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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 3, 2024

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 172nd 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. 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. Burke's Union hosted the Association in 1991, 2022, and again this year. We have been blessed and honored to have the association on these grounds for the past three years. 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's children began to gather under the tent for the 172nd annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists hosted by Burke's Union Church. Sisters Zula McCullough, Kim Robinette, Brenda Horton, Danita Dodson, and Brother Bradley Brown led the congregation in singing songs of praise to our Blessed Savior. There is joy unspeakable because I know that Jesus saved me, and that's enough for me. There'll come a glad day after while when my Lord I'll see, just over in the Glory-land.

Elder Terry Sizemore, the moderator, welcomed everyone to the 172nd annual gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, thanking God for the good number already gathered under the tent. He spoke to the lost, stating his desire for them to be saved.

The moderator reminded everyone to turn in church letters, obituaries, and financial contributions. The Letter Committee for 2024 was appointed beforehand, consisting of Dennis Stewart (chairman), David Horton, Clifton Horne, and R.B. Louthian (alternate).

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which consists of Steve Hunt (chairman), Ralph Lawson, Jr. and Doug Willis.

The moderator reminded the delegates that ribbons are available.

Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing the Association's standard song, "Brethren, We Have Met Again" written by Elder I.S. Robinette, Moderator of the Association from at least 1881-1886 (there are no records from 1850-1880). Let us join in prayer and sing. Twelve months more around have rolled since we met this peaceful fold.

Elder David Parsons, the pastor of the host church, came to the stand, raising his hands and praising God. He welcomed everyone to grounds of Burke's Union Church for the third consecutive year, stating he is looking for a blessing and asking the lost to accept Jesus.

The Moderator asked all ministers to sign the minister's book, including ministers from other associations and church affiliations.

The moderator stated that Brother David Jerrell acquired a clerk's journal from Shelby Creek Church. It was given to the Association and will be passed on to the church.

Many praised God for the privilege to attend this year's Association and prayer requests were made for the lost, the ones affected by Hurricane Helene and the resulting floods, Kaden Sizemore, Greg Johnson, Earl Dodson, Aaron McCoy's father who had a tree fall on him Vickie Jones, Leah and Nora Jones, Dan and Virgie Cross, the ones unable to attend, Holly Lawson, Jean Brewer, the upcoming revival at Poplar Grove, Geraldine Spurlock, Edna Lane, Jean Wallen, the young man in the Navy, families who lost loved ones, Clifton Horne, the man with cancer, Frank and Juanita Gilliam, Henrietta Adams, Ruby Robinette, the sick at Copper Creek, Flo Minton and her family, Penny VanHoose, Walker and Karlene Bales, Roger VanHoose's grandchildren, Bruce Collier, Dillon Stewart, and many unspoken requests. Elder Chris Salley came to the stand testifying of the Hope that we have in Christ and led the congregation in prayer, taking those requests to God.

Elder Sizemore asked the congregation to stand and join him in singing "He Got on a Cloud and Went Home." We'll shed his old clay when we're all called away. We'll get on the cloud and go Home.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Curtis Hale came to the stand, stating he was thankful for the heaven-bought privilege to gather with this Grand Old Body for its 172nd meeting. He stated that God is worthy of all praise, and we're to worship our Lord and Savior in one mind and one accord. Elder Hale took his text from the 6th chapter of Romans, reading the 23rd verse. His thought was that God is the Deliverer. He began by preaching concerning David and Goliath and how David believed, without a doubt, that God would deliver him. His strength wasn't in himself or the rock, but in God. Just as David was delivered from the battle with Goliath, we are delivered from sin, out of the horrible pit and the miry clay, and set upon the solid rock which is Christ Jesus. The wages of sin is death, and the only way to be delivered is through Jesus, the perfect gift of God. We needed a deliverer, one to provide a free pardon of sin, from the sin that came about by Adam's disobedience.

Elder David Parsons, chosen as the alternate, followed, preaching from the same thought and text. God told Adam what he would surely die if he ate of the tree of knowledge, that he would be spiritually separated from God. By one man's disobedience, many were made sinners. We've all sinned and come short of the Glory of God, and wages are paid in death, but our sin debt was paid in a death on Calvary. It's by grace that we are saved through faith, and it's a gift of God. His grace is always sufficient. All the sacrifices before Jesus could never pay the sin debt. By Jesus, the debt has been paid for the whole world; it's up to each person whether they accept it or not. Surrender to Him when He deals with your heart. Accept His free gift.

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

Thursday Afternoon, October 3, 2024

Following a delicious lunch seasoned with hospitality and fellowship, the brothers and sisters in Christ joined in singing "How Great Thou Art" and "What a Day That Will Be" to begin the afternoon service. Elder Kevin Cross stood from his seat to preach about the Hope we have in Jesus. There was special singing from Brothers Null Lawson and Antah Johnson.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick, Linda Lucas, Betty Sizemore, Brenda Bowlin, Anita Dixon, those in the nursing homes, Jason Frye, Flo Minton and her grandchildren, Roger Manring, the upcoming revival at Marion Robinette Memorial, Jerry Johnson, Clifton Horne, Mike Horne, Tyler Blakely, Herman Hunt, and many unspoken requests, along with several wonderful testimonies. Elder Roger VanHoose came to the stand to lead the congregation with a humble prayer, begging for mercy for the lost and asking God to bless this congregation.

The moderator brought attention to a church that closed in the last year, which was Mountain View Church, praising God for the many souls saved in that place.

Brother Dennis Stewart, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. The church letter from Wallen's Creek has not been received. Brother David Horton, spoke on behalf of the committee concerning Irondale. It was recommended that the clerk send a letter to Irondale to check into their standing as a church, as they don't hold regular services and haven't been holding the stated Union Meeting for two years. They lettered in each year, and their church letters stated that the Union Meeting would be the only service each year. Their letter was not considered in order. With 33 churches total, it was motioned, seconded, and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee to seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association.

Discussion was had regarding the state of Irondale. Irondale is not currently functioning as a church. It is believed that the church has not functioned in several years, presumably since the death of Clyde Phillips. It is believed that the deed states services must continue, or the land be returned to the family that donated it. That family may have no living heirs. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to follow the recommendation of the committee, in that the clerk will send a letter to Irondale, asking that they either (1) resume functioning as a church and their letter be accepted or (2) if they continue to not function as a church, then the letter be rejected.

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

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

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

Elder Sizemore humbly thanked the delegation for the honor and blessing to serve the Association and the vote of confidence. We pray that the Good Lord will give us the wisdom to continue to fulfill our duties to the Association as long as He desires.

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, Clifford Bledsoe, Danny Lawson, Adam Lawson, and Curtis Hale.

Committee on Obituaries: Mike Fullington (chairman), Tyler Stapleton, and Hunter Hensley.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Scott Tipton (chairman), Kevin Cross, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Roger Van Hoose, Daniel Hurd, and Sammy VanHoose.

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers: John Banks (chairman), Burnice Sybert, Joseph Robinette; Deacons: Roy Jones, Joe Horton; Laymen: Marvin Moeller, Null Lawson.

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

- Thursday night at Rollers Chapel (6:00): Joseph Robinette and Roger VanHoose
- Friday Morning in Stand: Joseph Robinette and Terry Sizemore
- Friday night at Marion Robinette (7:00): Sammy VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, and Robert Brown
- Friday night at Willow Chapel (6:30): Joseph Robinette and Oscar Irvin
- Saturday morning in Stand: Jason Robinette, Oscar Irvin, and Robert Brown
- Saturday night at Rollers Chapel (6:30): Kevin Cross
- Sunday morning in Stand: Kevin Cross, Chris Salley, and Scott Tipton
- Sunday morning at Valley View: Sammy VanHoose

Revival at Copper Creek starting the 1st Sunday in November with David Roller preaching. Starting time is 6:00 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm after.

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. Brother McPherson began by thanking the Lord for saving his soul and for the wonderful preaching. He also thanked the other members and all the help in preparation and during the Association. He reported that Adam

Lawson is live streaming the meeting on Association's Facebook page. He also reported that two outside speakers have died and need to be replaced. He reported that the mixer board is several years old and may need replacement sometime soon.

Elder Sizemore brought to the delegation that the Electrical and PA System committee may need the authorization/autonomy to purchase necessary supplies to maintain proper system function. It was motioned seconded and voted that the committee be given authorization/autonomy to purchase necessary supplies to maintain proper system function for the Association.

It was motioned, seconded, and voted to allow the clerk to pay fees and 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.

It was reported that the doors that were purchased last year were installed on the cookhouse.

The clerk reported all financial transactions of the year to the delegation. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to accept the financial report as read.

It was moved and seconded to allow the clerk to research pricing for insurance (cookhouse, liability, and trailer) for the Association and change providers if a better rate can be found with the same or similar coverage.

It was stated that to-go dinners would be available for anyone that would like one.

Elder Oscar Irvin stated that the offering taken up on Friday could be used for the audio equipment that is need of replacement. No objections were made.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed in prayer by Elder Harmon Willis until Friday morning, October 4, 2024.

Friday Morning, October 4, 2024

The second day of the 172nd Association began as Sister Zula McCullough and Brother Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in singing songs of Praise to our Savior. Christ hath regarded my helpless estate and hath shed his own blood for my soul. What a day of rejoicing that will be when His children gather in our home beyond the skies.

Elder Terry Sizemore came to the stand singing of God's Amazing Grace as the congregation joined in praising the Lord. He then welcomed everyone to the House of the Lord, thanking the True and Living God for the gift of salvation by grace through faith.

We were blessed with spiritual testimony and singing from Bradley Brown and then the host church. Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus. What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see, where no sin or sorrow e'er can come.

