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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, September 29, 2022

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 170th annual session hosted by Burke's Union Church in Blackwater, VA.

Burke's Union

The history of what is now called Burke's Union Church goes back to what was originally called Locust Grove Church. This apparently was one of the churches in the Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists from which The Eastern District Association was formed. The records indicate that the Mulberry Gap Association was held at Zion in 1847.

Zion was one of the original churches of the Eastern District Association when formed in 1848 and hosted the association in 1885, 1902 and 1911. It may have hosted the association from 1850 to 1880, but records are not available of this time period. The association came to this location once again in 1929 with Elder E.A. Robinette, the pastor of the host church and moderator of the association, preaching the introductory sermon and Elder H.S. Laster as the alternate. This time the church had a new name, because around 1920, the doctrine of "No Eternal Punishment to the Wicked" began to be advocated by some in the church. This resulted in a division among the people which, in 1923, caused the association to reject this doctrine and those who believed and taught it. These were excluded from fellowship of the church, while those who believed in the doctrine as it had always been taught continued as part of the association. On August 11, 1926, the property the church now sits on was deeded to the Primitive Baptist Church of Canton by Isaac and Mary Willis. In 1927, a new building was erected, and the name of the church was changed to Burke's Union in honor of Elder W.H. Burke who was instrumental in the fight against the false doctrine and stood firm in the true faith.

Elder Burke served as clerk of the church from 1922 through 1930. In 1931, Sister Lona Robinette was elected clerk where she continued as long as her health would permit. She served the church for approximately 59 years.

Some of those who were active members in the early years of Burke's Union were: C.W. McPherson, Andy Rhoton, Emmett Rhoton, Vastine Roller, Whit and Rebecca Roller, and Charles Roller who later became a minster and lead an effort to build and organize Roller's Chapel Church. Other family names were: the Marion Robinette's, the Jessie P. Robinette's, Bledsoe's, Speers' and Sturgill's.

The list of pastors seems rather long, partly because they have nearly always used two men together as co-pastors since the name changed to Burke's Union. Some others (not listed in order as they served) include: Elders J.H. Sybert, Alex Willis, Logan Willis, Ben Hill, Coy Lawson, Howard Sybert, Carl Lawson, Clarence Arnold, Lloyd McMillian, Bernard Banks, Coy Willis, Echol Legg, Willie Wilson, R.C. Whittemore, Bobby Williams, Gary Carter, Clifford Williams, Corbet Bowen, James Robinson, Roger Trent, Scott Tipton, Bazzle Manis, Virgil Lipe, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, and our current pastor, David Parsons. We would like to thank these men for their concern, care, and dedication that they have shown to the cause of Christ and to the service to the church.

The church burned in the early 40's. At first the members were very sad and upset thinking they would never be able to rebuild the church building. No regular meetings were dismissed. Services were held at Brother Emmett Rhoton's home and under a big oak tree which stood not far from the where the church once stood. In approximately three months, a new building was built on the original foundation, because the people had a mind to work. Surely God blessed them with His Holy Spirit as He still does today. Since the Association last met here in 1991, the Lord has been so good to us and has greatly blessed us. In 1992, a fellowship building was erected. We were blessed with city water being installed in 2006, and the property on the east side of the church was purchased in 2014. We give God all the honor and glory for everything that has been accomplished over the years. He has been so good to us. Without Him we are nothing!

God blessed His children with beautiful fall morning and a cloudless sky to cover the grounds as the 170th session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened at Burke's Union Church. Sister Zula McCullough and Brother Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in singing several songs of praise to our Most High God. Walking and talking with Christ, the supernal One, won't it be wonderful there? Jesus has prepared a happy dwelling place for all who look above and trust His matchless grace. Yes, singing His praises all day long, I'm going that way.

Elder Terry Sizemore, as moderator, welcomed everyone to the 170th annual gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Elder Sizemore called attention to an Elder from among us that has gone on to be present with the Lord. Elder Bill VanHoose is and will be greatly missed. Another minister who left this world last year is Jimmy Jarnigan, who was part of our Association for many years.

The congregation sang the Association's standard song, "Brethren, We Have Met Again", led by Sister Zula. Since we met twelve months ago, some have left this world below. And when our work is done below, then to Glory we shall go.

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 2022 was appointed beforehand, consisting of Danny Lawson (chairman), Ronnie Johnson, Dennis Stewart, and David Horton (alternate).

Elder David Parsons, the pastor of Burke's Union, came forward to welcome everyone on behalf of the host church. Asking that anyone who is lost would accept Jesus and that everyone worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth this week.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which consists of Steve Hunt (chairman), Gale McCullough, and Bradley Bowen.

We were blessed with special singing by Bradley Brown, then Sister Aubra Hill. When we see Jesus coming in Glory, we'll understand it all by and by. My Savior's precious blood will save your soul from sin.

Testimonies were shared and prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick, Vicki Jones, Lewis Baker, those affected by the recent storm, Nick Davis, Daniel Hurd, Jim Bowlin, Brenda Bowlin, Fred Brown, Frank and Juanita Gilliam, Susie Campbell, those dealing with the loss of loved ones, Elder Carter Hagar, Jim and Loretta Emery, Evelyn Elliot, Earl Dodson, Barbara Taylor, Sherrie Brown, Pat Hammonds, Jerry Scalf, Billy Jack Johnson, our nation, and many unspoken requests shown by uplifted hands. Brother Joe Robinette led us to the throne of grace with a humble prayer, asking God to touch the requests and bless each one here, especially anyone in attendance that might not know Jesus as their Savior.

Elder Terry Sizemore then shared a song that was on his heart. It's still blood of Jesus that brings victory to me.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder David Parsons came to the stand, opening with a song; Brethren, we have met to worship. Elder Parsons read from the 26th chapter of Exodus, verses 31 through 33, expounding upon the vail, which God intended as a separation, as it divided between the holy place and the most holy. Our separation from God began in the garden through Adam's sin, but we were reunited

by the blood of Jesus Christ being applied to our hearts. Being washed in the blood of the Lamb is the only way to have access to the Holy of Holies, but it's not in the tabernacle. By Christ's sacrifice at Calvary, the veil was rent in twain, so that we could be redeemed from our fallen state and have fellowship with the great High Priest, Jesus, the Son of God.

Elder Burnice Sybert, chosen as the alternate, followed, preaching concerning the Day of Atonement and what took place behind the veil. The high priest would be dressed in white, and the two goats would be brought. One would be killed as a sin offering and its blood sprinkled on the mercy seat. Hands would be laid on the head of the scapegoat, as it would bear the sins of the people and be let go in the wilderness. But that veil was rent in twain, from top to bottom, that we might have access to God the Father. Jesus, our High Priest, fulfilled the Day of Atonement by taking upon himself the sins of the entire world, being smitten with hands, taken out of the city, and hung on the cross, a holy, pure, and righteous sacrifice. Nothing can take away sin but the wonderful blood of Jesus.

We were adjourned for lunch with fellowship and a song of praise.

Thursday Afternoon, September 29, 2022

Brothers Bradley Brown and Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in singing praises to our Loving God to open the afternoon service. O they tell me that He smiles on His children there in that lovely land of unclouded day. Surely, God is smiling on us on today. There's never a care when Jesus is there.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service as he thanked the host churches for the wonderful lunch. All those in attendance enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Further blessings were bestowed upon us with special singing from Danita Dodson and the Copper Creek singers. Precious indeed is my Savior to me since I have been redeemed.

Prayer requests were made for Roger Manring, Pauline King, Clifton Horne, Dan and Virgie Cross, Maxie Holland, Ruby Robinette, and many hands were raised signifying unspoken requests, along with several testimonies and praises to God for answered

prayers. Elder Mike Fullington led us with a humble prayer, asking God to Bless this Association meeting, to heal the sick, and to save the lost.

Brother Danny Lawson, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward with testimony and to give the report of our state and standing. The letter for Blue Springs (Hiltons) has not been received, but that letter was completed and is expected to be here tomorrow. With 35 churches total, it was motioned, seconded, and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association.

It was motioned, seconded, and voted that the delegation be 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, beginning by speaking of the importance of the Association and encouraging attendance.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as clerk and treasurer of the association. Brother Kevin Hale was nominated, and it was seconded for him to serve as clerk and treasurer. It was motioned and seconded for nominations to cease. Through the vote, he will serve for the ensuing year.

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as moderator of the association. Elder Terry Sizemore was nominated, and it was seconded for him to serve as moderator of the association. It was motioned and seconded for nominations to cease. Through the vote, Elder Sizemore will serve as moderator for the ensuing year.

Elder Sizemore humbly thanked the delegation for the honor and privilege to serve and for their vote of confidence. We pray the Good Lord will help us to be obedient to the Holy Spirit in fulfilling our duties to the Association.

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: Roger VanHoose (chairman), John Banks, Hunter Hensley, and Roger Manring; Deacons: Earl Dodson, Gary Short, and Roy Jones.

Committee on Obituaries: Mike Fullington (chairman), Joseph Robinette, and Robert Brown

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Scott Tipton, Kevin Cross, Chris Salley, Jason Robinette, Jerry Johnson, and Gary Hall.

Brother Steve Hunt, chairman of the Religious Exercises Committee, came forward with testimony and to give the committee's report.

- Friday Morning in Stand: Mike Fullington and Scott Tipton
- Friday night at Poplar Grove: Roger VanHoose and Curtis Hale
- Saturday morning in Stand: Terry Sizemore and Curtis Hale
- Saturday night at Wallen's Creek: Scott Tipton and Robert Brown
- Sunday morning at Wallen's Creek: Roger VanHoose

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

Brother Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Electrical and PA System Committee, came forward to give the report, welcoming everyone to his home church of Burke's Union. Brother McPherson gave an update on the idea for the Association to get service for a mobile hotspot to be able to live-stream the Association meetings. It did not work out as we had hoped. He also brought to the attention of the Association that a new computer is needed for recording the meetings.

