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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 1, 2020

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 168th annual session hosted by Copper Creek (Addington Frame) and Willow Chapel Churches held at Copper Creek Church in Nickelsville, VA.

COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME)

The church now known as Copper Creek Primitive Baptist (Addington Frame) was established in the early 1800's. The first records show it was organized in 1807 with Elder Robert Kilgore as the pastor. In those days, services were held in homes and at the Saratoga School House. A plot of land was given by William Addington in an area down on the creek about 3/4 mile from the present site, to build a meeting house. A frame structure was erected and put under roof, only to run out of supplies and funding. Therefore, the meetings could only be held during favorable weather. The land and lumber was donated by Addingtons, most of the labor and at that time, most of the attendees were Addingtons; this being the case, the structure was known as "Addington Frame". The first church meeting in the structure occurred in 1866.

On June 10, 1882, James and Julia Addington gave land at the present site to build a church building. The old frame structure was razed and included in the building of the new church, thus bringing forth the name of "Addington Frame". The first May Meeting was held there in 1884.

The present structure was built on that same plot, and services began in 1914. That same year, the 62nd annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists was held here, 106 years ago. At that time Elder Tom Carter was pastor. The introductory was preached by Elder E.A. Robinette from the 1st chapter of John, verse 12; *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."* The moderator was Elder E.S.McPherson and J.J.Addington was clerk. That year the membership was 94. The donation to the Association was \$2.00; the amount received at the Association was \$44.00; the clerk's fee was \$5.00 and the minutes cost \$30.00.

Over the years we have been blessed with kind and spiritual leaders. Our pastors have been our guiding light throughout the years. Each one listed below has brought the Lord's words to us in the spirit in which the Lord wishes us to receive his holy word.

Elder T.R. Carter 1914, Elder W. Elbert Addington 1915, Elder M.H. Peters 1916-1917, Elder R.E. Wampler & Elder A.L. Addington, Asst. 1918, Elder Curt M. Fuller 1919-1920, Elder Tom R. Carter 1921-1953 with Elder John Robert Gardner Asst. 1944-1952 and co-pastor in 1953, Elder John Robert Gardner 1955 until his death in 1982, Elder Eckel Head 1983 until his death in 2010, Elder Harold Head 2010 until his death in 2011, Elder Daniel Smith 2013-2017, Elder Bob Brown Asst. Pastor April 2016 until his death October 2016, Elder Harmon Willis 2017 to present.

Our church at Copper Creek has been a landmark for many Scott Countians through the years. It's location on the edge of a cliff, overlooking beautiful Copper Creek Valley, makes it visible from afar in different directions. Our building remains the same, with only a few amenities, such as central heat and air, padded pews, and an adjoining fellowship hall with inside facilities.

Our meeting times were on the Sunday following the 2nd and 3rd Saturday for many years and now we are blessed to have services every Sunday. Our annual May Meeting, which is also our Union Meeting, has become a homecoming time for many who have left the community and still like to return to fellowship and keep in touch with family and friends. In the early years, bountiful meals were spread on the ground; then were upgraded to tables under tents, and now we are blessed to eat inside comfortably in any type of weather or you may enjoy the deck on the back of the fellowship hall which overlooks Copper Creek.

The Lord has richly blessed us here at Copper Creek over the last 106 years. We hosted the association in 2014, which was the 100-year anniversary of the current church building. We still preach the gospel in the old-fashioned way and welcome everyone to attend. We are doubly blessed to be allowed to join with Willow Chapel to host the "Grand Ole Body" of the Association this the 2020th year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in its 168th session.

WILLOW CHAPEL

On June 6, 1953, members of Walnut Chapel Primitive Baptist Church convened for a regular business meeting. During this session, it was moved, seconded, and voted to open a Primitive Baptist Mission in the Tate store building, located in West Carter's Valley, three miles to the west.

The first service of the mission was held on June 28. After singing songs of Zion, prayer was led by Brother Bob Bishop. Elder Dana Crawford brought the message, using Hebrews 13:8 as the text, and the thought, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." Services were held each Sunday evening until August 1, 1953, when six members from Walnut Chapel organized a Sunday School.

On April 3, 1954, it was agreed for this mission to become an organized church calling for an arm from West View Primitive Baptist Church, and on April 18 of the same year, Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist Church was officially formed. Elder Basil Freeman was elected to be the first pastor, and Henry Powers was elected as the temporary clerk. The first members were Charles and Ruby Culbertson, received by letter from West View, and Walter Powers, J. A. Freeman, Eckel Ford, Henry Powers, Elmo Parks, Fannie powers, and Bessie Freeman, received by letter from Walnut Chapel. Ann Freeman, Barbara Parks, and Jewel Culbertson were received by experience and were kept under the watch care of the church until they could be baptized. Eckel Ford was set aside to prove himself for the office of deacon. Charles Culbertson and Tom Adams soon joined Brother Ford as deacons.

In June 1954, a building committee was chosen to begin preparations for a church building. The church plans were finalized in July, and construction began soon after. The first services were held in the church basement on October 31, 1954. It was eight years later that the church was completed, and the first services were held in the sanctuary in October of 1962. The debt for the church building was paid in full on September 11, 1967; a dedication and “burning of the note” took place the following Sunday. This original church is still the one used today. A fellowship hall was added in 2009, and the sanctuary was fully remodeled in 2016.

Over the years, several God-fearing men have dedicated themselves to the office of pastor: Basil Freeman, Gerald Hopkins, J. L. Hill, Glen Williams, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Frank Gilliam, and Carl Smith. Scott Tipton is the current pastor, having served 12 years to date. Their faithful servitude is greatly appreciated by all who have sat under their preaching, church members and visitors alike.

The quietness of the grounds gave way to a lively and joyful reunion as we gathered for the 168th session of our beloved Association. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Draw us nearer to the cross, for I am thine, O Lord. Let us be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day. Onward to the prize before us. O, the joy of that glad meeting. Heaven holds all to me! There is wonder-working power in the Blood. Their songs of praise were a wonderful way to start the day.

Our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore, welcomed everyone by expressing his gladness for each one in attendance at the 168th annual gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Elder Sizemore led the congregation in singing further praises to the Lord. “I am so glad that Jesus loves me. Jesus loves even me.”

The Moderator asked all 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. The Letter Committee was appointed beforehand, consisting of Steve Minton (chairman), Robert Brown, Gary Hall, and Danny Lawson (alternate).

Since we last gathered, two of our ministers passed from death unto Life. Elders Silas (Porter) Carroll and Walter Willis moved from among us to receive their Heavenly reward.

Sister Zula McCullough came forward to lead the congregation in singing the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." Since we met twelve months ago, some have left this world below. Oh, how sweet in union dear, we have met in counsel here.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which consists of Roy Jones (chairman), Rodney Dodson, and Steve Hunt.

Scott Tipton welcomed everyone on behalf of the host churches, Copper Creek and Willow Chapel, and expressed what a blessing it is to be able to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Much work and love has gone into the preparation for the meetings that we all hold so dear, and we have looked so forward to serving.

We were blessed with special singing by Bradley Brown, followed by Terry and Peggy Sizemore. 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus. How I've proved Him o'er and o'er. Someday I shall stand on the top of Mt. Zion, and I'll never walk in the valley again. I'll sing and shout when I reach that city!

Prayer requests were made for the lost, the Association and its churches, Pauline Lawson, Bradley and Juanita Bowen, Betty and Hershel Baker, Charley Johnson, Frank and Juanita Gilliam, the Alisa VanHoose family, Georgia Lawson, Lewis Baker and the others at Chestnut Flats, Joanne Palmer, Maude Turner's brother's family, Jerry Scalf, Cora L. Neeley, Hunter Hensley's Dad and Papaw, David Begley, Sherrie Cope, Edna Lane, Kay Short, Bill and Jewel Spurlock, family of Charles Wells, Clifton Horne's brothers, Charlene Smith, Draxie and Angela Johnson, several others that the clerk could not hear, and many other unspoken prayer requests. Elder Kevin Cross led us to the throne of grace with a fervent prayer, thanking God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Harmon Willis began by thanking God for putting him at Copper Creek and for putting the church together with Willow Chapel. He read verses four through seventeen of 1 Timothy, chapter one, using the thought, "We have to remember what He came for: to seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus ate with publicans and sinners, for those who are not sick do not need a physician. Jesus came to save sinners, just as He came to visit Zacchaeus. Jesus also taught Nicodemus that you must be born again to get to Heaven. Paul wrote that he was chief of sinners. John Newton similarly spoke, "Although my memory is fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner, and Christ is a Great Savior." We will never be more saved, even in Heaven, than we are right now.

Elder Scott Tipton followed with another Spirit-filled sermon from our Lord and Savior, using the fifteenth verse of the same chapter. Paul wrote that “I am chief” among sinners. It is easy to forget that it’s a personal salvation, that we were all sinners, and that we are still sinners saved by the Grace and Mercy of Jesus Christ. When Jesus healed the lepers, the one turned back and glorified God. The only thing that will get you to Heaven is knowing Jesus Christ. Because He is alive, I’m alive. Just as Paul learned on the road to Damascus, when you meet Jesus, there will be a change in your life. In Christ, there is no darkness. In the Spirit, there is no sin. If you are trying to live good enough to get to Heaven, you can’t do it. It is worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

We were adjourned for lunch in a song of praise. Someday, when I’ve traveled my last mile here, then safe I shall be in beautiful Heaven I know.

Thursday Afternoon, October 1, 2020

The host churches prepared and served an abundant lunch, and all in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy the food and fellowship.

Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing songs of praise as the congregation gathered for the afternoon service. Everybody will be happy over there, for no burdens there will be for us to bear. It won’t be very long till burdens we lay down, and then we’ll shout and sing with angels around the throne.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service as he thanked the host churches for the delicious meal.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from David and Wanda Parsons and Kim Robinette, Bonnie Wilson, Aubra Hill, Elder Jason Robinette, and Terry Sizemore. Jesus is coming soon, morning or night or noon. Troubles will soon be o’er. Going where no one dies, we’re Heavenward bound. I can’t take a soul that’s sin-sick and make it whiter than the snow, and I can’t calm the raging sea, but I know the man who can. I call Him Jesus for He’s my dearest friend. I just want to thank you, Lord, for making me whole, and for saving my soul. For taking my place and your mercy and grace, I just want to thank you, Lord! There’s been a change in me. Old things have passed away since Christ has set me free. He didn’t come here to stay, just to show us the way. Then, He got on a cloud and went home.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, Linda Lucas, Juanita Williams’s great-grandson Skylar, Jim Emery’s brother Gary, Naomi Adkins, Brenda Bowlin, Suzie

Yount, and many unspoken requests all around. Elder Joseph Robinette led us to the throne of grace with a humble prayer.

Brother Steve Minton, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward with testimony and to give the report of our state and standing. With 35 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 clerk has received word that the letter from Caney Creek is in the mail and should arrive Thursday.

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

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

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as clerk and treasurer of the association. Brother Kevin Hale was nominated and it was seconded for him 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 Irvin for standing as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. The moderator humbly thanked the delegation for their vote of confidence. There is a great responsibility attached to the offices of the Association, but there is also great joy in serving. We desire the prayers of its members that we follow the Lord's will in every action and decision.

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, Adam Lawson, and Curtis Hale.

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers: Jason Robinette (chairman) and Robert Brown; Deacons: Roy Jones, Ralph Baker, and Clifton Horne; Laymen: Doyle O'dell and Carson Sturgill.

Committee on Finance: David Parsons (chairman), Daniel Hurd, and Hunter Hensley.

Committee on Obituaries: Jim Emery (chairman), Roger Manring, and Curtis Hale.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Burnice Sybert, Joseph Robinette, Roger VanHoose, Mike Fullington, Scott Tipton, and John Banks.

The moderator reminded the delegation that the use of ribbons for members of committees was discontinued, but we will continue to use ribbons to identify delegates.

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 wonderful to see all those able to be here, it's a pleasure to serve, and thank God for saving his soul. Brother McPherson stated the new sound system was still working well. Brother McPherson's service is greatly appreciated by all, especially those who are listening from outside the tent.

Brother Roy Jones, chairman of the Religious Exercises Committee, came forward to give the committees report.

- Thursday night at Willow Chapel: Jason Robinette, Roger VanHoose, Sammy VanHoose

- Friday Morning in Stand: Joseph Robinette and John Banks

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

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed in prayer, led by brother Joe Robinette, until Friday morning, October 2, 2020.

Friday Morning, October 2, 2020

The Lord blessed His people as they gathered for the second day of this 168th association. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing several songs of Zion. Saints will sing redemption's story with voices clear and strong when the redeemed are gathering in. There to meet with loved ones nevermore to say goodbye. We'll finally be satisfied.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service. Thank God for blessing us with another day. May God continue to pour out his Spirit upon His children as we worship Him through song and praise.

We were blessed with special singing from the two host churches, led by Kala Hale, Tony Smith, Steve Minton, Amy Bledsoe, and Mishayla Hensley. When the storms of doubt against me roll, and the sea is rough, I ask the Lord to take control. When my burdens are over and my work here is through, I want to stroll over Heaven with you. All the troubles and heartaches have vanished away. There will be no sorrows there. No more clouds in the sky, and no more tears to dim the eye. What a day that will be, to be with the One who died for me!

Many in attendance raised their hands while praising our Merciful God. Rejoicing could be heard all throughout the tent.

Testimonies were shared, and prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick, our churches, Carter Hagar, Pauline King, Lillie Bell Reed, Jean Brewer, Ronnie and Nancy Brewer, Jim Bowlin, Eddie Malone and his family, Lenore Stevens's daughter, Holly Lawson, Deion Tolbott, Ashley Absher, Elder Lewis Baker, Eugene Sullivan and his wife, Wanda Gardner, Roger Manring's friend, Wayne Gibson and others at Chestnut Flats, Sherrie Cope, Eli Miller, Kay Short, and numerous unspoken requests. Elder Burnice Sybert led the congregation to the throne of grace with a beautiful and humble prayer.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

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

Elder Joseph Robinette, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. Elder Robinette began by singing "Royal Descendant," and then turned to the 1st chapter of St. John, reading the first fourteen verses as his text, using the twelfth verse as his thought. "But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." It seems as though the Jews should have had an easier time believing on Jesus, since they could see his miracles firsthand. Blind Bartimaeus believed and called out to Jesus to have mercy on him. The woman with the issue of blood believed and wanted so badly to get to Him. We all had a sickness unto death, even the very sin we were born into, in which Jesus Christ is both the cure and the propitiation for our sins. What manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us. Now are we the sons of God. You must be born again, not of flesh, but of God. When Christ died on the cross, He became the firstfruits of those who are asleep. It's not yet appeared 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 are created a new creature by God if you've been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. As a son of God, that's who you are, a royal descendant.

Elder John Banks came to the stand to take the second half of the preaching service. He stated that he is thankful for the inheritance of this annual gathering, but that's not *the* inheritance. The real inheritance comes by our spirit being drawn to God. Jesus hasn't changed, not since the first meeting of the Primitive Baptists, and not since the beginning of time. He sent the only One who was truly righteous to become the sacrifice for all of us that are unrighteous, so that we could be ambassadors for Christ. If we humble ourselves, He will lift us up. He is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. That change must take place in your heart. Now is the day of salvation. The Word is still going out. If the grave were the last stop, we are of all men most miserable, but we have hope in Christ. There is still a joy unspeakable and full of glory. By the Grace of God, we are here, and by the Grace of God, we are saved. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivers him out of them all. Our Savior Jesus Christ is still alive today.

We are thankful for these second generations preachers for continuing to preach the Gospel and continuing this goodly heritage.

We were dismissed for lunch with a song. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. His grace truly is amazing.

Friday Afternoon, October 2, 2020

The tent began to refill following a fantastic meal provided by the host churches, and we thank all those that had a part in preparing and serving the food.

Sister Zula McCullough and Bradley Brown led the congregation in singing more praises to the Most High God. His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me. For all who look above and trust His matchless grace, it won't be very long. If we are prepared to meet Jesus the King, a wonderful time it will be.

The moderator welcomed the congregation back with praise to God and words of thanks to the host churches for the great lunch.

We were further blessed with special singing and testimony from Null Lawson, Tony Smith, and Dennis and Karen Stewart alongside Roger and Sammy VanHoose. I started this Journey at an altar of prayer, and what a Journey this Journey has been. When Jesus comes that morning, the preparations are already made. He gave me a brand-new life. Satan said my Lord was gone and would not hear my prayer, but praise the Lord, the work is done, and Christ the Lord is here. I'll not fear, for I'll see Jesus, the one who saved me, face to face. O Lord hear my prayer before I leave; I want to live so that my friends will follow me. I'm ready to go to that Golden Shore, because I want to see Jesus.

Testimonies were shared and prayer requests were made for the lost, Georgie Lawson, Mike Fullington, Steve Hunt's grandson, HC and Pearl Johnson, Jim Emery's granddaughter, Naomi Adkins, baby Titus, baby Cain, James Harris, Hunter Hensley's Dad and Papaw, Christy Bowlin, Henrietta Adams, Null Lawson's wife, and unspoken requests all over the congregation. Elder Tommy Meade praised God then led us in prayer, thanking God for the gift of Life and Salvation in Jesus Christ, taking our requests to the Lord, and asking for His will to be done today and for the rest of the meeting.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Steve Minton, chairman of the Letter Committee, came forward to give his report. The letter committee reviewed, read, and recommends that we accept the letter from Caney Creek, as it was received by the clerk Thursday after the close of business. It was motioned, seconded and voted to seat the delegates as part of the voting body.

The moderator appointed the Church Letter Committee for 2021 which includes: Robert Brown (chairman), Gary Hall, Danny Lawson, and Ronnie Johnson (alternate).

Brother Roy Jones read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

- Friday night – Willow: Gary Hall, Hunter Hensley, Kevin Cross
- Saturday morning in Stand: Burnice Sybert, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore
- Saturday night – Rollers: Joseph Robinette, Jason Robinette, and Sammy VanHoose
- Sunday morning – Rollers: Oscar Irvin
- Sunday morning – Burke's Union: Joseph Robinette, Jason Robinette, and Sammy VanHoose
- Sunday morning – Poplar Grove: Billy Marcum

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

Elder Jason Robinette, on behalf of the Committee on Newly Constituted Churches, reported with sadness that none had been received.

Elder David Parson reported on the behalf of the Committee on Finance. It was reported that there were \$5490 in receipts for the year. The chairman thanked each church and individual for their contributions.

Elder Jim Emery reported on behalf of the Committee on Obituaries that 28 have been received at this time.

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

The men chosen to write the circular letter for 2020 were Elders Mike Fullington, Keith Holt, and Chris Salley. Elders Holt and Salley came forward and Elder Salley read their letter, as Elder Fullington was unable to attend due to health reasons. Its message to each of us was one of encouragement, which is especially needed as we continue to deal with the current global pandemic. 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 2021 which includes: Elders Kevin Cross, Harmon Willis, and Wally Berry.

Elder Scott Tipton came forward to give a report concerning adding an awning to the mobile kitchen, as requested from last year. As a result of an anonymous donation, the awning was already purchased and installed. Elder Tipton also reported that there was another anonymous donation to purchase two new air conditioners for the mobile kitchen, and that Willow Chapel purchased new sit-down tables for the Association. The host churches together purchased new folding stand-up tables to replace the heavy wooden tables, but they have not arrived.

Brother Clifton Horne reported that a new 24' enclosed trailer was purchased. In order to transport and store all the equipment (tent, chairs, etc.) of the Association, we needed heavier axles than originally specified. The trailer which was purchased is expected to serve the Association very well.

