual Voice of the Lord?

Since the beginning of the creation, God has spoken to his people. First, by the prophets, but in these days, by His Son.

As Christians, do we know the voice of the Lord, or do we listen to the devil? In the beginning, God spoke to Adam, giving instructions not to eat of the forbidden fruit in the midst of the garden. After allowing the devil to talk her into eating the forbidden fruit, Eve told Adam what Satan had told her, and he also did eat. We could then hear God speaking unto Adam, rebuking him for his disobedience.

God spoke to Noah about building the ark. It was completed to the saving of his household, because he had listened to the Lord. God spoke to Abraham. He staggered not at the word and became the great example of faithfulness.

It is fair to say, if we are to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, we must incline our ear toward Him. The writer of Hebrews admonishes us by saying, "when for



the time ye ought to be teachers, ye need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."

In the time and world we now live, it is most important that we are mindful of the teachings of the new testament epistles that affirms we are prepared to battle against false teachers, unsound doctrine, and practices which have come about by the choices of man. The question must be asked, how often is it true of us that the Lord has many things to say to us, but we cannot (or will not) bear them? We, as believers, should be willing to be more than a hearer; we need to be mature enough in doctrine to teach others.

Not only should we be teachers, but we should also demonstrate passion and commitment to our Lord and Savior. As the saved of God, we have been graced by the promise of eternal joy and immortal glory in a country where neither heartaches nor sin can come!

In conclusion, we can be assured that no matter what happens, God and His Word are forever settled. As we have gathered in this, the 167<sup>th</sup> annual session of the Eastern District Association of the Primitive Baptists, we cannot not fail to notice how the curtain of time has swept many from our fellowship. Though our hearts long for their presence, we are comforted in knowing they are enjoying what we are all looking forward to when we stack arms on this side of the river.

Finally, let us echo the words of the apostle John and say, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

We trust you can answer the opening question asked in our letter with a resounding YES!

Your Brothers in Christ,  
Clifton Horne  
Ronnie Leonard  
Elder Terry Sizemore

## **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Now that we are getting used to the idea of multiple churches hosting the association, we have five churches that united to host this grand congregation during 2019. Welcome to the 167th meeting of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Much work has been accomplished and with it, much joy, fellowship, renewing of old friendships and the building of new acquaintances have been constructed. Friends and acquaintances from Rollers Chapel, Cadet, Wallen's Creek, Blackwater Lick and Davis Chapel have joined together to welcome God's Children to

this special place. Their labors are not in vain as God has blessed them throughout this year as they prepared for your visit.

We thank God from the depths of our heart for all He has done for us and allowed us to achieve. All those who labored tirelessly to put everything together have our sincere thanks, along with our gratitude for a job well done. We truly thank you for everything that has been done. Without your help, this would have been all but impossible. Joy unspeakable and full of glory has been abundant throughout all the preparations that have taken place here on the grounds.

These five churches have united to do everything in their power to honor, serve, and praise our blessed Lord and Savior. In doing this, they also pledge to each and every one of you to make your stay most pleasant and enjoyable. Friendships made down through the years are to be cherished and celebrated over and over. Coming together in this manner allows us an opportunity to do so while thanking God for the precious friendships made down through the years. We pray that our bond of faith will be strengthened never to be reduced again.

Thirty-six churches sent \$5,240 in monetary donations to help the host churches. So many others made donations in various ways to honor our Lord through this gathering of God's children that are too numerous to mention; however, they are certainly appreciated. These unselfish acts do not go unnoticed by God, for He will openly reward each individual for all their efforts put forth. Regardless of the work or job done, we pray the Lord will bless these selfless acts.

Dedication, truthful, unrelenting, noble, generous, sacrificing, and a true Christian in every sense of the word are but a few words in our language, but each describe our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore. He is unyielding in his pursuit to preach the word of God anywhere and everywhere he can. God has tremendously blessed him, and our prayer is that He will continue to do so for him and his family. Again, we thank God for His leadership and guidance in Terry's life.

Over the years that I have been privileged to serve as your clerk and treasurer, many saints have left us and moved on to be with our Lord. Fond memories of them still resonate in my mind. As honestly as I know how, it is with great pleasure that I proclaim what a privilege it has been to serve the greatest body of God's children that I know of anywhere in our universe. You have been so good to me over these 30 years that I know of no way to express my sincere thanks except to say, "Thank you from the very depths of my heart." When concerns arose that I did not know how to handle, you prayed me through it, when I could not come up with the words, you prayed me through it, when I did not know the right direction to take, you prayed me through it, and yes when I wasn't sure about leaving this position, you prayed me through it. Simply stating that prayer changes things is such an understatement, but it is true. God must be first and foremost in our life.

God always makes a way for His children. When it seems we cannot go on, He is always there. Although I won't be standing before you any more, it is with pride in my Lord and Savior that I ask you to remember me and my family in your prayers.

Especially remember the new young family that comes on board to assume the duties of this position. They are just like us, they need all of our prayers to learn and move forward in this new role. Although it leaves me somewhat sad to move on, I can only rejoice in what God has allowed me to see, learn and accomplish during this time. I thank Him from the bottom of my heart for all His blessings on my family. My prayer is that He will continue to bless this great organization in ways only He can ensure and that we will stand firm in all things, so His blessed will can be done in each of our lives.

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

***Kevin Hale***

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.