Discussion took place concerning a new computer for the Electrical and PA System Committee. A recommendation was made to allow the committee to purchase a new computer. It was motioned, seconded and voted that the committee be allowed to purchase a new computer.

Brother Danny Lawson gave a report on the mobile hotspot, stating that it was much more expensive than anticipated and would not be pursued.

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.

Elder David Parsons, of the host church, came forward to discuss the use of the propane heaters inside the tent at night in lieu of the old kerosene heaters. They have been successful in keeping the tent warm and preventing condensation from forming overnight in the tent. Burke's Union will donate the heaters that mount to a propane tank.

It was motioned, seconded, and voted to accept the heaters and the host church will furnish the propane needed.

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

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed in prayer, led by Brother Ralph Lawson, Jr. until Friday morning, September 30, 2022.

Friday Morning, September 30, 2022

The Lord provided another beautiful morning to start the second day of the 170th association. Sister Zula McCullough opened the service by singing "Lord I want to be an overcomer." She and Marcel led the congregation in singing praises to God as His children gave Him Glory by shouting and raising hands. Christ for me doth care, for anywhere is home if He is only there. Saints will sing redemption's story with their voices clear and strong when the redeemed are gathering in. Why should I long for the world and its sorrows when Heaven holds all to me. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Praise God for His Amazing Grace!

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service, thanking God for welcoming us with His Holy Spirit and allowing us to gather together again.

We were blessed with testimony and special singing from Verna Jerrell, followed by the host church. We'll all join in the triumph, when Deliverance has come. Palms of victory I shall wear. I've got so much to thank Him for, but I know I'm unworthy of it all. Now I am His, and He's mine I know! He suffered it all, because He loved me.

Testimonies of thanksgiving were shared, and prayer requests were made for the lost, Shannon Williams, Pauline Harper, Bob and Anita Dixon, Brenda Bowlin, Jim Bowlin, Lisa Bowlin, Hershel, Betty, and Amy Baker, Kim Summey, Steve Minton, Steve Minton's

friend's daughter, Linda Wallen, Ed Williams's lost family members, Linda Lucas, Ricky Lucas, Randy Brown, Kay, Christopher, and Shawn Short, several sick at Poplar Grove, Phyllis Landworth, the elderly, Lois Taylor, Willie Meade, Jr., Dottie Ann Meade., several requests that the clerk could not hear to record, and many unspoken requests. Elder Tommy Meade led the congregation in prayer, asking God to heal the sick, bless those that need help, help our light to shine, and to bless our Association.

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 Mike Fullington, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. Elder Fullington read the first two verses of the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, using as a thought, "looking unto Jesus." God showed us that there was nothing we could do to get into Heaven, but at the same time, He showed us Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. We inherited Adam's transgressions, but Jesus became sin so that we could have life, and there is no other way to get to Heaven. Look not at what we can do but look unto the One that holds it all in His hands, the one True and Living God, and the One who spoke the world into existence from nothing. He can't be preached big enough.

Elder Scott Tipton came to take the second portion of the service, preaching from the same text and thought and from the first verse, "so great a cloud of witnesses." God took care of the sacrifice for Abraham when he took Isaac up the mountain, and He will take care of us too. Even looking at the patriarchs, they failed just like we do, but God knew there was One who would not fail. We're secure in Jesus, who prayed in the garden, asking that the cup might pass from Him, saying "not as I will, but as thou wilt". He drank our sin, and tasted death for all mankind. We'll see Jesus one day sitting at the right hand of the Father. We had better look unto Him before that day comes. Death will come, but Jesus already defeated death. Have you taken Him by the hand and trusted Him with your life?

We were dismissed for lunch with songs and fellowship.

Friday Afternoon, September 30, 2022

Laughter and smiles were abundant during the lunch recess, and they continued as we returned to the tent following a delicious meal provided by the host churches.

Brothers Bradley Brown, Marcel Bledsoe, and Elder Joseph Robinette led the congregation by singing the songs of Zion. The record's clear today fore He washed my sins away. The old account was settled long ago. We'll meet the One who saved us and kept us by His grace. Everybody will be happy over there. If we are prepared to meet Jesus the King, a wonderful time it will be in that sweet forever. I know that Jesus saved me, and that's enough for me.

The moderator welcomed the congregation back from lunch, thanking the host churches for the wonderful lunch and thanking God for the wonderful service this morning.

God blessed His children during the special singing from Looking Beyond (Dennis and Karen Stewart with Roger VanHoose), David and Wanda Parsons with Ronnie Johnson and Scott Tipton, Wilma Bledose, and Peggy and Terry Sizemore. He's my all and all. On Him I call. Face-to-face I shall see Jesus who saved me by His grace. Victory is won, so it's a joy to know we're nearing the shore. Eternity is just a breath away for this house made of clay. I'll sing and I'll shout when I reach that city.

Testimonies were shared thanking God for answered prayers and prayer requests were made for the lost, June Sybert, Burnice's sister, Pam VanHoose's father and sister, Penny VanHoose and her dad and children, Kenneth Cross, Sylvia and Wayne Gibson, and several requests the clerk missed, and unspoken requests all throughout the congregation. Elder Robert Brown came forward to lead us with a humble prayer, thanking God for his blessings and for the songs and testimonies that were shared, and asking Him to answer the prayer requests according to His will, to save the lost, and to bless the business.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Danny Lawson, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward stating the letter for Blue Springs (Hiltons) was received and reported on their state and standing. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to accept the recommendation of the committee and seat the remaining church into the voting body of the association.

The Letter Committee for 2023 was named: Ronnie Johnson (chairman), Dennis Stewart, David Horton, and Clifton Horne (alternate).

Brother Steve Hunt read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

- Friday night at Poplar Grove: Roger VanHoose and Curtis Hale
- Saturday morning in Stand: Terry Sizemore and Curtis Hale
- Saturday night at Rollers: Roger VanHoose
- Saturday night at Wallen's Creek: Scott Tipton and Tyler Stapleton
- Saturday night at Swan Creek: Billy Marcum

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

The moderator reported that there were \$5,870 in receipts for the year. We thank each church as they generously give to the Association year after year.

Elder Roger VanHoose, on behalf of the Committee on Newly Constituted Churches, reported that none had been received this year.

Elder Mike Fullington reported on behalf of the Committee on Obituaries that 33 have been received at this time. A reminder was given to include church membership or affiliation in each obituary and to strive to abide by the guidelines given in the minutes, keeping each to 10-14 typed lines. Each obituary is to be approved by the church before being submitted.

Elder Oscar Irvin, on behalf of the Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries, reported that none have been received.

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

The men chosen to write the circular letter for 2022 were Elders Oscar Irvin, Curtis Hale, and Roger VanHoose. The three men came forward, and Elder Oscar Irvin read their letter. Its message was intended to be of help and encouragement to those that hear and read it. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to print the letter in our minutes as it was read.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Circular Letters for 2022 which includes: Brother Joe Horton and Deacons Roy Jones and Rodney Dodson.

Billy Marcum led the congregation in singing "I've Got Peace Like a River" as several volunteers took up an offering to be given as a donation to Little Cowan Church to help repair the church building following the flood. A generous donation of \$1,416 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 four churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are Burke's Union, Fairview (Bellbrook), and two churches together, being Poplar Grove and Willow Chapel. David Parsons, on behalf of Burke's Union, stood and withdrew prior to the plea. They were wonderful hosts this year.

Jeff Huseby delivered the first plea on behalf of Fairview Church. Elder Oscar Irvin pled on behalf of Poplar Grove and Willow Chapel. Elder Jason Robinette sang and brought the second plea for Fairview to host the next Association. The last speaker was Scott Tipton, pleading for Poplar Grove and Willow Chapel.

Through the vote, the Association was sent to Poplar Grove and Willow Chapel, to be held on the grounds at Burke's Union, where, the Good Lord willing, we will convene on the Thursday morning (October 5, 2023) before the first Saturday in October 2023 for the 171st gathering. The introductory and alternate sermons will be preached by Elders Oscar Irvin and Scott Tipton, respectively.

We were adjourned until Saturday morning, October 1, 2022.

Saturday Morning, October 1, 2022

God allowed us the privilege to gather once again for our memorial service. Brother Marcel Bledsoe, Elder Terry Sizemore, and Sister Wilma Bledsoe led the congregation in several songs of Zion. Some happy day my soul will be set free from sin. There's nothing like an old time Christian with a Christian love to show. There's a friend who walks with me; it is the Christ of Calvary. His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me. This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise, to seize the everlasting prize. It will be farewell to a land where we need to pray!

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our Saturday morning memorial service, asking that everyone obey the Lord and reminding that we should rejoice that the saints have gone on to that Better Land.

Special singing and testimony was shared by from David and Wanda Parsons with Kim Robinette and Wilma Bledsoe, Billy Marcum, and Null Lawson.

Testimonies and answered prayers were shared to glorify God and prayer requests were made for many that are lost, the sick, the elderly, Burnice Sybert, Shannon Williams, Steve Minton, Jason and Joseph Robinette, Sam VanHoose, Cora L. Neeley, June Fannon, Henrietta Adams, Billy Jack Johnson, Josh Hopkins, Linda Johnson, Virgie Grace's family, the revival at Osborne's Chapel, our churches, especially those that are small in number, several requests that the clerk couldn't hear, and many unspoken requests. Brother Roy Jones lead us with a most humble prayer, thanking God for the power of prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

Elder David Parsons came to the stand on behalf of the host church giving thanks to God for being amongst us and to extend thanks to those in attendance. He also thanked Maynard and Cammy Bledsoe, Kenny Bledsoe, Cathy Hall, Food Lion, Food City, and Sams, all the ones that helped with setting up the tent and general labor, and the young people who were a blessing in their willingness to serve.