Our Moderator led the congregation in singing "I'd Rather be an Old Time Christian" as several volunteers took up an offering to help with Association expenses. A generous donation of \$1036 was received. Another \$70 in donations were received outside of the offering.

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

There were two churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are Fairview (Bellbrook) and Willow Chapel. Elder Jason Robinette delivered the plea for Fairview. Elder Scott Tipton was to deliver the plea for Willow Chapel, but he withdrew prior to a vote, as led by the Spirit.

By default, the association was sent to Fairview (Bellbrook), where, the Good Lord willing, we will convene on Thursday morning (September 30, 2021) before the first Saturday in October 2021 for the 169th gathering. The introductory and alternate sermons will be preached by Elders Joseph Robinette and Jason Robinette, respectively.

Brother Robert Brown dismissed us in prayer as we were adjourned until Saturday morning, October 3, 2020.

Saturday Morning, October 3, 2020

God blessed His children once again as they gathered for our memorial service. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing the songs of hope and praise. Dear friends, there'll be no sad farewells. There'll be no tear-dimmed eyes where the soul of man never dies. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory, oh the half has never yet been told. Some sweet day, I'll reach that strand, still guided by the unseen hand.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our Saturday morning memorial service, thanking God for the privilege and blessings of gathering together for the 168th annual session. He praise the Lord for providing us wonderful meals this week, not just the physical meals, but the spiritual meals that we've been able to eat. He asked that we each redeem the time in order to give God glory. What a wonderful time is ahead for all who know Him.

We were further blessed with testimony, praise reports, and praises to the King from David and Wanda Parsons with Kim Robinette, Elder Sammy VanHoose, Tony Smith, Amy Bledsoe, Elder Scott Tipton, and Elder Terry Sizemore. Gently I feel the touch of his hand, leading the way to Heaven's bright shore. Troublesome waters I'm fearing no more. One day I went to an altar, and I came up a millionaire. My treasures are laid up there. He said I want to set you free, and then He opened up the door. If you have friends in Glory Land who've left because of pain, they'll suffer not again. The way seems dark and drear, but just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. I once was lost, but now I'm found. I was blind, but now I see.

It was a blessing to see and hear those in attendance praising God, shouting and rejoicing.

Testimonies were shared and prayer requests were made for the lost, Naomi Adkins, Steve Hunt's grandson, Vicki Jones, Ella V. Fisher Gillam, Bradley and Juanita Bowen, Danny Lawson, Eileen Brown, Bonnie Wilson's friend and her family, Bruce Addington, Sue Hudson, Roger Manring's family, Steve Minton, all the leaders of our country, and numerous unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother David Horton humbly led the congregation in prayer, asking God to extend mercy to and open the eyes of the lost.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

Brother Roy Jones provided the final report of the Religious Exercises Committee.

- Saturday morning in Stand: Burnice Sybert, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore
- Saturday night – Rollers: Joseph Robinette, Jason Robinette, and Sammy VanHoose
- Sunday morning – Copper Creek: Curtis Hale, Scott Tipton, and Jason Cotter
- Sunday morning – Rollers: Oscar Irvin
- Sunday morning – Burke's Union: Joseph Robinette, Jason Robinette, and Sammy VanHoose
- Sunday morning - Poplar Grove: Billy Marcum

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

Eileen Brown

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Elder Scott Tipton came to extend thanks to landowners that allowed the use of their land beside the church, many local businesses that provided donations of money, goods, and services, and Mark and Tina Williams for staying at night and watching over the grounds. Many more than the two host churches were represented in the work that was done to make the association happen.

It was moved, seconded, and voted that the moderator would be allowed to have a discussion concerning restarting the 5th Saturday night fellowship meeting, beginning January 30th, asking for a church to volunteer. The fellowship meetings were discontinued due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Elder Burnice Sybert volunteered, inviting everyone to the next fellowship meeting to be at West View, and we are looking forward to that fellowship.

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 a better home 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 65th 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 fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians, verses 1-11, using as a thought, "keep in memory; He was seen." He came to His own, but His own received him not. They failed to believe that Jesus was the one they had been waiting for, even knowing the prophecies from the Old Testament. As many as did believe were given the power to become the sons of God. Jesus's primary purpose was not to heal the sick, but to seek and to save that which was lost; he did those miracles that people might believe on Him. Paul was taught at the feet of Gamaliel, was very well learned, and was a Jew of Jews. He heard the Gospel from Steven, just before Steven was stoned. That Gospel continued to prick his heart. Paul saw Him in the Spirit, in a vision on the road to Damascus. We've heard His voice as one of authority and of power. A voice that calls us out of sin or into service for God. Those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will see the ones who have gone on before us to be in their spiritual body. Their eternal body will be given on the day of resurrection. The soul and spirit will be reunited with the glorified body. We miss the ones we only see at the Association. We miss the ones who have gone on, but we will be reunited.

Elder Oscar Irvin took the second preaching portion of our memorial service from the same thought, that "He was seen." God allowed Moses to see His hinder parts. Isaiah saw God high and lifted up. We understand that Christ had been seen by a different generation. Even before the world was, He was. Before Adam received the breath of life, Jesus was. When Jesus took back the keys to death and hell, He brought life back to the Adam-race. He died on the cross, and He was risen for our justification. We're alive, because we believe the record that God gave of His Son. We were dead and could not even look for Him, but He left the 99 and sought me out and bought me with His redeeming blood. He paid off our sin-debt, and now we belong to Him. We saw Christ raised from the dead, and we believe that He lives in us. Thomas and Mary knew Him when he called their name. We know his voice, and the voice of a stranger we will not follow. This house of clay goes down in mortality and is raised in immortality. It goes down corruptible and is raised incorruptible. God withholds no good things from those that love Him.

Elder Terry Sizemore, having announced his call to preach 38 years ago to the day, came forward with another wonderful message from God. He used the second verse, and his thought was, "we must believe." Christ revealed Himself unto Thomas in the flesh, but we don't have to see in the natural. Peter and the apostles were waiting in the upper room to receive the power. We have seen Him made alive through the same power. It's not just a man-choice, but a God-choice. No man can come to God, unless he be drawn. The power of God fell, and they preached to Jews of every nation, and

all that heard understood their words. The power that God ordained from Heaven comes down on the ones who believe, even though they have not seen. Just as Jesus asked Peter 3 times if he loved Him, He asks us to affirm our love for Him. Do the work that God has put at your charge. We overcome Satan with the words of our testimony unto the lost. Satan desires to sift you as wheat, to separate and cause division, and to tear you to pieces. Just as Jesus prayed for Peter, He's prayed for us. We need the prayers of each other, but we can go to Him directly. Paul had to humbly come to Jesus, as we all can only know Him for ourselves. Christians can only point the lost to Christ. God pulled Philip from a wonderful meeting to go to the road to Gaza. He saw the chariot of the eunuch who was the treasurer to the queen of Ethiopia. He joined himself with him. We need to be willing to get up in the chariot when they need our help. We need to tell people the Goodness of our Savior.

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

We were dismissed in songs of praise led by Sister Zula McCullough. Precious memories, how they linger. Fellowship and praise were shared, and we were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 4, 2020.

Sunday Morning, October 4, 2020

By the mercy of God, we were allowed another opportunity to gather in fellowship, this time inside the church house at Copper Creek (Addington Frame) for our last service of the 168th annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists.

Elder Harmon Willis welcomed everyone, asking everyone to mind the Holy Spirit this morning. Elder Willis asked that if anyone was here and lost, they would take the opportunity to get it fixed up this morning. Elder Roger Manring opened the service in prayer, asking God to guide the words of the preachers.

Congregational singing began by singing "Just One Way to the Gate," led by Steve Minton. Tony Smith and Kala Hale also led us in singing several songs of praise to our Lord and Savior. We were delighted by special singing from Larsyn Bledsoe, Millie Hale, Tony Smith, Steve and Flo Minton, Anita Howell, Amy Bledsoe, and several others.

Elder Curtis Hale opened the preaching service with testimony and by reading the first ten verses from the second chapter from the first epistle of Peter. Elder Hale used the thought, "Jesus, a living stone, and ye also as lively stones." Many times, we have

been disobedient, just as when Moses smote the rock when he was told to speak. God still poured the water out of the rock, and God still pours out blessings on us. He still pours out the living water upon those that are drawn unto Him and call upon Him. Nothing can wash us clean except having the blood of Jesus applied to our soul. None of us are made worthy of Jesus by our works. We have nothing to build upon in ourselves, but we must build upon the Chief Cornerstone who is Jesus Christ. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

Brother Jason Cotter, a man of God and a friend to many members of our Association, then spoke from the ninth verse of the same chapter. He began by giving his testimony of salvation, how he was called out of darkness into the marvelous light. He lifted us out of the miry clay and set our feet upon the Solid Rock. Jesus was the only One who could help us out of the situation that we were in. We went from being not a people to now having obtained mercy. God has the Door open this morning, and one day it will be closed; don't wait until it is too late.

Elder Scott Tipton came to take the last part of the preaching service, using the same text and the thought, "we were not a people." We were once a people who could not be attached to the chief cornerstone. Jesus told Peter that upon this rock I will build my church. We must be fitly framed together with Christ. Elder Tipton ended by begging the lost to come to an altar of repentance. Many gathered around the altar to pray, and one precious soul escaped Hell and gained life eternal. Praise the Lord that He is still in the saving business!

The service ended with testimonies of those that prayed at the altar, testimonies of several others, and words and songs of thanksgiving to God, and lunch was served.

