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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, September 30, 2021

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 169th annual session hosted by Fairview Church (Bellbrook, OH) held on the grounds of Clear Springs Church in Spring Valley, OH.

Fairview (Bellbrook)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brother Lewis Joyner was the first Clerk/Treasurer and served the church until 1966. Other Clerks who served the church are: Sisters Virginia Hall Osborne, Berneda Moore

Vanover, Betty Barnett Livingston, Brother Kenneth Mitchell, and Sister Charlene Mitchell. Current Clerk is Sister Jennifer Robinette with Sister Erin Harkleroad serving as her Assistant.

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

A clear and cool morning provided a pleasant start for the 169th session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Brother Steve Minton, Tony Smith, and Bradley Brown led the congregation in singing several songs of praise to our Most High God. His forever I will be, for the Love He gave for me. There's no other friend on whom I can depend. As the singing concluded, many had gathered under and around the tent.

Our moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore, welcomed everyone to the 169th annual gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Elder Sizemore then asked that the congregation sing the Association's standard song, "Brethren, We Have Met Again." Some of our brothers and sisters have left this world, but we have the assurance of a Better Land if we know Jesus in the power of His resurrection.

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 for 2021 was appointed beforehand, consisting of Robert Brown (chairman), Gary Hall, Danny Lawson, and Ronnie Johnson (alternate).

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which consists of Dennis Stewart (chairman), Steve Minton, and Marvin Moeller.

We were blessed with special singing by Bradley Brown, then Billy Marcum. It won't be very long, til Jesus shall appear. How we will shout when the redeemed are gathering in.

Testimonies were shared and prayer requests were made for the lost, the Association, Kenneth Mann, Lewis Baker, Frank Gilliam, our elders, Dan and Virgie Cross, Brenda Horton, Denise Brooks, Betty Sizemore, Jewell Williamson, Randena Stewart, Edna Lane, Jewell Spurlock, Vicky Spurlock, Kay Short, August Robinette, Lois Taylor, Betty Russell, Ivel Price, Erin, Savanna, CJ, Bella, and Alexa Harkleroad, Marty and Suzie Yount, Penny VanHoose, Hunter Hensley's dad and papaw, Homer Osborne and his daughter, and many unspoken requests. Elder Scott Tipton led us to the throne

of grace with a humble prayer, asking God to touch the requests and to send the drawing power down to convict the lost.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Joseph Robinette began by sharing his testimony of salvation and welcoming everyone to the Association. He read from the 12th chapter of Hebrews verses 1-4, and also Hebrews Chapter 10, verses 11-25, using the thought, "looking unto Jesus." God gave the best Heaven had to offer as a sacrifice, offered once for all, that we might be saved, and saved to the uttermost. Find and walk in the old paths by looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. He laid aside Heaven to become the Supreme Sacrifice, and He is worthy of our praise.

Elder Jason Robinette followed, preaching from the same foundation. We have a high priest that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. In this world you'll have tribulation, but be of good cheer, Jesus has overcome the world. He suffered death and became obedient unto death and the cross for you and me. God has perfected those that are sanctified, set apart from the world, walking in the old path, following the Holy Spirit, and loving one another, even as Christ loved us.

We were adjourned for lunch in a song of praise. I am so glad that Jesus loves me; Jesus loves even me.

Thursday Afternoon, September 30, 2021

The host church provided a plenteous lunch, and laughter and fellowship could be heard and seen among the attendees. The Good Lord provided a soft, cooling breeze to accompany the beautiful, sunny day.

Brothers Steve Minton, Bradley Brown, and Scott Tipton each led the congregation in singing songs of Zion as the congregation gathered for the afternoon service. I long to be by my Savior's side, just over in the Glory-land. O I tell you that is where I want to go. Some happy day I'll live with Christ for aye.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service as he thanked the host churches for the natural food and thanked God for the Spiritual food.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing and testimony from Tammy Lawson Jones, David and Wanda Parsons with Kim Robinette, and Tony Smith. I will cherish the old rugged cross that held the Dearest and Best that heaven had to offer. What a day that will be when we get to see Jesus.

Prayer requests were made for Alicia McPherson, Virgie Grace Hill, Ettia Ruth Creech, David Wells, Elder Mike Fullington, and a number of unspoken requests by the raising of hands. Elder Jason Robinette led us in humble prayer.

Elder Robert Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward with testimony and to give the report of our state and standing. With 36 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 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 Oscar Irvin asked for the delegation to stand in agreement that they would earnestly pray for the moderator and clerk as they serve the Association.

Elder Sizemore humbly thanked the delegation for their vote of confidence. We always desire your prayers that we follow the Lord's will in every aspect of the offices.

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: Mark Newkirk, Robert Brown, and Hunter Hensley; Deacons: Clifton Horne, Steve Hunt, and Tony Smith; Layman: Ed Williams.

Committee on Finance: Joe Pitzer (chairman), Joseph Robinette, and Curtis Hale.

Committee on Obituaries: David Parsons (chairman), Doug Willis, and Steve Minton.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Burnice Sybert (chairman), Jason Robinette, Roger VanHoose, Scott Tipton, Oscar Irvin, David Horton, and Tommy Meade.

Letter Committee for 2022: Danny Lawson (chairman), Ronnie Johnson, Dennis Stewart, and David Horton (alternate).

Brother Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Electrical and PA System Committee, came forward to give the report, thanking the host church for all the effort in preparation for this year's meeting and all the help in preparing the electrical and sound system. Brother McPherson brought forward a recommendation to reimburse Brother Adam Lawson \$827.00 for the video camera that has been used for recording and live streaming the Association meetings. He also provided an idea for the Association to get service for a mobile hotspot to be able to live-stream the Association meetings in the future.

The moderator asked the delegation if they would like to act on either of these recommendations. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to reimburse the \$827 for the video camera.

Discussion took place concerning the mobile hotspot. A recommendation was made to inquire into pricing first. Brother Danny Lawson provided information that prior inquiry into the matter showed it would likely require an annual contract for service at approximately \$20 per month. It was then recommended that the delegation set a budget to allow the committee to get the service prior to the next Association. It was motioned, seconded and voted that a mobile hotspot service be investigated, and service be purchased with a maximum budget of \$500 annually.

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

Brother Dennis Stewart, chairman of the Religious Exercises Committee, came forward to give the committees report.

- Thursday night at Fairview Church: David Parsons, Kevin Cross, and Billy Marcum

- Thursday night at Macedonia: Terry Sizemore, Joe Pitzer, and Patrick Pitzer
- Friday Morning in Stand: Roger VanHoose and Scott Tipton

It was motioned, seconded, and voted to allow the clerk to replenish the necessary forms and supplies 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.

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

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed in prayer, led by Elder Kevin Cross until Friday morning, October 1, 2021.

Friday Morning, October 1, 2021

The Lord provided another beautiful morning to start the second day of the 169th association. Brothers Dennis Stewart, Steve Minton, Bradley Brown, and Billy Marcum led the congregational singing. Though trials should come, let this blest assurance control that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate and hath shed his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul!

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service. Thank God for blessing us with another day and for the wonderful meetings thus far. We praise Him for the hope of an Unclouded Day.

We were blessed with special singing from the youth of the host church. He knew who I was when he carried the cross. God has been so good! I have been blessed!

Testimonies were shared, and prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick and shut-ins, our churches and revivals, Sherrie Brown, Bradley Brown, Harmon Willis, Wally Berry, Alene Crawford, Betty and Hershel Baker, Daniel Hurd, Billy, Cathy, and Missy Walton, August Robinette, Polly McBee, Roy and Vicky Jones, Emma Jean and Joe Robinette, Miss Charlene, Nadine Horne's family, Keith Holt, Kristen Sizemore, Marty Yount, Roger VanHoose's family, Eileen Brown's son, many unspoken requests, and

several request that the clerk could not hear to record. Elder Hunter Hensley led the congregation with a 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 Roger VanHoose, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. Elder VanHoose began by singing "Wayfaring Stranger" with Dennis and Karen Stewart, as shouts and praises erupted from throughout the tent. Elder VanHoose began reading in the first verse of 2nd Peter and read through the 4th verse, using as the thought, "According to His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness." Salvation is not of the flesh, but it is a new birth into the Kingdom of God. The sting of death is taken away, because not even death can separate us from the Love of God. He is worthy to be praised!

Elder Scott Tipton came to take the second portion of the preaching service. If you want peace, you can have it. You must come to Jesus, call on Him, and believe on Him. Once the Blood is applied, we will persevere through grace. We will still meet death, but we don't have to meet it alone.

Elder Tommy Meade took the stand for the final part of the morning service, preaching his testimony about God's "Amazing Grace." God doesn't want anything from us, except our heart. We can give it all to him on an altar of repentance. Turn to Jesus, for he has the power to save us and raise us up.

We are thankful to have preachers that fervently preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's *that* Gospel that can convict and save the lost.

We were dismissed for lunch with a song. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. And His Amazing Grace will lead me Home.

Friday Afternoon, October 1, 2021

The delegation returned to the tent following a delicious meal provided by the host churches. An eagerness to serve by all involved has been apparent throughout the week.

Brothers Steve Minton and Bradley Brown led the congregation by singing Spirit-filled songs praising our Lord and Savior. There's a blessed assurance knowing that Jesus is mine. O what matchless love for me was shown through Jesus's suffering. Nothing can for sin atone; nothing but the Blood of Jesus!