Brother Steve Hunt provided the final report of the Religious Exercises Committee.

- Saturday morning in Stand: Terry Sizemore and Curtis Hale
- Saturday night at Rollers: Roger VanHoose and Kevin Cross
- Saturday night at Wallen's Creek: Scott Tipton and Tyler Stapleton
- Saturday night at Swan Creek: Billy Marcum

It was stated that the Electrical and PA system, primarily Adam Lawson, could help get announcements on the website, if desired.

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 saints 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.

Brother Phillip Little came to the stand to testify and sing about Jesus. Jesus is the light house that saves us from the rocks of sin. If it wasn't for the lighthouse, this ship would be no more.

Terry Sizemore, who was chosen to take the first part fo the preaching service by the Committee on Religious Exercises, began by reading from the eleventh chapter of St.

John, verses 11-26, using the thought, "Believest thou this?" Martha was cumbered by many things of the world, in which there was no benefit, but Mary chose the good part. The Jews came to comfort Mary and Martha, but real comfort cannot come from man, and real hope is not of this world. Jesus is alive and alive for evermore, and He's our Hope out of this world. Those that have laid down this mortal house of clay will live again, but not in this world as it is now. When the Lord puts our name down in Heaven, it is there to stay. Death was defeated, and it has no hold on the people that know Jesus.

Elder Curtis Hale came to the stand to preach before the Association for his first time. Martha had heard about the resurrection and believed it. Do YOU believe it? Death will come to each of us, until Christ returns. There are two deaths, one of the soul and one of the body. You must die to your sins on this side of a natural death, being redeemed by the blood of Jesus, which was shed upon calvary. You must shed off the old man and accept the perfect sacrifice, the last one that would ever need to be made. Do YOU believe it? You don't have to believe here, but you will there. You must accept the free gift to have the hope of Heaven. He is the Door, opened unto life. They rolled the stone away, and Jesus cried out to Lazarus. There's another shout coming one day; the trump will sound, and the dead in Christ will rise. He died for us, so we could take part in His resurrection. When we die, all we need is Jesus. He loved us and gave us the perfect sacrifice, and all we have to do is believe on Him.

It has been a joyful meeting this morning and all week, and the Holy Spirit has certainly touched this service. It has been good, and we are thankful for His blessings.

We were dismissed with a song from Brother Clifton Horne. The congregation continued to sing, Brother Kevin Cross preached, and shouts were heard round about, as we were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 2, 2022.

Sunday Morning, October 2, 2022

God's children gathered again inside Burke's Union Church for the final service of the 170th annual meeting of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists.

Many from the host church stood on the alter and led the congregation in singing songs of the Goodness of Christ Jesus. Through His cleansing power we have Victory in Jesus. We have a Christian Love that we can show and tell everywhere we go.

Elder David Parsons came to the pulpit singing "That's Enough for Me" and welcomed everyone to Burke's Union this morning asking that everyone set the world aside to praise and worship the Lord.

Testimonies were shared and prayer requests were made for the lost, Elder Daniel Hurd, Betty Baker, those dealing with the loss of loved ones, Maynard Bledsoe, Ada McPherson's sister, Brian McPherson, our children and grandchildren, each other, and many unspoken requests. Brother Bradley Bowen came to lead us to the throne of grace, as His people surrounded the alter to call upon the One True and Living God.

The congregation was blessed by special singing and testimony from Ada McPherson, Kala and Millie Jade Hale, among others. My hope is anchored in the Blood of Lamb. Through Him, I'm saved to the uttermost. Our God is a God of many miracles, but the most incredible must be the Miracle that rescued me.

Elder Chris Salley came forward to preach the first part of the service, stating it was a joy to be here in the presence of the Lord and thanking God for the understanding of His salvation. Elder Salley read the entirety of the first Psalm, using the first word as the thought: "Blessed". We are a blessed people, begotten by the Word. The Scripture showed us where we stand with God, not redeemed, needing to be brought back to God through the Blood of Jesus. All we need to know is Christ and Him crucified. We've been raised from a dead state to a lively hope, and He loosed us from an eternal sentence in Hell. Now we're alive and alive forevermore. Do you know Him in the power of His Resurrection? If you're not sure, you need to make sure.

Elder Hunter Hensley came to take the second part of the preaching service, rereading the third verse of the same scripture along with the first four verses of Genesis 39. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, but God was with him, and he was prosperous because he followed God. God did the same for the three Hebrew children and for Daniel. Jesus told those disciples, Follow me, and I'll make you fishers of men. How do you become prosperous leaving your worldly livelihood? Promoting Christ to the lost and introducing them to Jesus *is* prosperous. Put your trust in God. We know how it's going to end. He told us. John was exiled, but God showed him a vision. When we're in a tough time, He'll show us a glimpse of Heaven, too.

Elder David Parsons took the third and final part of the service. We have to be the fruit-bearers. He is the vine, and if we abide in Him, we'll bring forth much fruit, becoming prosperous in Jesus. We need to shine into the world. We need good roots, rooted and grounded in Christ, to bear fruit, like love, joy, and peace. Prosperity in the Holy Spirit and in Jesus are what matters. God will purge the branches that don't bear fruit. There is a lost and dying world that needs to see our light and needs to taste of the fruits. We can plant seeds of Jesus, so that many generations can continue in those blessings. Do they know you by the fruits you're bearing?

The congregation sang several songs while they fellowshiped followed by a number of testimonies. Elder Parsons thanked each one for their attendance today and this week. Brother Danny Lawson dismissed this service with a prayer of thanksgiving and praise.

The blessings I've received from this year's association were great in number, and I'm confident that many others have felt the same joy as I have. I pray that God will continue to bless us throughout the year and again here next year when we join Poplar Grove and Willow Chapel for the 171st annual session of our beloved Association.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Saints gathered throughout the Eastern District Association, grace, peace, and mercy be multiplied unto you from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We the committee ask you to think on these things which we bring before you in this letter regarding how we can grow as churches and grow in our personal walk with God.

In order to see growth, we need to build on the foundation that has been set before us by God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. If we choose to build on a foundation of wood, hay, or stubble we will not grow, and our works will be dead. Jesus told the parable, that whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them he is like a wise man who dug down deep and built his house on the rock; and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon his house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon the rock. But he that heareth and doeth not is like a man without a foundation who built his house upon the sand, and when these same storms came his house immediately fell and the ruin of that house was great. Therefore, having Christ as our foundation, the chief cornerstone, and building a foundation of precious things, we will prosper and see growth. We will be able to sow and plant, and God Himself will give the increase! We cannot make people attend church, but the scripture instructs us to compel them to come in. Let us work while it is day, for when night cometh no man can work. People seem to have lost their first love and they no longer look to Christ first. We, as humans, no longer seem concerned with the souls of our friends and families. We as Christians cannot make people care, all we can do is be the light, stay the course, pray, be an example, and love everyone just as Christ did and still does. As long as we stay true and follow the path that has been laid out by God, we will overcome! We are winners because of Christ! Not every man will follow Christ, but there will be a few that will build on this true foundation, for it will stand when the world is on fire. When our families and friends do not want to attend church nor seem concerned with their souls, it can be disheartening. But let us keep the course, have faith, and not change to satisfy man, because there are souls at risk and their destiny is eternal! The truth is able to set them free from the law of sin and death, through Christ Jesus our Lord, if they will only believe in Him. We would

rather have our people know the truth than to pollute our churches with worldly things, just to get people to attend. That is not the Good Foundation that is Christ Jesus. The church is not to be tampered with, because it stands as a beacon of light to a world of darkness. We are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. Conforming to the things of this world is not the path we need to take. As it is said "Do you swear to tell the truth and nothing but the truth so help you God?" This is what God expects us to do as preachers, teachers, deacons, and lay members.

The Gospel of Matthew closes with Jesus giving instructions to, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Sharing the Truth about Jesus is our calling and our responsibility as Christians. In Romans 12:1, we are instructed to "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." We as Christians must go unto the highways, the hedges, and the communities compelling folks to come in so that God's house may be filled. We are given an example in Acts 2 about how going and telling the world about Jesus can help grow the church. Peter tells the multitude the truth about Jesus, and when they had gladly received his word, the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. The scripture continues letting us know that this is not the end of our work. God's word says, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers." They continued daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God and having favor with all people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. We each have our job to do in the church so that it may grow. The Pastors and preachers feed the flock. The flock is to take the spiritual food sent from God, eat the spiritual meat, and grow in the Lord, so that the world may see Jesus in us. Our church covenant reads in part: 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 that 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 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. We will walk circumspectly in the world so that we may win their souls; 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.