I pray God will continue to bless all our churches and their respective members over the next year, and we are looking so forward to the gathering in Bellbrook, Ohio for the 169th annual session.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the brothers and sisters of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists gathered in our 168th annual meeting. We write this year's circular letter in hopes of bringing encouragement to all. This year has been difficult to endure due to the worldwide pandemic of the virus Covid-19. We understand there have been many types of pandemics since Creation. One thing has made these events bearable: our faith in God. God has used various means to drive people to see Him as the Great Creator He is. In 2 Chronicles chapter 7 after the dedication of the temple when the Lord spoke to Solomon, He told him if heaven was shut up and there was no rain, if the locusts devoured the land, or if he sent pestilence among his people, he gave instruction on how to remedy these plagues: to humble ourselves, pray, seek his face, and turn from our wicked ways; he would hear from heaven, forgive sin, and heal the land. It is the same today. Our God does not change; He remains the same sovereign God He has been since the beginning. In this ever-changing world, He is still God, the Great Creator of all things. During times of tribulation, we as the children of God must seek Him out first. We should humbly call on Him daily. There are many examples for us to call on the Great Creator throughout all ages. It is our hope that all of God's children would continue to pour their hearts out to Him.

Christ told us He would be closer than our own family. We are all members of the body of Christ. Each member has a great importance; we could not work well if our members worked against one another. We must work together as one body following our head, which is Christ. Christ told his disciples to begin at Jerusalem preaching repentance and the remission of sin to all nations. That has not changed. We are to tell the story of Jesus and how He is able to forgive our sins. As Christ glorifies the Father, so should we lift Him up above all. Our Savior told Nicodemus as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so should the Son of man be lifted up that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Let us, as the children of God, lift Him that all may see Him. Leaning on the everlasting arms of God through faith in Jesus Christ, we as the children of God do find ourselves safe and secure from all alarms just as our elder brothers and sisters did through vast troubles and hardships because of who they are and whose they are. Assurance that our Lord will never leave us or forsake us and will be a friend that sticks closer than a brother brings a comfort and peace that surpasses all understanding.

Hebrews 11:16 reminds us that faith in God will have us desiring a better country, that is, a Heavenly country where God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He hath prepared for them a country. Our hope is eternal in Heaven and a great portion of our joy is knowing that God is not ashamed to be called our God. Our God has ears that are open unto the cries of the righteous, and we can bring all our troubles

and concerns unto Him. He will smooth out the rough spots and undergird us with the sure foundation, which is Jesus, lift us above all concerns, and encourage us along life's way to keep our eyes on Jesus, for He has the answer to whatever comes our way.

As we come to the conclusion of this letter, let us remember we are never alone. Christ is always with us. Our hope is we would walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing as the apostle wrote to the church at Colosse. We should walk as Enoch did and have his testimony of pleasing God. Do your actions each day please God? We should strive to be more like Christ each day and to live obedient to His commands. Jesus told us in His own words to love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength. His second commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. Our earthly life is supposed to be based on love. We should remember each day that we are a pilgrim and a stranger searching for a city. The born again person is going to a city that Christ told us He was going to prepare for us. Remember where we are going! That should cause us to want to live like Christ, pleasing our God each step of this way. We are God's children, let us behave as such should. Putting on the whole armor of God, walking circumspectly in this present world, following the example of Christ, loving and encouraging one another.

Yours in Christ,
Elder Mike Fullington
Elder Keith Holt
Elder Chris Salley

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The apostle Paul began several of his letters with these words: "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

We hope you have been made to feel welcome to the 168th annual gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists here on the grounds at Copper Creek (Addington Frame). I pray that God fills your heart while in attendance.

As a member of Willow Chapel, I am thankful that Poplar Grove and West View paved the way for multiple churches to host the Association in 2015, and we have seen it several times since. Many of our church members felt the desire to host, though it would be nearly impossible since Willow Chapel is nestled in a neighborhood in Kingsport. We are especially thankful to have been able to partner with our Copper Creek family to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Copper Creek hosted the Association in 2014 and could have done so again without Willow Chapel, but I am forever grateful they allowed us this privilege. The members from both Willow Chapel and Copper Creek worked tirelessly to prepare the grounds, the food, and their hearts. We were all rewarded by their efforts.

Thirty-four churches freely contributed \$7,000 to help the host churches cover the cost of the Association. Many members from other churches pitched in to work before and during the Association. There were folks who are not a member of any church that were present and assisting. I am always surprised at how many people show up to make this gathering happen. The host churches appreciate the monetary gifts, the gifts of service, as well as the prayers, and we know that God is pleased when we serve each other in love. I pray that God blesses everyone who was involved in any way. We also wish to thank all those which served on committees during the Association and throughout the year.

I am wonderfully blessed to be serving alongside Elder Terry Sizemore. This year will mark his 26th year of servitude as Moderator of our beloved Association. His wisdom and dedication are evident from both the manner in which he conducts business and his length of service. Terry does not strive for personal gain or position, but rather, to serve God for the betterment of the Association. We are glad to have Terry as moderator, and we love to hear Terry preach the Gospel in Spirit and in Truth.

My first year as clerk has gone by surprisingly fast. It has been a wonderful privilege to serve God by serving the Association and the individual churches and people that make up the whole body. I have been encouraged at every turn, and I am delighted and comforted to know that my brothers and sisters in Christ have continued

to pray for the Association, its churches, the Moderator, and myself. Please continue to do so.

Most importantly, we thank Almighty God. Many trials and tribulations have passed by our lives in the last year. Nevertheless, we have been repeatedly reminded that God is in control. No matter how dark that inner prison seems, we know that God can shake the very foundation. No matter how great the tempest or how high the waves roll, we know that He can speak, and the winds and the seas will obey. Sometimes it seems that the world had waxed worse to the point that evil is winning, but be not deceived. The battle is long over, and Jesus has already overcome the world. We should be of good cheer and shine our light for all the world to see. The world is dark and stormy. The world needs Jesus. The world needs to see Jesus Christ in me and in you.

A few years ago, I heard Elder Carter Hagar make a statement, and something about the way he said it caused it to stick deep in my heart. He said, "The greatest thing I've ever done was introduce someone to Jesus." I hope sharing Jesus is our main goal in life and that others will come to know Him as their Personal Savior.

Paul ended his letter to the Ephesians with these words; "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

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 dismissal;

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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

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

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

LIST OF MINISTERS

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

Name & Address	Church Membership
Baker, Lewis A., 867 Fall Creek Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 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
*Brown, Robert 105 Knollcrest Dr., Jonesborough, TN 37659, (423) 483-4385	West View
Cross, Kevin M., 5004 Madison Ct., Charlottesvile, VA 22911, (434) 973-7941	Chestnut Flats
Emery, Jim, (Loretta) 280 Obe Kirk Loop, Mohawk, TN 37810, (423) 327-8104	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	Mt. Mitchell
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) 226-4939	Willow Chapel
*Hall, Gary, 6159 Mendota Rd., Mendota, VA 24270, (276) 466-9297	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
Irvine, Oscar, (Priscilla) 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-6226	Poplar Grove
Jarrett, Tim, 12422 Horton Hwy., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 579-2244	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) 277-8222	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) 914 Windfield Way, 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) 161 Forest Lane North, 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	Long Hollow
Stapleton, Tyler (Hannah), 219 Ridge St., Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (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 #6, White Pine, TN 37890, (865) 674-6971	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)

*These ministers have been recognized by their church as having a gift. Their church has given them the authority to exercise their gift. They are therefore liberated to preach but are not legally ordained ministers.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Church and Clerk	Address	Phone
Blackwater Lick - Anita H. Moore	651 Roy Cheek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263,	(276) 393-5706
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) 796-2128
Fairview - Jennifer Robinette	914 Windfield Way, Waynesville, OH 45068,	(937) 416-8799
Flower Gap - Onza Fisher	2001 A. J. Osborne Hwy., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 346-2292
Gardner's Memorial - Cathy R. Baker	5258 Boozy Creek Rd., Bristol, VA 24202,	(423) 361-4777
Irondale - Ann Phillips	1529 Irondale Rd., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219,	(276) 393-5149
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 - Shirley Lawson	240 Timber Ridge Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857,	(423) 921-9557
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) 231-6853
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 24221,	(276) 431-4725
Rose Chapel - Sandra J. Johnson	360 Ethelrob Circle, Carlisle, OH 45005,	(937) 743-2017
Shelby Creek - Bonnie Wilson	4349 Stanley Valley Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642,	(423) 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) 226-4939
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 - Missy Sturgill	3312 Princeton Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660,	(423) 782-8630

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago –The Eastern District Association met in its Sixty-eighth annual session with Blackwater Lick Church, Lee County, VA on September 30, 1920. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. Barker from St. Luke 24:47, “And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.” Elder E.A. Robinette followed on the same text. Elder E.A. Robinette was elected moderator, J.J. Addington, clerk and treasurer, and J.W. Hurd, assistant clerk.

75 Years Ago – The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists met in its 93rd annual session with Alvis Chapel Church, Duffield, VA, on October 4, 1945. Elder Claude Taylor quoted Romans 8:37 for a text, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” He was followed by Elder S.M. Hopkins. Elder T.R. Carter was elected moderator, and Amos Osborne was elected clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Beginning on October 1, 1970, Poplar Grove Church in Kingsport, TN hosted the 118th annual session. Elder H.V. Hall was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and read from the 8th chapter of Hebrews, using a portion of the first verse as his text, “Now the things which we have spoken this is the sum.” Elder Lucian Lane followed using the same text. Elder Basil Freeman was chosen to serve as moderator, and Ellis I. Wallen was chosen to serve as clerk and treasurer.

