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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 2, 2025

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 173rd annual session hosted by Marion Robinette Memorial Church in Rogersville, TN

Marion Robinette Memorial

Christians who were interested in building a Primitive Baptist Church near Hawkins-Greene County line met at Brother Jeff and Sister Virginia Burchette's home one night in 1947. This body agreed to build a church on land in back of the new cemetery donated by I. H. Robinette Sr. This group was led by Virginia Robinette Burchette, I. H. Robinette, Sr., Luther Robinette, Vada Robinette Carter, Leonard Robinette, Marion Carson Robinette Sr., Lester Robinette, and Polly Robinette Ward, children of Elder Marion Franklin Robinette, who wished to build a church in their father's memory. They began work by cutting timbers, sawing logs, and delivering logs to the designated location. Monetary donations include 87 individuals, families, organizations, churches, and members of the surrounding communities. Henry Hawkins was employed as chief carpenter. The group organized into a body of worshipers to be known as Marion Robinette Memorial Primitive Baptist Church, named in honor of Elder M. F. Robinette. Nineteen members of sister churches Hopewell, Sulphur Springs, Long Hollow, and Caney Creek came by letter to become the charter members of the church.

The church was established on November 5, 1950, and the building was dedicated on July 22, 1951. The church has had 5 pastors: Elder Dana Crawford, Elder John Henry Sybert, Elder John Arnott, Elder Everette Weems, and Elder Curtis Hale. Four clerks have served the church: Madge Burchette Kyle, Evelyn Robinette Jessee, Elizabeth Rose Kite Manes, and Shirley Sizemore Lawson. Nine deacons have served the church: Jeff Burchette, Bob Kyle, Marion Carson Robinette, Sr., I. H. Robinette, Sr., Lester Robinette, Charlie Gray, Steve Burns, Bill Manes, and Ralph Lawson, Jr.

Marion Robinette Memorial hosted the association in 1957 and 1967 and is blessed to host it again this year, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church.

Smiles were abundant as God's children convened for the 173rd annual session of our beloved Association hosted by Marion Robinette Memorial Church. Sisters Zula McCullough and Kim Robinette, and Brother Bradley Brown led the congregation in singing songs of anticipation of our Heavenly Home. We're looking forward to a wonderful time this week and a more wonderful time when get to our real home. Jesus

saved my soul from death, so I'll live on when He opens the gates of Gloryland. There's no other friend on whom we can depend.

Elder Terry Sizemore, the moderator, welcomed everyone to the 173rd annual gathering of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists, thanking God for how good He is and for the blessing to gather in His name once again. He spoke to the lost, stating his desire is that they'll come to know Jesus before they leave the grounds today.

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

The moderator reminded everyone to turn in church letters, obituaries, and financial contributions. The Letter Committee for 2025 was appointed beforehand, to consist of David Horton (chairman), Clifton Horne, R.B. Louthian, and Danny Lawson (alternate). Brother Clifton Horne has gone on to Glory, so Brother Lawson will serve in his place. Brother Corey King was added to the committee as an alternate.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which consists of Joe Horton (chairman), Roy Jones, and Butch Woodward.

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. Let us join in prayer that holy manna be showered around this place this week.

Elder Burnice Sybert came to the stand on behalf of Marion Robinette Memorial Church to welcome all in attendance, stating it was wonderful to see this crowd. He also called on Brother Mitch Jessee, the owner of the land, to come forward.

Many praised God for His goodness and for answered prayers. Prayer requests were made for several lost souls, our country and its leaders, David VanHoose, Gail and Nancy McCullough, Brenda Ward, Vicky Jones, Roger Jones, Nora Jones, Robert Stevens, Elijah Stevens, Anita Howell and her family, Anita Moore, several members at Poplar Grove with declining health, and many unspoken requests. Elder David Roller came to the stand, thanking God for the opportunity to gather together again, and he led the congregation in prayer, praising God, thanking Him for sending Jesus, and begging that the lost would be saved.

Elder Sizemore asked the congregation to stand and sing as members of Blue Springs, Duffield led "I'll Live in Glory." I want to be of service along this pilgrim way and lead the lost to Jesus as fervently I pray.

Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Oscar Irvin came to the stand, stating that it was a privilege to declare God's word here today and that he was thankful for the host church and their love towards us. Elder Irvin took his text from the third chapter of Deuteronomy, reading the verses 23 through 29, using a portion of the 24th verse as the thought, "O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness." We can begin to see God's greatness when we look at Moses and the Children of Isreal. In the land of Goshen, the Israelites lived in peace as they were spared the plagues. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. At the first Passover, God spared the firstborn when He saw the blood applied to the doorposts and lintel. We are spared judgement when God sees the blood has been applied to our hearts. All the Children of Isreal were able to make the journey. We'll all be able to make the journey, too. God has provided Jesus, and He is all that is needed. When they ran out of water, Moses struck the rock of Horeb and water came out of it. We are able to drink from the Rock that was Christ, and that water is the water of life. When God sent the fiery serpents, Moses lifted the serpent of brass so that all that looked on it might live. Jesus said as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, and if I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me. We can see the greatness of God knowing that we also have a better place to go where we will finally see His greatness.

Elder Curtis Hale, chosen as the alternate, followed, preaching from the same thought and text. When Moses and the children of Isreal were heading towards the Promised Land, ten of the spies said they could not take the land, but two had faith in God's word. We won't inherit a land here on Earth, but we are promised to inherit a land that is Spiritual through faith in Jesus. There is a greater home waiting for those that have accepted Jesus Christ and had His blood applied to our hearts. There is an opportunity for every man to accept Jesus. Where else could we go? Who else has the words of eternal life? Those that have been redeemed by Christ know there is a better place to go where we will be singing and praising His greatness for eternity. You must see Jesus with your spiritual eyes and accept the blood that was shed on Calvary. The same Jesus is just as real today and is still able to save. If you do not accept Jesus and be saved, then you will never enter into Heaven to see His greatness.

The congregation sang Amazing Grace and fellowshiped one with another as we were adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon, October 2, 2025

After an abundant and delicious lunch, the brothers and sisters in Christ gathered to the stand and began the afternoon service by singing “Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory.” The moderator then welcomed everyone back for the afternoon session. There was special singing from Brothers Billy Marcum and Neil Castle.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, the sick, Betty Sizemore, Joe and Emma Jean Robinette, Daniel Hurd, Paula and Charles Ayers, Paul Gilliam, Dan and Virgie Cross, Ralph Baker, August Robinette, Mike Horne, Wanda Malone, our churches, and many unspoken requests, along with several wonderful testimonies. Elder Chris Salley came to the stand testifying of the Love of God, then led the congregation in prayer, humbly asking God to speak to the lost, to touch each prayer request, and to bless this congregation.

Brother David Horton, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. The church letter from Copper Creek has not been received, but it is expected to be delivered on Friday. 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.

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. We pray that the Good Lord will guide every move and decision to help us fulfill our duties to the Association.

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

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Committee on Electrical and Technologies: Delmer McPherson (chairman), Scott Mellons, Clifford Bledsoe, Danny Lawson, Adam Lawson, and Curtis Hale.

Committee on Obituaries: Gary Hall (chairman), Shannon Payne, and Kevin Cross.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Ministers: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Scott Tipton, John Banks, Jason Robinette, Roger Van Hoose, Burnice Sybert, and David Parsons.

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers: Mike Fullington (chairman), Sammy VanHoose, Joseph Robinette; Deacons: Doug Willis, Christopher Gibson; Laymen: Bud Dukes, Null Lawson.

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

- Thursday night in Stand: David Roller and Joseph Robinette
- Friday Morning in Stand: Terry Sizemore and Jason Robinette
- Friday night at Poplar Grove: Roger VanHoose and Billy Marcum
- Friday night at Long Hollow: Harmon Willis and any others who wish to attend.
- Saturday morning in Stand: Burnice Sybert, David Parsons, Mike Fullington.
- Saturday night at Rollers Chapel: Shannon Payne and Billy Marcum
- Sunday morning at Rollers Chapel: Kevin Cross

Revival starts at Wallen's Creek November 16th with Joseph Robinette and David Roller. Revival starts the first Sunday in November at Poplar Grove, held by Terry Sizemore and Curtis Hale. Revival starts at Swan Creek on October 12th with Jason Robinette and Dax Tauby. Flower Gap will resume 4th Saturday night services.

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

The moderator called attention to the Trustees list. Due to the passing of Brother Earl Dodson, the moderator appointed Rodney Dodson to take on the responsibility of that position.

Brother Delmer McPherson, chairman of the Committee on Electrical and Technologies, came forward to give the report. Brother McPherson began by thanking the Lord for saving him when he was unlovable. He also thanked each one that helped in preparation and during the Association. He reported that two outside speakers and one inside speaker had to be repaired over the last year. There is also some obsolete PA equipment that was appraised at no value. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to allow Brother McPherson to get rid of any obsolete equipment as he sees fit.