Growth starts within each of us. If we as a people will grow in grace and knowledge, we will see our numbers also grow. This takes growth to an individual level, so that the size of the church does not determine our growth potential. Thoughts of those "old time

meetings” often enter into conversation and memories. There are wonderful stories of how great the moving of God’s spirit was, and how the congregations would be singing and praising God before they even entered into the church building. The familiar scripture from the book of Jeremiah states, “Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the way, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein.” Let us stand in the way. Jesus said I am the way, the truth, and the light. We must see the truth before us that God never changes, and ask for the old paths, following Christ’s example, and let us walk in the way God instructs and we too will enjoy the great moving of God’s spirit. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever more. Let us not be like the church at Ephesus in the book of Revelations, let us stay with our first love which was and is our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Let us give all diligence and add to our faith, virtue, and to virtue, knowledge, and to knowledge, temperance and to temperance, patience, and to patience, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity so that we may see a great moving of the Holy Spirit, a growth in ourselves and our churches, and be fruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went about unto cities and villages teaching, preaching, and healing. As He went, He saw the multitudes and was moved with compassion because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. We can see the same scattered flock today. Jesus is wanting to be the shepherd to all men and women, boys and girls. God sent His only Son into the world so that all who would believe could have Jesus as their Shepherd and Savior. It is not the will of God that any should perish without the Shepherd but that all should come to repentance.

Just as Jesus told the disciples, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. Also pray that we as laborers may continue to grow in God and Jesus Christ.

In Christ’s Love,
Your committee,
Elder Roger Van Hoose
Elder Curtis Hale
Elder Oscar Irvin

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

I hope and pray that everyone in attendance has enjoyed the 170th annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists hosted by Burke’s Union Church. We are sure that the members of the host church prayed, planned, and worked many hours over several months to prepare the grounds and provide food for the attendees. As the visitors, we are able to reap the benefits. Their excitement and eagerness to serve has been evident during the plea one year ago in Ohio, throughout the past year, and all this week. We also thank the friends and neighbors of Burke’s Union that have

helped, especially the Bledsoe family for allowing the use of their land where the tent was set.

Thirty-three churches have donated \$7,175 to assist the host church in covering the cost of hosting this Grand Ole Body. As is normal for our Association, we have seen the members from other churches work as often as they discover a need. Not of least importance, the prayers of the other 35 churches are certainly appreciated by the host church, and God has certainly blessed around this place. We always wish to thank all those which served on committees during the Association and throughout the year.

We wish to thank Elder Terry Sizemore for his continued willingness to lead and guide in our beloved Association as Moderator. His efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. We pray that God continues to richly bless him and his family. It is a pleasure to serve alongside Terry and share in the blessings that God provides our gatherings.

I'd like to thank everyone who continues to pray for me and my family, to show us love, and to encourage us with kind words. The service is to the Lord, first and foremost, but it's also to all the members of the Association that I love so dearly. I love each of you, and I'm delighted to serve God and you all in such a capacity.

Finally, and most importantly, we give thanks and praise to God for all the good things He gives us. He sent Jesus to die for us, and though I can never fully comprehend that Love, I can feel it and share it and draw closer to Him every day. If He had stopped there, I'd still be fully satisfied, but He's given us so many more benefits. He's given us churches to attend, ministers to preach His Word, singers to praise Him, saints to pray for one another, peace that passes all understanding, joy unspeakable, abounding mercy, unending grace, and His Holy Spirit to guide each of us along our way. The psalmist said, "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good," and he was right.

I ask that everyone hearing or reading this to earnestly pray for the Association and promote its importance in our churches, to our children, and to our communities. I ask you to pray for our churches and stress their importance to our children and communities. I ask you to pray for our children, that they'll take hold of the Association and churches to be a light in the community for many years to come. We'd love to see our churches and Association grow in number, because that means that lost souls are falling out with sin and putting on the Righteousness of Christ Jesus.

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.

LIST OF MINISTERS

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

Name & Address

Church Membership

Baker, Lewis A., 867 Fall Creek Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, (423) 279-0263	Chestnut Flats
Banks, John, (Barbara) 18 Sword Dr., Whitesburg, KY 41858, (865) 805-6045	Little Cowan
*Bartlett, Alex, 1267 Martinsville Rd., Martinsville, OH 45146, (937) 728-6582	Macedonia
*Beaugard, Troy, 7871 Dogwood Way, Douglasville, GA 30134, (937) 218-6406	Macedonia
Bernard, Charles, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 276-8302	West View
Berry, Wally, 119 Hurd Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 480-0856	Shelby Creek
Brown, Robert (Sherrie) 105 Knollcrest Dr., Jonesborough, TN 37659, (423) 483-4385	West View
Cross, Kevin M., (Kristen) 5004 Madison Ct., Charlottesville, VA 22911, (434) 973-7941	Chestnut Flats
Emery, Jim, (Loretta) 280 Obe Kirk Loop, Mohawk, TN 37810, (423) 327-8104	Kingswood
Fullington, Mike, (Tina) 2498 Lawson Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 327-8235	Willis Chapel
Gilliam, Frank, (Juanita) 2001 Timbers Edge Ct., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 480-9262	Mt. Mitchell
Hager, Carter, 109 Walnut St., New Tazewell, TN 37825, (423) 489-0861	Low View
Hale, Curtis, (Kendra) 1807 Goshen Valley Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642, (423) 226-4939	Willow Chapel
Hall, Gary, 6159 Mendota Rd., Mendota, VA 24270, (276) 466-9297	Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Hensley, Hunter, 156 Horn Gap Rd, Gate City, VA, 24251, (276) 690-6953	Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
*Holt, Dan, 440 East Cottage Ave., West Carrollton, OH 45449	Rose Chapel
Holt, Keith (Mona), 150 East Greenway St., Sneedville, TN 37869, (423) 733-2002	Osborne's Chapel
Hurd, Daniel, (Phyllis) 9803 Middle Wallens Creek Rd., Jonesville, VA 24263, (276) 346-3402	Blackwater Lick
Irvin, Oscar, (Priscilla) 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 349-6226	Poplar Grove
*Jarrett, Tim, 1137 Eastbrook Dr., Kingsport, TN 37663, (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
*Jones, Steve, 480 Ellis St., Port William, OH 45164, (937) 475-7890	Macedonia
Lampkin, Wiley, 2111 Thomas Dr., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 258-5405	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
*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, 1750 Deer Creek Dr. Apt 2, Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 900-7414	Rose Chapel
Parsons, David, (Wanda) 1853 Cave Springs Rd., Dryden, VA 24243, (276) 546-3643	Burkes Union
*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
Pitzer, Patrick, 624 North West St., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 830-7394	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	Willow Chapel
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) 2320 East Carters Valley Rd., Gate City, VA 24251, (423) 967-6491	Willow Chapel
VanHoose, David, (Pam) 1752 W. St. Route 350, Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 218-2115	Macedonia
VanHoose, Roger, (Penny) 1090 Jefferson Dr., Wilmington, OH 45177, (937) 728-3593	Clear Springs
VanHoose, Samuel, (Vicki) 972 Union Rd., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 673-6865	Rose Chapel
Weems, Everette, 261 McCloud Church Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857, (423) 754-7727	Marion Robinette
Willis, Harmon, 3200 Cameo Loop #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 – Kelly Bledsoe	350 Deer Park Rd., Duffield, VA 24244,	(276) 639-9055
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 – Donette Carter	128 Spurgeon Ln., Blountville, TN 37617,	(276) 791-7535
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) 258-5361
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley	164 Neeley Dr., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 346-3563
Poplar Grove – Priscilla Irvin	349 Rock Springs Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664,	(423) 349-6226
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) 480-4215

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

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

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago – The Eastern District Association convened in its 70th annual session with Swan Creek Church, Hancock County, TN, October 6, 1922. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A.N. Joyner from the 8th verse of the 2nd chapter of the Epistle General of John: “Because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.” Elder F.M. Phipps, the alternate, followed Elder Joyner from the same text. Elder E.A. Robinette was elected moderator, Amos Osborne, clerk and treasurer, and Hampton Osborne, assistant clerk.