Testimonies were shared, and prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick, Dennis Horton, June Sybert, Randy Lane, Paul Sorcey, the ones affected by and working after the storm and flooding, Earl, Rodney, and Greg Dodson, Mike Fullington's cousin and family, Flo Minton and her family, Mack Edwards and his wife, Greg and Susan Hood, Chip Moore, Edna Lane, Charles Bernard's family, many unspoken requests, and several the clerk could not hear. Elder Jason Robinette came to the stand, thanking God for His presence and His blessings and humbly asking God to touch the prayer requests and to save the lost.

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.

The moderator asked the congregation to stand as Brother Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Elder Joseph Robinette, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to preach the first half of the service, expressing his thanks for all the prayers for his wife and family. He read from the 5th chapter of the Gospel of John, verses 30-42. He then quoted John 14:1 and used the thought, "ye believe in God, believe also in me." The Jews believed in God, but just believing in God isn't enough. You must be born again by believing in Christ. God loved you so much, that He gave His Son as a sacrifice before the foundation of the world. Jesus was the only one that was found worthy. Rejoice in the Lord and tell people about Jesus. Walk in the Light and have fellowship with Him. The lost will hear a witness of His Son, so that they might

believe upon Him. Call upon Him from the roadside, press through the crowd, sing His praises from the darkest part of the prison. He'll shake the very foundation and put off those chains that bind you.

Elder Terry Sizemore came forward to take the second half of the preaching service, also preaching from the 5th chapter of John concerning the man at the pool of Bethesda. Jesus asked, "will thou be made whole?" The man told that he couldn't get in the pool by himself. Jesus told him to take up his bed and walk the healing was accomplished by belief. The Jews were trying to tell Christ what they were accomplishing through their works and traditions. They then sought to kill Him for healing on the Sabbath, but they didn't understand that He fulfilled that law and there was no justification unless you believe in Jesus. The pool of Bethesda was next to the sheep market, and the shepherd took the sheep to that sheepfold. We found ourselves by the pool, but Jesus called us unto the sheepfold. When we hear Him call, we know His voice, and He will deliver us out of our sin. "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life.."

The congregation was dismissed for lunch with song and fellowship.

Friday Afternoon, October 4, 2024

Much fellowship was shared as the host church provided a wonderful and plentiful lunch.

Sister Zula McCullough and Brothers Bradley Brown and Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation by singing the songs of Zion. Happy praise to the King, thru eternity sing, in a land where we'll never grow old. O the joy of that glad meeting.

The moderator welcomed the congregation back from lunch, thanking the host churches for the wonderful fellowship and lunch.

The Holy Spirit moved as we were blessed with testimonies and songs of Faith from Millie Hale and Larsyn Bledsoe, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shannon Payne, and Stacie Payne, David, Leslie, Katelyn, and Jack Roller, Dennis and Karen Stewart, Roger VanHoose, and Sammy VanHoose, and Jason Henry Robinette. He's the Solid Rock, the Great I am. His name is Jesus, a name above all other names. Not one time, when I pray, has he turned me away. Thank you, Lord, for all you've done for me. There is no other fountain where I could be more satisfied than in the arms of Christ my Savior. What a joy to know to Heaven I'm going. I'll see Jesus face to face. When we reach that Golden City, we'll all join Him in triumph; deliverance has come.

Testimonies were shared thanking God for salvation, and prayer requests were made for Leah Bernard's special request, Jeremy Robinette, JoAnn Longacre, Donna

Robinette, Joe and Emma Jean Robinette, August Robinette, Judy and Kenny Taylor, and many unspoken requests. Minister Frank Clark, from the Little Bethlehem United Baptist Church, came forward thanking God for His salvation, His peace, and His joy, then led the congregation with a spiritual prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother Dennis Stewart, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, and Brother David Horton came forward stating the letter for Wallen's Creek has not yet been received.

Brother Steve Hunt came to the stand with a Spirit-filled testimony. He then read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises and gave details on an upcoming revival.

- Friday night at Marion Robinette (7:00): Sammy VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, and Robert Brown
- Friday night at Willow Chapel (6:30): Joseph Robinette and Oscar Irvin
- Saturday morning in Stand: Jason Robinette, Oscar Irvin, and Robert Brown
- Saturday night at Rollers Chapel (6:30): Kevin Cross
- Saturday night at Valley View (7:00): Shannon Payne and Curtis Hale
- Saturday night at Swan Creek (7:00): Justin Winstead
- Sunday morning in Stand: Kevin Cross, Chris Salley, and Scott Tipton
- Sunday morning at Valley View: Sammy VanHoose
- Sunday morning at Swan Creek: Mike Fullington

Revival at Poplar Grove will be starting the 3rd Sunday night in October, and it will be held by Elders Scott Tipton and Curtis Hale.

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

The moderator reported that there were \$5,680 in receipts for the year. We thank each church as they generously give to the Association year after year.

Elder Mike Fullington reported on behalf of the Committee on Obituaries that 31 have been received at this time. A reminder was given to turn in any remaining obituaries within two weeks if it is desired to be included in the 2024 minutes.

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

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

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

The men chosen to write the circular letter for 2024 were Elder Jason Robinette, Elder David Parsons, and Deacon Danny Lawson. The three men came forward, and Brother Danny read their letter. Its message was one of Peace, a Peace that is from God and passeth all understanding. 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 2025 which includes: Elder Robert Brown, Deacon Cory King, and Ronnie Johnson.

Elder Scott Tipton came forward to discuss the condition of the stage that we use in the tent. The one we have is deteriorating, heavy, and difficult to store. Newer options are available starting at approximately \$3,700. They are lighter and stronger. Elder Tipton has offered to look into options. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to replace the stage with the best option.

Brother Ralph Lawson, Jr. led the congregation in singing "A Wonderful Time" as several volunteers took up an offering. A generous donation of \$2,301 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 three churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are Fairview (Bellbrook), Marion Robinette Memorial, and Valley View.

Shannon Payne made the initial plea on behalf of Fairview. Mitch Jessee delivered the first plea for Marion Robinette Memorial. Jason Henry Robinette came forward to ask for the Association to come to Valley View. Elder Joseph Robinette then pled for the Association to be sent to Bellbrook, OH. Elder Curtis Hale stood to bring the second plea for Marion Robinette to host the next Association. The last speaker was Elder Jason Robinette, pleading on behalf of Valley View.

Through the vote, the Association was sent to Marion Robinette Memorial, where, the Good Lord willing, we will convene on the Thursday morning (October 2, 2025) before the first Saturday in October 2025 for the 173rd annual gathering. The introductory and alternate sermons will be preached by Elders Oscar Irvin and Curtis Hale, respectively.

Elder Gary Hall dismissed the congregation in a word of prayer, thanking the Lord for this wonderful time together.

We were adjourned until Saturday morning, October 5, 2024.

Saturday Morning, October 5, 2024

The sunlight began to drive off the fog and shine on God's children as we gathered under the tent for our Saturday service. Brother Marcel Bledsoe led the congregation in songs about Heaven and eternal life with our Savior. Thank God for that wonderful hope we have beyond this life.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our Saturday morning memorial service and thanked God for Spiritual blessings this week.

Special singing was shared by Sisters Doris Fee and Louella Bledsoe. Where could I go but to the Lord? Life here is grand, but the Lifeboat soon is coming to rescue you and me. It's almost here and our trials will soon be o'er.

Testimonies were shared to glorify God and prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick, our churches, Clifton Horne, Hunter Hensley's Dad and Papaw, the ones affected by the storm and flooding and those working on the disaster recovery efforts, two young children with cancer, Tommy Meade, the upcoming revivals, Dennis Horton, our young ministers, Danny Lawson's grandchildren, Daniel Hurd, Sherrie Brown, and many unnamed and unspoken requests. Brother Bradley Bowen led us to the Lord in Prayer, thanking God for the privilege to be here, and asking Him to bless the preaching of the Gospel and to save the lost.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

Brother Dennis Stewart, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, and Brother David Horton came forward stating the letter for Wallen's Creek has been received. The letter from Wallen's Creek was found to be not in order, and the committee recommended tabling the letter. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to follow the recommendation of the committee to table that letter.

The Letter Committee for 2025 was appointed: David Horton (chairman), Clifton Horne, R.B. Louthian, and Danny Lawson (alternate).

Elder David Parsons came forward on behalf of the host church, giving thanks to God. He also extended special thanks to: Maynard, Cammie and Emmett Bledsoe for use of their land, their Wi-Fi, and their generator when the power was out; Kenny Bledsoe for watching the tent at night; David Horton for getting water and donuts; Joe Horton for getting water; all the ones that attended the Association and donated desserts.

Brother Steve Hunt, chair of the Committee on Religious Exercises, stated that there were no changes in services since yesterday.

It was stated that the Electrical and PA system, primarily Adam Lawson, could help get announcements on the website, if desired. We certainly appreciate all the work he does for the Association.

The moderator led the congregation in singing "It's Still the Blood," followed by special singing from Kim Robinette, Wilma Bledsoe, and David and Wanda Parsons. I can hear the singing of the ones that reached their goal of the Happy Home Sweet Home. When we leave this house made of clay, we'll move to that eternal home.

For many years, the Saturday morning service has been dedicated as a memorial service for those saints who have been called home to Heaven. The moderator read the names of those saints that have gained their eternal reward in the past year. It's important to know that you're ready to go.