The moderator welcomed the congregation back from lunch, thanking the host churches for the great food and thanking God for His blessings.

The Holy Spirit moved greatly in the special singing and testimony from Walker Bales, Peggy Shaw-McBee and Jason Robinette, Priscilla Irvin, and the singers from Copper Creek Church. God, his Son not sparing, sent Him to die and take away my sins. How Great Thou Art! Reach out and touch the Lord; he can supply your every need. Lay off that ragged old coat of flesh and put on a new coat of my Savior. He forgave me of my transgressions, and now He is my All and All. I have so much to praise Him for! Thank you, Lord!

Testimonies were shared and prayer requests were made for the lost, Gaylord Hill, David VanHoose, and many unspoken requests. Elder David Parsons came forward to lead us in prayer, thanking God for His Holy Spirit dwelling with us and asking Him to touch the prayer requests, to convict the lost, and for the remainder of the business.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

- Friday night – Fairview: Hunter Hensley and Curtis Hale
- Friday night – Macedonia: Oscar Irvin and Scott Tipton
- Saturday morning in Stand: Burnice Sybert, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore
- Saturday night – Fairview: Sam VanHoose, Bill VanHoose, and Bobby Graham
- Sunday morning – Richardson Chapel: Oscar Irvin

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.

Brother Clifton Horne, on behalf of the Committee on Newly Constituted Churches, reported that none had been received this year.

Elder Joe Pitzer reported on the behalf of the Committee on Finance. It was reported that there were \$5195 in receipts for the year. We thank each church as they generously give to the Association year after year.

Elder David Parsons reported on behalf of the Committee on Obituaries that 38 have been received at this time. A reminder was given to include church membership or affiliation in each obituary. Each obituary is to be approved by the church before being submitted.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that two queries have been received from Macedonia Church and New Life Church, though they were concerning the same matter. The queries were concerning having a single, specified location for the Association, year after year, namely the Blackwater Lick School, owned by Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church. It was stated there are many churches that do not have the means, whether it be parking, facilities, manpower, or finances, to host the Association. Having a single location could alleviate some of these issues and provide other benefits, like indoor facilities, ample parking, etc.

The committee's response was that the individual churches having the opportunity to host the Association is part of our heritage. The committee recommends not making any changes and continuing to allow each church that desires to host the Association to plea for it to come to their church.

There was not a motion and second to bring the queries to discussion; therefore, these queries were not addressed by the Association.

The men chosen to write the circular letter for 2021 were Elders Kevin Cross, Harmon Willis, and Wally Berry. Elder Kevin Cross came forward to read their letter. Its message to each of us was one of encouragement and was filled with the Spirit. 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 2022 which includes: Elders Oscar Irvin, Curtis Hale, and Roger VanHoose.

Billy Marcum led the congregation in singing "Going up Home to Live in Green Pastures" and "The Only Fire I'll Ever Feel is Burning in My Heart" as several volunteers took up an offering to help with Association expenses. A generous donation of \$1001 was received.

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

There were five churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are Burkes Union, Fairview (Bellbrook), Flower Gap, Wallens Creek, and Willow Chapel. Delmer McPherson and David Parsons delivered the plea for Burkes Union. Joseph Robinette came forward on behalf of Fairview and withdrew, stating he was excited that so many other churches wanted the Association this coming year. Hunter Hensley pled on behalf of Flower Gap. Wallens Creek's pleas were made by Brandon Williams and Curtis Hale. Scott Tipton came forward on behalf of Willow Chapel and withdrew, stating He doesn't feel it's in God's plan for the Association to go to Willow Chapel next year.

Through the vote, the Association was sent to Burkes Union where, the Good Lord willing, we will convene on the Thursday morning (September 29, 2022) before the first Saturday in October 2022 for the 170th gathering. The introductory and alternate sermons will be preached by Elders David Parsons and Burnice Sybert, respectively.

Elder Burnice Sybert dismissed us in prayer, thanking God for such a wonderful time that we've had in Him, as we were adjourned until Saturday morning, October 2, 2021.

Saturday Morning, October 2, 2021

God blessed His children once again to gather together for our memorial service. Brothers Dennis Stewart and Bradley Brown led the congregation in several songs of Zion. I've a home prepared, just over in the Glory-Land. When He comes from His home in the sky, then we shall meet Him in a Land where we'll never grow old. I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our Saturday morning memorial service, thanking God for the privilege of gathering together for the 169th annual session and for each one in attendance.

We were further blessed with beautiful, Spirit-filled singing and testimony from David and Wanda Parsons with Kim Robinette, the singers from Wallens Creek, Tony Smith, and the Pitzer family. Troublesome waters around me roll, but Lord, I'm trusting in you. He led me from darkness and promised me a heavenly home where sweet rest can be found. I'm so glad that I've got a better place to go, because I've placed my trust in Jesus. I'm waiting for the boatman to carry home across Jordan. God, You gave me Jesus and made me Your child, and I just thank You, Lord. He's more than enough to wash the sin out of me. My Lord loves me!

Testimonies were shared and prayer requests were made for the lost, the elderly, our churches, our country, Joe Pitzer, Burnice Sybert, Eileen Brown's sister, Henrietta

Adams, Cora L. Neeley, August Robinette, Penny VanHoose, Walker Bales and his family, and many unspoken requests by raising hands. Elder Robert Brown humbly led the congregation in prayer, praising God for all He's done, most of all for salvation, and asking God to touch each request and to convict and save 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 Dennis Stewart provided the final report of the Religious Exercises Committee.

- Saturday morning in Stand: Burnice Sybert, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore
- Saturday night – Fairview: Sammy VanHoose, Bill VanHoose, and Bobby Graham
- Sunday morning – Richardson: Oscar Irvin
- Sunday morning – Clear Springs:

It was stated that we would discontinue to print Sister Eileen Brown's contact information in the minutes. We thank her for the years of service to our Association by sending out announcements to the individual churches.

Elder Jason Robinette came to the stand with a song a song of praise and to extend thanks on behalf of the host church to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the Spirit coming down to visit with us. Elder Robinette continued by thanking "the folks from down south" who helped set up the tent, Clear Springs Church for use of their facilities to host the Association, the children who helped with the food, everyone in attendance, and most of all, thank God. He concluded by singing, "When I Thank Him for What He Has Done."

The moderator reminded all ministers to sign the Ministers Book.

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 friends and family members that have moved on to their eternal home in the past year. Please remember their families in your prayers, and we thank God for the time we had with them.

As Burnice Sybert, who chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, was unable to take the first part of the service due to sickness, Oscar Irvin came forward saying it is a joy to be here. He had many friends on the list, even his brother, but we're so glad

that we have a glorious hope that we shall meet again. Those that die in the Lord are far better off than you or me. Death is not a punishment, but a deliverance from a world of trouble and sorrow to a Land where there are no problems.

Elder Irvin read from Romans chapter 8 (commenting that it was J.H. Sybert's favorite chapter) verses 18-23 and 2 Corinthians chapter 4 verses 15-18, using Romans 8:20-21 as the thought: "For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." He found us lacking, wanting, and dead in our trespasses, but Christ provided a way of escape that we won't have to face death. In Christ we're made alive, and alive for evermore. That man on the inside is growing more and more like Jesus, getting ready to bust out of this old clay, and to take a flight to where there is no night. Because of the promise of God, we know we have a better place to go. We have victory of death, sin, and the grave because of the man called Jesus Christ. Sin brought forth death. Elder Irvin ended by thanking God for placing him among such a great people and for the love and friendship that he has with all the people of this group of people.

Elder Terry Sizemore began by singing, "He Got on a Cloud and Went Home," and preached the second half of the service using the same scripture. This creature will lay aside this mortal form, "for this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." Time in this house of clay is temporary, but we have another building, not made with hands. We have a hope beyond that which is seen in this world, and that hope is in the Spirit of the Lord and the revelation of Jesus Christ. Everything on earth will fail us, but God will never fail us. When you feel His presence in your life, you want more of Him. He fills our churches with His Spirit, and it's the same Spirit that we have at the Association.

We thank God for one more opportunity to hear His Word preached in Spirit and in Truth, to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to give Him all the Glory.

We were dismissed in songs of praise led by Elder Roger VanHoose and prayer led by the Moderator. The congregation fellowshiped together with smiles, hugs, and laughter, and we were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 3, 2021.

Sunday Morning, October 3, 2021

The Good Lord once again provided the privilege for His people to gather together and worship in the Spirit.

Congregational singing began with “Where the soul never dies,” along with “I love to walk with Jesus” and “I’m never alone.”

Elder Jason Robinette opened the service and asked for prayer requests and testimonies. Prayer requests were made for Bernice Sybert, Savanna Harkleroad, Joe Pitzer, Penny Vanhooose, Myra’s sister-in-law, August Robinette, the lost, and many unspoken requests. Testimonies were shared by Betty Russell, Jeff Huseby, Josh Harkleroad, and Bonnie Huseby. Sister Betty Russell led the congregation in prayer.

Special singers were the Bellbrook Youth Group, who sang “Family of God” and “Glory, Glory, Glory.” Joe Robinette, Jason Robinette, and Erin Harkleroad followed, singing “Walking in the light” and “Do you know how it feels?” along with “Do you remember,” “Sweet Heaven’s in view” and “Two coats.”