75 Years Ago – The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists met in its 95th annual session with Hopewell Church, Hawkins County, TN, on October 2, 1947. The introductory was preached by Elder John Henry Sybert using the 9th verse of the 2nd chapter of 1st Peter for his text: “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” Elder F.J. Johnson, his alternate, followed him using the same text. Elder T.R. Carter was elected moderator, and H.G. Busic was elected clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Beginning on October 5th, 1972, Richardson Chapel in Louisa, KY hosted the 120th annual session. Elder Bert Banks had been chosen to preach the introductory sermon. He read the 8th chapter of Psalms and the first 9 verses of the 2nd chapter of Hebrews. He chose as a text a question posed in each of the Scriptures, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visiteth him?” He was followed by Elder Gerald Hopkins (alternate). By the manifestation of the Spirit, we were reminded again that even though man is disobedient and a rebellious creature, he is still the recipient of the great love of God. 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 145th annual session of the Eastern District Association began on October 2, 1997 and was hosted by Riverside Church in Kyles Ford, TN. Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Roger Trent read from Psalm 118:19-21 and used as his thought, “Outside the gate.” Elder Terry Sizemore, the alternate, followed with a song and wonderful message. 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: Kelvin Bledsoe, Melanie Deckard, Danny Lawson, and Anita Moore. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$500.00; 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, Cathy Miles, and Doris Fee. 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 (10:00 a.m.). Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Gary Hall, Joe Horton, and Chris Salley. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 24; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and 4th Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday in September. Chris Salley, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Clifford Bledsoe, Dennis Duncan, Jim Bledsoe, and Linda Bledsoe. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 102; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in July (10:30 a.m.). David Parsons, moderator.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, VA. Delegates: Roy Jones and Vicky Jones. Total number on roll, 27; contribution, \$200.00; 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; alternates, Ralph Baker and Dan Cross. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Lewis Baker and Kevin Cross, moderators.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Dennis Stewart, Karen Stewart, Joe Pitzer, and Susie Pitzer; alternate, Roger VanHoose. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 131; 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: Clifton Horne, Nadine Horne, Mark Williams, and Tina Williams; alternates; Allen Addington and Anita Howell. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. Harmon Willis asked to attend. Harmon Willis, moderator.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Barbara Collingsworth, Bobby Terry, Butch Woodward, and Janie Woodward; alternates: Rita Asbury and Phyllis Hurd. Total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday in April. David Parsons, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Casey Breeding and Teresa Sturgill. 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: Jennifer Robinette, Isabella Robinette, Jeff Huseby, and Bonnie Huseby; alternate: August Robinette. Received by letter, 2; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 165; 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. Delegate: Hunter Hensley. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 70; 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. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 102; 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: Denise Brooks, Jim Emery, and Loretta Emery. 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. Delegates: John Banks, Barbara Banks, and Carol Caudill; alternate, Harold Day. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 57; 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; alternates: Kenneth Charles and Linda Charles. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 176; 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 21, 2023 (10:30 a.m.). Ralph Lindsey, moderator pro-tem.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: none. Total number on roll, 15; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May (10:30 a.m.). David Stapleton, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Marvin Moeller and Marlene Moeller. Received by experience and baptism, 12; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 172; contribution, \$100.00; 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, Shirley Lawson, Rose Manes, and Joy Phillips; alternates: Steve Burns and Frankie Manes. Total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May. Ralph Lawson Jr., moderator pro-tem.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Stickleyville, VA. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Total number on roll, 13; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.). John Banks, moderator.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Gary Hall, Peggy Harrold, and Juanita Williams. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 66; 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; alternates: Terry Johnson and Emma Merrifield. Received by relationship, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 89; 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: Larry Fannon, Carolyn Fannon, Carla Osborne, and Null Lawson; alternates: Denver Osborne and Mona Holt. 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: Steve Hunt, RB Louthian, Larry Holden, and Terry Ketron; alternate: Delores Hunt. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 74; 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, Margaret Whitt, and Rosemary Borders; alternate: Mark Welch. Received by experience and baptism, 5; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 165; 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: Wilma Bledsoe, Aubra Hill, Kathy Lawson, and Kim Robinette; alternates: Jerelene Persinger and Betty Stokes. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 39; 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: none. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 114; contribution, \$275.00; 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. Delegates: Doyle Odell, Earl Lee Dodson, Rodney Dodson, and Johnny Bunch; alternate: Danita Dodson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 288; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, VA. Delegates: Anna Duncan, Sandra Leonard, Barbara Taylor, and Judith Lawson; alternate: Kathy Short. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$100.00; 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: Kendra Hale, Brandon Williams, Jeff Williams, and Ed Williams; alternates: Donna Williams and Emily Williams. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 47; 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: Charles Bernard, David Horton, Charlotte Horton, and Burnice Sybert; alternates: Zula McCullough and Jennifer Horton. Dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 34; contribution, \$750.00; 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. Delegate: Mike Fullington. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 79; 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: Scott Tipton, Teresa Tipton, Garnetta Miller, and Curtis Hale; alternate: Kala Hale. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 87; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.), 3rd Wednesday night (6:30 p.m.) business, other Wednesday nights (6:30 p.m.) Bible study. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

TOTALS: 36 churches (17 in VA., 12 in TN., 3 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 28; received by letter, 6; received by relationship, 2; received or restored by recantation, 1; dismissed by letter, 6; excluded, 7; deceased, 41; total number on roll, 2,785.

UNION MEETINGS - 2023

(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, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, David Parsons, and all others who wish to attend.

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

3 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manning, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

4 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Robert Brown, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, and Scott Tipton.

5 - CADET: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday and Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Charles Bernard, 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: Kevin Cross, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Tommy Meade, Justin Pardue, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, 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, 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 before the 1st Saturday and Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Gary Hall, Hunter Hensley, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, 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, Curtis Hale, 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, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Harmon Willis, and all others who wish to attend.

6 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Jim Emery, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Stapleton, and Burnice Sybert.

- JUNE -

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

2 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday; Sunday morning (11:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, Eddie Malone, Terry Sizemore, and Burnice Sybert.

3 - CANEY CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Jim Emery, Carter Hager, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Jerry Johnson, and Wiley Lampkin.

4 - 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.

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

6 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA): To begin on Friday night (7:00 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday (6:00 p.m.); Sunday (11:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Robert Brown, Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, 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: Curtis Hale, 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, Robert Brown, 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, David Parsons, 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, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

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

4 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: To begin on the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.; foot washing); Sunday (11:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, Chris Salley, 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, Robert Brown, Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hager, Curtis Hale, Roger Manning, 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 Hagar, 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: Robert Brown, 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, John Banks, Kevin Cross, Mike Fullington, 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, David Parsons, 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; 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, Roger 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 2021	\$ 14,586.11
Receipts from 2022	5,870.00
Special offering	1,416.00
Interest (September 2021 thru August 2022)	23.59
TOTAL	\$ 20,479.70

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 75.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen, Liability, and Trailer)	1,586.00
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	80.62
Clerical Supplies	26.11
Gift to Moderator	1,000.00
Gift to Clerk	2,000.00
Internet domain fee	42.34
Donation to Little Cowan	1,416.00
Printing and packaging 1,200 copies of 2022 minutes	2,594.34
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 8,340.41

BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 12,139.29
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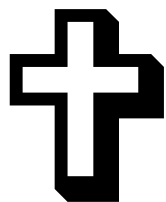
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Guidelines for Obituaries Printed in Association Minutes

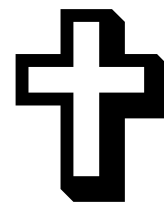
Everyone should adhere to the guidelines that have been used over the years for entering an obituary into the association minutes. Obituaries should be approved through the church before sending them to the clerk of the association. If at all possible, please send the obituary to the clerk before August 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, Hiram Reed
BAKER, Rosa Lee Lowe
BROWNING, Emerson F.
CAUDILL, Ramona
CREECH, Ettia Ruth
McPEEK, John Everett (J.E.)
GILLIKIN, Phil
HICKMAN, Virginia Jo
JOHNSON, H.C.
KIRK, Betty B.
LITTLE, Charlie Bill
MARSHALL, Dennis
NEELEY, Rick
PETERSON, Lola Murray
SUMMEY, Ezra S.
TRAPP, Geneva E.
*VANHOOSE, William Charles “Bill”
WALLEN, Yvonne
YOUNT, Jacqueline Sue

BAKER, James Donald
BORDERS, Juanita
BURNS, Wanda G.
CRAWFORD, Hazel (Gilreath)
DODSON, Alfred “Clarence”
FITCH, Deborah Kay
HENRY, Timothy S.
JAYNE, Verlin Edgar
JOHNSON, Pearl Horton
LAWSON, Coy W.
MANES, William Joey
MILLS, Ethel Jeanette “Jenny”
OSBORNE, Lester Wayne
STAPLETON, Angela Ruth
SYBERT, Lola Mae
TRENT, Myrtle Janie
WALLEN, Edsol
WORKMAN, Richard L.
BAKER, James Donald

*Ministers

HIRAM “REED” ADKINS passed away on September 26th, 2022, at the age of 82 at Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy Ohio.

Reed Adkins is survived by his sister Thelma (Delmer) Rakes his five children Matt (Bobbi Jo) Adkins Mary (Chuck) Petersimes, Tyler (Cathy) Adkins, Christy (Stephen) Cook, and Carson Payne. As well as his 13 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren; special family Janet Ewing and Violet Arthur, and a host nieces and nephews.

Reed is preceded in death by his wife Naomi Adkins; his parents Matthew Adkins and Esta Bragg; special family Ora and Eva Crabtree; brothers Gordon, Corbin, Thomas, and Wade Adkins, Frank Miller, Albert Collins, and Junior Lovejoy; sister Anna Crabtree.

Reed Adkins was born on November 22, 1939, in Midkiff, West Virginia to Matthew Adkins and Esta Bragg. Reed Adkins was a member of the United States Military until September of 1964 when he was Honorably discharged one year before the United States became involved in Vietnam War. Following his Service in the United States Military, Reed married Rachel Massie on December 11, 1965. Reed worked at the IVEX Corporation until November of 1998 when he retired after 30 years of service, just one year after marrying the love of his life Naomi Robinette.

Reed Adkins was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He devoted his life to the gospel of Jesus Christ and shared his love through his passion of bluegrass music. Reed was inducted into the Ralph and Flo FOP Hall of fame in August of 2002.

-Written by the family

JAMES DONALD BAKER, age 83 of Bristol, Virginia born May 29, 1938, and passed away May 18, 2022. He was a member of Chestnut Flats Primitive Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Lucille Baker, brother Dale Baker, and grandson Levi Carter.

He was a veteran of the US Navy 1955-1959 aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA # 42. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Sue Baker, daughter Mary Donette Carter and husband Richard Carter, Son James Bradford Baker and wife Vanessa Baker. Four grandchildren Noah Carter, Chelsey Carter, William Baker, and Ross Baker and brother Alvin Baker.

-Written by the family

ROSA LEE LOWE BAKER, 80, of Kingsport, TN went to be with the Lord Saturday, August 6, 2022. Rosa was born in Butler, Tennessee on February 7, 1942, to the late Jake and Ruby Lowe.

She was a member at Gardner's Chapel and attended Chestnut Flats Primitive Baptist Church in Scott County, Virginia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, JL Lowe and her sister, Jane Lawson. Those left to cherish Rosa's memory are her husband, Elder Lewis Baker; daughter, Cassandra Kerney; granddaughters, Ariana Kerney and Angelina Kerney; brothers, Charlie Lowe and William Lowe; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

-Written by the family

JUANITA BORDERS went home to be with the Lord, Monday, February 21, 2022, at home. Born March 29, 1947, in Louisa, KY, Juanita was the daughter of the late Cecil and Phyllis Price. She was a long-time member of Richardson Chapel Church.