<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Church Membership</b>
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
*Bartlett, Alex, 1267 Martinsville Rd., Martinsville, OH 45146, (937) 728-6582	Macedonia
*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
Burrell, Chris, 244 ByLo Rd. Bean Station, TN 37708, (865) 414-9387	New Life
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
*Hall, Gary, 6159 Mendota Rd., Mendota, VA 24270, (276) 4666-9297	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Hensley, Hunter, 156 Horn Gap Rd, Gate City, VA, 24251, (276) 690-6953	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
Holt, Keith (Mona), 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  
 \*Parsons, David (Wanda), 1853 Cave Springs Rd., Dryden, VA 24243, (276) 546-3643 ..... Valley View  
 \*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) 231-0323 ..... Swan Creek  
 Stapleton, David, (Linda) 612 MeLinda Ferry Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 523-4883 ..... Burke's Union  
 \*Stapleton, Sammy, 1044 Locust St., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 293-1215 ..... New Life  
 Stapleton, Tyler, 612 MeLinda 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 Santa 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  
 \*VanHoose, William, 3401 Sharon Ave., Kettering, OH 45429, (937) 412-2742 ..... Macedonia  
 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**

<b>Church and Clerk</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Blackwater Lick - Anita H. Moore	651 Roy Cheek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263,	(276) 346-1392
Blue Springs (Duffield, VA) - Doris Fee	327 Dry Creek Rd., Duffield, VA 24244,	(276) 546-3549
Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA) - Brenda B. Horton	7514 Bristol Hwy., Hiltons, VA 24258,	(276) 386-3535
Burke's Union - Ada McPherson	4650 Dry Creek Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 431-2756
Cadet - Vicky Jones	1716 Dawson Avenue West, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219,	(276) 219-5759
Caney Creek - Lloyd T. Morelock	P. O. Box 1085, Greeneville, TN 37744,	(423) 787-9342
Chestnut Flats - D. T. Cross	P. O. Box 415, Rural Retreat, VA 24368,	(276) 686-5573
Clear Springs - Penny VanHoose	1090 Jefferson Dr., Wilmington, OH 45177,	(937) 725-1189
Copper Creek (Addington Frame) - Flo Minton	439 Farmhouse Dr., Nickelsville, VA 24271,	(276) 479-2905
Davis Chapel - Janie Woodward	574 Windswept Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263,	(276) 346-1403
Edwin Holbrook Memorial - 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 - Paula N. Ayers	958 Dry Creek Rd., Duffield, VA 24244,	(276) 546-1470
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 - Dorlane Meade	P.O. Box 403, Hager Hill, KY, 41222,	(606) 367-0434
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

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 – Kendra Hale .....1807 Goshen Valley Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 256-9624  
West View - Robert Brown .....105 Knollcrest Dr., Jonesborough, TN 37659, (423) 483-4385  
Willis Chapel – Tina Fullington.....2498 Lawson Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-4221  
Willow Chapel - Earika Marshall .....2100 Welch Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 288-3675

## **A LOOK INTO THE PAST**

**100 Years Ago** –The 67<sup>th</sup> Eastern District Association met in its Sixty-seventh annual session with Mountain View church in Lee County, VA on October 2, 1919. Elder J. P. Peters preached the introductory sermon from St. Mark 1:15, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye, and believe the gospel.” Elder F. M. Phipps followed. Elder J.P. Peters was elected moderator and J. J. Addington, clerk and treasurer and J. W. Hurd, assistant clerk.

**75 Years Ago** – The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists met on October 5, 1944 in its 92<sup>nd</sup> annual session with Fairview Church, Saint Charles, Lee County, VA. Elder John Henry Sybert used a text from I Corinthians 1:23-24, “We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” He was followed by Elder Frank Brown. Elder T. R. Carter was elected moderator, and Amos Osborne was elected clerk and treasurer.

**50 Years Ago** – Beginning on October 2, 1969, Rollers Chapel Church, Pattonville, Scott County, VA hosted the 117<sup>th</sup> annual session. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. R. Peters who quoted the 7<sup>th</sup> verse of the 34<sup>th</sup> Psalm in its entirety, “The angel of the Lord encampth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them,” using this for his text. Since Elder E. W. Creech was not physically able to attend the association, the host church chose Elders Elbert Morgan and Gerald Hopkins, as alternates. Elder Basil Freeman was chosen by acclamation to serve as moderator, and it was motioned, seconded and voted for Ellis I. Wallen to serve as clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

**25 Years Ago** – September 29, 1994 was the beginning of the 142nd annual session, hosted by Little Cowan Church, Whitesburg, KY. Elder Oscar Irvin preached the introductory sermon, reading Acts 2: 38-47 and Jude 1:3, and using as his text, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” He was followed by Elder Eckel Head. 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: Daniel Hurd, Anita Moore, Gerald Moore, and J.T. Osborne; alternate: Danny Lawson. Total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> 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: Doris Fee, Cathy Miles, and Jackie Miles. Total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT & 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

**BLUE SPRINGS:** Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Lisa Griffith, Gary Hall, Joe Horton, and Chris Salley; alternates: Jim Bowlin and Brenda Horton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 30; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September. Chris Salley, moderator.

**BURKE'S UNION:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Delmer McPherson, Clifford Bledsoe, Tyler Stapleton, and Ada McPherson; alternates: Joe Robinette and Dennis Duncan. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 107; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July. Tyler Stapleton, moderator.

**CADET:** Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Roy Jones, Lillie Akens, Lois Collier, and Josh Jones; alternates: Vicky Jones and Sue Spears. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 30; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. John Banks, moderator.

**CANEY CREEK:** Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Cookie Barkley, Ray Barkley, Jimmy Bledsoe, and Shelia Bledsoe; alternates: Eddie Malone and Mary Morelock. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 91; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday (9:30 a.m.) following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning (9:30 a.m.). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (9:30 a.m.). Eddie Malone, moderator.

**CHESTNUT FLATS:** Gate City, VA. Delegates: Kevin Cross, Ralph Baker, Dan Cross, and Mary Baker; alternates: Lewis Baker and Chris Gibson. Total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Lewis Baker, moderator.

**CLEAR SPRINGS:** Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Dennis Stewart, Karen Stewart, Walker Bales, and Karlene Bales; alternate: Penny VanHoose. Total number on roll, 135; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October (10:30 a.m.). Roger VanHoose, moderator.

**COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME):** Nickelsville, VA. Delegates: Clifton Horne, Anna Williams, Mark Williams, and Tina Williams; alternates: Nell Kendrick and Roger Manring. Received by experience and baptism, 8; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 74; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. Harmon Willis asked to attend. Harmon Willis, moderator.

**DAVIS CHAPEL:** Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Barbara Collingsworth, Phyllis Hurd, Butch Woodward, and Janie Woodward; alternate: Bobby Terry. Total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April. Oscar Irvin, moderator.

**EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Roger Sturgill, Teresa Sturgill, Henrietta Adams, and Casey Breeding. Total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday mornings. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May. John Banks, moderator.