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.

Elder Scott Tipton came forward to report that the new stage has been purchased and is being used. The churches of the Association gave in abundance, and there was money left over to donate to the Association.

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

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

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed in prayer by Brother Richard Stevens until Friday morning, October 3, 2025.

Friday Morning, October 3, 2025

The second day of the 173rd Association opened with congregational singing led by Sister Zula McCullough and Brother Bradley Brown. I have found a friend in Jesus; He's everything to me. I desire to point souls to Calvary to the Crimson flow.

Elder Terry Sizemore thanked God for all those in attendance and welcomed them to the Friday morning service. He spoke to the lost, telling them of the hope that we have in Christ.

We were blessed with spiritual testimonies from members the host church and singing of the wondrous Love of Jesus and of His mercy and His grace. There's something about the name of Jesus, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Spirit-filled testimonies were shared, and prayer requests were made for the lost, Hershel Baker, Betty Jo Lawson, Amy Baker, Adam and Holly Lawson, Darcy Lawson, Bobbi VanHoose, Tommy Meade, Frank and Juanita Gilliam, Sue Johnson, Nora Jones, Evelyn Trent, Anita Dollins, Mack and Bee Hatfield, Emma Jean Robinette, our children and grandchildren, our churches, those in the nursing homes, many unspoken requests, and several the clerk could not hear. Elder Roger Trent came to the stand, stating God is always the same, and His salvation is always the same. He then led us to the throne of grace, praying for God to speak to the lost, to answer each prayer request according to His will, and to send His blessings down on His people today.

The moderator led the congregation in "He Got on a Cloud and Went Home." We'll shout the victory when we shed this old clay!

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to adopt the business proceedings of yesterday as amended to include the Sunday service at Rollers Chapel.

The moderator asked Sister Aubra Hill to come forward to sing as the congregation stood to stretch their legs prior to the sermons.

Elder Terry Sizemore, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to preach the first half of the service, reading from the first chapter of the Epistle of James, verses 12 through 25. In the Garden, lust brought forth sin, and sin brought forth death and eternal separation. All of Adam's descendants have died due to his sin. But of God's own will, He begat us with the word of truth, that we should be the firstfruits of His creatures and find justification and sanctification in His resurrection. We can't work our way back into grace. But we should work, because we've been directed by God to offer evidence of our faith. Will the lust of the flesh rule us, or will we bring it under subjection to honor God? Lust conceived into sin brings death and separation from God. We all have to repent daily, as sin will suppress the spirit and witness in your life.

Jonah didn't think the people at Ninevah were worth it, so he ran the other way. When he paid the fair, he went from the presence of the Lord. We need to repent and ask Him to bear our sins.

Samson went outside of the Hebrew people to find a wife. A little look into sin can become a lifestyle. He laid his head in the lap of Delilah, and he lost his blessing. God wants us to be a people to carry the burden of the cross for Him. He wants us to repent and serve Him instead of serving the flesh.

Elder Jason Robinette came forward, as he was chosen to take part in the second half of the preaching service, also preaching from the 1st Chapter of James. Men want to blame evil things on God for allowing them to happen, but God cannot be tempted, and we aren't tempted by God. We are only led away by our own lusts. All sin can be traced back to Adam, but there was a good and perfect gift that took away sin so that we could say that we're the children of God. Repent! Be saved! Get rid of the turmoil and claim peace through Jesus. We have access by faith into grace, and we can rejoice in the hope of the glory of God! Because of what Jesus did on the cross, I can live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. It's a gift that will never perish. You can get it for yourself for free. Why carry the weight of sin around with you? It's stealing your joy. Confess your sins, for Jesus is willing and able to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Then you can truly know for yourself that you are saved.

Elder Sizemore made an altar call to the ones that need Christ and may be feeling His drawing power. The congregation was dismissed for lunch.

Friday Afternoon, October 3, 2025

The host church provided a wonderful and plentiful lunch. The fellowship turned into praise as singing and preaching could be heard around about the grounds. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation by singing the songs of Zion. Praises and preaching erupted as the Holy Spirit moved during the singing. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed redeemer! The Holy Spirit moved as we were blessed with testimonies and songs of praise from Everly, Lexi, and Payton Robinette, Millie and Camryn Hale, Shauna Bolden, David, Leslie, Katelyn, and Jack Roller, Ronnie Johnson, Antah Johnson, Dennis and Karen Stewart with Roger VanHoose, Sammy VanHoose, and Scott Tipton, and Jason Robinette. God loves us like we're His only little lamb. He can alter your future, no matter your problem. After all of these trials, we'll hear Jesus call. It'll be worth it after all when face to face I will behold the one who saved me by His grace.