She is survived by two sisters; Gail Boyd and Judy (Mark) Burgess; brother, Charles (Ruby) Price; and lifelong best friends, Rita (Bob) Nolen and Debbie Gitchell. In addition, she is survived by many nieces, nephews, and the loves of her life, grandchildren, Emily and Hayden Borders.

Juanita is preceded in death by her husband, Wallace "Peanut" Borders; son, Jeff Borders; and mom and dad, Cecil and Phyllis Price.

-Written by the family

EMERSON F. BROWNING, 86, of Dayton, OH, went home to be with the Lord on January 3, 2022. He was born in Ironton, Ohio, on May 26, 1935, to the late Emerson B. and Pearl I. Browning. In addition to his parents, Emerson was preceded in death by his children Emerson R. Browning and Cheryl “Cheri” F. Fannin; sisters Mary Edith Browning, Regina French, and Carol Reeves; brother Kenneth Browning; grandchildren Kyle A. Hunt and David R. Sage. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Mary Browning; daughters Teresa (Mike) Barrett, Tina (David) Browning, and Ashley (Dylan) Browning-Manzo; brother Charles (Diane) Browning; sister Betty (Arlin) Sturgill; six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family.

Emerson was a tool and die and mold maker by trade. He owned his own tool and die companies, Triad Mold and Die and Browning Technology Inc., totaling 30 years of service to the community. He was a deacon at his church, Fairview Primitive Baptist Church. Emerson loved and proudly served the Lord.

-Written by the family

WANDA G. BURNS, 88, of the Romeo Community, passed away February 11, 2021, at her home. She attended Marion Robinette Memorial Church as long as health permitted.

She is survived by her son, Steven (Glennis) Burns; daughters, Vona (Michael) Brotherton, Kema Woolsey, and Joni (Rickey) Cox; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Gene (Charlotte) Wilhoit and Hack Wilhoit; sister, Carole (Ray) Ellenburg; and sister-in-law, Louise Burns.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Jeff Burns and her parents, John Lee and Flora Wilhoit

-Written by the church

RAMONA CAUDILL, 83, passed away May 18, 2022, at the Lexington Bluegrass Hospice Care Center.

She was the daughter of Shelby Sturgill and Lois Hart Sturgill Enlow.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Caudill; son, Robert Shelby Caudill; daughter, Laura Gale (Mike) Harris; brother, James Gregory (Donna) Sturgill; sister: Charity (Jerry) Hall; grandchildren: Steven (Candy) Caudill, Philip (MaShawna) Caudill, Adam (Sarah) Caudill, Cassie (Josh) Harris Blanchard, Hannah (Alex) Harris; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Romona was a member of Little Cowan Church.

-Written by the family

HAZEL (GILREATH) CRAWFORD, 89, passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2021, with her loving family by her side.

She was a lifelong resident of Hawkins County and was a member of Mt. Mitchell Baptist Church where she attended until her health declined.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.M.; parents, Amos and Maxie Gilreath; daughter-in-law, Trish; brothers, Carlyle, J.D., A.H., and Olen; sisters, Gladys Thompson, Gaynell Christian, and an infant sister.

She is survived by her sons, Charles, Tim (Lisa), and David (Sherry); and daughter; Pam Crisp (Terry). She was grandmother to 7 and great-grandmother to 8, who were her pride and joy. She was also survived by her brother, Howard, and several nieces and nephews.

She loved gardening, flowers, bird watching, and made the best soup beans. She lived a simple life, always content and never complaining about what life sent her way. She was a perfect example of a virtuous woman.

-Written by the family

ETTIA RUTH CREECH, was born on November 9, 1945 to Lloyd and Mary Johnson. She lived in Blackwater, VA most of her life. She left this world on January 3, 2022 and is now reunited with her loving husband, Morris Creech, of 40 years. Also welcoming her are her brother, L.J. Johnson, Sr. and sisters, Maybelle (Johnson) Osborne and Jerusha Johnson.

She is survived by daughters, Mary-Ettia Clark (Richard) and Marcella Tomlinson (James); grandchildren, Chelsey Robbins (R.J.), Kayla Barker, Tiffany Hensley (Jarrod), Christopher Tomlinson (Mishelle), and Timothy Tomlinson; great-grandchildren, Carmen, Malachi, Makenzie, Izabella, Paizlee, Christian, and Bryzon; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She also leaves behind her loving sister and best friend, Virgia Grace Hill. If you saw one of them, you would usually see the other. They always loved to be with each other; brother, Harold Daniel Johnson (Iretta) of and many other friends and family. She was a member of Blackwater Lick Church.

-Written by the family

ALFRED “CLARENCE” DODSON, of Sneedville, Tennessee, was called home to be with his Lord on April 19, 2022, at age 85. After a full day of working outside on his farm, he took his last breath just a few feet away from the house where he had lived for 54 years. In the end, he finally made it all the way home to rest in God’s shining glory.

Clarence was born on September 19, 1936, to his parents, Elder Elmo and Velva Dodson. He was a member of Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church, which he began attending soon after he was born, and where his father was pastor. Professing faith and salvation in Jesus in 1948, he served as the church clerk for 20 years and taught Sunday School for 47 years. His most principal church role, however, was that of song leader, and for 40 years he opened the worship service every time the church congregated.

Upon graduating from Hancock County High School in 1956, Clarence attended Lincoln Memorial University, completing a bachelor’s degree in Math and Physics, with secondary teaching certification, in 1960. After teaching at Clinch High School for four years, he went to work for the newly established Department of Human Services in Sneedville, serving the public as a welfare worker from 1964 until his retirement in 2000. He believed strongly in helping those less fortunate.

Clarence married the love of his life, the beautiful Joyce Ann Royston on May 25, 1962. Their joyful lives were brightened with the birth of two girls, Danita and Malisha, to whom they dedicated themselves tirelessly in unconditional love and support. Blessed with 41 years of marriage, Clarence became Joyce's faithful caretaker when she was diagnosed with cancer in 2002. After her death, he drew increased strength and comfort from his family, especially his grandchildren Caleb and Colleen, who brightened his days with their laughter and love. In the last year of his life, it was his great-granddaughter, Nova Lee, who filled his heart with light, and his one wish was to see her walk, which happened during the last few weeks of his life. Clarence's family will forever remember his generosity, kindness, sense of humor, and consistent presence in their lives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his sister Vada, and his brother Howard.

Clarence is survived by his daughters Danita Dodson and Malisha Dodson Seals; son-in-law Rev. Tommy Seals; grandson Caleb (Katelyn) Seals; granddaughter Colleen (Josh) Trent; great-granddaughter Nova Lee Trent; brother Earl Lee Dodson; nephews Rodney (Edie) Dodson and Gregory (Tammy) Dodson; grand-nephew Cody (Carrie) Dodson, and great-grandnephews Caden and Cooper Dodson.

-Written by his daughter, Danita Dodson

DEBORAH KAY FITCH, 68, of Louisa, KY, went home to be with the Lord on July 20, 2022, following a brief illness. She was born March 3, 1954, at Patrick, KY, the daughter of the late Oscar and Ethel Fitch Runyon. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Gary Fitch.

Survivors include her daughter, Tonya (Shane) Fyffe; son Garrick (Tierra) Fitch; and sisters, Rose Fisher, Betty Boyd, and Margaret Whitt; and grandchildren, Courtney Fyffe, Ethan Fitch, Kierra Fitch, and Carson Fitch.

Deborah was a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

-Written by the family

PHIL GILLIKIN, 74, of Tazewell, TN, formally of Otway, passed away September 13, 2021, at his home. Born in Morehead City on July 14, 1947, he was the son of the late Vernon and Mary Gillikin. He worked at Connors until 1981 when he then went to Cherry Point where he retired in 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lupton Gillikin; daughter, Veronica Gillikin and husband Rodney; and grandson, Hunter Gillikin.

He was a member of Long Hollow Church. Phil will be missed by all who knew him.

-Written by the family

TIMOTHY S. HENRY passed away unexpectedly on February 19, 2022. He was born December 6, 1957, to Donald and the late Theresa Henry. He is survived by his wonderful wife, Debra Henry (Wall) of 43 years; children, Hillary (Andy) Battrell, Rebecca (Daniel) Lawson, Jill (Tony) Naylor, Tyler (Sheena) Henry, and Jenna (Ryan Carter) Henry; grandchildren, Nicholas and Abbigayle Battrell, Shae and Caleb Lawson, Ava and Jett Naylor, Hudson and Evelyn Henry, along with numerous other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Theresa Henry; father-in-law, Franklin Wall; and older brother, Michael Henry.

Tim was a loving husband, a great father, and the best papaw. He loved his family more than anything. Tim wasn't your ordinary man for sure; he was extraordinary. He was a diamond in the rough, a treasure trove of wisdom. He enjoyed wood working and carpentry, pig roasting, and all-things trivia. He was a lover of music, movies, and his Ohio State Buckeyes. He was an active member of Macedonia Church (a true extension of his own family and his home away from home), serving as a cherished trustee and part of the worship team. He often marveled at nature's beauty, snapping a quick shot of a beautiful sunrise, or the colors of the setting sun. He mostly marched to the beat of his own drum and that is how we preferred him. He had his quirks and loved to banter, but mostly he just had a HUGE heart; his shirt was your shirt, too.

-Written by the family

VIRGINIA JO HICKMAN, 88, daughter of Emma and Ed Fields, went home to be with her husband, Garland (Gart) Hickman on May 7, 2022.

Children whom she got to spend her Mother's Day with are sons, Harold and Randy Hickman; daughter, Donna Dean (Don Mayes); and a very special granddaughter, Tina Herron.