25 Years Ago – The 143rd annual session of the Eastern District Association began on October 5, 1995 and was hosted by Peterson’s Chapel, Duffield, VA. Elder Bob Brown preached the introductory sermon, reading a portion of 1 Peter 2:7, “Unto you therefore which believe he is precious.” He was followed by Elder Jim Jarnigan. Elder Terry Sizemore was chosen moderator, and J.H. Sybert and Basil Freeman were named Honorary Moderators. Danny Lawson was chosen to serve as 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, Danny Lawson, Gerald Moore, and J.T. Osborne; alternate: Anita Moore. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 87; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, First Saturday in May (11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.) and the following Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Elders Mike Fullington and Keith Holt 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, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT & 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Gary Hall and Chris Salley; alternate: Joe Horton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 29; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday in September. Chris Salley, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Clifford Bledsoe, Delmer McPherson, Ada McPherson, and Joe Robinette. Received by Relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 104; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in July. David Parsons, moderator.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Roy Jones, Vicky Jones, and Josh Jones. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. John Banks, moderator.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, TN. Delegates: Jimmy Bledsoe, Shelia Bledsoe, Eddie Malone, and Wanda Malone. Total number on roll, 91; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday (9:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning (9:30 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (9:30 a.m.). Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, VA. Delegates: Ralph Baker, Kevin Cross, Dan Cross, and Christopher Gibson; alternate: Tom Baker. Total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Lewis Baker and Kevin Cross, moderators.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Roger VanHoose, Dennis Stewart, and Karen Stewart. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 133; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in October (10:30 a.m.). Roger VanHoose, moderator.

COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): Nickelsville, VA. Delegates:, Allen Addington, Roger Manring, Steve Minton, and Harmon Willis; alternates: Clifton Horne and Flo Minton. Received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 74; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. Harmon Willis asked to attend. Harmon Willis, moderator.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Barbara Collingsworth, Phyllis Hurd, Butch Woodward, and Janie Woodward; alternate: Bobby Terry. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday in April. David Parsons, moderator pro-tem.

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

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Joseph Robinette, Jennifer Robinette, August Robinette, and Richard Workman; alternate: Jason Robinette. Received by experience and baptism, 4; recieved by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 171; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in May. Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Hunter Hensley, Homer Osborne, Doug Willis, and Helen Willis; alternate, Roy Thomas. Received by experience and baptism, 1; recieved by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. 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 2nd Saturday. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

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

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, TN. Delegates: Denise Brooks, Don Brown, Jim Emery, and Loretta Emery. Total number on roll, 60; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday morning (after 11:00 a.m. service) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service and Homecoming, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. Jim Emery, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Robert Sward and John Banks. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 61; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. John Banks, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Kenneth Charles, Linda Charles, David Stapleton, and Linda Stapleton; alternates: James Manis and Lisa Manis. Received by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 183; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Bible study, Wednesday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 16, 2021 (10:30 a.m.). David Stapleton, moderator.

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

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Marvin Moeller, Marlene Moeller, and William VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 5; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 159; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday (10:00 a.m.) in April. David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Rose Manes, Ralph Lawson Jr., and Shirley Lawson; alternate: Frankie Manes. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 32; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.) in May. Everette Weems, moderator.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Stickleyville, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 15; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and following Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). (There will be no Sunday night meeting in August). Memorial service, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. John Banks, moderator.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Frank Gilliam, Peggy Harrold, and Juanita Williams. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 71; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Frank Gilliam, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: none. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 3; excluded, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.), and Wednesday night (7:00 p.m.). Jerry Johnson and Wiley Lampkin, moderators.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Courtney Lamie, Null Lawson, Carla Osborne, and Denver Osborne; alternates: Keith Holt and Mona Holt. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 100; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and 2nd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 2nd Sunday morning in May. Keith Holt, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Larry Holden, Steve Hunt, Richard Stevens, and Carson Sturgill; alternate: Terry Ketron. Total number on roll, 78; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday morning following the 1st Saturday, every Sunday morning, and every Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:00 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Louisa, KY. Delegates: Tommy Meade, Dorlane Meade, Dale Whitt, and Margaret Whitt; alternates: Harold Sincell, Ann Sincell, and Rosemary Borders. Dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 166; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (7:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Memorial Day (11:00 a.m.). Tommy Meade, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Aubra Hill, Kathy Lawson, Kim Robinette, and Jerelene Persinger; alternate: Betty Stokes. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. David Parsons, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Samuel VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 111; contribution, \$275.00;

meeting day, 1st Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. Samuel VanHoose, moderator.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, TN. Delegates: none. Total number on roll, 4; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday night, 2nd and 3rd Saturday night, 3rd Saturday night business. Wally Berry, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Rodney Dodson, Earl Lee Dodson, Doyle Odell, and Johnny Bunch. Received by relationship, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 293; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, VA. Delegates: Sandra Leonard, Carolyn Pennington, Curtis Pennington, and David Parsons; alternate: Wanda Parsons. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 61; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Wally Berry, moderator.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Donna Williams, Jeff Williams, Emily Williams, and Brandon Williams; alternates: Ed Williams and Nathan Fritz. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in May (10:30 a.m.). Curtis Hale, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Bradley Brown, Joseph Brown, Missy Walton and David Horton; alternates: Kathy Walton and Robert Brown. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 39; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April (10:30 a.m.). Burnice Sybert asked to preach the memorial service. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, TN. Delegates: none. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in September. Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Kala Hale, Adam Hensley, Scott Tipton, and Garnetta Miller; alternates: Tony Smith and Amy Bledsoe. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 85; contribution, \$550.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.), 3rd Wednesday night (6:30 p.m.) business, other Wednesday nights (6:30 p.m.) Bible study. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

TOTALS: 36 churches (17 in VA., 12 in TN., 3 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 15; received by letter, 4; received by relationship, 7; received or restored by recantation, 0; dismissed by letter, 5; excluded, 6; deceased, 38; total number on roll, 2,845.

There are 32 ministers serving as pastors - 28 are serving 1 church, 2 are serving 2 churches, 1 is serving 3 churches, and 1 is serving 4 churches. There are 2 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 24 ministers and 5 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 1st Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and following Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Chris Salley, and Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Chris Salley, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Scott Tipton, Harmon Willis, and all others who wish to attend.

3 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Jim Emery, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, 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 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Robert Brown, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

5 - CADET: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday and Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Curtis Hale, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

6 - CLEAR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, 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 1st 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 Parsons, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

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

3 - COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday and 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 2nd Saturday and Sunday night. Ministers asked to attend: Jim Emery, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert, Roger VanHoose, and Sammy VanHoose.

5 - WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Wally Berry, Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Hunter Hensley, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Harmon Willis, and all others who wish to attend.

- JUNE -

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

2 -NEW LIFE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Jim Emery, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, Wiley Lampkin, Eddie Malone, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Bill VanHoose, David VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, and Sammy VanHoose.

3 -LOW VIEW: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Jim Emery, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, and all others who wish to attend.

4 -CANEY CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Jim Emery, Carter Hager, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Jerry Johnson, Wiley Lampkin, 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 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Carter Hager, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, and Burnice Sybert.

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

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

- JULY -

1 -FAIRVIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Terry Sizemore, and Scott Tipton.

2 -SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd 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 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Jim Emery, Carter Hager, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

- AUGUST -

1 -BLACKWATER LICK: To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday (10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.); Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, 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.

2 -POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Kevin Cross, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, David Parsons, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

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

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

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

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

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

8 -MACEDONIA: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

- SEPTEMBER -

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

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

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

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

5 -CHESTNUT FLATS: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday and Sunday (11:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Charles Bernard, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, and Burnice Sybert.

6 -WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m. nightly). Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, 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 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Chris Salley, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

DIRECTIONS TO CLEAR SPRINGS

(The Association meeting will be held on these grounds.)

2201 Centerville Road
Spring Valley, OH 45370

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

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

DIRECTIONS TO FAIRVIEW

(Nightly services will be held at the host church.)

2353 Ferry Road
Bellbrook, OH 45177

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2019	\$ 22,454.91
Receipts from 2020	5,490.00
Sale of association chairs	40.00
Special offering	1,036.00
Donations after association	510.00
Interest (September 2019 thru August 2020)	29.40
TOTAL	\$ 29,560.31

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 75.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen, Liability, and Trailer)	1,382.97
Charter registration fee	40.92
Postage	48.76
Clerical Supplies	62.44
Internet Domain Fee	42.34
Enclosed Trailer (O'Quinn Trailer)	5,395.00
Trailer tags (permanent)	113.75
Trailer tie-downs	457.42
Gift to Moderator	1,000.00
Gift to Clerk	2,000.00
Printing and packaging 1,200 copies of 2020 minutes	2022.95
Chair Caps and Stoppers	1,148.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 13,789.55

BALANCE IN TREASURY **\$ 15,770.76**

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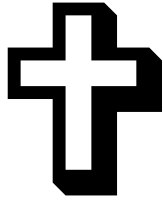
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Guidelines for Obituaries Printed in Association Minutes

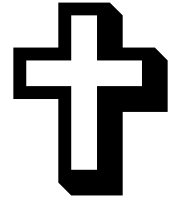
Everyone should adhere to the guidelines that have been used over the years for entering an obituary into the association minutes. Obituaries should be approved through the church before sending them to the clerk of the association. If at all possible, please send the obituary to the clerk before August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

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

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.