Brother Jake Fairchild asked for prayer over the preaching service. Bobby Graham took the stand first. He began by giving his testimony about running away and the struggle of accepting what God wants him to do. He used 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 as his text.

Elder Joseph Robinette took the second part of the preaching service, using the same text and the thought, “The Excellency of God.” We are persecuted but not forsaken. We have the same spirit of faith. “I believed, and therefore have I spoken.” Many believe in some sort of god, but that isn’t enough. You must believe in God and also in Jesus. Whenever we believe, we must speak of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Roger Vanhooose took the next part of the service, saying it’s easy to be fired up when you’re on the mountain top, but the valleys are coming. Don’t make the valley harder by not turning to Jesus. That is the time to learn to lean on Jesus. One preacher is not better than another. They all need the power of God to be able to preach, because without Him, we can do nothing. If you reap of the flesh, it leads to corruption, but if you reap of the spirit, you will be blessed.

Jason Robinette preached the final portion of the service. In Him was life, and in Him was the light of men. Jesus Christ is the light of our lives. The things we see with these natural eyes are temporary, but we have an eye of faith. We don’t walk by natural sight but by faith. Through that eye of faith, we have received the end of our salvation.

The congregation sang “Living by Faith” while they fellowshiped. Brother Josh Harkleroad closed the service in prayer.

I wish to sincerely thank Sister Jennifer Robinette for her detailed description of the Sunday morning service. I’ll never be able to describe my appreciation for all the help

and love we receive from our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is my prayer that God will continue to watch over and bless all of our churches and their respective members over the next year, and we are already looking forward to joining Burke's Union for the 170th annual session.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To our Brothers and Sisters of the 169th Annual Session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, we pray that all may be richly anointed with grace and peace from God, our Father, and from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. A local church is an assembly of professed believers on the Lord Jesus Christ, who assemble themselves in His name for the breaking of bread, worship, praise, prayer, and furtherance of the gospel. Such a church exists where two or three are gathered together. Every such local church has Christ in the midst, is a temple of God, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The true church consists of born again believers meaning called-out ones, "called out of the world". The church according to the scriptures should be of one mind and one accord (Phillipians 2:2), to love and lift up one another and not to put down, but to esteem one another (Phillipians 2:3). We are to always remember that we were freed from the sins of bondage and set up on the solid Rock by the mercies and grace of Jesus Christ, who paid a debt that we could not pay.

1 Corinthians Chapter 3 teaches that we who are born again are the temple of God, and that the spirit dwells in us. Romans, Chapter 6 gives us that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, we are raised from the dead state of sin to walk in newness of life.

We should always remember that we were all in bondage of sin and had no way of escape

except that God was mindful of us and made a way thru His Precious Son, Jesus, that we could

be set free. We see how sin used to reign in our mortal bodies, and we were the servants of sin, but now are we the servants of righteousness. Just as the Jews did when they were freed from the bondage of the Egyptians they came out of Egypt with high hand (Exodus 14:8). We should as the Children of the Light praise God together and lift up holy hands walking together hand in hand throughout our time here with a high hand. After reading Romans, 6:22: "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life", we should live a Holy, sanctified, spirit-led life before our fellow man that the world may know that God sent Jesus to die for their sins. The entire bible is an instruction of how we should live together in one mind and one accord and how we should worship God together. This inspired word "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in

righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:16-17). This is the cedar gifted to us by Christ and the Holy Spirit which adorns the innermost of our tabernacles for the purpose of “perfecting the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ” (Ephesians 4: 12-13).

As Israel was called the church in the wilderness (Acts 7:38) we who are born again are the church today. We, who were desolate as the wilderness according to the reign of sin and death, have been renewed, by the grace of God, like the Garden of Eden. (Ezekiel 36:35) By the mighty power of His right hand and His holy arm, this desolate land has been tilled (Ezekiel 36: 34) and joy and gladness are found therein with thanksgiving and the voice of melody. (Isaiah 51.3) Yet, as there is no new thing under the sun (Eccles 1:9) this world has been seized upon by the same wiles of Satan that our forefathers also had to encounter. But, God, who is ever faithful, continues to demonstrate that His mercy endureth forever. By God’s mercy, the church has been fenced by the redeeming love of Jesus Christ to be a refuge and fortress against the terror of night, the arrow that flieth by day, the pestilence that walketh in darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noon day (Psalm 91: 5-6)

There is a great need for us to live as children of God to show the world that we are in the world, but not of the world; therefore, we must remain mindful of the weakness of the flesh. When the Israelites returned from exile to Persia, the spirit of God enthused them to start building His temple again. Of their own counsel and relationship with the world, the people declared, “The time is not come, the time that the Lord’s house should be built” (Haggai 1.2) But, through the prophet Haggai, the Lord of Hosts demanded that the people “consider your ways” (Haggai 1:5) We, too, must consider our ways with a spiritual understanding to obey the voice of the Lord our God only and fear Him with Godly reverence. We must not corrupt the Truth with interjections of the world’s vain and deceitful philosophies which look to create despair by foolishly attempting to set the laws of God against themselves. But, when obeying the Lord only and casting aside the filth of the flesh, the Lord will stir up a spirit among the people to come and do work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God (Haggai 1:14). Being awakened from the sleep of death by God’s marvelous grace, we must walk in the light of Christ in order to redeem the precious gift of time with spiritual understanding whereby we speak in psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs and make a melody in our heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5: 16-19). As the Israelites stood upon the foundation of the temple and shouted with a great shout and praising the Lord (Ezra 3: 10-11), we, likewise, must stand steadfast “...upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, wherein Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:20) and make a joyful noise that echoes throughout the wilderness declaring His mercy and goodness. “So that a man shall say, verily there is a reward for the righteous; verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth” (Psalm 58:11).

As the Lord grants us to continue our journey as pilgrims and strangers on earth, let us look heavenward for our strength, courage, joy and hope. We should rejoice together

and remember that it is God who brought eternal life to us and that it is his mercy that looks at us as one church, one body in Christ Jesus. Without God there is no church or body, without God there is no redemption, and without God there is no rejoicing. In closing, let us hold fast to the words of the Apostle Paul, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11).

Your Brothers in Christ,
Elder Harmon Willis
Elder Wally Berry
Elder Kevin Cross

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

I trust that you have been made to feel welcome at the 169th annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists hosted by Fairview Church, though held on the grounds of Clear Springs Church. I pray that God has truly blessed each one in attendance.

Being able to travel to Ohio to attend our Association is a wonderful blessing from the Lord. Though we aren't able to worship with the members of Fairview very often, we are always made to feel right at home, even so far from our houses. We recognize that the members of the host church worked many hours, days, and weeks to prepare the grounds and provide food for the attendees, and we thank them for all their time and efforts. We also thank Clear Springs Church for allowing the use of their church grounds as a location for our gathering.

Thirty-three churches have donated \$6,585 to assist the host church in covering the cost of hosting the Association. We also recognize the members from the other churches that have worked before and during the Association to help the host church. We know they appreciate the monetary gifts, the gifts of service, as well as the prayers. We are instructed to love one other as ourselves, and we certainly receive blessings from the Holy Spirit in serving our brothers and sisters in Christ. We trust that all that have served have been blessed in doing so. We also wish to thank all those which served on committees during the Association and throughout the year.

We also thank Elder Terry Sizemore for another year of dedicated service to our Association, its members, and most importantly to the Lord. We pray that God will continue to bless Terry and his family for his continued efforts. His love and devotion to the Lord are shown in his love and devotion to our beloved Association, and we are truly blessed to have a moderator that sees the best interests of the entire body of utmost importance.

My second year as clerk didn't seem nearly as much of a whirlwind as the first. I'm thankful for all those that have prayed for me and my family and those that have encouraged and uplifted us throughout the year. I can't count the number of brothers and sisters in Christ that have become friends in the short time I've been on this journey. I'm delighted that God has heard our prayers and been mindful of us throughout the year. I know that I'm not able to accomplish anything good without His Holy Guidance, and we certainly desire your prayers over the next year.

Finally, we thank God for all the good He does, both in His blessings that are seen and known and in those that aren't. Though the COVID-19 pandemic is still a nationwide issue, we are delighted that the Lord allowed us to gather for the Association one more time. It was a wonderful blessing from God to have Union meetings again throughout the past year, especially after numerous were forced to be cancelled last year. Oft times we take these opportunities for granted, but we've been reminded of how special they really are when the Sweet Holy Spirit comes down and blesses when we gather with our sister churches. Most of all, we thank Him for sending His Son, that we might be redeemed from the captivity of sin, that we might have peace in this world through knowing He is omnipotent, and that we might have life eternal when this world is set behind us.

Please continue to pray for the Association, each of the churches, and all the members that God will allow us to grow and prosper for many years and generations to come, not only in numbers, but also in our faith and personal relationship with God. It is important for us to be a beacon of light for the lost that they may come to know Jesus in the free pardon on sin and accept His mercy before it's everlasting too late.