Left to cherish her memories are Larry Hickman, Janet Hickman; a very much-loved grandson, Cameron Spears, which were her loving caregivers for several years. Virginia's loving family includes Cathy (Bill) Bowery, Mildred (Donnie) Duncan, Teresa (Berle Turnmire) Hickman; and daughter-in-law, Donna Gladson (Randy) Hickman; sisters, Faye Barrett (she loved when Faye and Renee Cook (Niece) visited), Helen Manis, and Jane Trent who passed away shortly after.

Virginia will be missed by all who knew her. She was a member of Long Hollow Church where she remained faithful until her health declined.

-Written by the family

VERLIN EDGAR JAYNE, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. He was a member of West View Primitive Baptist Church.

Bubba was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace Jayne and Pearl Huffman; sisters, Brenda Barton and Elizabeth Hancock; and brother, Carl Bernard.

He was survived by his brothers, Charles Bernard and James Couch; sister, Wanda Greer; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

H.C. JOHNSON, age 94 passed away August 14, 2022. He was born July 4, 1928. H.C was preceded in death by his loving wife of 74 years, Pearl, daughter, Kathy Robinson and all his brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Carol Johnson.

H.C. was a member of Poplar Grove Primitive Baptist Church. He loved gardening, having company, and talking about the Scripture. H.C. managed parking cars for many years for the Association. He always helped the cooks by giving a close estimate of the number of attendees. We miss H.C. and know he is at rest.

Written by Priscilla Irvin

PEARL HORTON JOHNSON, age 94 passed away December 21, 2022. She was born August 10, 1927. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy Robinson and all her brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her loving husband of 74 years, H. C. and her son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Carol Johnson.

She was a member of Poplar Grove Primitive Baptist Church. Pearl loved gardening and working in flowers. One of her greatest joys was working in the Association kitchen. She mentored many and shared her talents and wisdom. We miss Pearl and know she is at rest.

Written by Priscilla Irvin

BETTY B. KIRK, age 80 of Dryden Virginia went to her heavenly home Saturday, April 30, 2022, in Kingsport, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her parents John Wilk Peters Jr and Bertha Crawford Spears, her sister, Teresa "Terry" Wisemokis and her husband, Vincent Ben Kirk.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann Kirk Willis and Vicki Kirk (Jimmy) Shoemaker; grandchildren, Jonathan David Willis, Christopher Matthew Newman, Amanda Elaine Newman and Kevin Cooper; great grandchildren, Madison Riley Crusenberry, Logan Thacker, Christopher Maxwell Newman, Grabriel Matthew Newman and Clifton Willis; two sisters, Diane Talbolt and Pam Stidham; two brothers, Jeff Peters and Mark Peters; several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Betty was a long-time member of Valley View Church and a sweet and outgoing lady. She is deeply missed.

-Written by church family

COY W. LAWSON, 70, of Rogersville, went to be with the Lord on January 23, 2022, at Holston Valley Medical Center. He was born January 10, 1952, to the late William and Marie Walton Lawson. Coy was saved at a young age at Flower Gap Baptist Church where he was Baptized and became a member. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Lawson; brothers, David Lawson and Richard Lawson; grandson, Christopher Ryan Lawson; brothers-in-law, James Davis and Rick Kinsler.

He is survived by his sons, Mack Lawson and wife Kathy, Johnathan Lawson and wife Elizabeth; daughter, Betty Jean Arnold; mother of his children, Mabel Lawson; grandchildren, Christopher Ryan Lawson, Tiffany Russell, Aaron Russell, Mackenzie Lawson, Austin Lawson, Keaton Lawson, Alex Arnold, and Lakin Lawson; great-grandson, Ryan Lawson; sisters, Lou Ella Davis and Stella Mae Kinsler; brothers, Ray Lawson and wife Judy, Michael Lawson and wife Tammy; sisters-in-law, Ruth Lawson and Annie Lawson; special son-in-law, Tony Arnold; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

CHARLIE BILL LITTLE, of Little Cowan, KY, answered his eternal call on April 18, 2022, at the age of 74. Charlie was a member of Little Cowan Church since 1984 and served the church proudly in numerous roles, including choir member, Sunday School teacher, Deacon, Building and Grounds, ad VBS Coordinator.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Glennis Little; sons: Tony (Tonya) Little and Phillip (Beth) Little; and grandchildren, Jonathan, Abby, Andrew, Anna, Maggie, Levi.

We miss his smile, laughter, and helping hand, but we hold firm to the promise that he is at rest with his Savior, Jesus Christ, and that one day afterwhile, we will gather together again on the banks of Jordan.

-Written by the family

WILLIAM JOEY MANES, 56, of Rogersville, passed away May 28, 2021, at his home. Joey was a wonderful soul. He loved people and never knew a stranger. Joey was a 1983 graduate of Cherokee High School. He also graduated as a welding tech from Morristown Training School. Joey was an owner and operator of Circle J Ag Supplies and also operated Circle J Farm, which is a 200-year-old farm. He was a member of Marion Robinette Memorial Church, where he attended from birth.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie Manes; parents, Bill and Rose Manes; adopted daughter, Brandy Lawson; uncles, John Burkhart and Charles Bruce; aunt, Marylin Manes.

He was preceded in death by his infant child; grandparents, Joe and Mildred Kite and Bruce and Flo Manes.

-Written by the family

DENNIS MARSHALL, 74, passed away July 12, 2022, at the Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee. He was born in St. Paul, Virginia, the son of the late Tom and Myrtle Helbert Marshall. A graduate of Coeburn High School, he was employed many years at Tennessee Eastman. He was a member of Willow Chapel Church. Dennis was a loving husband and father, who enjoyed spending time with his family and gardening.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bobby Marshall.

Survivors include his wife, Earika Mullins Marshall, and daughter, Monica Marshall, along with his nieces, nephews and host of other relatives and friends.

-Written by the family

JOHN EVERETT (J.E.) McPEEK, born August 5, 1931, went to be with the Lord April 15, 2022, at his residence following his battle with cancer.

He was a member of Long Hollow Church and attended Bass Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He was a lifelong farmer and the owner of McPeek Logging for over 70 years. He loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Carter and Alva (Christian) McPeek; wife, Mary Helen (Hickman); sons, George Everett, Samuel Doyle and Randy Keith; and daughter, Mary Elizabeth McPeek.

He is survived by his current wife, Janet Rae (Dunn) McPeek; sons, Stanley (Janie) Wendell and Johnny (Pamela) Matthews; daughter-in-law, Nancy (Clear) McPeek; brother, James Corbin McPeek; 12 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

“And Jesus said unto him, verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

-Written by the family

ETHEL JEANETTE “JENNY” MILLS, age 52, of Inez, KY passed away January 10, 2022, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, KY. She was born November 29, 1969, in Louisa, KY to the late Raymond Cochran and Ruth Ann Runyon Rowe.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her stepdad, Burgess Mills, and daughter, Kendra Mills.

She is survived by her husband, Donnis Lynn Mills; sons, Justin Harless and Derrick Harless; stepdaughters, Jennifer Lynn West and Emily Mills; brother, Gary Cochran; sister, Patricia McKinney; and very special aunt and uncle, Margaret and Dale Whitt.

She was a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

-Written by the family

RICK NEELEY, 66, of Kingsport, TN, passed away on May 26, 2022. He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar Neeley.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Sue Neeley; daughter, Dezarhea Hebert and husband Donovan; grandchildren, Erik Gunnar and Bailey Rhea Hebert; mother, Cora L. Neeley; and sister, Brenda Kay Neeley.

Rick was a member of Rollers Chapel Church. He always had a sweet smile upon his face. Rest on Brother Rick until we meet again.

-Written by church clerk, Kim Robinette

LESTER WAYNE OSBORNE of Xenia OH, passed away on March 30, 2022, at home in Xenia, OH of natural causes. Wayne was born December 17, 1956, in Xenia, OH. He was a retired radiology technician along with other interests in computer technology and artistic endeavors. He graduated from Bellbrook High School in 1975 and went on to graduate from DeKalb Medical School of Radiologic Technology. He worked as a travelling medical radiologist for several years at DeKalb General, in Georgia. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Roy Osborne and Mary Ruth (Robinette) Osborne. He is survived by siblings Dale (Mary Ann) Osborne of Xenia Township, OH and Darren (Wanetta) Osborne of New Vienna, OH. He is also survived by nephews John Osborne and Noah Osborne, one uncle and aunt, Joe and Jean Robinette of Duffield, VA, and many cousins and friends.

Wayne was a self-taught artist across several mediums including oil and watercolors along with charcoal and computer generated graphics which he loved and over the years he became a very prolific artist. He shared his love of art with family and friends and was generous in sharing his love and his talent with others and often a compliment turned into a treasured gift. Wayne had a bright smile and a hearty laugh that was always welcome at family get-togethers; Christmas, Thanksgiving, and summer cookouts. His passing has been bittersweet in the knowledge he's no longer in pain. He is no longer tied to worldly struggles and worries of what tomorrow may bring. He is at peace. He is in Heaven and is surrounded by the angels and those who have been waiting for his arrival. Although it was a shorter life than we had hoped, it was a full life. We will miss him.

-Written by the family

LOLA MURRAY PETERSON fell asleep in Jesus March 14, 2022, at the age of 91. She was born January 7, 1931, to John and Maude Davis Murray. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Carl G. Peterson, and her sisters: Elizabeth, Margaret, Ruby, and Marie.