**FAIRVIEW:** Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Bobby Graham, Ben Stewart, Amanda Stewart, and August Robinette; alternate: Vanessa Graham. Received by experience and baptism, 5; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 168; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May. Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, moderators.

**FLOWER GAP:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Homer Osborne, Roy Thomas, Doug Willis, and Helen Willis. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 75; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May. Hunter Hensley, moderator.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

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

**KINGSWOOD:** Morristown, TN. Delegates: Denise Brooks, Don Brown, Jim Emery, and Loretta Emery; alternate: Anita Brown. Received by relationship, 2; deceased, 1, total number on roll, 60; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning (after 11:00 a.m. service) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service and Homecoming, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. Jim Emery, moderator.

**LITTLE COWAN:** Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Verna Rayburn, Linda Lucas, Beth Callahan, and Rusty Akers; alternates: John Banks and Barbara Banks. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 63; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May. John Banks, moderator.

**LONG HOLLOW:** Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Kenneth Charles, Linda Charles, and James Manis; alternates: Lisa Manis and Bennie Williams. Total number on roll, 183; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Bible study, Wednesday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 17, 2020 (10:30 a.m.). John Charles, moderator pro-tem.

**LOW VIEW:** Pennington Gap, VA. Delegate: Carter Hager, Roy Bledsoe, Elsie Burton, and Barbara Bledsoe. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 32; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Carter Hager, moderator.

**MACEDONIA:** Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Alex Bartlett, Marvin Moeller, Clem Simmons, and Kenny Taylor; alternates: Marlene Moeller and Pam VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 6; received by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 156; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (10:00 a.m.) in April. David VanHoose, moderator.

**MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL:** Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Ralph Lawson, Sherl Lawson, and Elizabeth Rose Manes; alternates: Dorcus Fairchild and Frankie Manes. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 34; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.) in May. Steve Burns, moderator pro-tem.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:** Stickleyville, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen, Juanita Bowen, Charles Ayers, and Paula Ayers. Total number on roll, 16; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 night (6:00 p.m.) following the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May. John Banks, moderator.

**MT. MITCHELL:** Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Frank Gilliam, Shirley Blair, Juanita Williams, and Peggy Harrold. Received by relationship, 1; excluded, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 74; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June. Frank Gilliam, moderator.

**NEW LIFE:** Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: Becky Burrell, Chris Burrell, Phyllis Lampkin and Wiley Lampkin; alternates: Faye Johnson and Jerry Johnson. Received by relationship, 4; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Homecoming, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June. Jerry Johnson, moderator.

**OSBORNE'S CHAPEL:** Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Larry Fannon, Everette Donald Neeley, Carolyn Fannon, and Joyce Neeley; alternates: James Davidson and Marcella Osborne. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 102; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday night. Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning in May. Keith Holt, moderator.

**POPLAR GROVE:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Larry Holden, R.B. Louthian, Amy Shelton, and Carson Sturgill; alternate: Steve Hunt. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 78; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday morning following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, every Sunday morning, and every Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

**RICHARDSON CHAPEL:** Louisa, KY. Delegates: Tommy Meade, Dorlane Meade, Dale Whitt, and Margaret Whitt; alternates: Harold Sincell and Ann Sincell. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 169; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Memorial Day (11:00 a.m.). Tommy Meade, moderator.

**ROLLER'S CHAPEL:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Rick Harris, Teresa Harris, Kathy Lawson, and Kim Robinette; alternates: Don Stokes and Betty Stokes. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. David Parsons, moderator pro-tem.



**ROSE CHAPEL:** West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Samuel VanHoose and Justin Pardue. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 113; contribution, \$275.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October. Samuel VanHoose, moderator.

**SHELBY CREEK:** Eidson, TN. Delegates: None. Excluded, 6; total number on roll, 4; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday night, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night business. Wally Berry, moderator.

**SWAN CREEK:** Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Doyle Odell, Earl Lee Dodson, Rodney Dodson, and Clarence Dodson; alternates: Johnny Bunch and Larry Dean. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 295; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

**VALLEY VIEW:** Dryden, VA. Delegates: Anna Duncan, Ronnie Leonard, Sandra Leonard, and Curtis Pennington; alternates: David Parsons and Carolyn Pennington. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Wally Berry, moderator.

**WALLEN'S CREEK:** Duffield, VA. Delegates: Ed Williams, Donna Williams, Brandon Williams, and Brooke Fritz; alternates: Jeff Williams and Dedra Shifflett. Received by experience and baptism, 5; total number on roll, 48; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May (10:30 a.m.). Curtis Hale, moderator.

**WEST VIEW:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Bradley Brown, Joseph Brown, Jennifer Horton, and Missy Walton; alternates: Charles Bernard and David Horton. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 13; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April (10:30 a.m.). Burnice Sybert asked to preach the memorial service. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** Kyles Ford, TN. Delegates: Millard Hall and Mike Fullington. Total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September. Mike Fullington, moderator.

**WILLOW CHAPEL:** Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Earika Marshall, Garnetta Miller, Durel Culbertson, and Kevin Hale; alternates: Scott Tipton and Teresa Tipton. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.), 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night (6:30 p.m.) business, other Wednesday nights (6:30 p.m.) Bible study. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

**TOTALS:** 36 churches (17 in VA., 12 in TN., 3 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 34; received by letter, 0; received by relationship, 10; received or restored by recantation, 0; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 24; deceased, 37; total number on roll, 2,875.

There are 27 ministers serving as pastors - 23 are serving 1 church, 3 are serving 2 churches, and 1 is serving 4 churches. There are 4 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 27 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

## **UNION MEETINGS - 2020**

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

### **- APRIL -**

**1 - ROSE CHAPEL:** To begin on Thursday night (7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday) before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and following Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Chris Salley, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, and Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

**2 - VALLEY VIEW:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Jim Emery, Carter Hager, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Jim Emery, Curtis Hale, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

**4 -WEST VIEW:** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

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

**6 -CLEAR SPRINGS:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Curtis Hale, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Tommy Meade, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

**- MAY -**

**1 -SWAN CREEK:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Wally Berry, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, Curtis Hale, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Hunter Hensley, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, and Harmon Willis.

**3 -COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME):** To begin on Friday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, (Sunday 10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Curtis Hale, Hunter Hensley, 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 Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert, Roger VanHoose, and Sammy VanHoose.