AKENS, Wanda Lillie Pleasant
BLEDSOE, Daphalene
BOGGS, Mae H.
*CARROLL, Silas “Porter”
CULBERTSON, Lowell “Butch”
DUNCAN, Billy Gene
FULLER, Bobbie Brice
HORNE, Edith Mae Williams
LEONARD, Ronald Ray
LLOYD, Rita Faye
McPHERSON, Darrell
PARDUE, Christopher Carlos
ROBINETTE, Barbara Lucillie (Helton)
ROGERS, John
SMITH, Collon Lee
TANKERSLEY, Thelma Hurd
WALLEN, Rita Christine
*WILLIS, Walter Cordell

ALLEN, Azalea Lucy
BLEDSOE, David Lee
BRADLEY, Dawn Carter
COLLIER, Lois Emily Trent
DAY, Sandra K.
FLETCHER, Daniel S.
GILREATH, Mollie I.
LANE, Alice Charles
LEWIS, Travis Keith
LLOYD, Thomas “Tommy” A.
OSBORNE, Irene Creech
PIGG, Fayette “Faye”
ROBINETTE, Billy
SMITH, Carl W.
STOKES, Don
TOMLINSON, Francis “Wren”
WILLIAMS, Frank R., Sr
WILLIS, Doris Alice Allen

*Ministers

WANDA LILLIE PLEASANT AKENS, 85, passed away at Johnson City Medical Center Wednesday, December 25, 2019. She was born August 21, 1934 in Roda, VA, where she lived until age five. She was a resident of Big Stone Gap the rest of her life. She preferred to be called Lillie.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Lillie was a full-time housewife and helped in her husband's company as a secretary. She started attending and singing at Cadet Primitive Baptist Church at age five. God blessed her with a beautiful voice, and she led singing for over 65 years. She taught Sunday School more than 25 years, helped with Bible School and fundraisers, and witnessed to all she met.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jess Lynn Akens, Jr.; parents, Richard Frank and Ada (McBride) Pleasant; brothers, Lester, Frank, Harold, Vernon, and Kenneth Pleasant; sister, Virginia Lane; mother-in-law, Lily Horton Akens; father-in-law, Jess Lynn Akens, Sr.; and sisters-in-law, Blanch Elizabeth Akens and Eula Tignor.

She is survived by her daughters, Teresa McGuire (Bill), Vicky Jones (Roy); grandchildren, Angela Tignor (Travis), Stewart McGuire, Josh Jones (Ashley), and Justin Jones (Sheri); five great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandsons, a step-grandson, three step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandchild; sisters, Irene Douglas, Patricia Leonard, and Pansey Giza; sisters-in-law, Marie Pleasant, Gerline Grey, and Tanya Guess; brother-in-law, Kenneth R. Akens (Shirley); many nieces, nephews, friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, and her life-long friend and church-bench-buddy, Lois Collier.

-Written by her family

AZALEA LUCY ALLEN, 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

DAPHALENE BLEDSOE of Blackwater, VA, left this walk of life on February 27, 2020 at the age of 91 for her heavenly home. She was a faithful member at Burke's Union Church as long as her health permitted.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Julia Cobb.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Bledsoe; son, Stanley Bledsoe; daughters, Rena Moore, Marjorie Shepherd, Roma O'Dell (Mack), and Marie Arnold (Mike); several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her church family. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

-Written by the church clerk

DAVID LEE BLEDSOE, age 70, of Blackwater, VA, departed this life on May 19, 2020. David was the son of the late Roy Lee Bledsoe and Bertha (Gilliam) Bledsoe. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Patty Bledsoe, and brother, Charles Bledsoe.

Surviving is his wife, Wilma Bledsoe; brother, Gary Bledsoe (Jean); sister, Debbie Bledsoe; nephews, Andrew, Scott, and Joey; great-nephews, Cody and Isaac; great-niece, Ellie; uncle, Wade Bledsoe (Patsy); and a host of dear friends.

David professed faith in Christ at an early age, and in later years, immersed in baptism. With enduring and noncomplaining patience, he courageously fought his illness of many years. He is greatly missed, but we feel assured he's with his dear Savior in Heaven's sweet, eternal rest.

-Written by his family

MAE H. BOGGS, 98 of Kingscreek, passed away Monday July 13, 2020 at her residence. She was a member at Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church. Mae was the daughter of the late Kelly and Jane Hall Hogg. She was the widow of Harrison Boggs.

Surviving are her sons, Kelly D. Boggs, Harrison K. (Vickey) Boggs, Kendall Bill (Judy) Boggs, and Timothy Wade (Melinda) Boggs; daughters, Bokey Boggs Hogan, Sonja Lynn Kohl, Becky Boggs Mohn, Eula Mae (Randy) Brown, and Deanie Pack; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; special care-giver who she thought of as a son, John Cornett; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Mae was preceded in death by her son, Tommy Carrol, and sons-in-law, James Mohn, Bruce Kohl, E.J. Hogan, and Rodney Pack.

-Written by her family

DAWN CARTER BRADLEY, age 83, of Morristown, TN, passed away on August 23, 2020. She was a charter member of Marion Robinette Memorial Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Sharon; parents, E.L. and Vada Robinette Carter; sisters, Edith Cloud and Mona Haun; brothers, Howard Carter and Nessie Carter; niece, Sandra Murray; nephews, Robert Carter and Jimmy Cabb; and brother-in-law, Leonard Bradley.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 64 years, Boyce Bradley; nieces, Jeanette Carter, Peggy Honnaker, and Linda Plankenhorn; nephews, Buddy (Pat) Carter and Larry (Joyce) Carter; sisters-in-law, Dema Jeffers and Mary (Joe) Snapp; brothers-in-law, Alton (Marjorie) Bradley; and best friends, Marma Lee Boles and Vena May Collins.

-Written by her family

ELDER SILAS “PORTER” CARROLL, age 77, of Morristown, formerly of Sneedville, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Born the son of Edna and Silas Carroll, Sr., he was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Diane Gann; and brothers, Barry Carroll and Larry Carroll.

Porter is survived by his loving wife, Wanda. He also leaves behind his dear son, Danny (Heather) Carroll; grandchildren, Hollie Varney and Todd Carroll; great-grandchildren, Hailea Elliott, Haiden Elliott, Connor McClure, Ezabella Carroll, Caiden Carroll, and Addison Carroll; and brothers, Jim (Barbara) Carroll and Mark Carroll.

Elder Carroll was a dedicated and beloved member of Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He served his church with faithfulness and love throughout his lifetime. In addition to his ministry, one of his greatest legacies was his construction of the present church building. Answering the call to preach the Gospel, he was ordained by the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists at Swan Creek Church in April 1983. He served at the church's pastor from 1996-2007. Elder Carroll had many beloved friends, neighbors, and brothers and sisters in Christ, all of whom are blessed by memories of his kindness and his faith. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but his loved ones are assured that he is resting peacefully with the Lord.

-Written by his family

LOIS EMILY TRENT COLLIER was born in Flag Pond, Virginia September 6, 1919 and departed this life January 9, 2020 at the age of 100 years, 4 months and 3 days. She was the daughter of Elder Landon R. and Martha LouVerna Robinette Trent.

In November 1938, she married James E. Collier, Jr., who preceded her in death on June 16, 2000.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by sons, Donald Ray and James E. Collier III; daughter, Wanda Lynn Bell; brothers, Lee and Leonard Trent; sister, Muzeta Trent; step-brother, Tom Robinette; half-sister, Ruby Johnston.

She is survived by her daughter, Martha June (Burnice) Sybert; sons, Randy and Starlin (Cindy) Collier; nine grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; an “adopted daughter”, Carolyn Browder, and many other relatives and friends.

She was saved at an early age and joined Shuler’s Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. When the church merged with Cadet Church in Big Stone Gap, VA, she became a member there and was their oldest member, being faithful to the end. She attended the funeral of her best friend, Lillie Akens, at the church just 18 days before her passing. She also attended West View Primitive Baptist Church in Kingsport for many years.

She was a kind and compassionate lady who loved all her family members as well as her church families and all of God’s creation. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, and making floral arrangements for the graves of family members. She fought a good fight, finished her course, and kept the faith.

-Written by her family

LOWELL “BUTCH” CULBERTSON, 73, of Kingsport, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at his residence following an extended illness. Butch was a lifelong resident of Kingsport and retired from Mead Paper/Willamette. Butch was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam as an MP in the 504th. He was a member of Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ruby Blankenbeckler Culbertson; sister, Jewel Clamon; and brother-in-law, Gary Miller.

Butch is survived by his wife of 51 years, Linda Hamilton Culbertson; son, Rusty Culbertson and wife Melissa; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Janice Jones and husband Donnie and Garnetta Miller; brothers, Jim Culbertson and wife Nelda and Carl Culbertson and wife Cynthia.

-Written by his family

SANDRA K. DAY, 71, of Whitesburg passed away Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the Parkview Nursing Home in Pikeville, KY. Sandra was the daughter of Clayton and Orpha Day. She was a member of Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are her sisters, Kathy (Robert) Sword, Marcia (Eddie) Roberts, and Barbara (John) Banks; nephews, Daniel Sword, Clayton Banks, and James Roberts; nieces, Tori Akers, Clayshan Kincer, Chandra Baskin, and Angie Jones; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

-Written by her family

BILLY GENE DUNCAN, age 80, of Rogersville, was born November 23, 1939. God called him by name on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from Park West Heart Center in Knoxville, with his loving family by his side. He attended Shelby Creek Church as he grew up and later attended Long Hollow Church.

Bill retired from Berkline Inc. in 2002. He loved gardening, working outdoors, especially building various buildings on his property, and making crafts and furniture for his family. He loved going to auctions and talking with his friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Oakel Allen Duncan; brothers, Rufus, Kenneth, and Joel Duncan; and grandson, Bradee Cole Davis.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Annette Duncan; daughter, Crystal (Ronnie) Davis; sons, Tim (Cindy) Duncan and Jerry (Jeannie) Duncan; sisters, Ruth and Marie Lawson; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Bill is missed by all who knew him. Rest now, Bill, until we meet by the river. Walk slow, as we won't be far behind.

-Written by his family

DANIEL S. FLETCHER, age 60, of Deboard, KY passed away March 12, 2020. Born August 10, 1959 to Delilah Fletcher and the late John Fletcher. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Denzil Fletcher and Tom Fletcher; sister, Anna Louise Bowen; and stepson, Tommy Horn.

In addition to his mother, Daniel is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Dempsey; stepsons, Buddy Horn and Fred Horn; brothers, Millard Fletcher and John P. Fletcher; sisters, Ernestine Newsome, Geraldine Jennings, and Rebecca Fletcher; and four grandchildren.

Daniel was a member at Richardson Chapel. He will be greatly missed by all.