Elder Jason Robinette, who was chosen to take the first part of the preaching service by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came to the stand singing "Farther On" and reading from the first chapter of the First Epistle of Peter, verses 3-13, using the thought, "the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." At the appearing of Christ, we found ourselves lost and undone. Jesus appeared, without sin, unto salvation. We receive grace if we accept Jesus when He appears unto us. He isn't done with His grace, but it continues to be shed upon us. We are justified by faith, have peace through Christ, and access unto His grace. His amazing grace brought us safe this far and will lead us Home. At the revelation of Jesus Christ, when He comes back, He'll bring grace. He will return to bring the dead in Christ out of the grave, and every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God. Our life is hid in Christ. If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, we will appear with Him in Glory. At the revelation of Jesus Christ, He will descend from Heaven with a shout and the voice of an archangel. The dead in Christ rise first, then those that remain will

be changed. According to His abundant mercy, He has begotten us again unto a lively hope.

Elder Oscar Irvin came to the stand to preach the next part of the memorial service, using the same text. It takes the Spirit to reveal Christ as real. Christ is God wrapped in the flesh, and we must believe on Him. We all died in Adam, and the only way to regain life is by the resurrection of Jesus. If we live, we live unto the lord; if we die, we die unto the lord. We go down in weakness. The house of clay will fail, as it's temporary. The soul inside is eternal. It is begotten again unto a lively hope. Death allows the soul to take flight. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. We'll lay this house of clay aside, when the Lord calls. Those that have part in second resurrection will have no part in the second death. We know if this earthly house is dissolved, they have another building, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Elder Robert Brown was chosen to preach the final portion of the memorial service, and he preached from the same scripture. When revelation comes, we understand more and more of what we have in Christ. We have grace through faith in Jesus, who God sent to suffer and die. On the way to the Promise Land, the Children of Israel found the river of Jordan was flooded, but the water rolled back in a heap. When we were saved, the water rolled back, and we walked across on dry ground to become a child of God. He's able to save anyone that comes humble and with a contrite spirit and confesses Jesus Christ, just like the thief on the cross beside Him. Jesus became sin, took all our sins, died our death, took our place, and became our substitute. God provided Jesus as the substitute, just like the ram was provided for Abraham. He provided the perfect sacrifice, the Lamb that took away the sins of the whole world. He's mighty to save the lost and substitute an eternal death with eternal life.

Thanks be to God for the messages this morning, and what a blessing to know Him and know He's coming back to get His own. In the presence of His Holy Spirit is the best place to be.

Elder Burnice Sybert shared words of encouragement, then dismissed the congregation with a humble prayer. We were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 6, 2024.

Sunday Morning, October 6, 2024

Several churches gathered under the tent once again for the Sunday morning service of the 172nd annual meeting of our beloved Association.

The congregational singing was led by Brother Carl Osborne, Elder Scott Tipton, and Sister Wanda Parsons, praising God with each song. Happy in Glory someday I shall be, because I have been redeemed. We'll share the glory of His resurrection when the roll is called up yonder. A wonderful Savior is He!

Elder David Parsons welcomed the congregation to the grounds of Burke's Union for the final service of this Association. It would be a great morning to see a lost soul be redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb. He asked each one in attendance to worship the Lord, because He is worthy.

We were blessed by spiritual singing and testimony from Amy Bledsoe, Larsyn Bledsoe, and Millie Hale, Carl Osborne, Ada McPherson, Caylee McConnell, and Jackson Osborne. The King above all other kings is not too busy to care about you. Our preparations have been made for our soul to take a flight Home when Jesus comes back. Our hope is anchored in the blood of the Precious Lamb of God.

Spirit-filled testimonies were shared, and prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick, the ones whose lives were devastated by the storms and flooding, the John Sanders family, our children, and many special unspoken requests. Elder Keith Holt came to the stand to lead us to the Throne of Grace, thanking God for His mercy, grace, and love and asking for His Spirit to revive us to be a witness to a lost and dying world.

Elder Chris Salley came to take the first part of the preaching service, reading the entirety of the second chapter of the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, using the fifth verse as his thought, "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." We've seen how the power of God has moved so many times. We can trust Him in the big things and in the little things. Man can only do so much, but God is not limited. His power can draw a lost soul to an altar of repentance. There is not a sin that the Blood Atonement cannot forgive. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen. We have something that the world can't take away. We have faith in the power of God to deliver lost souls.

Elder Kevin Cross came forward for the second part of the service, singing "Old-Time Religion." He began by telling of how the children of Israel were to tell their families how God brought them out of bondage, how He brought them through the wilderness, how their shoes didn't wear out, and how He fed them. By grace, God delivered them into

Canaan land. Under covenant of grace, he set forth the foundation of salvation. Jesus took on the robe of flesh and became the Kingdom of God that was at hand. Jesus ministered unto His disciples in truth, telling them to spread His word, and as many as call on God in His Name shall be saved. Thank God for sparing lost souls one more day and for another opportunity for them to be able to accept Jesus. The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Our faith comes from Heaven's glory; there's a truth and sureness of it. The hope is laid up for you in Glory. That blessed hope is at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Hunter Hensley came to the stand and read from John Chapter 4. He then spoke of how God wants each one of us and wants us to worship Him.

Elder Scott Tipton came to take the final part of the preaching service, rereading 1 Corinthians 2:5. God spoke this world into existence with His power. When Adam and Eve listened to Satan, they put their faith in man's wisdom. The power of God put Satan upon his belly. The power of God brought pain in childbirth. The power of God caused Man to have to work by the sweat of his brow. Sin relies on man's wisdom. The power of God gave Noah the knowledge to build the ark. Man's wisdom told them that it wasn't going to rain. God's power moved upon Mary and Jesus was born, and the same power brought Jesus back to life. Man's wisdom says it wasn't possible and doesn't believe. We are saved by the power of His resurrection, He will use us through His power, and the power of God will raise us up when Jesus comes back.

The congregation sang Amazing Grace as they fellowshiped with one another. There has been a sweet spirit all week, and God has certainly blessed. I pray that God will continue to bless us throughout the year and again when we gather in Tennessee with Marion Robinette Memorial for the 173rd annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To this great body comprising the 172nd annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, we welcome everyone and pray that God's peace will fall upon everyone gathered here with us. It is indeed a blessing and privilege to write to you all today.

We have been fortunate to be a part of this grand old body for many years. Our main purpose is to do God's will that we may see many lost souls come to know the Lord in the free pardon of sin. Romans 5:1 tells us: Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we look at the world today, we see so much evil taking place. It can become a burden upon God's children if we allow it to consume us. We serve an awesome God who surrounds us with His peace. Philippians 4:7 ensures: And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. We can never go wrong when we trust in Jesus and allow His wonderful peace to surround us and protect us from the evils of this world. Our association has survived for all these years because the saints have put their faith and trust in Jesus and trusted Him to see them through all the ups and downs.

We owe our all to Jesus, just as our forefathers did, and we must trust, as they did, and we shall overcome the evil of this world and reach our new home to spend eternity.

As the Prophet Isaiah 9:6 states, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

When Christ was born into this world, a heavenly host with the angels began praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Prince of Peace came to this earth to live among men and to die on the cross that by the blood of the cross we can be reconciled back to God and have peace with God; therefore, when we have peace with God, we will love and have peace with each other.

This is not the peace that the world is looking for, but it is the peace that passeth all understanding.

In order for us to have "The peace of God" we must first have "Peace with God." Referring to Romans 5:1, again we do this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We also have hope through peace. Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Love and peace walk hand in hand. St. John 14:23 states Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

So, the words of Jesus were and are that we love one another as he has loved us.

St. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. God takes care of His children regardless of the circumstances.

So, when we have "Peace with God" we can have "the Peace of God." By the love shown to us through Christ, we can share this peace with one another. Without God's peace in our life, we are of all men most miserable.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

When we have fellowship, we have love. When we have love, we have peace.

Over the years doctrines have moved in, trying to separate us and cause confusion. The peace that is of God will deliver us through that form of doctrine, which is delivered

from the beginning. The common doctrine that we all share is that Jesus died for sinners, God raised him on the third day and because He lives, we live also.

We leave you with this thought that the Apostle Paul wrote in II Corinthians 13:11. "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." This is the peace of God which passeth all understanding. It pleased the Father that in Christ should all the fullness dwell, things on earth, and things in Heaven, having made peace through the blood of his Cross reconciled all things to him (including all of us).

So may the God of all Love deliver peace among us all, until the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With Peace and Love from your Circular Letter Committee,

Elder Jason Robinette
Elder David Parsons
Deacon Danny Lawson

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

I hope and pray that everyone in attendance has been blessed during the 172nd annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists hosted by Burke's Union Church for the second time in three years and for three consecutive years on the same grounds. I know the members of the host church prayed, planned, and worked many hours over the past year to prepare the grounds and provide food for the attendees. They've done a great job serving God and the Association. We also thank the friends and neighbors of Burke's Union that have helped, especially the Bledsoe family for once again allowing the use of their land where the tent was set, as well as their Wi-Fi for streaming. Once again, we've felt right at home at Burke's Union.

Thirty-two churches have donated \$7,225 to assist the host churches in covering the cost of hosting this year's Association. As is normal for our Association, we have seen the members from other churches work as often as they discover a need. Members from several churches worked together in setting up the tent and preparing the grounds on Monday, and we enjoyed their fellowship. We also appreciate the prayers, words of encouragement, and each person that attended the Association. We always wish to thank all those which served on committees during the Association and throughout the year. Several of those people spend many hours and days preparing for our meeting.

I want to thank Elder Terry Sizemore for his love and dedication to the Association as Moderator. For the 30th time, he has selflessly agreed to serve the Association. He conducts the business appropriately and in order, which is of utmost importance. I

appreciate the way he worships God in Spirit and in Truth through his preaching, singing, and testifying. He is wise counsel and a good friend, both to me and all our members. He certainly makes my job easier. We love you, Terry, and we pray the Lord continues to work so wonderfully in your service.