**- JUNE -**

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

**2 -NEW LIFE:** To begin on Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Chris Burrell, Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, Wiley Lampkin, Eddie Malone, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, and Sammy VanHoose.

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

**4 -CANEY CREEK:** To begin on Wednesday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Carter Hager, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Jerry Johnson, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, David VanHoose, and Harmon Willis.

**5 -BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, VA.):** To begin on Thursday night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Carter Hager, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert, and all other ministers are welcome.

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

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

**- JULY -**

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

**2 -SHELBY CREEK:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Sunday night (7:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: All ministers are welcome.

**3 -BURKE'S UNION:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Carter Hager, Curtis Hale, 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 Thursday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Wally Berry, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Hunter Hensley, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.); Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Curtis Hale, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Jim Emery, Curtis Hale, David Parsons, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Roger VanHoose.

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

**5 -GARDNER'S MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (foot washing). Ministers asked to attend: Frank Gilliam, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, and all others are welcome.

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

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

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

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

**- SEPTEMBER -**

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

**2 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL:** To begin on Friday night before the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Wally Berry, Frank Gilliam, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Carter Hager, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

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

**5 - CHESTNUT FLATS:** To begin on Friday night before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (communion). Ministers asked to attend: Charles Bernard, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, and Burnice Sybert.

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

**7 -FLOWER GAP:** To begin on Thursday night before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Chris Salley, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

## **DIRECTIONS TO COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME)**

2238 Addington Frame Road  
Nickelsville, VA 24271

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

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

## **DIRECTIONS TO WILLOW CHAPEL, CO-HOSTING THE ASSOCIATION**

802 West Carter's Valley Road  
Kingsport, TN 37660

Traveling East into Kingsport on 11W, turn left onto 36 North, proceed about 3 miles, turn left at red light onto West Carter's Valley Road, and proceed 1 mile to church.

Traveling West into Kingsport on 11W, turn right onto 36 North, travel approximately 3 miles, turn left on West Carter's Valley Road, proceed 1 mile to church.

Traveling South from Gate City on Route 23 about 300 yards across Tennessee/Virginia state line, turn right on West Carter's Valley Road. Travel 1 mile to Willow Chapel Church.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance from 2018	\$ 29,995.77
Receipts from 2019	5,740.00
Sale of association chairs	715.00
Special offering	1,400.00
Donations after association	100.00
Interest (October 2018 thru August 2019)	41.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 37,992.01</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 150.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	1,104.00
Kitchen repairs (Superior Electrical)	3100.00
Charter registration fee	20.47
Postage	86.15
Clerical Supplies	15.77
Internet Domain Fee	15.76
New chairs (MECO Corp.)	5,868.00
U-Haul rental to transport chairs	154.00
Gift to Moderator	1,000.00
Gift to Clerk	2,000.00
Printing and packaging 1,200 copies of 2019 minutes	2022.95

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 15,537.10</b>
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<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY</b>	<b>\$ 22,454.91</b>
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John Banks	865-805-6045

**Ohio**

Joe Pitzer	937-266-7495
Dennis Stewart	937-728-1055
Mark Newkirk	937-475-1807

**Virginia**

Roy Jones	276-439-9097
Joe Horton	276-386-3535
Ralph Baker	423-323-8756

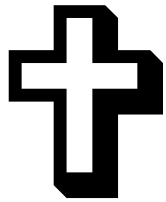
**Tennessee**

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

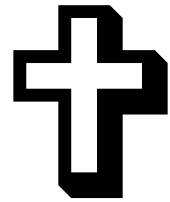
**Guidelines for Obituaries Printed in Association Minutes**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## MEMORIAM



“PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD  
IS THE DEATH OF HIS SAINTS.”

– Psalm 116:15 –

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

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

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

ADAMS, Ralph Austin “Pappy”  
BLEDSOE, Dora Sue (Taylor)  
CLAMON, Jewell Culbertson  
DODSON, Betty Ray  
GILLENWATER, Clarice Dougherty  
\*HILL, Gregory Eugene  
JONES, Genieve Collier  
LIVINGSTON, Betty B. (Barnett)  
MORELOCK, Benny  
OSBORNE, Andrew Jackson “Jack”  
PROFIT, Juanita  
SEXTON, Phillip Riley, Jr.  
SIZEMORE, June Elizabeth (Hurd)  
STROUD, Vivian Lee  
WALLEN, Angela Marie (Larkins)  
WILLIAMS, Donald

ADAMS, Azalea Lucy  
BLEDSOE, Edna  
COLE, Anna Mae (Roller)  
FERRELL, Virgil L.  
HAAGER, Ervin “Buck” Lee  
\*JOHNSON, Donald Lowell  
LAWSON, Delois Ann Thacker  
MELLONS, Peggy Jane Osborne  
MORGAN, Clarence  
PALMER, Roland Dewayne  
ROBINSON, Catherine C. (Kay)  
SHELTON, John Wayne  
SMITH, Victor Paul  
STURGILL, Eula Mae  
WELCH, Clara Mae

\*Ministers

**RALPH AUSTIN “PAPPY” ADAMS** was called home on Tuesday, July 30 ,2019 at the age of 89. He was born and raised in Greene/Cocke County, Tennessee before moving to Kingsport. He is survived by his 3 children Rita Adams Neeley, Dawn Adams Hill, Austin Anthony Adams; 1 brother Don Adams; 8 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Lucy Adams, sister Ross Marie Lovelace, first wife and mother to his children, Shirley Wells Adams, and second wife Mary Gibson Adams.

Austin was saved at Caney Creek Primitive Baptist Church prior to joining Poplar Grove Primitive Baptist Church on September 5, 1958. Austin’s walk and talk reflected his love and faith in God. He will truly be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

-Written by Rita, Dawn, and Troy Adams

**AZALEA LUCY ADAMS**, 81, of Blackwater, VA, was born September 16, 1936, and went home to be with her Heavenly Father on December 10, 2017, at her home.

She was a member of Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hamp and Minnie Roller Wallen; husband, Dana Allen; infant son, Charles David Allen; brothers, Clyde, Charles, Carl Ray, and Claude Wallen; and a sister, Pauline Brock.