Terry Sizemore

Moderator

Kevin Hale

Clerk & Treasurer

PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING NEW CHURCHES

(Revised 1964)

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

PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTER OR DEACON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Adopted at Riverside Church – 2005; published 2005)

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

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

(F) Requirements or Qualifications for Ordination Procedures for Ministers or Deacons (Titus 1:6-9). If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God;

not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH COVENANT

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

- Copied from the Willis Chapel Church Book, 1807

CHURCH CONSTITUTION

(Especially for Newly Constituted Churches)

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

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

The final perseverance of the saints;

The resurrection of our bodies;

A restricted communion to church members in full fellowship;

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

The Christian Sabbath to be a holy and heavenly institution;

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

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

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

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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

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

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

LIST OF MINISTERS

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

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Hensley, Hunter, 156 Horn Gap Rd, Gate City, VA, 24251, (276) 690-6953	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
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Hurd, Daniel, (Phyllis) 9803 Middle Wallens Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263, (276) 346-3402	Blackwater Lick
Irvin, Oscar, (Priscilla) 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-6226	Poplar Grove
Jarrett, Tim, 12422 Horton Hwy., Greeneville, TN 37745, (423) 579-2244	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) 1418 Jackson Hollow Rd., Kingsport, TN 37663, (423) 782-8129	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
Pardue, Justin, 1780 Deer Creek Dr. Suite 1, Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 900-7414	Rose Chapel
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) 8891 State Route 380, Wilmington, OH 45177, (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 - Sheila Bledsoe	165 Fred Cox Ln., Mosheim, TN 37818,	(423) 552-8822
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	8891 State Route 380, Wilmington, OH 45177,	(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,	(276) 591-3913
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 – Judith M. Lawson	868 Chris Barney Rd., Dryden, VA 24243, (276) 298-4428
Wallen's Creek – Kendra Hale	1807 Goshen Valley Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 226-4939
West View – Jennifer Horton	156 Hickman Orchard Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 963-9811
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 convened in its sixty-ninth annual session with Blackwater Church, Hancock County, Tenn., September 29, 1921. The introductory sermon was preached by F.M. Long from Nehemiah 4:6; “So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.” 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 94rd annual session with Willis Chapel Church, Kyles Ford, TN, on October 3, 1946. The introductory was preached by Elder B.L. Lawson from this text, “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved,” first clause of the 28th verse of the 12th chapter of Hebrews. Elder Dana Crawford, the alternate, followed Elder Lawson using the same text. Elder T.R. Carter was elected moderator, and Amos Osborne was elected clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Beginning on September 30th, 1971, Blackwater Lick Church in Lee County, VA hosted the 119th annual session. The one chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Harold Shaw, came forward, reading from the 3rd chapter of Exodus, beginning at the 11th verse, using a portion of the 14th verse as his test, “I am that I am.” Elder Hampton Osborne (alternate) followed using the same text. Elder Basil Freeman was chosen to serve as moderator, and Burnice R. Sybert was chosen to serve as clerk and treasurer.

25 Years Ago – The 144rd annual session of the Eastern District Association began on October 3, 1996 and was hosted by Wallens Creek Church in Duffield, VA. Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Richard Seiber read from Ephesians 4:1-16 and used as a thought, “What great things God has provided on our journey here.” Elder George Mendenhall was chosen to preach the alternate Sermon but was unable to attend because of sickness. Elder Eckel Head followed with another inspiring message from God. Elder Terry Sizemore was chosen moderator. 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, and Rebecca Lawson. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 84; 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. Delegate: Daniel Hurd. Total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT & 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: none. Excluded, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 25; 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: David Parsons, Delmer McPherson, Ada McPherson, and Clifford Bledsoe. Deceased, 5; total number on roll, 99; 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 and Vicky Jones. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 27; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. John Banks, moderator.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, TN. Delegates: none. 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: Kevin Cross, Christopher Gibson, Richard Carter, and Donnette Carter. 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: Joe Pitzer, Karlene Bales, Walker Bales, and Patrick Pitzer; alternate, Dennis Stewart. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 132; 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: Danny Howell, Anita Howell, Clifton Horne, and Nadine Horne; alternates; Steve Minton and Flo Minton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 72; 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: Phyllis Hurd, Butch Woodward, Janie Woodward and Bobby Terry; alternate: Rita Asbury. 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.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: none. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 9; 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, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Josh Harkleroad, Erin Harkleroad, Jeff Huseby, and Bonnie Huseby; alternate: Jennifer Robinette. Received by letter, 2; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 169; 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. Joseph Robinette and Jason Robinette, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Hunter Hensley, Doug Willis, and Helen Willis; alternate, Roy Thomas. 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, \$20.00; meeting day, none. Frankie Phillips, moderator pro-tem.

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, TN. Delegates: none. Received by relationship, 5; total number on roll, 65; 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. Delegate: Linda Lucas. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 60; 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: James Manis and Lisa Manis. Received by relationship, 2; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 180; 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 15, 2022 (10:30 a.m.). David Stapleton, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegate: Carter Hager, Roy Bledsoe, Elsie Burton, and Barbara Bledsoe. Excluded, 17; total number on roll, 15; 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, Clem Simmons, and Kenny Taylor; alternate, William VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 7; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 165; 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: Ralph Lawson Jr., Shirley Lawson, and Rose Manes; alternate: Frankie Manes. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 30; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May. Everette Weems, moderator.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Stickleyville, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 13; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and following Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). No Sunday night meeting in August. John Banks, moderator.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Peggy Harrold and Juanita Williams. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 68; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Gary Hall, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, TN. Delegates: Faye Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Phyllis Lampkin, and Wiley Lampkin; alternate, Terry Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; 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, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Keith Holt, Mona Holt, Carla Osborne, and Denver Osborne; alternate, Null Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 3; total number on roll, 103; 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: Wanda Crawford, Delores Hunt, Steve Hunt, and Priscilla Irvin; alternate: Oscar Irvin. Received or restored by recantation, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 76; 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 (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Louisa, KY. Delegates: Tommy Meade, Dorlane Meade, Dale Whitt, and Margaret Whitt; alternates: Rosemary Borders and Mark Welch. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 169; 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, Kim Robinette, and Jerelene Persinger. Total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Robert Brown, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Justin Pardue, Tom Carter, Mark Newkirk, and Anita Newkirk. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 112; contribution, \$175.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday morning (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. Delegate: Peggy Sizemore. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 288; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day,

1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, VA. Delegates: Anna Duncan, Sandra Leonard, Carolyn Pennington, and Curtis Pennington. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 59; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Wally Berry, moderator.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Donna Williams, Emily Williams, Dedra Shifflett, and Kendra Hale; alternates: Jeff Williams and Brandon Williams. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 48; contribution, \$150.00; 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: David Horton, Charlotte Horton, Joe Brown, and Robert Brown; alternate: Bradley Brown. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 37; 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. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 80; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 2nd Saturday in September. Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Ronnie Johnson, Gina Johnson, Tony Smith, and Melissa Smith; alternates: Scott Tipton and Teresa Tipton. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.), 3rd Wednesday night (6:30 p.m.) business, other Wednesday nights (6:30 p.m.) Bible study. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

TOTALS: 36 churches (17 in VA., 12 in TN., 3 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 17; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 9; received or restored by recantation, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 21; deceased, 48; total number on roll, 2,802.

There are 31 ministers serving as pastors - 27 are serving 1 church, 3 are serving 2 churches, and 1 is serving 4 churches. There is 1 church with a moderator pro-tem. There were 14 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2022

(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: Robert Brown, Oscar Irvin, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and all others who wish to attend.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Chris Salley, and Harmon Willis.

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, Gary Hall, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, 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, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

6 - CLEAR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Curtis Hale, Hunter Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Tommy Meade, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

- MAY -

1 -SWAN CREEK: To begin on Thursday night (7:00 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday, Friday night (7:00 p.m.), Saturday morning (10:30 a.m.), and Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Wally Berry, Robert Brown, 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 (6:00 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Gary Hall, Hunter Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, and Harmon Willis.

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: Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Hunter Hensley, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Harmon Willis.

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, Scott Tipton, Roger VanHoose, and Sammy VanHoose.

2 -NEW LIFE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, Eddie Malone, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Bill 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, and Burnice Sybert.

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, 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, Wally Berry, Robert Brown, 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, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, 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, David Stapleton, 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: Robert Brown, Kevin Cross, Curtis Hale, 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 (6:00 p.m.; 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: Charles Bernard, Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, Curtis Hale, 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, Gary Hall, 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, Wiley Lampkin, 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, Mike Fullington, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, 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, Robert Brown, Frank Gilliam, Gary Hall, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

3 - LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, 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, Robert Brown, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Gary Hall, 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, Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Hunter Hensley, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, 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: John Banks, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Chris Salley, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

DIRECTIONS TO BURKE'S UNION

4472 Canton Rd.
Blackwater, VA 24221

Coming from Kingsport or Big Stone Gap on Route 23, turn at the Duffield intersection onto Route 58. Follow Route 58 for 0.8 miles, turn left onto Route 604. Follow Route 604 for the next 2.6 miles to Pattonville, where Route 604 turns to the left. After 1 mile, the road forks, turn left onto Route 603. Follow Route 603 for 4.3 miles to the church.

If coming in from the Rogersville area (Route 11W), turn North onto Route 70 and follow it to Blackwater. After 5.2 miles, Route 70 and Route 94 split. Remain on Route 70 for another 16.7 miles until you get to route 604. Turn right and go approximately 1.7 miles where Route 604 goes to the left and Route 603 continues straight ahead. Follow Route 603 for 7 miles to the church.