Thank you all for the love you show and the prayers for me and my family. Thank you for the words of encouragement as I serve as your clerk. God continues to bless in a mighty way time after time, and year after year. Thank you for loving us and letting us know that you are praying for us. I continue to receive phone calls, cards, letters, and comments. They pick me up when I'm discouraged, and they're always right on time. I love you all. Thank you for your love and friendship. You are a fantastic people to be a part of. I wouldn't trade you for any others.

I never want to miss an opportunity to thank God for loving us and blessing us during this gathering, once again, and for a little understanding of who God really is. God is the same today as He was 176 years ago, when this Grand Ole Body was formed, and the Holy Ghost still moves about from breast to breast. God still saves from sin, still brings the dead to life, still protects us from the wiles of the devil with the power of His might, still sets captive souls free, still allows us to sit in Heavenly places, and is still victorious over death. Jesus is still at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us, that perfect mediator who restored our relationship with God, that righteous advocate who stands on my behalf, the perfect sacrifice that is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, the greatest gift that was ever given. He's still the same today and forever. Oh, how I love Him, because He first loved me and gave His son that I might have life.

I hope you will love and nurture our Association like so many of us do and have throughout the years. Encourage your members to attend each year. Tell them of the importance. Tell them of how the Spirit moves. Tell them of the fellowship. I desire to see our churches grow and new churches be added. I don't want us to be satisfied where we are. We are to have a zeal to spread Jesus. There is no greater joy than to witness some lost soul fall out with sin, escape hell, and gain eternal life. I pray for our churches often, and I pray that God continues to bless and move in each one.

Terry Sizemore

Moderator

Kevin Hale

Clerk & Treasurer

PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING NEW CHURCHES

(Revised 1964)

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

PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTER OR DEACON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Adopted at Riverside Church – 2005; published 2005)

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

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

(F) Requirements or Qualifications for Ordination Procedures for Ministers or Deacons

(Titus 1:6-9). If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH COVENANT

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

- Copied from the Willis Chapel Church Book, 1807

CHURCH CONSTITUTION

(Especially for Newly Constituted Churches)

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

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

The final perseverance of the saints;

The resurrection of our bodies;

A restricted communion to church members in full fellowship;

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

The Christian Sabbath to be a holy and heavenly institution;

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

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

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

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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

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

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
Banks, John, (Barbara) 18 Sword Dr., Whitesburg, KY 41858, (865) 805-6045	..... Little Cowan
Bernard, Charles, 1221 S. Eastman Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 765-8302	..... 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., Charlottesvile, VA 22911, (434) 760-0344	..... Chestnut Flats
Emery, Jim, (Loretta) 280 Obe Kirk Loop, Mohawk, TN 37810, (423) 973-7941	..... 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
*Graham, Bobby, 3267 Maysville St., Bowersville, OH 45307, (937) 768-5578	..... Fairview
Hagar, 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	..... Marion Robinette
Hall, Gary, 6159 Mendota Rd., Mendota, VA 24270, (276) 451-8176	..... Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
Hensley, Hunter, 156 Horn Gap Rd, Gate City, VA, 24251, (276) 690-6953	..... Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
*Hickman, Bobby, Long Hollow Rd. Surgoinsville, TN 37873, (423) 564-0494	..... Long Hollow
*Holt, Dan (Judy), 440 East Cottage Ave., West Carrollton, OH 45449, (937) 336-3703	..... 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, (864) 434-2853	..... Blackwater Lick
Irvin, Oscar, (Priscilla) 349 Rock Springs Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664, (423) 967-7186	..... 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, 972 Union Rd., Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 900-7414 Rose Chapel
 Parsons, David, (Wanda) 1853 Cave Springs Rd., Dryden, VA 24243, (276) 546-3643 Burkes Union
 Payne, Shannon, 9 W. Walnut St., Spring Valley, OH 45370, (937) 558-8258 Fairview
 Robinette, Jason, (August) 42357 Wilderness Rd., Pennington Gap, VA 24277, (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
 Roller, David, (Leslie) 1012 Independence Ave., Mt. Carmel, TN 37645, (423) 335-5479 Long Hollow
 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 Low View
 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)
 Willis, Jason, 182 Gulley Rd., Bulls Gap, TN 37711, (423) 646-0034 New Life
 Winstead, Justin, (Elizabeth) 149 Cedric Dr., Bean Station, TN 37708, (423) 277-6602 Kingswood

*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
Kingswood – Elizabeth Winstead	149 Cedric Dr., Bean Station, TN 37708,	(423) 231-7673
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) 754-3093
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
Mt. Mitchell - Peggy Harrold	617 Pearl St., Church Hill, TN 37642,	(423) 676-9954
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 Valley Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664,	(423) 967-6226
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 – Karen Tope	531 Dundee Circle, Dayton, OH 45431,	(937) 657-6260
Shelby Creek - Bonnie Wilson	4349 Stanley Valley Rd., Church Hill, TN 37642,	(423) 345-6590

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
West View – Jennifer Horton..... 156 Hickman Orchard Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 963-9811
Willis Chapel – Tina Fullington2498 Lawson Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 587-4221
Willow Chapel – Missy Sturgill 3312 Princeton Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 782-8630

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago – The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 72nd annual session with Hopewell Church, Bulls Gap, Hawkins County, Tenn., October 2, 1924. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H.S. Laster from Psalm 125:2, “As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.” The alternate, Elder C.M. Fuller followed using the same text. Elder E.A. Robinette was elected moderator, Hampton Osborne, clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists met in its 97th annual session with Gardner’s Chapel Church, Blountville, Tenn. on September 29, 1949. In the absence and due to the sickness of Elder WH Burke, the one chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Frank Brown, his alternate, came forth, reading for a scripture lesson the 127th chapter of Psalms, using for a text a portion of the 1st verse, “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.” Elder T.R. Carter and Elder J.H. Sybert were elected moderators, and G.D. Smith was elected clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Beginning on October 3rd, 1974, Clear Springs Church in Spring Valley, OH hosted the 122nd annual session. Elder Ben Hill had been chosen to preach the introductory sermon. He quoted the first three verses of the 87th chapter of Psalms, using as a text, “The City of God.” He was followed by Elder Darrell Ratliff (alternate), one of our youngest ministers, who spoke from the same text with emphasis on the foundation. We are thankful for the expounding of the Word of God brought to us by the Holy Spirit through this father and son in the Gospel. 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 147th annual session of the Eastern District Association began on September 30, 1999 and was hosted by Rollers Chapel Church in Clinchport, VA. Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Greg Hill, pastor of the host church, came forward. He thanked God for all the help that was given to Roller’s Chapel. He read from Zephaniah 2:1-3 and used as his thought, “God gathered us together.” Elder Allen Hensley, the alternate, followed with another message from above. 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: Carl Osborne, Kelvin Bledsoe, Danny Lawson, and Melanie Deckard; alternates, Kelly Bledsoe and Anita Moore. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 80; contribution, \$550.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, First Saturday in May (11:00 a.m.), Communion and foot-washing following service, Mike Fullington and Keith Holt asked to attend, and the following Sunday (10:30 a.m.). 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 (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Daniel Hurd, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Gary Hall, Brenda Horton, Joe Horton, and Chris Salley. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 22; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and following Sunday morning. Chris Salley, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Dennis Duncan, Clifford Bledsoe, Delmer McPherson, and Daniel Osborne; alternates, Emmett Bledsoe and Ada McPherson. Dismissed by letter, 4; total number on roll, 99; 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, Vicky Jones, and Josh Jones. Excluded, 11; total number on roll, 13; 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: Lloyd Morelock, Jimmy Bledsoe, Wanda Malone, and Sheila Bledsoe; alternates, Eddie Malone and Mary Morelock. Total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday (9:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning (9:30 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, VA. Delegates: Kevin Cross, Christopher Gibson, Gary Price, and Larry Price; alternates, Richard Carter and Donnette Carter. Total number on roll, 42; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Kevin Cross, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, OH. Delegates: Dennis Stewart, Karen Stewart, Myra Andrews, and Penny VanHoose; alternate, Roger VanHoose. Total number on roll, 126; 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: Mark Williams, Tina Williams, Harmon Willis, and Allen Addington; alternates; Clifton Horne and Nadine Horne. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 72; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. Harmon Willis asked to attend. Harmon Willis, moderator.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Rita Asbury, Phyllis Hurd, Butch Woodward, and Janie Woodward alternate: Bobbie Terry. Total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday in April. David Parsons, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Roger Sturgill and Teresa Sturgill. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 6; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May. John Banks, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Shannon Payne, Staci Payne, Jeff Huseby, and Bonnie Huseby; alternate: Joseph Robinette. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 167; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:00 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in May. Joseph Robinette, moderator.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, VA. Delegate: Homer Osborne, Doug Willis, Helen Willis, and Roy Thomas; alternate, Hunter Hensley. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 67; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 4th Saturday 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: Cathy Baker, Gary Baker, Hiram Gardner, and Gail Gardner. Total number on roll, 101; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday (11:00 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) in August. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, TN. Delegates: Wanda Carroll, Bud Dukes, Elizabeth Winstead, and Justin Winstead. Excluded, 2; total number on roll, 65; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday. Memorial service and Homecoming, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in September. Justin Winstead, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: Glennis Little, John Banks, Barbara Banks, and Carol Caudill. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 54; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. John Banks, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinville, TN. Delegates: Kenneth Charles, Linda Charles, Billy Jones, and Bobby Hickman; alternates: James Manis and Lisa Manis. Received by letter, 5; Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 169; 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 18, 2025 (10:30 a.m.). David Roller, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: Carter Hagar, Roy Bledsoe, Elsie Burton, and Barbara Bledsoe. Excluded, 7; total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Carter Hagar, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Marvin Moeller and Marlene Moeller. Received by experience and baptism, 4; total number on roll, 175; 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: Mitch Jessee, Kim Moss, Ralph Lawson, and Kendra Hale; alternates: Curtis Hale and Shirley Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 5; Received by letter, 2; total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday morning (10:45 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May with Communion and foot washing following lunch. Curtis Hale, moderator.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, TN. Delegates: Gary Hall, Peggy Harrold, and Juanita Williams. Excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 63; contribution, \$100.00; 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: Terry Johnson, Jason Willis, Karen Willis, and Zack Johnson; alternates: Phyllis Lampkin and Wiley Lampkin. Received by relationship, 3; excluded, 4; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 24; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.), and Wednesday night (7:00 p.m.). Wiley Lampkin, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Larry Fannon, Denver Osborne, Carla Osborne, and Null Lawson; alternate: James Davidson. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 99; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday morning in May. Keith Holt, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Steve Hunt, RB Louthian, Larry Holden, and Roy Hunt; alternate: Delores Hunt. Received by experience and baptism, 4; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 76; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday morning following the 1st Saturday, every Sunday morning, and every Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Louisa, KY. Delegates: Tommy Meade, Dorlane Meade, Harold Sincell, and Ann Sincell; alternates: James Stepp and Rosemary Borders. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 169; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (7:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Memorial Day (11:00 a.m.). Tommy Meade, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Aubra Hill, JC Qualls, Kathy Qualls, and Kim Robinette; alternate: Jerelene Persinger. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 39; contribution, \$180.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Robert Brown, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Sam VanHoose. Total number on roll, 114; contribution, \$200.00; 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 (6:30 p.m.), 2nd and 3rd Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), 3rd Saturday night business (6:30 p.m.). Wally Berry, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, TN. Delegates: Earl Lee Dodson, Rodney Dodson, and Corey King, and Dustin Bolden; alternates: Johnny Bunch and Danita Dodson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 281; 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, and Judith Lawson; alternates: LeDawn Pennington and Melissa Patterson. Received by letter, 4; received by relationship, 2; total number on roll, 26; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and Wednesday night (7:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Jason Robinette, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Leah Bernard, David Horton, Charles Bernard, and Burnice Sybert; alternates: Billy Walton and Anna Jane Donihe. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 29; contribution, \$350.00; 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 and Robert Brown, moderators.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, TN. Delegate: Mike Fullington. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 77; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and following Sunday morning. No services November through February. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 2nd Saturday in September. Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Kala Hale, David Gillenwater, Teresa Tipton, and Anita Gillenwater; alternates: Randy Lane and Pat Lane. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 89; contribution, \$500.00; 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 and Tyler Stapleton, moderators.