-Written by his family

BOBBIE BRICE FULLER, 86, went Home to be with the Lord March 6, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hiram Patton Fuller, Sr. February 3, 2017; her parents, Thomas H. and Constance Greer Brice; seven sisters and a brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Connie Wardrup and husband, Jay; son, Pat Fuller, Jr. and wife, Julie; sisters, Sue Brice and Jewell Williams; brother, Ted Brice and wife, Joyce; several nieces and nephews.

She was employed by Holston Valley Medical Group from 33 years. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, and a faithful Christian. She was a member of West View Primitive Baptist Church. She had a love for animals and beautiful flowers.

-Written by her family

MOLLIE I. GILREATH was born April 24, 1930 and departed this life on November 7, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Olen Gilreath; her mother, Nellie Phillips; and her parents, Rebecca Jane and Charlie Arnold.

Left to mourn her loss is a sister-in-law, Hazel Crawford; brother-in-law, J.D. Gilreath; and many nieces and nephews.

Mollie joined Mt. Mitchell Church on March 13, 1954 where she was a faithful member until her passing. Her testimony was always how she loved Jesus and what all he had done for her. She will truly be missed by her family, her church, her friends, and her neighbors. Because of God's amazing grace, we will see her again.

-Written by her family

EDITH MAE WILLIAMS HORNE was born April 25, 1925 and was called to live eternally with Christ Jesus on November 22, 2019 at 94 years of age.

She was the daughter of Henry and Rosa Fields Williams. She was married to Murl Etheridge Horne August 3, 1949. He preceded her in death in 2001. She was also preceded in death by her son, Larry Allen Horne; daughter, Lois Marie Horne Cole; sister, Myrtle Housewright; and brothers, David, Edgar, Dewitt, and H.P. Williams.

She is survived by daughters, Shirley Watson and Linda Mayo, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was saved at an early age at Long Hollow Church and attended there until her death. She always looked forward to attending church services.

Mom's passing has left a void in our lives, but we will meet again on that that glad reunion day.

-Written by her daughters

ALICE CHARLES LANE, 70, of Church Hill, TN, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at her residence following a lengthy illness. She retired from Eastman after 28 years of service. Alice was a member of Long Hollow Primitive Baptist Church and recently attended Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Matilda Fields Charles; brother, Don Charles; and sister, Glenda Charles.

Alice is survived by her daughter, Alison Osborne and husband, Phil; grandson, Duke Osborne; granddaughter, Laney Osborne; sisters, Tammy Hickman and Tina Conway; brothers, Kenneth Charles and wife Linda, Dennis Charles, David Charles and wife Lisa, Gerald Charles and wife Rita; several nieces, nephews, aunts, and an uncle.

Alice will forever live in our hearts.

-Written by her family

RONALD RAY LEONARD, age 66, went home to be with his Savior on January 21, 2020, at Holston Valley Medical Center. Ronnie was a Member, Deacon, Assistant Superintendent, and Trustee of Valley View Primitive Baptist Church. He was a retired employee of Norfolk Southern Railroad.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rufus and Theta Sproles Leonard; brother, Bobby; and sisters, Phyllis Hughes and Margaret Jo Leonard.

Survivors include his wife Sandra Leonard of the home; daughter, Connie Leonard Bush and husband Danny; grandchildren, Ryan Bush (Emily) and Jacob Bush; great granddaughter, Livia Bush; sister, Sue Rosenbalm (Bill); brothers, Marvin Leonard (Susie), Chris Leonard (Missy), and Dennis Leonard (Gina); sister-in-law, Mary Emma Leonard; brother-in-law, J.W. Hughes; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Ronnie was a faithful servant of Christ who did not miss church. Ronnie began each year by looking for a miracle and was never disappointed. To say Ronnie was special is an understatement. He is sadly missed by all who loved him.

-Written by his church family

TRAVIS KEITH LEWIS, age 63, of Xenia, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly and went to be with the Lord June 20, 2020. He was born June 3, 1957 in Bluefield, WV, the son of George and Elizabeth Lewis.

Travis was a loving son, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Travis loved the Lord; he dedicated much of his time to the church. He enjoyed music, fishing, and spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He was a Master Carpenter, in which he was gifted with creating many homes and businesses. He remodeled the Lighthouse Baptist Church where he was also a member for a number of years. He was currently a member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church. He helped in getting children to attend Awanna at the church. Travis was a loving, giving man who would give the shirt off his back to help someone in need. Travis was involved in helping the elderly community and would do anything he could in making sure others needs were taken care of. Travis will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Travis was preceded in death by his father, George Lewis; and brother, Roger Lewis.

Travis is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Lewis; sons, Brian (Monica) Lewis and Joshua Lewis; grandchildren, Tara Lewis (Matt Reed), Natasha (Cody) Buck, Brian Lewis (Darian Heath), and Harvey Lewis; great-grandchildren, Bryce Lewis, Callie Buck, Jasper Buck, and Marilyn Heath; siblings, George (Jeanie) Lewis, Lora (Jim) Bennett, Wanda (Ron) Hill, and Elizabeth Valdez; multiple nieces, nephews, cousins; as a host of friends.

-Written by his family

RITA FAYE LLOYD, 60, of Church Hill, TN, went to sleep in the arms of Jesus on Monday, September 7, 2020. She was a member of Mt. Mitchell Primitive Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and especially spending time with her family.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, Will and Ray Wallen; her husband, Tommy Lloyd; sister, Wanda Simpson; and brothers, J.B., Jimmy, and Jerry Wallen.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth; son, Thomas and wife Katrina; grandchildren, Kinley and Dylan; sister, Brenda Wallen Spears; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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

-Written by her family

THOMAS "TOMMY" A. LLOYD, 71, went to be with the Lord on January 28, 2020. He joined Mt. Mitchell Primitive Baptist Church May 29, 1998, where he attended as long as his health permitted. He was a humble man and was always praising and thanking Jesus. He was a disabled veteran, serving in Vietnam in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reece and Pearl Lloyd; sisters, Reba and Frankie Lloyd and Helen Miller.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Rita Lloyd; son, Thomas R. Lloyd and wife Katrina; daughter, Elizabeth G Lloyd; grandchildren, Kinley Grace Lloyd and Dylan Thomas Lloyd.

A father is the anchor of his family. A child won't likely find a father in God above unless his earthly father models God's pure love by what he may say and what he may do. Anchored by faith, Christ being the glue.

-Written by his wife

DARRELL McPHERSON, 59, of Blackwater, VA, was called to his heavenly home on December 11, 2019 after a battle with cancer.

He is survived by his daughter, Beth Linkous (Mark); sons, Chris and Michael McPherson; nine grandchildren; brothers, Delmer (Ada) and Troy (Brenda) McPherson.

He was saved at Flagpond Church, Blackwater and later joined Burkes Union Primitive Baptist Church.

While he was in the hospital, he told his family he was going home, but not to his earthly home. So sleep on until we meet again.

-Written by the church clerk

IRENE CREECH OSBORNE, 96, went home to be with the Lord on November 15, 2019.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of almost 55 years, John Leonard Osborne; her parents, Winfield Scott and Martha Ann Creech; sister, Rose Ella Barrett; and brothers, Lester, Cameron, and Homer Creech.

She is survived by a son a wife, Wayne and Gail Osborne; a daughter and husband, Rev. Jack and Shirley Baker; grandchildren and spouses, Mike and Michele Sell, Eric and Karen Osborne; great-grandchildren, Emily and Haley Osborne and Ashley, Amber, and Alex Sell; sisters, Catherine Nigro and Judy Wellman; brother, Kenneth Creech; and many nieces and nephews.

Irene was saved in her teens at Blackwater Lick Church, later baptized and joined Osborne's Chapel Church where she served as church clerk and taught Sunday School. She loved singing and sang in a family gospel group with her husband. They sang in many churches and funerals through the years. She worked on the family farm and in clothing manufacturing, and she was her husband's caregiver for many years. She was an accomplished seamstress and wonderful cook. She also enjoyed crocheting for family and friends, growing beautiful flowers and a vegetable garden. She leaves a legacy of helping others and being an inspiration to many.

God blessed us with a wonderful mom. We miss you, but we have precious memories and know we will meet again on Heaven's bright shore.

-Written by her daughter, Shirley Baker

CHRISTOPHER CARLOS PARDUE, 47, of Dayton, passed away April 11, 2020. He was born August 27, 1972 in Chillicothe, OH. He loved his profession as a horse farrier. He was a member of Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by his sons, Christopher G Pardue, Ian G Pardue, and Devon Hedger; father, Robert C. Williams I; mother, Ella (Jerry) Haggerty; grandmother, Luella Williams; brother, Robert C. (Christie) Williams II; step-brothers, Shane and Jeremy (Alissa) Haggerty; nephew, Robert C. (Britany) Williams III; nieces, Rinna and Emily Williams; step-nephews, Garret, Grant, Kasch, and Kruz Haggerty; step-nieces, Abby and Layla Haggerty; great-nephews, Liam and Milo Williams; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins; and mother of his sons, Sarah Webster.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Geneva Pardue, Doug Williams, and Mac Pardue.

-Written by his family

FAYETTE "FAYE" PIGG, age 77, of Bellbrook, passed away Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 in Dayton. She was born October 21st, 1942 in Wheelwright, Kentucky to Sillar (Hall) and John E. "Decker" Johnson.

Faye was a Christ-following, gospel-singing, full-hearted woman of God. She was a loyal member at Fairview Primitive Baptist for 30 years, where she was able to be part of a wonderful community. Faye enjoyed many things, but did everything out of love,

whether that was making afghans and quilts, growing beautiful flowers and vegetables, or baking something warm and delicious for everyone to enjoy. You could find her eating one of her favorite snacks; salt water taffy or a banana moon pie, and singing along to Clinging To A Saving Hand by Conway Twitty.

Faye was preceded in death by her husband, Everette Lee Pigg; parents; sister, Betty Jo McKenzie; brothers, Bernard Johnson and Kay Johnson.