When coming in from the Jonesville area, turn south onto Route 70 and follow it for about 12 miles to Route 604. Turn left and go approximately 1.7 miles where Route 604 goes to the left and Route 603 continues straight ahead. Follow Route 603 for 7 miles to the church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2020	\$ 15,770.76
Receipts from 2021	5,295.00
Special offering	1,001.00
Interest (September 2020 thru August 2021)	24.72
TOTAL	\$ 22,091.48

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 75.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen, Liability, and Trailer)	1,497.00
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	67.80
Clerical Supplies	37.66
Gift to Moderator	1,000.00
Gift to Clerk	2,000.00
Additional cost of 2020 minutes	298.39
Printing and packaging 1,200 copies of 2021 minutes	2,509.52
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7,505.37

BALANCE IN TREASURY **\$ 14,586.11**

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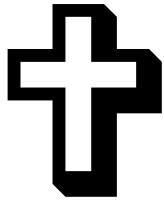
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Guidelines for Obituaries Printed in Association Minutes

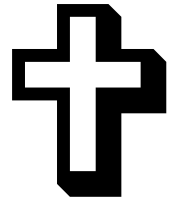
Everyone should adhere to the guidelines that have been used over the years for entering an obituary into the association minutes. Obituaries should be approved through the church before sending them to the clerk of the association. If at all possible, please send the obituary to the clerk before August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

ADKINS, Naomi Ruth
BREWER, Ronnie G.
CARTER, Juanita "Ruth"
COPE, Sherry Ann
FIELDS, Randy
HOLBROOK, Ruby Jean Sturgill
JOHNSON, Dorothy D.
KING, Christopher "Chris" Clarence
LAWSON, Dustin Eric
LAWSON, Pauline Osborne
MOORE, Gerald H.
O'DELL, Roma
PENLEY, Polly Gene Robinette
PUCKETT, Charles "Junior"
THACKER, Gladys Fields
VANOVER, Rose Rita (Workman)
WILLIAMS, Bennie
WILSON, Don Allen
WINSTEAD, Lawrence

BAILEY, Danny Kay "Bird"
BURKE, Bradley Tyler
CAUDILL, Dorce "Sonny"
EDENS, Christina
GILREATH, J.D.
IRVIN, Larry Keith
JOHNSON, Margaret Ann
LAMBERT, Linda Raymond
LAWSON, Maggie Ellen Lambert
LAWSON, Wilma Jean
MORRISON, Nancy Brooks
PALMER, JoAnn Jennings
PHILLIPS, Dennis
SPURLOCK, William G. "Bill"
VANHOOSE, Edith
WALLEN, Edsol
WILLIAMS, Lowell
WINEGAR, Elmer Wayne

NAOMI RUTH ADKINS, of Troy, OH, went home to be with Jesus on December 31, 2020, at the age of 64. Her devotion to family and her firm belief in God supported her struggle and ultimately gave her peace. Naomi was born to Joe and Emma Jean Robinette on February 16, 1956. She was immersed into the Christian faith by her loving parents at a young age. Naomi was a member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church. She loved to sing and worship with her brothers and sisters.

Naomi was blessed with a large and loving family. She married her best friend, Reed Adkins, on June 29, 1997, in Jackson, OH. Naomi and Reed were a blessing to all who listened to them praise the Lord together in song throughout the years. Singing was a lifelong passion of Naomi's. She brought many people to Jesus over the years through her songs and testimonies. Her family and friends are sure to miss her light shining in their lives.

Naomi was preceded in death by her first husband, Carson Payne; one brother, Fred Robinette; her niece, Candy Johnson; and one great nephew, Kaden Johnson.

Naomi is survived by her loving parents, Joe and Emma Jean Robinette; her husband, Reed Adkins; five children, Christy (Stephen) Cook, Shannon Payne, Tyler (Cathy) Adkins, Mary (Chuck) Petersimes, and Matt (Bobby Jo) Adkins; two sisters, Donna Robinette and Joanne (Mike) Longacre, three brothers Kyle Robinette, Parmer Robinette, and Jason (August) Robinette. She also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins, who will miss her loving smile.

For more than 30 years, Naomi worked for Kroger. She was a manager with a servant heart. She often spoke of her fellow coworkers and friends there. She retired in February 2020.

-Written by the family

DANNY KAY "BIRD" BAILEY, 71, of Surgoinville, passed away March 3, 2021 after a brief illness. He was a member of Long Hollow Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Ellene Bailey; brothers Jephtha Bailey and Clinton Bailey, Jr. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Vietnam War. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed. Survivors include his daughters, Kimberly Danielle and Danielle Renee Bailey; son, Brendon Bailey; stepchildren, Travis Buckholz and Lacy Unroe; grandchildren, Zaelin Tucker Thomas Roberts, Brinley Unroe, and Emeri Jade Unroe; brother, James Richard Bailey; sister, Sharon (Dennis) Phipps; several nieces and nephews, and special friends, Brenda Renee Johnson, Bennie Williams, Patrick Mahoney, Ralph Lindsay, Lisa and Izak Griggs. Until we meet again in Heaven.

-Written by the family

RONNIE G. BREWER, age 68, of Sneedville, passed away February 18, 2021. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 15 and joined Swan Creek Baptist Church. Ronnie loved to sing. He was a very special husband, and he will be sadly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harrison G Brewer & Hazel Perry Brewer; brother, Charles Brewer and his stepmother, Ora Hatfield Brewer

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Nancy Brewer; sisters, Mae Dean (Ralph) Sutton, Pauline King, and Argel Lee Seal; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and a host of other family and friends.

Ronnie 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 wife, Nancy

CAROLYN ANN “ROBINETTE” BUCHANAN, age 80, of Medford OK, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2021, at the Integris Bass Hospital in Enid, OK. Carolyn was born on May 21, 1941, in Bellbrook, OH. She was the daughter of the late Annie Sue “Walker” Beegle and Wesley Ellsworth Beegle. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Claude Ray Beegle; a sister, Jenny Sue Keeton; great-grandson, Landyn Wade Graham; son-in-law, Billy Eugene Whitt; and daughter-in-law, Regina Kerns Robinette.

On May 26, 1956, Carolyn married Roy Parmer Robinette. This union blessed them with four daughters and one son: Geraldine Whitt, Mary (Alvin) Ashcraft, Roy Daniel Robinette, Shirley (Jerry) Biby, and Ruth Ann (Kevin) Guinn. While living in Chandler, OK, Roy’s life tragically ended in 1985.

On November 7, 1987, Carolyn married Calvin Jerry Buchanan where she was blessed with two step-sons, Roger (Cindy) Buchanan, and Danny Buchanan. After an extended illness, Jerry passed away in 2013.

Along with her children, she is survived by two brothers, Joel (Diana) Beegle and Mike (Shirley) Beegle. A host of friends, nieces, nephews, 12 grandchildren, and 21 great children will miss everything about her.

Carolyn loved her family more than anything. She looked forward to the big family gatherings where all of her family could be together. She also enjoyed her work with the Wheatheart Program in Medford right up until it closed in 2019.

-Written by the family

BRADLEY TYLER BURKE, age 87, of Stickleyville, VA, passed away November 26, 2020. He was a member of Livingston's Chapel/Wallen's Creek and last attended Blue Springs Church in Stickleyville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Zach and Mary Burke; brothers Champ, Jim Bruce, and infant brother John David Burke; sisters Fern Marcum, Zelma Bowens, and Francis "Wren" Tomlinson.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Judy Burke; two children, Deborah Hammonds and Larry Burke, sister Lois Page, five grandsons, and nine great-grandchildren.

Tyler was a meek and faithful servant of the Lord, which he openly expressed through prayers and testimonies. Although he is deeply missed by all, we find great comfort in knowing he is with his Savior in Heaven.

-Written by church family

JUANITA "RUTH" CARTER, age 97, of Waynesville, passed away Monday, April 19th, 2021, at Bethany Lutheran Village.

Ruth was born November 22, 1923, in Blackwater, Virginia, to Roberta (Stewart) and Ramon Victor Childress. She lived her early years in Kingsport, TN, before making her home in Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William Carter in 1993, and more recently by sons, Terry and Garry. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Barbara Emrick (Donald), son Merrill, and daughter-in-law, Gynger Carter, grandchildren, Lindsey, Lauren, Amy, Matthew, Amber, Ryan, and Bradley, great-grandchildren, Hava, Titus, Carter, Ethan, Emily, Nicholas, Ashley, Elana, and Maliyah.

Ruth enjoyed church and was a loyal member of Fairview Primitive Baptist Church for decades. As a dedicated homemaker, she loved cooking, baking, sewing, crocheting,

quilting, and food canning, and often gifted apple butter and jam to family and friends. She had a large garden and grew her own vegetables and grapes, which she used to make grape juice and grape jelly.

-Written by the family

DORCE “SONNY” CAUDILL, 82, of Whitesburg, passed away August 22, 2021 at the Highlands ARH in Prestonsburg, KY. Sonny was the son of the late David and Dorothy Basham Caudill. He was the widower of Joyce Collier Caudill. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Betty Caudill.

Surviving are sons, Rick (Debbie) Caudill and Tim (Cheryl) Caudill; special grandchild, Kayla; and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was a member of Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church.