TOTALS: 33 churches (14 in VA, 12 in TN, 3 in KY, and 4 in OH). Received by experience and baptism, 22; received by letter, 11; received by relationship, 8; dismissed by letter, 6; excluded, 27; deceased, 34; total number on roll, 2,550.

Twenty four ministers signed the ministers book in 2024. There were also four ministers from other organizations who signed.

UNION MEETINGS - 2025

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

- APRIL -

1 - ROSE CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday and following Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Scott Tipton, David VanHoose, and all other who wish to attend.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Oscar Irvin, Curtis Hale, Keith Holt, Roger Manning, David Parsons, Joseph Robinette, David Roller, Chris Salley, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

3 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, 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, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Wiley Lampkin, Jason Robinette, David Roller, 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, Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

6 - CLEAR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Kevin Cross, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Tommy Meade, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, 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: Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hagar, Curtis Hale, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Harmon Willis, and Justin Winstead.

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, Mike Fullington, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, David Roller, Burnice Sybert, and Scott Tipton.

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: John Banks, Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Curtis Hale, Hunter Hensley, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert, Roger VanHoose, and Harmon Willis.

5 -LOW VIEW: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m. nightly) before the 4th Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Mike Fullington, Carter Hagar, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, and Justin Winstead.

- 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, 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, 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: Jim Emery, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Harmon Willis, and Justin Winstead.

4 -BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, VA.): To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Wally Berry, Robert Brown, Carter Hagar, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, David Roller, Terry Sizemore, 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 Hagar, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Tim Jarrett, 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 Hagar, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

- JULY -

1 -FAIRVIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, and Roger VanHoose.

2 -SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m. nightly); Sunday night (6:30 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: Robert Brown, Carter Hagar, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, David Roller, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Harmon Willis, and Justin Winstead.

- AUGUST -

1 -BLACKWATER LICK: To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday (11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.); Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Robert Brown, 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: Curtis Hale, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, 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 Hagar, Curtis Hale, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, David Roller, Chris Salley, and Harmon Willis.

6 -MACEDONIA: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, Wiley Lampkin, 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: 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: Wally Berry, Robert Brown, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hagar, Gary Hall, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

3 -LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday, Sunday (11:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Carter Hagar, Keith Holt, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

4 -KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday; Homecoming, Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Mike Fullington, Carter Hagar, Oscar Irvin, Eddie Malone, David Parsons, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, 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, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, and Burnice Sybert.

6 - WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday (6:30 p.m. nightly). Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Hunter Hensley, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, David Roller, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, David Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Roger VanHoose, Sammy VanHoose, Harmon Willis.

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 LOCATION OF ASSOCIATION

HOSTED BY MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL

7355 Gap Creek Road, Bulls Gap, TN 37711

From Kingsport: I-81 South towards Knoxville
Take exit 30 for TN-70 N
Turn right onto TN-70N
2.2 miles to Gap Creek Rd.
0.2 miles - First drive on right

From Knoxville: I-81 North towards Kingsport
Take exit 30 for TN-70 N
Turn Left onto TN-70N
2.7 miles to Gap Creek Rd.
0.2 miles - First drive on right

From Rogersville: TN-66S/TN-70S/ Trail of the Lonesome Pine
Turn Left on to TN-70S – Just past Cherokee High School
9.5 Miles to Gap Creek Rd.
0.2 miles - First drive on right

From Marion Robinette Memorial:
TN-70 South for 3.0 miles to Gap Creek Rd.
Turn right on Gap Creek Rd.
0.2 miles - First drive on right

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2023	\$ 10,337.16
Receipts from 2024	5,680.00
Additional receipts 2024	175.00
Donation from Mountain View	1,006.90
Difference in minutes cost	38.63
Special offering	2,301.00
Interest (September 2023 thru September 2024)	19.37
TOTAL	\$ 19,558.06

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 75.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen, Liability, and Trailer)	1,875.00
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	43.80
Gift to Moderator	1,000.00
Gift to Clerk	2,000.00
Printing and packaging 1,000 copies of 2024 minutes	2,627.15
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7,640.95

BALANCE IN TREASURY \$ 11,917.11

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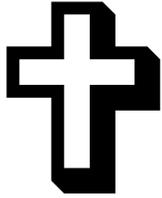
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Guidelines for Obituaries Printed in Association Minutes

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

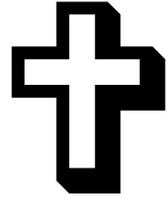
The Obituary Committee reported that while reviewing the obituaries, many appeared to be very long. In trying to help conserve space in our minutes, the committee recommended that we limit each obituary to 10 to 14 typed lines. After some discussion, it was motioned, seconded and voted that every obituary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

MEMORIAM



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

– Psalm 116:15 –



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

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

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

ALVIS, Delbert Lynn “Pete”
BOLDEN, Homer
BROOKS, Mary Morgan
DEAN, Lisa K. Minton
FANNON, Carolyn
HICKMAN, Mary Locks
KEATON, Dorothy
LANE, Imogene “Granny” (Long)
MAHAN, Pearl
MITCHELL, Charlene M.
OSBORNE, James Thomas
OSBORNE, LaQuinta Joy
PIERCE, Julie Ann
SWORD, Kathy M.
WALLEN, Gracie Marie Tankersley

BAKER, Betty Ann Lawson
BOLDEN, John Michael
BURTON, Brenda
ELLIOTT, Evelyn
HALL, Millard Ray “Boot”
HILL, Virgie Grace
KINCER, Maggie
LAWSON, Billy Wayne
MARRISETT, Margaret
O’DELL, Doyle
OSBORNE, Kenneth Carl
PETERS, Earl Don
STOKES, Betty Sue
ROBINETTE, Wayne Quentin Sr.

DELBERT LYNN "PETE" ALVIS, 70, of Surgoinsville, went to be with the Lord on September 10, 2023 due to complications of a massive stroke. He retired from TRW and was an avid Tennessee fan. He was saved at a young age and was a member of Long Hollow Primitive Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Carl and Grace Alvis, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Gene Alvis and Randall Alvis; sister, Linda Borghetti.

He is survived by his sons, Dustin and Cory; twin brother, Elbert "Big" (Anita), Danny and Edward Alvis, Dennis (Terri); sisters, Brenda Burton (Lowell), special caregiver, Jeraleen Christian (Jack), Debbie Dover (Gary); several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

BETTY ANN LAWSON BAKER was born in Lee County, VA on September 1, 1948 and departed this life May 20, 2024 at the age of 75 years, 8 months and 19 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder Carl and Pauline Osborne Lawson. Betty graduated from Gate City High School, attended ETSU, and worked for many years at Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport.