Azalea is survived by her children, Junior Allen, of the home, Brenda Nichols, of Kyles Ford, TN, Rocky Allen, of Edison, TN, and Peggy Allen, of Blackwater; 3 grandsons, Adam Nichols, Cody Spears, and Timmy Spears; one great-granddaughter, Trinity Spears; sisters, Una Mae Rhoten, Nellie Ruth Gilliam, and June Wilson; several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

-Written by her family

**DORA SUE (TAYLOR) BLEDSOE**, age 73, of Jonesville, Virginia, went to be with the Lord on June 22, 2019 at her home. She spent most of her life in Lee County and was saved at an early age at Low View Primitive Baptist Church and attended faithfully until she became disabled. She was also the Sunday School Secretary; she loved her job and did it well.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Bernice Taylor; 3 brothers, Bobby Dingus, Jim and Dirk Taylor. She leaves behind her husband, Roy W. Bledsoe, Sr., 1 son, Roy W. Bledsoe, Jr. and wife April; 11 grandchildren; 1 brother, Jerry Taylor; 3 sisters, Peggy Bledsoe, Mary Anders, and Cathy Maples; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is sadly missed by her family and church family, but we will meet again where there will be no more pain nor goodbyes.

-Written for the family by Barbara Bledsoe

**EDNA BLEDSOE**, age 90, of Blackwater, VA, went to be with her Lord and Savior August 10, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband Kyle Bledsoe.

She leaves behind 2 sons and their wives, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She attended Burkes Union Primitive Baptist Church and was a faithful member all her life. She loved the Lord with all her heart. She always had a smile and a kind word for the people she met and also loved helping people. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Sleep on Ms. Edna until we meet again.

-Written by the church clerk

**JEWELL CULBERTSON CLAMON** of Kingsport, TN, went to be with her Lord on May 4, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Ruby Culbertson.

She is survived by her husband, Donnie Clamon; daughter, Rhonda Givens; granddaughter, Madison Givens; sisters, Janice Jones and Garnetta Miller; brothers, Jim, Lowell, and Carl Culbertson.

Jewell was a charter member of Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. She loved her church and church family.

-Written by her sisters, Janice and Garnetta

**ANNA MAE (ROLLER) COLE** Age 81, of Wilmington, Ohio, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Sunday evening, May 5, 2019 at the Laurels of Hillsboro in Hillsboro, Ohio. She was born December 1, 1937 in Blackwater, Virginia, daughter of the late Rev. Charles T. & Pearl Mae (Percy) Roller. She was a member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church, in Bellbrook, Ohio and had worked at the Delphi GM Plant in Vandalia for many years.

Surviving are her sons- Bobby (Jenny) Cole, Charles Rex Cole, & Dale (Kandy) Cole; daughter- Brenda Lee (Steve) Belt; brother- J.T. Roller; sister- Vivian Stroud; 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. Anna was preceded in death by her beloved husband- Sherman R Cole, 3 sisters, and a brother.

-Written by her family

**BETTY RAY DODSON**, 76, of Sneedville, TN, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, after a long illness. She was borne in Claiborne County and February 17, 1943 to Ray and Alta Hurst. Professing faith in Jesus, she joined Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Opal Walker, and nephews Wesley Keck and Paul O'Dell.

Left to mourn her passing is her husband of 60 years, Earl Lee Dodson; children Rodney (Edie) Dodson and Greg (Tammy) Dodson; grandchildren, Cody (Carrie) Dodson and Lindsay Brooks; great-grandchildren, Caden and Cooper Dodson and Jalynn Brooks; sister, Rose (Bobby) Brown; brother-in-law, Clarence Dodson; nieces

Danita Dodson and Malisha Seals; nephew, Jeff Keck; and a circle of family and friends.

Betty will be greatly missed, but her loved ones are assured that she is resting peacefully with the Lord until they see her again.

-Written by her family

**VIRGIL L. FERRELL**, 75, departed this life August 24, 2019. He attended Marion Robinette Memorial Primitive Baptist Church before moving to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orbin and Naomi Ferrel and brother, Claude Ferrell.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy Robinette Ferrell; 3 sons, Bradford, Clifton, and Travis (Andy Guthrie); 2 granddaughters, Brittany and Mackenzie; sister, Ruth (Billy) Robinette; and brother Norman (Hellen) Ferrell.

-Written by his wife

**CLARICE DOUGHERTY GILLENWATER**, 94, went to be with the Lord on July 30, 2019. She was the oldest member of Copper Creek Primitive Baptist Church (Addington Frame) and attended as long as her health permitted. She always talked about getting able to go back to church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.W. Gillenwater; parents, Nathan and Orpha Dougherty; sisters, Ruby Broadwater, Evelyn Dougherty; 2 brothers Nathan Jr. and Lowell Dougherty; son, Larry Gillenwater; 2 nephews.

She is sadly missed by all her family and friends. We will meet her again some sweet day. We love and miss you.

-Written by her sister, Joan Enix

**ERVIN "BUCK" LEE HAAGER**, age 92, of Whitesburg, TN, passed away on January 10, 2019 at Erwin Health Care Center in Erwin, TN. He was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa. He was a faithful member and deacon at New Life Primitive Baptist Church, a U.S. Navy Veteran, and skilled carpenter. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Violet Petty Haager.

God blessed them with 4 children, Sandie Guenther, Richard, Ervin Jr. (Phoebe), and John (Linda), as well as many grandchildren. After Violet's death, God blessed him with another wonderful wife, Novella (Granny) Jarnagin. She brought Imogene Miller, Esco and Billy Jarnagin, and several more grandchildren and great-grandchildren into the family.

Buck loved to talk about the Lord and is greatly missed in the church and by his family. Sleep on, Buck, until we meet again.

-Written by his church family

**ELDER GREGORY EUGENE HILL** was born on November 14, 1967 and departed this life on December 18, 2018 at the age of 51 as the result of an automobile accident.

His survivors include his children, Tommy, Brandon, Cody Hill and Tabatha Rhoton; parents, Gaylord and Aubra Hill; brothers, Randy and Bobby Hill; sister, Tammy Pendleton; 8 grandchildren; 2 nieces; and the one he called the love of his life and his best friend, Kim Robinette.

So much could be written about Greg's life, but what was of the upmost importance to him was the Lord's presence in his life.