-Written by the family

SHERRY ANN COPE, age 60, of Sneedville, passed away December 1, 2020 at home with family. She was a member of Swan Creek Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Norma Jean Baker, Tyler Baker, and J.D. Collins; several aunts & uncles; father-in-law, Fred Cope; and brother-in-law, Lonnie Cope.

Survivors include her Husband, Fred Cope Jr.; daughter, Tasha (Michael) Gordon; grandchildren, Adren (Michael) Pruitt and Elijah Seal; great-grandchildren, Diesel Pruitt and Hallie Pruitt; sisters, Joyce (Carson) Bolden, Shirley (John) Willis, Tricia Collins, Delois Collins, Kathy Collins and Bernice Collins; and brothers, Venice Collins and Dennis Collins.

-Written by the family

CHRISTINA EDENS, 86, of the Cave Springs community, passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2021. She was born in Kentucky on Christmas day. She was preceded in death by parents Burley and Sudie Hall; husband Claude Edens; and several other close family members. Surviving are: her children, Sandy Edens, Debbie Thompson, Eugene Edens, and Sharon Shepard; her beloved grandchildren, Jared and Derek Edens; Chance and Cameron Thompson; Ashley, Jordan, and Cody Shepard; adorable great-grandchildren, Makayla, Kandice, Hadlee, and Lillian Edens; Brianna Thomas; Logan and Landon Light; brother Ronnie Hall; several nieces and nephews and in-laws.

Christina was a member of Valley View Primitive Baptist Church where she served as Sunday School Teacher of the Ladies' class for several year. There will be a joyous reunion in Heaven.

-Written by church family

ALLIA MAE ELDRIDGE, 89, left her earthly life on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 for her eternal home in heaven. Allia Mae was born August 7, 1932 to the late Earl and Eva (Wallen) Hall of Kyles Ford, TN. She called Blackwater, VA home after marrying the late Ralph Eldridge, where they lived and raised their family. After her health declined, she became a resident of Lee Nursing, Pennington Gap, VA.

During a revival in 1945, she gave her heart to the Lord and was saved on January 28th at Willis Chapel Primitive Baptist Church in Kyles Ford. She joined the church and was baptized in June of that same year. Allia Mae remained a faithful member of the church. Her health declined and she couldn't attend, but she never forgot her church and the desire to be there and hear the preached word of God. She loved her Lord and Savior and would reference his goodness many times during conversations. Allia Mae loved to sing. She spent many years with the Willis Chapel Quartet and choir as they sang in different churches and funerals. Allia Mae also taught a youth Sunday School class.

Allia Mae was a wonderful Christian mother. She loved her home and was an immaculate housekeeper. Her family was always taken care of and she loved her children to the fullest. She anxiously awaited each call and visit. She enjoyed gardening, canning and shopping. The impact she made on her children and the prayers that she showered them with will never be forgotten and her memory will forever live in our hearts. Allia Mae suffered great loss when her eldest daughter, Deborah Eldridge passed away in December 2020. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Yount.

To cherish her precious memory, she leaves behind her daughters, Karen Arnott and Genia (Eddie) Garrett; grandchildren, Travis (Carla) Arnott and Kita Eldridge; great-grandsons, Parker and Blake Arnott; and sister, Betty Yount.

-Written by the family

RANDY FIELDS, age 53, of Surgoinsville, was born June 9, 1967. He passed away January 23, 2021. He was the son of the late Jean and Dub Fields. He was a member of Long Hollow Church.

Survivors are his daughter, Megan; son, Tyler; two grandchildren; brother, Jim Fields; sister, Amanda Bradley; several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and a host of dear friends.

-Written by the family

J.D. GILREATH, 86, passed away on December 18, 2020 at the Holston Valley Medical Center from complications of Covid-19.

Born May 5, 1934, he spent his boyhood years plowing fields, tending livestock, and rambling the countryside with his siblings. One memory he spoke of was as a very small child sitting under a tree playing with blocks his father would give him while his father helped build Mt. Mitchell Church.

He worked briefly as a florist before joining Kingsport Fire Department in 1957. For 34 years, he took pride in providing safety and security for the community.

His memory will remain kindled in the hearts of his sister, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren nieces, nephews, and many friends.

-Written by the family

RUBY JEAN STURGILL HOLBROOK, 64, went to be with the Lord on May 19, 2021. She was a member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church. She was preceded in death by daughter, Dean; son, Jonathon; and brother, Arco.

She is survived by sisters, Alice Baker and Geneva Collins; and nephew, Travis Baker.

She will be missed by family and friends.

-Written by friends

LARRY KEITH IRVIN, was born October 6, 1950 and went to be with the Lord May 28, 2021 at the VA Medical Center after a brief illness. Keith resided in Kingsport his entire life. He honorably served his country as a soldier in the US Army and fought in the Vietnam War. He retired from Eastman after 44 years of service. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marie Wilson Irvin.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Linda Irvin; his brother Elder Oscar Irvin and wife Priscilla; grandchildren Nathaniel Dishner, Joy Dishner, and Kimberly Trent; several nieces and nephews; special friend Roff Gheman.

Keith attended Poplar Grove faithfully until his passing and he is missed terribly by his church family and friends. We miss him but we are thankful for the hope that we will meet again. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Rest easy, Unkie!

-Written by his niece Tracy Graybeal

DOROTHY D. JOHNSON, age 48, of Morristown, TN, went home to be with the Lord on August 14th, 2021. She was a member of New Life Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Terry Johnson; and children, Brittany L. Johnson and Terry Zach Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Freeman and Nancy Freeman. Also preceding her in death was her mother-in-law, Mary Ann Johnson Hodge; brother-in-law, Elder Donald Lowell Johnson; and many family and friends.

She was raised mostly by her grandmother Dorothy Wilbur and Roger and Loretta Manring.

-Written by church family

MARGARET ANN JOHNSON, age 70, of Sneedville, entered Heaven's gates to rejoice with her Savior and her heavenly family on September 14, 2020. She was a member of Swan Creek Baptist Church.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret was a remarkable cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her family and friends, especially over the holidays. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and so many others who had the privilege of knowing her.

Margaret was preceded in death by her son, Elmer "Ray" Bunch; father, Edgar Helmick; mother, Bobbie Helmick; mother, Ina Self; sisters, Linda Wright and Janice Helmick; and brother, Rick Helmick.

She is survived by her husband, Junior Lee Johnson; sons, Johnny (Ann) Bunch, Jerry "Duck" (Angie) Johnson, and Jack (Carrie) Johnson; grandchildren, Taylor (Justin) Burke, Leigha (Tyler) Lee, Madison Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Lillian Bunch, Hayden Johnson and Patrick Collins; brother, Nelson (Mary) Helmick; sisters, Becky Helmick & Pamela Cox; and several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

-Written by the family

CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" CLARENCE KING, born January 29, 1974, went home to be with the Lord on December 24, 2020. He loved the outdoors and hunting. Finding his true calling and passion in law enforcement, he began his career with the Hancock County Sheriff's Department. Along the way, he also worked as a community corrections officer for the Third District Community in Sneedville and also as an investigator with the Bean Station Police Department. He joined the LMU

Campus Police and Security Department as the second in command in 2017. November 7, 2020, he was appointed Chief, where he had big dreams for the campus, staff and his family. Chris made many friends over the years of his career, and many he loved as brothers and family. He was preceded in death by his dad, Clarence King; and Bill Singleton, whom he loved as father.

He leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Sharon King; sons, Corey (Callie) King and Hunter King; mother, Pauline King; sisters, Diane (Danny) Lamb and Tina (Mark) McCoy; nephew, Michael (Stephanie) Lamb; niece, Ashley (Brandon) Duckworth; Sylvia (Grandmur) Singleton, whom he loved as a second mother; and many friends and extended family.

-Written by the family

LINDA RAYMOND LAMBERT, was born September 18, 1949 and entered into eternal rest and peace March 24, 2021.

Linda lived most of her life in Blackwater and Lee County, VA before moving to Weber City, VA. She was an active member of Osborne's Chapel Church and later at West View Church.

She remained a loyal servant of the Lord at West View as long as she was able. She loved her church families and neighbors. She checked in on friends often. She was a dedicated and hard worker all of her life.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, John C. Raymond and Nannie M. Fannon Raymond.

She is survived by her son, David W. Lambert III and wife Tammy Head Lambert; grandson, Cameron Dawson; sister, Margaret Raymond Wallen and husband Gary Wallen; and many nieces and nephews as well as her extended Lambert and Wallen families.

-Written by the family

DUSTIN ERIC LAWSON was born in Sullivan County, TN on January 24, 1981 and departed this life November 30, 2020 at the age of 39 years, 10 months and 6 days. He was the son of Daniel (Danny) and Rebecca (Becky) Winkle Lawson.

Dustin graduated from Sullivan Central High School in 1999 and from Northeast State Community College in 2011.

He married Tressa Ball on July 15, 2010 and to this union was born 1 daughter.

Dustin was saved in 2015 and joined Blackwater Lick Church. He was blessed with a wonderful strong singing voice and sang proudly for the Lord. He was a hard worker who loved to sing God's praise and help in any way possible for the church. He would give you the shirt off his back just to help.

He worked at various companies, mostly dealing with the cell phone industry; climbing cell phone towers and performing equipment audits all across America.