She married Hershel Baker on January 17, 1969 and to this union was born 3 daughters. Betty was saved at an early age and joined Blackwater Lick Church where she remained a member until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elder Carl and Pauline Lawson; maternal and paternal grandparents; mother-in-law; father-in-law; several aunts and uncles.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Hershel Baker; daughters, Kim Baker Summey; Amy Baker, and Ashley Baker Absher; grandchildren, Audra Absher and Matti Absher; step grandchild, Jillian Summey; great grandchild, Layla Absher; brothers, Carl Lawson, Jr. and Danny Lawson and a host of friends and relatives.

Betty made friends easily as was evident of her many friendships over the course of her life. Always willing to lend a helping hand, she touched many lives over the years, but her struggles are over, and she is at rest with the Lord.

-Written by her brother, Danny Lawson

HOMER BOLDEN was born December 25, 1949, and went to be with the Lord on January 15, 2024. He was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Homer accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was a member of Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Sneedville, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Bolden; and his brothers, Kenneth Bolden, Stevie Bolden, Tommy Bolden, and Jerry Bolden.

Homer is survived by his mother, Stella Bolden; wife, Martha Bolden; daughter, Melissa (Tony) Duncan; sons, Rusty (Amy) Bolden, Dustin (Shauna) Bolden, and John Bolden; grandchildren, Wade (Heather) Howerton, Caleb (Tori) Posey, Toby (Makayla) Duncan, Brandon (Angelica) Bolden, Caitlin Bolden, Jacob Hall, Peyton (Skyler) Bolden, Ava Bolden, Harley Bolden, Freya Bolden, and Britain Bolden; brothers, Roger (Mona) Bolden, Rick Bolden, George (Kathleen) Bolden, Gary Bolden, Faye Dean (Annette) Bolden, and Larry (Julie) Bolden; sisters, Mary "Sissy" (Jim) Oxendine and Kay (Bob) Bryant; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other close family members and friends who he dearly loved.

-Written by the family

JOHN MICHAEL BOLDEN was born on January 27, 1989, and he went to be with the Lord on February 28, 2024. He was a loving grandson, son, brother, uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend to many. He gave his life to Jesus on August 9, 1998, at Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Sneedville, Tennessee, where he was a member.

John was preceded in death by his grandfathers, George Bolden and Frank Johnson; grandmother, Ethel Johnson (Kinsler); and father Homer Bolden.

He is survived by his grandmother, Stella Bolden; his mother, Martha A. Bolden; his girlfriend, Vanessa Murray (girlfriend) and her son Cree; his sister, Melissa (Tony) Duncan; his brothers, Rusty (Amy) Bolden and Dustin "Bro" (brother) and Shauna Bolden; his nephews, Wade (Heather) Howerton, Caleb (Tori) Posey, Toby (Makayla) Duncan, Brandon (Angelica) Bolden, Jacob Hall, and Peyton (Skylar) Bolden; his nieces, Caitlin Bolden, Ava Bolden, Harley Bolden, Freya Bolden, and Britain Bolden; and other close family members and friends who he loved dearly.

-Written by the family

MARY MORGAN BROOKS, 59, passed away on February 23, 2024. She was saved at Mt. Mitchell Primitive Baptist Church and joined soon afterward.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Michael Brooks; son Jackson Lawson; and father, Elder Wayne Morgan.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, T.J. Lawson; mother, Stella Morgan; brother, Eddie Morgan; sister, Ann (Kirk) LaVeck.

-Written by her mother, Stella Morgan

BRENDA BURTON, 74, of Rogersville, beloved wife, mother, Mom-Mom and sister, passed away peacefully Sunday, October 15, 2023. She was formerly a member of Long Hollow Church and Caney Creek Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Grace Alvis; brothers, Gene Alvis, Randall (Donna) Alvis and Delbert 'Pete' Alvis; sister, Linda (Tony) Borghetti.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Lowell Burton; daughter, Angie (Phillip) Webster; grandsons, Jarred Webster and Seth Webster; granddaughter-in law, Kelsey Webster; the light of her life and great granddaughter, Emerald Grace Webster; brothers, Edward Alvis, Danny Alvis, Elbert 'Big' (Anita) Alvis and Dennis (Terri) Alvis; sisters, Jeraleen (Jack) Christian, Debbie (Gary) Dover; sister in law, Lucy Burton; several nieces, nephews and dear friends. She will be greatly missed.

-Written by the family

LISA K. MINTON DEAN, 53, stepped into the arms of Jesus on July 29, 2024. Born on June 25, 1971. She was the youngest daughter of Steve and Flo Minton. Lisa lived life to the fullest, always wearing a smile, and offering a helping hand to anyone who needed it. She graduated from King University and went on to earn a master's degree. She was a teacher and coach, but most of all, a great mom. She accepted Jesus as a teen and was a faithful member of Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church.

Waiting in Heaven are her grandparents; her loving dad, Steve Minton; and special Aunt Jo.

Cherishing her memory are her mom, Flo Stapleton Minton; sister, Gina Minton; two precious daughters, Sophie and Gracie Dean; niece, Taylor Lankford; several aunts, uncles, cousins, church family and a host of friends.

Our hearts are broken, and there is a huge void in our lives, but joy cometh in the morning when we will meet again to part no more. Until then, our hearts will brim with endless love.

-Written by the family

EVELYN ELLIOTT, age 90, of Sneedville, Tennessee, went home to be with her Lord on January 17, 2024. She was born on January 7, 1934, to Noah and Mary Royston Keaton. Saved at a young age, Evelyn joined Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member throughout her life. The church members loved her dearly and will forever remember her cheerful smile and her friendly hugs during fellowship. When she got happy in the Lord, she would often raise her hands above her head and clap them in praise.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elder Tyler James (T.J.) Elliott; her brother, Haim Keaton; and one great-grandchild.

Evelyn is survived by her son Junior (Karen) Elliott; her daughter Beatrice (Mack) Hatfield; her grandchildren Rhonda (Kevin) Johnson, Karen Hatfield, Darrell (Whitney) Elliott, Jamie (Rebecca) Elliott, and Marty Ferguson; her 11 great-grandchildren, including her beloved great-granddaughter Marlie Ferguson; her niece Teresa (Nick) Ferguson; and her special friends Patty and Ed Maddock. Evelyn's family loved her very much, and they will forever remember her devotion to them. As a praying mother, she was a bright light in their lives. Evelyn will be missed by all who knew her, but her loved ones are assured that she is resting peacefully with the Lord.

-Written by the family

CAROLYN SUE FANNON, 75 of Blackwater, VA passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at Norton Community Hospital after a brief battle with cancer, surrounded by her family. She was born on February 15, 1949 in Kingsport, TN to the late Clyde and Ruby Johnson. She was a 1967 graduate of Blackwater High School. Carolyn began her walk with Christ when she was saved at an early age at Flower Gap Primitive Baptist. She was a faithful member of Osborne's Chapel Primitive Baptist, where she served as a teacher and secretary of the Sunday School. She spent her life as a homemaker and farmer. Carolyn devoted her life to her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years Larry Fannon, her daughter and son-in-law Tracy & Darrell Lewis, her son Douglas Fannon, two granddaughters

Amanda Manis-Horton and Victoria Manis and her fiancé Isaiah Eldridge, and one great-granddaughter, Nora Horton, who was the light of her life.

She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law Michael and Lynette Johnson, sister and brother-in-law Geri and George Taylor, sister-in-law and brother-in-law James & Mary Ruth Davidson, several nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends, neighbors, her precious church family and beloved dog Copper.

-Written by her granddaughters

MILLARD RAY “BOOT” HALL, of the Wallens Creek Community of Jonesville, VA went home to be with the Lord on Thursday January 25, 2024.

He was born on October 3, 1930 in Blackwater, VA to the late Elder Hobart Hall and Winnie Baker Hall. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, June Willis Hall, brothers, Charles Hall and Billy Jack Hall, sisters Virginia Osbourne and Juanita Brown Howard, and a former son-in-law Darrell Musick.

Millard Ray was saved on January 30, 1945 in a revival meeting at Willis Chapel. He served there as a Deacon for over 40 years and served as secretary and treasurer for many years. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. Millard was a farmer for most of his life and had retired from Powell Valley electric cooperative. He will be remembered for his vast knowledge of the history of Hancock County, TN, Lee County, VA and the surrounding areas. He was an author who had published two books and written countless poems and essays over the years. He loved to talk about the bible and to share his faith. He always enjoyed a good conversation, a joke, and a laugh with anyone he would meet.

He is survived by daughters Judy Rhea Fee and Lisa Ann May and husband Joe; granddaughters, Samantha Loveday, Holly Arthur and Husband Jonathan; great-grandsons, Nolan and Lennox Loveday and Franklin Arthur; Sister Betty Jean Leach; brother David Hall and wife Connie; several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

There were many people who cared for and looked after Millard. A special thank you is extended to Elaine Davis and to the many friend and relatives who helped look after him.

-Written by his daughter, Lisa Ann May

MARY HICKMAN, age 81, of Surgoinsville, went home to be with the Lord, February 17, 2024. She was saved at an early age and was a member of Long Hollow Primitive Baptist Church. She enjoyed the outdoors, cooking, gardening, canning, and always had a table spread.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Wayne Hickman; parents, Clyde and Maude Williams; sisters, Dorothy Horton and Thelma Chess; brothers, Lowell Williams and Tommy Horton.

She is survived by her loving sons, Rick Hickman and wife, Brandy, Scott Hickman and wife, Stacy, and Bob Hickman and wife, Millie; grandchildren, Kimberly, Jessie, Caden, Kayla, Bethany, and Austin; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Joseph, Sawyer, Mason, Natalie, Alayna, and Ellie; sisters, Bonnie, Virginia, Georgia, Amy, and Ann; brothers, Woodrow and Phillip; step-mother, Betty Williams; several nieces and nephews. Mary will certainly be missed by all her friends and family.