She is survived by her son, Billy (Theresa) Pigg; grandchildren, Bobbie Alan, Betsy Marie, and Kolton; great-grandchildren, James, Madison, Brenden, Devon, Makayla, Tyler, Alexis, and Lucas; great-great-grandchildren, CJ and Grayson; siblings, Maynard, Paul, Phyllis Anne, and John Wayne.

-Written by her family

BARBARA LUCILLIE (HELTON) ROBINETTE, 82, went home to be with the Lord on August 4, 2020. She was a member of Stone Mountain Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, M.C. Robinette, Jr.; son, David; daughter, Rita Carter; grandson, Mickie Robinette; parents, Barnett and Ida Burton Helton; brother, Kenneth Helton; and sister, Kathy Helton.

She is survived by her daughter, Robin (Tommy) Tipton; sons, Phillip and Mike Robinette; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, six sisters, two brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

She will forever be missed by her family and friends.

-Written by her daughter

BILLY ROBINETTE laid his burdens down August 25, 2020. He fought a good fight and kept his faith. He was a member of Marion Robinette Memorial Primitive Baptist Church where he led singing and taught Sunday School for many years. He taught chemistry and physics in Hawkins County until his retirement in 1989.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Leslie Jo Robinette.

Survivors are his college sweetheart and wife of 61 years, Ruth; daughters, Trine Robinette (Frank Gosnell) and Teresa Martin (Mike); two grandchildren; and a host of friends.

-Written by his family

JOHN ROGERS, 80 of Xenia, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Dayton V.A. Hospital Hospice Unit. He was born November 24, 1939 in Clark County, Kentucky, to William Bruce and Sudia Mae (Tipton) Rogers. John served in The United States Army, liked to attend auctions, and enjoyed bluegrass music.

He is survived by his grandchildren, Janna Rogers and Noah Osborne; brothers, Willard Rogers, Larry Rogers (Wanda), Samuel Rogers, and Ricky Rogers; sister, Rena Ayers; and nieces and nephews.

John is preceded in death by his parents; son, John Daniel Rogers; brothers, Duval Rogers, George Rogers, Seburt Rogers, Harold Rogers, and Eugene Rogers; sisters, Mable Rogers, Gracie Townsend, and Rosetta Spencer; and step-mother, Gladys Rogers.

-Written by his family

CARL W. SMITH, 83, of Kingsport, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at his home. Born in Scott County, VA, Carl lived in Nickelsville before moving to Kingsport over 60 years ago.

Carl retired in 1993 from Eastman Kodak after 32 years of service. Carl was a Deacon of Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Joan Smith; two daughters, Kim Marshall and husband Ted of Kingsport, and Michelle Kirk and husband Shane of Church Hill; son, Carl Smith II of Kingsport; seven grandchildren; and six great-children.

-Written by his family

COLLON LEE SMITH, 64, of Kingsport, went to be with Lord on Monday, September 21, 2020 peacefully at his home after a long, hard battle with cancer.

Collon was born and raised in Gate City, VA and moved to Knoxville, TN while pursuing music where he met his wife. They lived in Maryville where they raised their children for 25 years before moving to the Kingsport area. Collon had a great love for the Lord and shined his light for everyone to see, especially through his amazing talent in playing the guitar and his beautiful singing voice. He was a member of Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Clara and Carl Smith; and his brother-in-law, Ralph Perkins.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Smith; daughter, Chasiti Chandler (Brent); son, Cory Smith; brothers, Allen Smith (LaDonna) and Tony Smith (Melissa); sister, Kimberly Byrd (Jeffery); and many nieces and nephews.

-Written by his family

DON STOKES, 77, was born on August 12, 1942 and departed this life on May 10, 2020. He was a veteran of the United States Army and would often tell of his many experiences while serving his country.

He is survived by his loving wife, Betty Stokes; daughter, Anita Gillenwater; son, Rick Stokes; grandchildren, David Lee Gillenwater, Aaron and Braden Stokes; great-grandchildren, Maylee and Ella Gillenwater.

Don was a dedicated member of Rollers Chapel Church. He loved to open the service by reading scripture and asking for prayer requests. It gave him great joy to be able to work in the church. He battled many health issues, largely from kidney transplants, but Don would use this as a way to witness to people about the Lord's goodness in his life. Don's presence is missed among us, but we know he is free from the afflictions of his body, and one day we will meet him on Heaven's bright shore.

-Written by the church clerk

THELMA HURD TANKERSLEY entered eternity February 22, 2020 at the age of 86. She was the true example of a Proverbs 31 woman. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. As long as she was able, she was always seen when the church doors opened. She was the person you always wanted making petitions to her Father for you. She always humbly requested prayer for her family. She was a faithful member of Flower Gap as long as her health permitted.

She left behind four children: Daniel and Jerald Hurd, Patsy Maness and Susie Osborne. Rest easy Mom, until we meet again!!

-Written by her children

FRANCIS "WREN" TOMLINSON, born October 31, 1944, passed from earth to Glory on October 6, 2019. She gave her heart to Jesus at age 13 and was very dedicated to Livingston Chapel / Wallens Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 63 years.

She leaves behind to mourn her husband of 54 years, Bill Tomlinson; daughters, Brenda Tomlinson and Donna Williams; son, Will Tomlinson, Jr.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. We will meet you by the shores of eternity, Mom. Until then, we will carry the burden you had for your family to be saved.

-Written by her family

RITA CHRISTINE WALLEN went home to be with her Lord and Savior January 16, 2020 at the age of 65 years and 20 days. She was born December 27, 1954 to the late Carson and Maggie Lawson Johnson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Latrina Upman. Left to cherish her memories are her husband of 46 years, Richard Wallen; her loving daughter, Heather Wallen; sister, Patricia Richards and husband Jim; mother-in-law, Gracie Wallen; several nieces and nephews; and a host of close friends and relatives.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at the same time as her daughter, Heather, in 1994. She joined West View Primitive Baptist Church where she was a faithful member.

-Written by her family

FRANK R. WILLIAMS, SR., age 75, of Hawkins County, TN, went home to be with Jesus Sunday, July 12, 2020 at the U.T. Medical Center, surrounded by his family and friends. Frank was a veteran of the Vietnam War, having served in the Army. He enjoyed carpentry work and restoring old homes. He loved spending time and playing with his grandson, Bentley, who was the apple of his eye.

He is survived by his true love, Mildred Williams; daughters, Frankie R. Manes and husband Joey, Felicia Rhodes, and Natasha Williams; son, Frank R. Williams, Jr. and wife Gwen; his precious grandson, Bentley Williams; special friends, Cindy Roberts and Autumn Jones; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and neighbors.

-Written by the family

ELDER WALTER CORDELL WILLIS, 83, of Rogersville. On Monday, May 11, 2020, our father and grandfather slipped from our arms into the arms of his Heavenly Father and of the family waiting for him. Our hearts are broken, but at the same time, we know he is where he longed to be.

Walter was born on November 22, 1936 in Blackwater, VA to the late Peart and Zelma Willis. His family moved to Kyles Ford, TN when Walter was a child. Upon graduating from high school in May 1957, Walker joined the Army and spent time in Germany. Upon returning, he moved to Kingsport, TN, and there he met the love of his life Doris Alice Willis. After their marriage on February 20, 1960, they moved to Kyles Ford, TN.

DORIS ALICE ALLEN WILLIS was born on September 7, 1934 and passed away on March 27, 2019. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Alice gave Walter her full support while he was pastor of several churches in the Eastern District Association.

Left to mourn their passing are children, Kimberly Willis Belcher, Susan Willis (Mike) Tweed, and Scott (Karen Byrd) Willis; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and four brothers.

-Written by the family

HISTORICAL DATA

Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists organized 1835

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

1896	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	William Henry	J. B. Wallen
1897	Flat Rock	E. S. McPherson	John Walker	E. A. Robinette
Two associations formed, divided by Virginia-Tennessee state line, in 1898				
Eastern District in Virginia: Southwestern District in Tennessee				
1898	Bloomer's Chapel – ED	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Pierson	John Dean
1898	Hopewell – SWD	John Dean	G. W. Johnson	Alfred Wallen
1899	Natural Tunnel – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	M. F. Robinette
1899	Long Hollow – SWD	William Henry	A. Y. Willis	J. B. Wallen
1900	Dry Creek – ED	E. S. McPherson	G. W. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1900	Blackwater, TN – SWD	John Dean	A. Y. Willis	John Dean
1901	<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
The two associations united again in 1906				
1906	Natural Tunnel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette
1907	Mountain View	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. R. Robinette
1908	Blackwater Lick	E. S. McPherson	Nicholas Alder	J. P. Peters
1909	Riverside	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1910	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1911	Zion	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1912	Osborne's Chapel	E. S. McPherson	Amos Osborne	J. P. Peters
1913	Ayers Chapel	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	J. P. Peters
1914	Copper Creek	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington	E. A. Robinette
1915	Ida	E. S. McPherson	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, <u>Ass't.</u>	J. P. Peters
1916	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, <u>Ass't.</u>	J. P. Peters
1917	Hopewell	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, <u>Ass't.</u>	J. P. Peters
1918	Beech Grove	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, <u>Ass't.</u>	C. M. Fuller
1919	Mountain View	J. P. Peters	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, <u>Ass't.</u>	J. P. Peters
1920	Blackwater Lick	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, <u>Ass't.</u>	E. Barker
1921	Blackwater, TN	E. A. Robinette	J. J. Addington; J. W. Hurd, <u>Ass't.</u>	F. M. Long
1922	Swan Creek	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne; Hampton Osborne, <u>Ass't.</u>	A. N. Joyner
1923	Jenkins Chapel	E. A. Robinette	Amos Osborne; Hampton Osborne, <u>Ass't.</u>	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	Rollers Chapel, Cadet, Wallen's Creek, Blackwater Lick & Davis Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Kevin Hale	Daniel Hurd
2020	Copper Creek (Addington Frame) & Willow Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Kevin Hale	Harmon Willis