Dustin was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Elder Virgil Lee Winkle and Faye Sampson Winkle; and his paternal grandfather, Elder Carl Lawson; several aunts, uncles and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Tressa Lawson; 1 daughter, Darcy Makenna Lawson; 1 stepson, Casey Hartsell; his parents, Danny and Becky Lawson; 1 brother, Adam Lawson (Holly); his paternal grandmother, Pauline Osborne Lawson, who passed away 1 day after his passing, and a host of friends and relatives.

His greatest joy in this life was serving the Lord. Always willing to lend a helping hand, he touched countless lives over the years. His pain and suffering are finished, his knees and back do not cause him any pain now and he is home with the Lord.

- Written by his mom and dad

MAGGIE ELLEN LAMBERT LAWSON, age 89, of the Mountain View Community, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 28, 2021, at Ridgecrest Manor in Duffield, VA. She was a beloved mother, a longtime member of the Mountain View Primitive Baptist Church. She was a homemaker, who loved quilting, gardening and her flowers. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Ruby Lockhart Lambert.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Lawson; and daughters, Tammy Rivers Mooneyhan and Ruby Lawson.

She is survived by daughter, Angela Lawson; son, Ivan and wife Lana Lawson; grandchildren: Jessica and Jacob Lawson, Joshua Rivers, and Eric Lawson; great-grandchildren, Jacob Curtis Lee Rivers, John Paul David Rivers, Gracie Marie Lawson, Josie Lee Lawson and Mia Jerrell; sisters, Doris Burke, Thelma Welch, Mary Lou Woodard and Opal Muncy; brothers, Roy Lambert, Carl Lambert, and Harold Dean Lambert; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

-Written by the family

PAULINE OSBORNE LAWSON was born in Lee County, VA on February 18, 1922 and departed this life December 1, 2020 at the age of 98 years, 9 months and 13 days. She was the daughter of the late Orbin and Maxie Horton Osborne.

Pauline graduated from Blackwater High School and worked on the family farm before moving to Kingsport. She married Carl Lawson on February 7, 1947 and to this union was born 1 daughter and 2 sons.

Pauline was saved at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick Church. As a part of the Osborne Quartet, she was privileged to sing in many churches throughout the tri-state region. She lived her life serving the Lord through her songs of praise and in any way she could help the church. She was a true example of the virtuous woman spoken of in Proverbs.

Upon moving to Kingsport, she worked at J.P. Stevens Cotton Mill and the Kingsport Press. She studied hard to obtain her cosmetology license, later working as a Hair Dresser.

She was the last remaining sibling of her family, being preceded in death by her parents, Orbin and Maxie Horton Osborne; her husband, Elder Carl Lawson; 4 sisters, Rubena Osborne, Nannie Kate Wallen, Madge Canter and Peggy Mellons; 2 brothers, Johnny and Delano Osborne, and 1 grandson, Dustin Lawson.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Betty Ann Baker (Hershel); 2 sons, Carl Lawson, Jr. (Linda) and Danny Lawson (Becky); 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Her greatest joy in this life was serving the Lord. Always willing to lend a helping hand, she touched countless lives over the years. Her suffering is over, her legs are steady, and she is at rest with the Lord in that place she sung about for so many years.

-Written by her children

WILMA JEAN LAWSON, age 90, of the Dryden community went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 26, 2021, at her home. Jean was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and daughter. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years Calvin Brownlow Lawson, her mother Golden Marie Morefield, and brother Vernon Morefield.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Marie Lawson; grandson Jason Todd Hartsock and wife Julia; sister-in-law Sarah Elizabeth Lawson; special friends, Gene Smith; Susie and Joe Jones, Dorothy Hall; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Jean was saved at Valley View Church where she was baptized and joined soon thereafter. She was a quiet, respected, and elegant lady who will be greatly missed.

-Written by the family

GERALD H. MOORE, known as Jerry or Gerrell to family and friends, died peacefully on October 25, 2020 after a brief battle with Covid-19. We are heartbroken and devastated by our loss, but we find strength and solace through our Lord and Savior and the promise that He made us, that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

He is survived by his loving and faithful wife of 51 years, Anita Huff Moore; daughter, Melanie Moore Deckard (Joey) and step-granddaughter Bethany; brother-in-law, Jim Huff (Pam); special nephew, Jacob Huff (Hollie) and daughter Johnna; sisters, Betty Casteel and Jackalo Garrison; sister-in-law, Yvonne Moore; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family and loved ones.

Jerry was a kind and gentle Christian, born in Emboden, VA on February 10, 1937, to the late Clarence and Georgia Watkins Moore. He was also preceded in death by his two dear brothers, Buddy Moore and Scottie Moore, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lester and Gladys Huff.

Jerry loved to tell of his adventures in Cracker's Neck with his siblings, and he cherished the memories of singing with them in The Moore Family Singers throughout their childhood. This love of music never left him, and our entire church community still loved to hear him. The memories of his musical proclamation *It Is Well With My Soul* give us great comfort during this difficult time.

He loved and appreciated the simple things in life, such as being home with his wife after retiring from Eastman in 1991, and being a loyal member of Blackwater Lick Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as trustee and assistant song leader. His smile and gentle nature were a blessing to everyone who knew him.

-Written by his wife and daughter

NANCY BROOKS MORRISON passed away May 2, 2021 at age 79. Nancy was a member of Poplar Grove and attended faithfully as long as her health permitted. We always enjoyed Nancy's testimony. She loved reading her Bible, was a loving mother, grandmother, and sister.

She was preceded in death by husband, Gene Brooks; second husband, Howard Morrison; and brother, Jerry Caldwell. She is survived by daughter, Sara Simpson;

grandson, Elijah Simpson; brothers, Cecil, Dennis and David Caldwell; stepsisters, Pat Hunter, Darlene Jackson and Kathy Duncan; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

ROMA O'DELL was born December 1961 and left this life on February 13, 2021 for her Heavenly home. She was saved and joined Burke's Union Church when she was young.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Daphalene Bledsoe; and sister, Julia Cobb.

She is survived by sisters, Rena Moore, Margie Shepherd, and Mary Arnold; and brother, Stanley Bledsoe.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. So rest until that day when Jesus comes again.

-Written by the church

JOANN JENNINGS PALMER departed this life for her Heavenly home on July 9, 2021. Born the second daughter of nine children to Noah and Daphne (Kilgore) Stapleton in Scott County, VA, she lived most of her life there. She was married to Hobert (Doby) Jennings and had two sons, Paul and Terry. She was a member of Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church for many years and faithfully attended until her passing. She was also an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had five grandchildren, Amanda, Lori, Necole, Leighann, and Brian, and four great-grandchildren.

She was a quiet and gentle lady who gave of herself seeing after family and friends. She was a hard worker and retired from Eastman Chemical Company. She was a blessing to our family and loved by all who knew her. She was married to Roland Palmer in later years, and they enjoyed several years together. We miss her every day, and we know she is resting in paradise awaiting the reunion of her four loving sisters, Nell Kendrick, Marie Addington, Flo Minton, and Carol Culbertson.

-Written by her sister, Flo Minton

POLLY GENE ROBINETTE PENLEY, age 90, of Greeneville, TN, went to be with the Lord on November 4, 2020 at Holston Valley Medical Center. She retired from North American Phillips (Magnavox) with 40 plus years of service and was a member of Marion Robinette Memorial Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover C. "Pete" Penley; parents, Carson and Clara Goan Robinette; brother, M.C. Robinette, Jr., and wife, Barbara; sisters, Eula Kate Sexton, Evelyn Jessee, and husband, Arnold, Millicent Thacker, and husband, Earl; and one great-grandson.

She is survived by her brother, Wayne Robinette, and wife, Shirley; special great-grandson, Zack Wilds, who resided with her; special daughter-in-law, Glenda Jones; two sons, Kyle and Warren Gene Penley; four grandchildren, Brandy, Alexander, Alisha, and Shane; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

DENNIS PHILLIPS, age 58, of Bulls Gap, passed away on June 23, 2021, in Bristol Regional Medical Center. He was a graduate of West Greene High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Management and a Master of Arts degree in American History and European Studies from East Tennessee State University.

Dennis was a former disk jockey at WSMG radio station serving the Greeneville community and was an Adjunct Professor of History at Walters State Community College.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Peggy Self Phillips.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Joy Sexton Phillips; son, Larry Lawson, Jr. (Dayna); grandson, Jordan Lawson; sisters-in-law, Dorcas Fairchild, Gloria McLain, and Minnie (Susie) Sexton; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

-Written by his wife, Joy

CHARLES "JUNIOR" PUCKETT, 78, went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 25, 2021 at his residence. He was born on December 6, 1942 in Scott County, VA, a son of the late Fannie and Lizzie (Thompson) Puckett. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Germany. He was a loving husband, father, papaw and friend and will be dearly missed. Rev. Puckett pastored numerous local churches and was a member of Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathleen Puckett; brother, Rev. Ronald Puckett and nephew, Shannon Rhoton. Surviving are his loving wife of 55 years, Sue Puckett, of the home; daughters, Kim Lee and husband Johnny, Ft. Blackmore, VA; Christine Burke and husband Adam, Kingsport, TN; grandchildren, Derrick (Jessica) Bowen, Sabrina Sawyer, Dalton Sawyer, Ashtin Burke, Haley Burke and Brandon Lee; great – Grandchildren, Gabe Lee, Mckiah Johnson, Mickey Johnson, Riley Bowen, Maddox Johnson, Ezruh Ashworth, Krestley Lee, Maverick Burke and one great grandchild expected in October; niece, Brenda Rhoton; nephew, Ronnie Puckett; several great nieces and nephews; very special friend, JM Dorton.