-Written by the family

VIRGIA GRACE HILL was born February 24, 1943 and departed this life on April 24, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, L.E. Hill; parents, Lloyd and Mary Johnson, 1 brother, 3 sisters, 1 precious granddaughter, 2 precious great-granddaughters.

Left behind to mourn and miss her are sons, Bill, Robert, Lloyd (Juanita), Mark, Ronald (Adriana); daughter, Patsy (Kenny); 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one brother, Daniel (Iretta); a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends that loved her dearly.

Virgia was a member of Flower Gap Church and attended several other churches. Virgia always tried to attend the Association, where you could find her working for her Savior. She is truly missed and loved. Until we meet again.

-Written by the family

NORMA CHRISTINE HULSE was born November 7, 1940, to the late Wes Short and Jessie Dezarns Short and went to be with the Lord September 7, 2024. Norma was a loving and devoted daughter, wife, grandmother, and sister who made family her

main priority. She was especially fond of her grandson, Brandon. Norma loved everyone and never met a stranger, and was a “big talker.”

In addition to her parents. Norma was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, John Henry Hulse; sisters: Betty Dockery, Jimmie Stevens and Carolyn Oaks.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Kristie Hood (Jim): son, Johnny Hulse; grandson, Brandon Hood; great-grandchildren, Hudson and Selah Hood; sister, Jeweldean Spurlock; brothers, Charles Short (Debbie) and Gary Short (Kay); and several nieces and nephews.

Even though Norma wasn't able to attend church like she would have liked to, she never forgot to pray for her friends and family at Poplar Grove Church.

-Written by her daughter Kristie Hood

DOROTHY KEATON, age 81, of Sneedville, born June 6, 1942, departed this life on May 15, 2024, to be with her Lord and Savior, with her daughter and son-in-law by her side. Saved at a young age, she was a devoted Christian, loving wife, mother, sister, and friend. She was a member of Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church and sung with the Swan Creek Trio for many years.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Elbert and Chloe Johnson; her husband, Haim Keaton; brothers, Jackie Johnson and Howard Johnson; sisters, Louise (Earl) Johnson and Margaret (Jay) Hicks; sisters-in-law, Wanda Johnson, Trish Johnson, and brother-in-law, Troy Sutton.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Nick Ferguson; sisters, Helen (Ben) McDaniel and Wanda (EJ) Stanifer; brothers, Fred (Lois) Johnson, Junior Johnson, Billy Johnson, Homer (Terry) Johnson, Burkett (Patsy) Johnson, and Roger (Francis) Johnson; sister-in-law, Anna Johnson; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be sadly missed by family and friends. She was a loving and caring mother, sister, aunt, and friend.

-Written by the family

MAGGIE KINCER, 91, of Webb Branch, passed away on July 6, 2024. She was daughter of the late Ballard and Loretta Webb. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.B. Kincer; and son, Danny Kincer.

Maggie was a member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church. She and J.B. travelled many miles singing the praises of God. I know her prayer would be to come and see her in her new home.

-Written by Teresa Sturgill, clerk

IMOGENE “GRANNY” (LONG) LANE, age 87, of Morristown, passed away on April 10, 2024, at Life Care Center of Morristown. She was a member of Swann Creek Church and loved to quilt. She was a loving mother and granny and will be dearly missed.

Imogene was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Long; daughter, Kathy Stubblefield; granddaughter, Kayla Cody; brothers, Carl and Everett Lawson; and sisters, Stella Royston, Nina Trent, and Goldie Brewer.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Sue Ellen) Long; daughters, Helen (David) Stuffel, Phyllis Winstead, and Priscilla (Curtis) Barnard; grandchildren, Cindy Bird, Daniel (Codee) Stuffel, Leslie (Devin) Cribley, Kathy (Andrew) Greene, Ashley (Jimmy) Wolfe, Cody (Hannah) Carroll, Mitchell Long, and Michael Long; fourteen great-grandchildren; and sisters, Margaret Purkey, Wanda Carroll, Faye (Jack) Ferrell, and Brenda Anderson.

-Written by the family

BILLY WAYNE LAWSON, 62, of Rogersville, TN, passed away February 29, 2024. He was a member of New Life Primitive Baptist Church. He was saved at an early age at Livesay’s Chapel.

Son of the late, Huze and Willie Ethel Lawson, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Lawson.

He is survived by brothers, Lester, Kenny, and David Lawson; sister, Reba Goins; and a host of relatives and friends. Wayne is missed by all.

-Written by church family

PEARL MAHAN, 80, born on June 21, 1943 to the late Ray and Easter Mahan of Blackwater, VA, went home to be with the Lord on April 24, 2024. He passed peacefully surrounded by his family. Pearl was saved at a young age and was a member of the Blackwater Lick Primitive Baptist Church.

He was a lifelong resident of Blackwater, VA. Pearl had held several jobs throughout his life but none were more enjoyable or gratifying as tending to his farm.

Pearl was preceded in death by his wife Judy (Kinsler) Mahan, sister, Jearline (Mahan) Osborne and by a brother, Earl Mahan.

He is survived by his son, Roger Mahan; niece, Jeremia Speers (Randall); and a nephew, Carroll Osborne.

-Written by the family

MARGARET MARRISETT, age 76, of Rogersville, passed away suddenly at her home on October 14, 2023. Margaret was a beloved wife, cherished mother, loving sister, and proud mamaw. She was a member of Long Hollow Primitive Baptist Church. She was the center of the family and loved everyone she met.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jonathon Marrisett; mom, Minnie Horne; dad, Howard Horne; and brother, Bill Horne.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Glen Marrisett; children, Rhonda Arrington, and Kimberly (David) Stewart; grandchildren, Daniel (Chasidy) Gladson, Chassity (David) McWhirter, Colton (Savannah) Mayes; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Makaylen, Atlas, and Maeve. Margaret's family and friends will certainly miss her.

-Written by the family

CHARLENE M. MITCHELL, age 85, of Xenia, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Kettering Hospital. Charlene graduated from Patterson Co-op High School. She worked at Greenwald's Greenhouse in Dayton early in her career and even provided flower arrangements for friends and family's events long after she changed professions. For more than 25 years, she worked as an office clerk in public education, retiring from Stiver's School for the Arts in 2006. She was a lifetime member, former clerk, and Sunday School teacher at the Fairview Church in Bellbrook. Known as "Grandma Charlene" by the kids of the church and "Miss Charlene" by the adults, she was nurturing to children, especially to the new babies introduced to the congregation by church families. Caring, compassionate, and loving, Charlene greatly enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening, church activities, and sewing. She loved animals.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Armin Mitchell, in 2002; one son, Eric Wayne Mitchell, in 2005; her parents, William Cleveland and Clara Ann Slagle; and her brother, William Castor Slagle.

She is survived by her son Kenneth Cleveland (Katherine) Mitchell; five grandchildren, Bessie, Larry, Lisa, K.C., and Lance; several great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild on the way.

-Written by the family

DOYLE O'DELL, age 84, of New Tazewell, Tennessee, passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, after a short illness. He was saved at Brewers Chapel Church on January 18, 1954. Soon after he professed salvation, he joined Swan Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday, February 6, 1954, where he remained a faithful member until his passing.

Doyle was preceded in death by his brother, Harold O'Dell; his mother, Cornie O'Dell; and his son, Paul Dean O'Dell.

He is survived by several dear cousins, beloved church members, and a host of friends in the communities of Tazewell, New Tazewell, and Sneedville. The congregation at Swan Creek loved him dearly and will forever remember Doyle's unwavering attendance, his talent in singing the old hymns, and his generosity in providing anything the church might need. His presence in the church is greatly missed.

-Written by the family

JAMES THOMAS OSBORNE, 83, of Blackwater, VA, was born on October 30, 1940, and went on to be with the Lord on April 26, 2024.

He was saved at an early age and was a member of Blackwater Lick (Big Door) Church where he led the choir singing and was the superintendent of Sunday School until he became unable to do so. He also sang with the Messenger's Quartet for many years.

He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife of 41 years, Maybelle Marie Johnson Osborne; his parents, Arthur and Sally Osborne; and five brothers, Wayne, Roy, Smith, Jack and Bill Osborne.

He is survived by one son, Barry "Butterball" Osborne and wife, Cathy; two daughters, Martha Perry and husband, Jamie, and Marsha Fields; one brother, Hayes

Osborne and wife, Nancy; four grandsons, Brandon Perry and wife, Lacy, Casey Perry and wife, Jennifer, Andrew Perry, and D.J. Perry; three granddaughters, Taylor Fields, Christa Murphy and husband, David, and Ashely Burchette and Michael Burchett; eleven great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

KENNETH CARL OSBORNE, Blackwater, VA, was born October 14, 1955 and departed this life on July 28, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmett and Georgia Osborne along with several aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife, Kate Osborne; sons: Kevin (Heather) Osborne, Randy Osborne, and Phillip Osborne; daughters: Rebecca Osborne and Deanna (Todd) Evans; grandchildren: Jonah, Krissy, Rachel, Ryan, Ellie, Grayson, Levi, and Opal.

He was a faithful member of Osborne Chapel Church. He was always willing to help with anything at church and help his neighbors and community. His work in this life is finished, but we will meet him on Heaven's bright shore someday.