She was saved on February 20th and baptized March 10th, 1949. She was a member of Sallie's Chapel Church. She sang with The Gospel Trio in the early 50's. She met her late husband at Tennessee Eastman, and they married June 1, 1953. They moved to Duffield, Virginia in 1955 and she moved her membership to Peterson's Chapel Church where she was a faithful member for 67 years. Lola had the gift of prayer and sang in the choir. She taught Sunday School for several years in the 1970's. She enjoyed going to church and singing in the group "The Petersons". She often sang "Time Has Made a Change in Me" and "The Lights of Home". She spoke of Heaven before she passed away having the desire to see her parents and loved ones and a sister she never met.

She is survived by her children, Michael Peterson and wife Jane, Tonya Peterson Berry and husband Kedric, and Leslie Peterson. She left behind nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren who love and miss her very much. Rest my precious mother, we will meet you in the morning by the bright riverside when all sorrow has drifted away.

Written by her daughter, Tonya Peterson Berry

ANGELA RUTH STAPLETON, 60, of Louisa, KY, passed away Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at Three Rivers Medical Center. She was born June 15, 1961, in Louisa, KY to the late Willard C. and Fayette Moore Bailey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters, Annette Kay Preston and Rita Marie Bailey; brother, Willard Christopher Bailey; granddaughter, Brayden Renee Ward, niece, Danyelle Johnson; and nephew, Melvin Lloyd Preston.

She is survived by her loving husband, Clarence Stapleton; son, Clarence E. (Shawna Ward) Stapleton, Jr.; daughters, Angela (Phillip) Wright, Laura (Jeffery) Whitson, and Hailey (Michael) Price; brother, Marvin C. (Debbie) Bailey; 11 grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

-Written by the family

EZRA S. SUMMEY, better known as Pork Chop, Chop, or Ez, was born May 19, 1975, to Bobbie and the late Charles Summey. He left this world for his new home on August 27, 2022. He was the youngest of four boys but not the smallest.

He attended Blackwater Lick Church where his wife is a member.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Summey; brother, Keith Summey; his grandparents; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Ezra loved to laugh, and his big personality and smile were the first things you noticed when he entered the room. He loved to fish, hunt, and camp. He was a kind soul who loved his family and friends. He graduated from Twin Springs High School where he excelled on the gridiron. He then studied welding at Mountain Empire Community College. He worked as a skilled welder, an OR technician, and a skilled glass handler. He was a member of the United Steel Workers Union, where he served as steward until the Glass Plant closed its doors. He then found his calling as a dedicated student transportation engineer, driving Bus #71, where he would give his signature fist-bump to all his kiddos as they exited the bus.

Thanks to those that were with Ezra and Kim, and for those who were there in spirit, as he transitioned from this earthly vessel into the loving arms of his Heavenly Father where he will forever walk the streets of gold. We look forward to seeing him again on Heaven's bright shore.

-Written by his wife, Kim

LOLA MAE SYBERT, 88, passed away on November 23, 2021. She was a member of Flower Gap Church

Lola Mae was born in Blackwater, VA on October 25, 1933, to the late Howard and Stella Neeley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Sybert; brother, Edgar Neeley; and two sons-in-law, Don Smith and Bruce Swenson.

She is survived by her two daughters, Naomi Smith and Marvena Williams (Greg Williams); brother, Everette Donald Neeley; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many other relatives, friends, nieces, and nephews.

Lola and Donald were married for 57 years until Donald's passing. The majority of their years together, they lived in Kingsport, TN. For the past 5 years she lived at Magnolia Estates Assisted Living & Retirement Facility, in Winder GA.

-Written by the family

GENEVA E. TRAPP, 93 of Blackwater, VA passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2022. She was born in Kenton County, KY on September 18, 1928, to the late Dewey Sanders Sr. and Dora Johnson Sanders. Geneva was a graduate of Blackwater High School in 1946. She was a member of Big Door Church and later moved her membership to Flower Gap Church.

In addition to her parents, Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, Blaine Robert Trapp; children, Jeffery Trapp and Jamie Trapp; brothers, Mayford Sanders, Dewey C. Sanders Jr., Kenneth Sanders; and sisters, Arneda Russell and Bernice Wallen.

She is survived by her daughters, Christine Simox, Benita Collins, Jennifer and Gary Tipton, Sylvia and Wade Beasley, Paula and Albert McDavid, Beth Trapp, and Heather Trapp and Danny Delano; son, David Trapp; grandchildren, Travis Williams, Erica Williams, Madison Tipton, Susan Trapp, Stephanie Lawson, Shanda Sexton, Whitney Stephens, Alissa Beasley, Austin Beasley, Kayla McDavid, Peyton McDavid, and Blair Napier; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Kaye and Dave Newkirk; brothers, Kermit and Barbara Sanders, James Sanders; several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Onzie Fisher.

-Written by the family

MYRTLE JANIE TRENT, 90, of Rogersville, went Home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 1, 2022. She was born on July 23, 1931. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Jane was a member of Long Hollow Church. She made her home with her daughter, Betty Presley. She is retired from Hawkins County Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by the father of her children, Charlie (Stumpy) Presley; sons, Gary and Otis Presley; parents, Edward and Stella Greer Fields; sisters, Virginia Hickman, Eula Manis, Nellie Fields, and Tilda Charles; brothers, Earl and Bob Fields.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Presley; son, Dwayne Presley; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Faye Barrett and Helen Manis; and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

ELDER WILLIAM CHARLES “BILL” VAN HOOSE, 66, of Kettering, passed away December 9th, 2021, at Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek. Bill was born November 26th, 1955, to Edith (Wallen) Van Hoose and Claude Van Hoose. He was the owner and tooling engineer for KBX Global. Bill currently helped Macedonia Church where he was an ordained minister and active member. Bill pastored at Clear Springs Church for over 10 years and taught the Bible while living in China. Bill loved to play PlayStation 4, golf, eat various kinds of Bill’s Donuts, and savor vanilla ice cream at the local Dairy Queen.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his son, William Joshua Van Hoose. He is survived by his daughter, Amber Van Hoose; son, William Van Hoose (Julia Zheng); granddaughter, Zoey Van Hoose; fiancé, Connie Meeks; brothers, Danny, Alan, Roger, David, and Sammy Van Hoose; sister, Connie Nelson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

EDSOL WALLEN, 80, of Yellow Springs, passed away 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 Church.

-Written by the family

YVONNE WALLEN, 84, went to be with her heavenly Father, Monday, January 3, 2022. She was born December 5, 1937, in Kyles Ford, TN, the daughter of Ernest and Bessie (Willis) Wallen. Yvonne was a faithful member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Bellbrook. She loved her family and church family very much. Yvonne enjoyed eating, shopping and Diamond painting. She will be greatly missed. Yvonne is at peace with her Savior. We will see her again on Heaven's bright shore. A special note of gratitude from the family to Rose Wallen for being her care giver at home.

Yvonne is survived by her sister, Barbara (Wayne) Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Charlise Rhodes, Wilma Yount and Nancy Johnson; brothers, Junior, Eldon "Sonnie", Rogan, Clifford and Edsol Wallen.

-Written by the family

RICHARD L WORKMAN, age 86, of Xenia, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Sunday July 31, 2022, at his home with his family by his side. Richard was born on June 6, 1936, in Xenia, Ohio, the son of the late George Marion Workman and Edna Liza (Gregg) Workman. He met the love of his life, Sarah M. (Cook) Workman, while home on leave from the Navy. They were married, June 16, 1959, and to this union were born 7 children.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Sarah M. Workman; his beloved son, Byron Workman; five brothers, Robert, James, Wayne, David, and Roger; three sisters, Patricia Workman, Gwendolyn Workman, and Rose Vanover. Richard is survived by his six loving daughters, Tina Workman, August (Jason) Robinette, Rhonda (James) Johnson, Dianna (Richard) Strickland, Angela Vertrees, and Jeanette (Sean) Callahan; two brothers, Larry (Sera) Workman of Xenia, and Mark (Debbie) Workman of Springfield; three sisters, Wanda Hatfield, Linda Sutton, and Dorothy (Johnny) Hill; 15 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Richard loved sports and he was an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan and a Cleveland Browns fan. Richard proudly served his country in the United States Navy for four years. He retired from Morris Bean and Company in Yellow Springs, Ohio after working 40 years. He was a faithful member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Bellbrook, and member of the VFW Post 2402. Richard enjoyed coaching peewee football and little league baseball in Xenia. He was a member of the Xenia All-Stars Softball Club and he enjoyed basketball, bowling, and golf. He will be greatly missed.

-Written by the family

JACQUELINE SUE YOUNT, 59, of Xenia, passed away May 19, 2022, at her residence following a lengthy battle with ALS. She was born February 2, 1963, in Springfield, OH, the daughter of Marilyn S. (Givens) and Jerry Dennis Wilburn.

In addition to her parents, Susie was preceded in death by her stepson: Martin Yount.

Susie is survived by her husband, Martie Yount, whom she married July 10, 1989; brother, Dana Wilburn; nephew, Aaron Wilburn; and granddaughter, Zoe; as well as many other relatives and friends.

Susie retired from the Village of Yellow Springs, where she had made many friends over the years. She was very talented and loved making all sorts of crafts, ranging from basket weaving, wreaths, dolls, painting, sewing, and knitting. There really wasn't anything she couldn't do. She was a member of the Clear Springs Church and loved her Lord. Her church family looked forward to services that included her sharing her testimony.

No more pain and no more sorrow. We know she is resting in the arms of her sweet Lord and Savior.

-Written by the family

HISTORICAL DATA

Mulberry Gap Association of United Baptists organized 1835

YEAR	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	INTRODUCTORY SERMON
1835	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis	Moses McGinnis
1836	Blackwater, TN	Daniel <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
2022	Burke's Union	Terry Sizemore	Kevin Hale	David Parsons