Greg was never ashamed and told quite often about the work that the Lord did in his life at Sloantown Primitive Baptist Church when he was just a child. He was baptized and joined the church at Sloantown. Some years later, the church wanted him to be their deacon, but Greg felt like he had another calling. Because of lack of deacons in the church, he let them ordain him. Many times, Greg would tell of his experience as a small child going to one of his family cemeteries and standing on rock and pretending like he was preaching. Greg's grandfather, Elder Ben Hill, was an ordained Primitive Baptist preacher, and Greg was often referred to as "Ben's grandson."

Not long after Greg was ordained as a deacon, he realized that he was being called to preach the Gospel. He later moved his membership to Walnut Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, and in 1997, Greg was ordained into the Eastern District Association as a minister. Greg told the story about how shortly after he was ordained that Beech Grove Church asked him if he would consider being their pastor. Roller's Chapel had been without a pastor for a year, and without having any indication from the church, he told Beech Grove that he felt he would be going to Roller's. A short time went by, and Greg got a call from Edgar Neeley, a deacon at Roller's Chapel, asking him if he would be willing to come and serve as the pastor. Greg's response was, "Yes, I will. I've been waiting on your call." In August of 1997, Greg came as the pastor. At the time of his death, he had served for over 21 years. In 1999, he joined and became a member at Roller's. He was a faithful member, faithful pastor, and faithful servant.

Elder Greg Hill had a great gift to preach. The spirit was evident each time he stood. As the years of his preaching life progressed, so did his knowledge and understanding. Greg was one that studied and tried to dig deep into the scriptures, and after all his studying and digging, he would say he had just scratched the surface.

Greg's mom would often sing the song "I Want My Lord to be Satisfied with Me." Greg would speak of this song while preaching and how he wanted the Lord to be satisfied with him. Greg left this world on December 18, 2018 while returning home from Bible study at Wallen's Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Oh, how sweet it must have been when Greg got home and heard the angels singing Welcome Home.

One day soon we will join you, Greg, and I know we have rejoiced and praised Him on this side of life, but nothing will compare to that day. We will just press on and try to fight this good fight of faith until we meet on Heaven's bright shore.

-Written by the church clerk, Kim Robinette

**ELDER DONALD LOWELL JOHNSON**, age 69, went to be with the Lord on January 8, 2018. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Mary Ann Johnson and his sister, Nadine Johnson. Don was saved as a teenager at his family home in Morristown, TN, while kneeling near a blue couch when family friend Rev. Willis Lamb brought Don and his dad home after their car had broken down. Don announced his calling to preach at 30 and has been preaching God's word for 39 years. He was a member and co-pastor of New Life Primitive Baptist Church and pastored many churches throughout his life. Don served in the Army reserves for 35 years and retired after 27 years from the LEAR Corporation, where he served as a technician and union president for many years. After retirement, Don enjoyed playing golf, fishing, discussing the Bible, and spending time with his 3 granddaughters who were the center of his world.

Don leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Janice Johnson; son, Gregory Johnson; daughter, Greta Dean; granddaughters, Tori, Kassi, and Kadee Dean; brothers Jerry (Faye) Johnson and Terry (Dorothy) Johnson; sisters, Phyllis (Wylie) Lampkins and Doris Metcalf; a host of nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters in Christ, and friends.

-Written by his family

**GENIEVE COLLIER JONES**, 90, of Big Stone Gap, VA, passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday morning, January 13, 2019.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Ellis Jones, Sr.; 1 son, Charles Ellis Jones, Jr.; her parents, Luther Owen and Nannie Bowman Collier; and her siblings, Lola, F.G. Eula Mae, Elgin, and Harrison.

Surviving are her sons, Roger, Roy (Vicky), Robert (Helen), Gerald (Lorena); several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Genieve was a member of Cadet Primitive Baptist Church and a great light in Christian love for all to see; we, her family and friends, find comfort and strength knowing she is at peace with her Lord and our Lord, Jesus Christ, forever more

-Written by her family

**DELOIS ANN THACKER LAWSON** was born September 9, 1967 and went home to be with the Lord March 16, 2019 at the age of 51. She was saved at Long Hollow Church and also attended church at Fisher's Creek.

She is preceded in death by her father, John C. Thacker, and infant son Jonathon Lawson.

She is survived by her loving daughter Emily Lawson; father Leroy Lawson; mother Gladys Lawson; sister Debbie Dalton; several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles.

She was a loving daughter, mother, sister, and a friend to all who knew her. We look forward to seeing her again on Heaven's bright shore.

-Written by her family

**BETTY B. (BARNETT) LIVINGSTON** known most commonly as "Grammy," age 82, of Kettering, passed away Thursday, January 17th, 2019 in Kettering at Oak Creek Terrace. She was born June 20th, 1936 to Elva (Glass) and Jesse Barnett in Farmersville, Ohio. Betty was passionate about raising and providing for her family. She spent time as both a home maker and Legal Secretary, a position she retired from in 1998. She had an incredibly infectious laugh and a strong work ethic.

Betty was a long-time member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church. She was very active in serving the church and the community, and even sat on multiple boards. Betty enjoyed piecing together her family genealogy, reading a good book, and watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune with some vanilla wafers or fudge striped cookies.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Livingston, her parents, and sister Luella Moyer.

Betty is survived by her daughter Belinda Napier (Mark) and son Alan Livingston (Julie); grandchildren Jesse Napier (Alicia), Rachel Dixon (Keith), Ashley Montgomery (Aaron), and Jackie Livingston; great grandchildren Evan, Jordynn and Landon Dixon; brother Ronald Barnett and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

-Written by her family

**PEGGY JANE OSBORNE MELLONS** passed away peacefully at home March 30, 2019 at the age of 86. She was born in Blackwater, Virginia on January 3, 1933 to Orbin and Maxie Horton Osborne.

She was a longtime member of Blackwater Lick Primitive Baptist Church, and more recently, West View Primitive Baptist Church. She loved God and served Him faithfully. From her youth she was a member of The Osborne Quartet and later the West View Quartet.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents; loving husband, William Samuel "Dub" Mellons, Jr.; 2 brothers, John Enoch Osborne and Franklin Delano Osborne; 3 sisters, Nannie Kate Wallen, Violet Rubena "Bena" Osborne and Madge Canter.