-Written by the family

WILLIAM G. “BILL” SPURLOCK, age 88, of Kingsport, TN, was born in Harlan County, KY on February 15, 1932 and passed away on October 29, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George L. and Senora Wilson Spurlock; two sisters, and two brothers.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his son, Roy Alan Spurlock; and two sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his wife, Jeweldean Short Spurlock; sons, Billy Spurlock and Alan (Annette) Spurlock; daughter, Vickie Spurlock; granddaughter, Anna Marie Spurlock; special nephew, Sean Short; and special friend, Daniel Powell.

He was a faithful member, Deacon, and Church Superintendent for Poplar Grove Church. He attended faithfully as long as his health allowed.

His gentle soul and quiet spirit will be missed.

-Written by his wife Jeweldean and daughter Vickie

GLADYS FIELDS THACKER, age 76, of Rogersville, went home to be with the Lord on Monday May 3, 2021. She was a member of Long Hollow Church. She loved to spend as much time as possible with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John (J.C.) Thacker; daughter, Delois Lawson; son, John Curtis Thacker; grandson, Johnathan Earl Lawson; parents, Willie and Ruth Fields; brothers, Dub, John, Fred, and Lynn Fields; sisters, Dorothy and Louise Fields and Sue Laster; and special niece, Jamie Charles Miller.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Dalton (William); grandchildren, Toddy Stubblefield, Jesse Dalton, Emily Lawson (Justin), Sammatha and Austin Dalton;

sister, Margie Charles (Woodroe); sisters-in-law, Linda, Brenda, and Kay Fields; brother-in-law, Raymond Laster; and special nieces and nephews.

She was loved by all and will be sadly missed by family and friends. Until we meet again, we hold sweet memories.

-Written by the family

EDITH VANHOOSE, age 96, of Wilmington, OH, passed away peacefully in her sleep July 10, 2021. She was born August 5, 1924 in River, KY where she was a member of the River United Baptist Church. Edith was an honorary member of Macedonia Church. She was a devoted Christian and faithfully served Richardson Chapel Church and the Ohio Primitive Baptist Churches. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and prayer warrior for her family.

Edith left behind one daughter, Connie Nelson; six sons, Danny (Sharon) VanHoose, Allen (Shari) VanHoose, Roger (Penny) VanHoose, Bill VanHoose, David (Pam) VanHoose, and Sam (Vicki) VanHoose; sister Betty Stapleton; 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Edith was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Claude VanHoose; five children, Lanceford Darrell, Denvil Keith, Gypsie Francis, Wanda Lou, and Brenda Kaye; one grandchild; and 14 siblings.

She has carried us in her heart all these years and now we will forever carry her in ours. We miss you every day, but rejoice in knowing that you are home and resting in the arms of Jesus.

-Written by the family

ROSE RITA (WORKMAN) VANOVER, 68, of Xenia, went to her eternal rest May 5, 2021. She was predeceased by her parents, George Workman and Edna Workman (Gregg); and her brothers, Robert, James, David, Roger and Wayne Workman (Buck).

She is survived by her children, Billy Vanover of Xenia, Christopher Vanover (Beth) of Xenia and Anna Lawson (Bill) of Wilmington; her grandchildren, Ashley McPherson (Dallas), Cody Lawson, Drake Lawson (Abby), Jesse Vanover, Breana, Deeana, Harley Vanover, Shane Vanover and Jessica Vanover; her great grandchildren, Madilyn, Weston, Alayna, Landen of Adriana, KJ, Lane, Logan and Elizabeth; her siblings, Wanda Hatfield, Linda Sutton, Dorothy Hill (John), Richard Workman, Larry Workman (Sera), Mark Workman (Debbie), Qwendolyn and Patricia Workman; and her sisters-in-law, Marlene, Loretta Workman, Penny and Sarah Workman.

She was the 11th child of George and Edna (Gregg) Workman. Rose gave her life to Jesus and served the Lord unto death. Rose was a faithful member at Fairview until her health would no longer allow her to attend.

-Written by the family

EDSOL WALLEN, 80, of Yellow Springs, passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at Hospice of Dayton. He was born August 12, 1940 in Rogersville, TN the son of Ernest and Bessie (Willis) Wallen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings: Charlise Rhodes; Wilma Yount, Nancy Johnson, Junior Wallen, Eldon "Sonnie" Wallen, Rogan Wallen and Clifford Wallen.

He is survived by his sisters: Barbara (Wayne) Johnson and Yvonne Wallen; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He had formerly been employed at Nicks Restaurant in Xenia and was a member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church.

-Written by the family

BENNIE WILLIAMS, age 72, of Rogersville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 12, 2021 at Bristol Regional Hospital. She was a member of Long Hollow Church. Her pride and joy was her family. She retired from Jacob's Construction of 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh Edward Williams and Pauline Short King; sister, Kathy Pearson; and best friend, Danny Bailey.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Griggs (Eric); son, Michael Burton (April); grandchildren, Tiffany Burton and Izak Griggs; great-grandchildren, Aaliyah and Autumn Wambaugh; special little man in her life, Zaelin Roberts; stepchildren, Danielle and Brendon Bailey; brothers, Larry, James, and Fayne Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

-Written by the family

LOWELL WILLIAMS, age 79, went to be with the Lord October 22, 2020. He was saved at Pink Hill Church in April 1981 and was a member there until he passed away.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clyde Edgar and Maude McPeek Williams; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Bessie Allen; and sisters, Thelma Chess and Dorothy Horton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Louella Allen Williams; sons, Anthony and wife, Jennifer Williams and Allen Williams; grandchildren whom he loved so much, Cooper and Adleigh Williams; sisters, Mary Lox Hickman and Bonnie Williams; brother, Woodrow and wife Janet Williams; and several half sisters and brothers, nieces, nephew, and cousins. He will be greatly missed by the family and everyone that knew him.

-Written by his wife, Louella

DON ALLEN WILSON, 65, passed away May 25, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bertha Wilson.

Surviving is his wife, Beth Davenport Wilson; son, Jeremy Wilson; stepdaughters, Megan Davenport and Courtney Knorr; three step grandchildren; brother, Ed (Bonnie) Wilson; two aunts, one uncle, cousins, and a host of friends.

Gone from our lives, but never from our hearts. Rest on until we meet again.

-Written by the family

ELMER WAYNE WINEGAR, 77, left his earthly body to enter the arms of Jesus, on November 6th, 2020. He was a lifelong resident of the Robinette Valley Community. He drove a truck for Holston Builders for 30 plus years. He was also a member of the Virginia National Guard. Wayne accepted Christ at a young age and was a faithful attendant at Shelby Creek Primitive Baptist Church as well as Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Most days he could be found tending crops on his farm or sitting reading his old worn Bible.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Edellas Russell Winegar, and his brother, Michael Winegar.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 53 years, Patsy Matlock Winegar; his brother, Larry Winegar (Joyce); daughter, Michelle Hensley (Bobby); his three grandchildren, that were the joy of his life, Dillon Hensley and special friend Brandi Ramsey, Austin Hensley (Morgan) and Erin Hensley; great grandson, Thomas Hensley; several nieces, nephews and many friends that he loved dearly. His presence and fellowship will be forever missed by his Christian brothers and sister.

-Written by the family

LAWRENCE WINSTEAD, 72, of Kingsport, went to be with the Lord on August 10, 2021 due to Covid. He loved making music with his family band, Appalachian Strings. He attended Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist and Shelby Creek Churches.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Cora (Mossie) Winstead; 3 sisters and 8 brothers.

Lawrence is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dorothy Winstead; daughters, Cora Horne (Kevin) and Christie Gent (Brian); son, Mitchell Tomlinson (Beverly); sister, Juanita Head; 3 grandsons; 2 granddaughters; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He's playing with the Heavenly band. Until we meet again.

-Written by family and friends

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

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

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

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

1994	Little Cowan	J.H. Sybert	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
1995	Peterson's Chapel	Terry Sizemore (J.H. Sybert & Basil Freeman, Honorary Moderators)	Danny Lawson	Bob Brown
1996	Wallen's Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Richard Seiber
1997	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
1998	Blue Springs (Hiltons, VA)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Bowlin
1999	Roller's Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2000	Butcher's Valley	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Henry Wheeler
2001	Clear Springs	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger VanHoose
2002	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	David Smith
2003	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2004	Beech Grove	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Phil Crittenden
2005	Riverside	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Roger Trent
2006	Flower Gap	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Greg Hill
2007	Pilgrim's Rest	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Virgil Lipe
2008	Little Cowan	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	John Banks
2009	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette
2010	Richardson Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Neal Drinnon
2011	House Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Fred Gilreath
2012	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Burnice Sybert
2013	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Daniel Hurd
2014	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Daniel Smith
2015	Poplar Grove / West View	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Oscar Irvin
2016	Swan Creek	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Terry Sizemore
2017	Blackwater Lick	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Mike Fullington
2018	Clear Springs, Fairview, Macedonia, & Rose Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Danny Lawson	Jason Robinette
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
2021	Fairview (OH)	Terry Sizemore	Kevin Hale	Joseph Robinette