-Written by the family

LAQUINTA JOY OSBORNE, 93, of Kingsport passed away Tuesday, September 10, 2024. She was born June 14, 1931, in Rogersville, TN to the late James Ray Mayo and Norma Effie Fleenor Mayo. She was a feisty, funny, kind, independent, and strong-willed woman. Joy was a member of West View where she taught Sunday school. She retired from the Kingsport Press with more than 20 years of service. Joy enjoyed walking, crocheting, sewing, and travel, especially bus tours.

In addition to her parents, Joy was preceded in death by her first husband, Clinton Fields; her second husband, Andrew Jackson Osborne, Sr.; brothers, James Jr., Gene, Tom, and Harold; and granddaughter, Michelle Nunes.

Those left to cherish Joy's memory are her daughter, Diana Cowden; stepson, Andy Osborne, Jr. (Mona); 6 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

-Written by the family

EARL DON PETERS, Kingsport, TN, finished his earthly walk on July 11, 2024. He was born on February 18, 1955, in Gate City, VA. Earl was a member of Willow Chapel Church. He was an autobody repair specialist, fabricator, and painter. He enjoyed drag racing, car shows, and building street rods and muscle cars. He had three loves in his life: God, his family, and working on cars, and those were three places you were guaranteed to find him: Church, home, or the garage.

He is survived by wife: Karen; son: Tanner; daughters: Tabby, Tara, and Zoe; daughter-in-law: Bree; and sons-in-law: Josh Wegner, Cory Eidson, and Brock Gregg.

-Written by the family

JULIE ANN PIERCE, age 83, was born on September 8th, 1940 in Blackwater, VA and she passed away after a brief illness on March 21st, 2024 at Lee Health and Rehab Center with her family and friends by her side. She was a lifelong resident of Blackwater, VA where she was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church. Julie professed her faith on January 2nd, 1954 at Sarepta Missionary Baptist Church in Blackwater, VA. She dedicated her life to helping others and that was most evidenced in the Christian way she lived her life and in her nursing career. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse for 42 years, working most of that time at Lee County Hospital. She had a giving heart and was an absolute joy to everyone who knew her.

Julie was preceded in death by her parents, Richard H. Evans and Sarah V. Owens Evans; brothers: Cecil Evans, Fred Evans & Paul Evans; sisters: Ethel Owens, Lillian Pridemore, Alice Jessee, Lona Johnson, Cleo Evans, and RoseLee Wells; and former husband, Clyde Pierce.

Julie is survived by her daughter, Mitzi Jones (husband Stephen); grandson: Evan Jones; granddaughter: Hannah Jones; brother: Don Evans (wife Stella); and a host of nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

BETTY SUE STOKES, 76, passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at her home in Weber City, VA. She was the daughter of the late James and Gertrude Griffin. Her husband, Don Stokes, preceded her in death on May 10, 2020

She is survived by her daughter, Anita (David) Gillenwater; son, Rick (Jennifer) Stokes; grandchildren, David Lee Gillenwater, Aaron Stokes, and Brayden Stokes; and great-grandchildren, Maylee, Ella and Kyler Gillenwater.

Betty was a very faithful member at Rollers Chapel Church. She would tell us often how she looked forward to coming each Sunday to church. She always requested prayer for her children and grandchildren and gave testimony that she was thankful that the Lord saved her. She is tremendously missed, but we look forward to the day that we will meet again in that beautiful heavenly home that the Good Lord has prepared for his children.

-Written by the church clerk, Kim Robinette

KATHY M. SWORD, 69 of Cowan, passed away Thursday, November 2, 2023 at her residence. Kathy was the daughter of the late Clayton and Orpha Day. She was a member of Little Cowan Church.

Surviving is her husband: Robert Sword; son: Daniel (Laura) Sword; daughter: Angela (Billy) Jones; sisters: Barbara (Johnny) Banks and Marcia (Eddie) Roberts; grandchildren: Houston Sword, Madysen Sword, and Blaine Jones; great grandchild: Remington Sword. Kathy was preceded in death by her sister, Sandra Day.

-Written by the family

WAYNE QUENTIN ROBINETTE, SR., age 86, of Rogersville, went to be with the Lord on November 11, 2023, with his family by his side, after a period of declining health. He was a member of Hickory Cove Baptist Church, where he served as deacon for over 40 years. A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served as an electrician's mate on the USS Randolph. Wayne retired from TVA after 30+ years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carson and Clara Goan Robinette; brother, M.C. Robinette, Jr., and wife, Barbara; sisters, Eula Kate Sexton, Evelyn Jessee, and husband, Arnold, Millicent Thacker, and husband, Earl, and Polly Penley, and husband, Grover C. "Pete."

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Shirley Crouse Robinette; sons, Quentin Robinette, and wife, Peggy, and Keith Robinette, and Logan; 8 grandchildren, Sierra Price, and husband, Andrew, Taylor Cozart, and husband, Jarrod, Michelle Robinette, Chris Roder, Vera Bartra, Candy Manis, Nathan Searce, and Lynn Searce; special great-grandchildren, Rhett and Addie; great-grandchildren, Evan, Tia, Hailie, Beth, Makenda, Lacey, Alex, and Ezra; 3 great great-grandchildren, Tayla, Jude, and Elliot; several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

GRACIE MARIE TANKERSLEY WALLEN, 94, of Kingsport, TN, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 28, 2023. Gracie was born in Blackwater, VA on March 27, 1929, to her loving parents, Henry L. and Minnie Tankersley. She married the love of her life, Moses Richard (Mitchell) Wallen. Gracie and Mitchell spent their lives residing in Blackwater and Kingsport, raising their five children. Later in life, Gracie worked at Holston Valley Hospital for 20 plus years.

In addition to her husband, Gracie was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Angela Wallen; daughter-in-law, Rita Wallen; and seven siblings.

Gracie is survived by her children, Gary (Margaret) Wallen, Sharon (Gary) Vicars, Richard Wallen, Kathy (Billy) Walton and Elaine (Bill) Erwin; grandchildren, Kristi Vicars Beverly, Melissa Walton, Heather Wallen and Kim Vicars Dunlap; great-grandchildren, Jacob Beverly, William Beverly, Annette Beverly, Noah Wallen, Sarah Wallen, Tamara Collins, Jackson Dunlap and Ava Dunlap; great-grandchildren, Marley, Damari, Morgan and James; several loving nieces and nephews; a very special sister-in-law, Wanda Osborne; and longtime friend, Greg Wheat.

Gracie was saved at an early age and remained faithful to her Lord throughout her life. She was a faithful member of West View Primitive Baptist Church. During her illness, she deeply enjoyed her many visits from the ministers, chaplains and singers who came to her bedside for prayers and worship. Gracie held a deep love for her children, grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren. Even at 94, she never missed an opportunity to play, passing balloons with the little ones. Some called her Mom, and some called her Mamaw. She said those were the best of times. She was very pleased to boast five generations and had a personal, loving relationship with each one of them.

-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
1836	Blackwater, TN	Daniel Howery	James Gilbert
1837	War Creek	James Gilbert	Daniel Howery
1838	Gap Creek	James Gilbert	Isaac Crisman
1839	Thompson Settlement	James Gilbert	Daniel Howery
1840	New Found	James Gilbert	James Gilbert
1841	Greasy Rock	James Gilbert	James Bishop
1842	Little Sycamore	James Gilbert	Jonathan Bishop
1843	Deep Springs	James Gilbert	Moses McGinnis
1844	Beens Creek	James Gilbert	James Gilbert
1845	Richardson's Creek	James Gilbert	John Day
1846	Mulberry Gap	James Gilbert	R. Southern
1847	Zion	James Gilbert	James Bishop
Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists organized 1848			
1848	Blackwater Lick	Isaac Crisman	John 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
1882	Sulpher Springs	I.S. Robinette	E.D. Bowen
1883	Hopewell	I.S. Robinette	E.D. Bowen
1884	Swan Creek	I.S. Robinette	E.D. Bowen
1885	Zion	I.S. Robinette	E.D. Bowen
1886	Piney Grove	I.S. Robinette	E.D. Bowen
1887	Walnut Grove	George Edens	A.T. Bowen
1888	Blackwater Lick	George Edens	A.T. Bowen
1889	Hopewell	E.D. Bowen	John Walker
1890	Enterprise	E.D. Bowen	William Henry
1891	Swan Creek	George Edens	E.S. McPherson
1892	Beech Hill	J.P. Peters	William Henry
1893	Sulpher Springs	George Edens	Alfred Wallen
1894	Blackwater, TN	George Edens	John Dean
1895	Blackwater Lick	Alfred Wallen	E.S. McPherson
			J.P. Peters

1896	Hopewell	E. S. McPherson	William Henry	J. B. Wallen
1897	Flat Rock	E. S. McPherson	John Walker	E. A. Robinette
Two associations formed, divided by Virginia-Tennessee state line, in 1898				
Eastern District in Virginia: Southwestern District in Tennessee				
1898	Bloomer's Chapel – ED	E. S. McPherson	J. P. Pierson	John Dean
1898	Hopewell – SWD	John Dean	G. W. Johnson	Alfred Wallen
1899	Natural Tunnel – ED	E. S. McPherson	E. A. Robinette	M. F. Robinette
1899	Long Hollow – SWD	William Henry	A. Y. Willis	J. B. Wallen
1900	Dry Creek – ED	E. S. McPherson	G. W. Robinette	E. S. McPherson
1900	Blackwater, TN – SWD	John Dean	A. Y. Willis	John Dean
1901	<u>Sloantown – ED</u>	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	Avis 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	Beicher'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
2023	Poplar Grove / Willow Chapel	Terry Sizemore	Kevin Hale	Oscar Irvin
2024	Burke's Union	Terry Sizemore	Kevin Hale	Curtis Hale