Peggy is survived by her son, William "Scott" Mellons; daughter, Lori Trent; 2 grandchildren; 1 sister, Pauline Lawson; and many nieces and nephews.

-Written by her family

**BENNY MORELOCK**, 71, was born January 5, 1948, and departed this life March 16, 2019. He was the son of the late Ray and Mary Alice Morelock.

He joined Mt. Mitchell Church September 5, 2010 where he was a devoted member and served as a song leader.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers, and 2 sisters.

Survivors include 3 brothers, Dillard, Malcolm, and Jim; 3 sisters, Ethel Roop, Peggy Duncan, and Bobby Crawford.

Benny was a disabled veteran, serving in the Iraq Conflict. He was well known in the community. He never met a stranger.

-Written by his brother, Dillard



**CLARENCE MORGAN**, age 82, of Bean Station, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Morristown Hamblen Healthcare System. He served as a longtime deacon at Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, and pops.

Preceding him in death was his wife Jeanette Morgan; mother, Mae Johnson; father Dalzey Morgan; brothers Ralph, William, and James Morgan; and many other family members.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Clyde and Ilona Morgan; grandsons, Craig Morgan and Matej Grycz; granddaughters, Bailee and Marilyn Morgan; sister, Maggie Jacobi; special nieces, Renee Kimmel and Geneva Wolfe; special nephews, Rev. Michael Morgan and Rev. Ralph Morgan; several nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

-Written by his family

**ANDREW JACKSON "JACK" OSBORNE** went to be with the Lord November 2, 2018 at the V.A. Medical Center, Mountain Home, Tennessee at the age of 85. He was born November 20, 1932 at Blackwater, Virginia to the late Arthur and Sallie Asbury Osborne.

Jack was a loving and caring Christian gentleman who loved Jesus with all his heart and enjoyed reading his Bible. He was a member at West View Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Smith, Roy, and Wayne Osborne.

He is survived by his wife, Laquinta Mayo Osborne; son Andrew Jackson Osborne, Jr. (Mona); step-daughter, Diana Cowden (Richard); 6 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; brothers Bill, J.T., and Hayes Osborne; several nieces and nephews.

-Written by his family

**ROLAND DEWAYNE PALMER**, 94, went to be with the Lord on November 14, 2018. Born in Richmond, Ind. He lived most of his life in the Kingsport area. He was a proud US Navy veteran, having served in WWII. Roland was a member of Copper Creek Primitive Baptist Church, faithfully attending as long as he was able. He enjoyed life and never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary J. Palmer

He was survived by his wife of 16 years, JoAnn Stapleton Palmer; daughters Susan Chandler (Robert) and Patty Hutchens (Mark); sons William Smith (Lisa) and David Palmer (Diane); stepsons, Paul Jennings (Della) and Terry Jennings; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 special granddaughters, Amanda Dockery and Lori Jennings; several nieces and nephews.

Roland was loved by all and is sorely missed. He is resting with the Lord, and we will be meeting him soon. Many sweet memories will remain until then.

-Written by his wife, JoAnn Palmer and granddaughter, Lori Jennings

**JUANITA PROFIT**, age 93, of Cowan, passed away December 27, 2018. She was a member of Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by parents, George and Margaret Phipps Dickenson; first husband, Ralph Brown; second husband, Earl Profitt, 1 daughter, Carol Brown; 2 brother and 2 sisters.

-Written by her family

**CATHERINE C. ROBINSON (KAY)** age 97, of Kettering, OH passed away Tuesday April 9, 2019 at Hospice of Dayton. Catherine was born December 3, 1921 in Charleston, West Virginia. She moved to Ohio in 1940, then moved to Dayton in 1943 and married Earl Robinson.

Catherine is preceded in death by her parents, Dennis and Myrtle C. (Knaus) Caskey; her husband, Earl J Robinson; 1 sister, June Finke and 1 brother, Bob Caskey.

Catherine is survived by her son, Jay; 1 granddaughter; 3 great grandchildren; 1 niece and several other relatives.

Catherine retired from Huffy in 1977 and has been a member of Fairview Baptist Church since 1985. She has many, many friends, Harold and Linda McKeehan, Ruth Wickline, and Marilyn Mauro.

-Written by the family

**PHILLIP RILEY SEXTON, JR.** was born on October 6, 1941, and went to be with the Lord on October 12, 2018 at the age of 77. He was a member of Marion Robinette Memorial Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eula Kate Robinette Sexton.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Minnie (Susie) Sexton; 2 sons, Jerry and Jason Sexton; 3 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Dorcas Fairchild, Gloria McLain, and Joy Phillips; and several nieces and nephews.

A veteran of the US Navy, he served on the USS Jamestown and was stationed for about a year in Japan. He retired from BASF and Dollywood. He will be missed by his family and friends.

-Written by his family

**JOHN WAYNE SHELTON**, 72, of Kingsport, TN, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at his residence following a brief illness. He was a lifelong resident of Kingsport and retired from Eastman Chemical Company. John was a member of Poplar Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clement and Lucille Weems Shelton; brother Tony Shelton; his first wife and mother of his children, Judy Shelton.

John is survived by his wife, Amy Davenport Shelton; sons John W. Shelton II and Joel Shelton; sister Isabel Conley; granddaughter Brooklyn Shelton; niece Michelle Stanley; nephews Tony Shelton, William Conley Jr.; step children Sabrina Fields, Paul Surcey; several nieces and cousins; step-grandchildren Bryson, Trinity, and Hunter.

-Written by his wife, Amy Shelton

**JUNE ELIZABETH (HURD) SIZEMORE**, age 73, of Eidson, was born on April 29, 1946 in Hancock County, TN, and departed this life on April 6, 2019 at Hawkins County Memorial Hospital with her family by her side. She loved to cook and tend to her flowers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James (Jim) and Paralee Hurd; a toddler son, Eddie Wayne Sizemore; and brother Hugh Kyle Hurd.

She is survived by her daughters Shirley (Ralph) Lawson and Crystal (Dwight) Hurd; grandchildren, Autumn (Hunter) Baker, Elizabeth Lawson, Brandy Lawson, and Cheyenne Hurd; 3 brothers; 2 sisters; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of dear friends.

-Written by her family

**VICTOR PAUL SMITH**, 87, went to be with the Lord on March 22, 2019. He was the son of the late E.M. and Kate Addington Smith. He was a veteran of the US Air Force, serving in the Korean War Era. A born-again Christian, he was a member of Copper Creek Primitive Baptist Church (Addington Frame) where he faithfully attended and served as a deacon.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lola Fuller Smith and brother, E.M. Smith, Jr.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Susan Smith Greene and Paula Smith Guy (Eric); grandchildren, Master Sergeant Victoria Greene Pridemore (Phillip) and Blake Greene; great-grandsons, Rylan and Bo; 1 sister, Gertrude Addington; and his church family.

Paul was a pillar of the church, outspoken in his belief and love for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was loved by all and is sadly missed by family and friends. Until we meet again, we hold sweet memories.

-Written for the family by Flo Minton, Church Clerk

**VIVIAN LEE STROUD**, 89, went to her eternal home to see her Savior face to face on the June 27, 2019. She was born to the late Elder Charles Roller and Pearl Mae (Percy) Roller in Blackwater, VA on July 25, 1929.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Stroud, and a great-grandson, Chansellor Elijah Stroud.

Vivian leaves behind 4 children, Tommy (Shelly) Stroud, Cathy (Scott) Cloud, Richard (Joni) Stroud, and Brenda (Steve) Belt; 10 grandchildren whom all adored her;

21 great-grandchildren, a special nephew, Charles Roller; and more other family members and friends.

Vivian was a member of Clear Springs Primitive Baptist Church for many years before moving her membership to Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church as a founding member, where she served faithfully for many years until she could no longer attend due to failing health. She still prayed earnestly for the church and the whole Eastern District Association.

Vivian was full of life. She was loved by all that ever met her and leaves us all with many beautiful and fun memories. She was full of stories and was gifted with a personality that brought others laughter and joy. She loved the Lord deeply and has planted countless seeds throughout her lifetime. Our hearts hurt not having her here but rejoice in knowing she is in a state of perfect peace and joy with her Lord. We look forward to the day we are all together again.

-Written by her daughter-in-law, Shelly Stroud

**EULA MAE STURGILL**, 71, went to be with the Lord on May 14, 2019. Eula was a member of Copper Creek Primitive Baptist Church (Addington Frame) where she regularly attended and loved singing. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking, and helping family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Dan Sturgill, along with her parents, Lloyd and Ella Boggs Church; 3 brothers, Ray, Carl, and James Church; Cousins Palmer and Claude Sturgill.

Surviving are her daughter, Melissa Dryden (Nick) and son Danny Sturgill (Missy); grandchildren, Mikey, Zack, and Hannah Dryden and Taylor Sturgill; great-grandson, Jace Dryden; sister, Betty Hyde-Brandon; brother, Oscar Church; nieces, nephews, and church family.

A loving and compassionate person, Eula was loved by everyone and is sadly missed by family and church. She's enjoying the blessing of God as she awaits joining together with her loved ones. Until then, sweet memories.

-Written for the family by Flo Minton, Church Clerk

**ANGELA MARIE WALLEN (LARKINS)** departed this life on December 1, 2018 at Holston Valley Medical Center after an extended illness and her struggle with diabetes. Angela was always a loving and caring person who tried to help everyone. She was saved in her middle school years and she loved the Lord and attended Higher Ground Baptist Church. She also visited her childhood home church family at Pleasant View Baptist Church and West View Primitive Baptist Church in Kingsport. Angela enjoyed playing the piano at West View Primitive Baptist and at home. Everyone loved Angie's smile and laughter and her love of life. She enjoyed reading her Bible and her daily devotionals.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, John C. and Nannie Fannon Raymond and Moses (Mitchell) Wallen.

Angela is survived by her three children, Tamara (Dylan Thompson), Noah and Sarah Wallen; granddaughter, Marley Thompson; parents, Gary and Margaret Raymond Wallen; grandmother, Gracie Tankersley Wallen; aunts and uncles, Sharon Wallen Vicars (Gary), Richard Wallen (Rita), Kathy Wallen Walton (Bill) Elaine Wallen Erwin (Bill), Linda Raymond Lambert and a host of cousins; long-time boyfriend, John Baines and her good friend, Rose Palmer, who had both been by her bedside.

-Written by her family

**CLARA MAE WELCH**, age 72, was born September 13, 1946 and departed this life January 1, 2019 for her Heavenly Home. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and a dear friend to many. She was an active member of Richardson Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Mart Ray Welsh; 2 sons, Eddie (Karen) Marcum and Christopher (Hannah) Todd; 1 daughter Rebecca (James) McKerr; 3 step-sons, Michael Welch, Ben Welch, and Marty Welch; 1 step-daughter, Kimberly Welch; 2 brothers, Billy Joe Hickman and Bennie Ray Marcum; 7 stepbrothers; 2 stepsisters; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Clara will be greatly missed. Until we meet again on the far side banks of Jordan.

-Written by her family

**DONALD WILLIAMS** was born in 1933 and passed away in 2018.

Brother Williams was a deacon at Rose Chapel Primitive Baptist Church for many years and was a great help in other capacities at the church. He was also a veteran, serving our country during the Korean War.

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



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



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

1994	Little Cowan	J.H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J.H. Sybert & Basil Freeman, Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin
1999	Roller's Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2000	Butcher's Valley	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Henry Wheeler
2001	Clear Springs	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger VanHoose
2002	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	David Smith
2003	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2004	Beech Grove	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Phil Crittenden
2005	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
2006	Flower Gap	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2007	Pilgrim's Rest	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Virgil Lipe
2008	Little Cowan	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Banks
2009	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette
2010	Richardson Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2011	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Fred Gilreath
2012	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Burnice Sybert
2013	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Daniel Hurd
2014	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Daniel Smith
2015	Poplar Grove / West View	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
2016	Swan Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Terry Sizemore
2017	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Mike Fullington
2018	Clear Springs, Fairview, Macedonia, & Rose Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette
2019	Blackwater Lick, Cadet, David Chapel, Rollers Chapel, Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Kevin Hale	Daniel Hurd