Prayer requests were taken by a show of hands, and Elder Kevin Cross led the congregation in fervent prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Brother David Horton, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward stating the letter for Copper Creek has been received and reported on their state and standing. It was motioned, seconded, and voted to accept the recommendation of the committee to seat Copper Creek into the voting body of the association.

The moderator appointed the Letter Committee for 2026: R.B. Louthan (chairman), Danny Lawson, Corey King, and Roy Jones (alternate).

Brother Joe Horton came to the stand with the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises. There were no changes to the previous report, but there were several additions:

- Saturday night at Swan Creek: Justin Winstead
- Sunday morning at stand: Tyler Stapleton
- Sunday morning at Swan Creek: Dustin Bolden
- Sunday morning at Caney Creek: Chris Salley

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 \$5,795 in receipts for the year. Elder Sizemore called attention to the fact that yearly expenses are greater than the church

donations. We thank each church as they generously give to the Association year after year.

Elder Gary Hall testified and reported on behalf of the Committee on Obituaries that 30 have been received at this time. A reminder was given to turn in any remaining obituaries as soon as possible, if it is desired to be included in the 2025 minutes.

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

Elder Oscar Irvin, 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 2025 were Elder Robert Brown, Deacon Corey King, and Brother Ronnie Johnson. The three men came forward, and Brother King read their letter. Its message was focused on grace and truth, which came by Jesus Christ. 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 2026 which includes: Elder Tyler Stapleton, Elder Scott Tipton, and Deacon Dennis Stewart.

The moderator read the Articles of Faith of The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists and encouraged those in attendance to read along with him.

Brother Carl Osborne led the congregation in singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" as several volunteers took up an offering. A generous donation of \$1,900 was received.

There were four churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are Blackwater Lick, Fairview (Bellbrook), Marion Robinette Memorial, and Poplar Grove. Marion Robinette Memorial withdrew prior to the plea.

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.

Elder Mike Fullington delivered the first plea for Blackwater Lick to host the next Association. Josh Harkleroad made the initial plea on behalf of Fairview. Steve Hunt came forward to ask for the Association to come to Poplar Grove. Danny Lawson made the second plea to host the Association at Blackwater Lick. Elder Joseph Robinette then pled for the Association to be sent to Bellbrook, OH. The last speaker was Elder Oscar Irvin, pleading on behalf of Poplar Grove.

There was no clear majority following the initial vote for the three churches. The church with the least number of votes, Fairview, was removed from the next round of voting. Through the vote between Blackwater Lick and Poplar Grove, the Association was sent to Poplar Grove, where, the Good Lord willing, we will convene on the Thursday morning (October 1, 2026) before the first Saturday in October 2026 for the 174th annual gathering. The introductory and alternate sermons will be preached by Elders Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert, respectively.

Elder Scott Tipton dismissed the congregation in prayer.

We were adjourned until Saturday morning, October 4, 2025.

Saturday Morning, October 4, 2025

The sun rose bringing warmth to our bodies as God's children gathered once again for the Saturday service. Sister Zula McCullough and Brothers Bradley Brown and Carl Osborne led the congregation in songs of praise bringing warmth to our spirits. Tell the world that Jesus saves today! Earth holds no treasure, but Heaven holds all to me. I'll be satisfied when I'm praising Christ the Savior in the promised land above. Won't it be wonderful there!

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our Saturday morning memorial service of the 173rd annual gathering and thanked God for the wonderful time this week.

Special singing was shared by Mark Dickerson, the pastor at New Freedom Church, Vahl Gosnell, Danita Dodson, Kim Robinette, David and Wanda Parsons, and Bradley Brown. Testimonies were made to glorify God, and prayer requests were spoken for the lost, the sick, our churches, the upcoming revivals, Daniel Hurd, Mary Hensley, Roger VanHoose's family, Easton Leonard, along with many unspoken requests. Brother Roy Jones led us in humble prayer to our Heavenly Father, thanking God for the opportunity to tell Him the most sincere desires of our hearts, praising the True and Living God for salvation, and asking God to save the lost.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

The moderator reported on behalf of the Committee on Religious Exercises, stating there was one addition since yesterday's report.

- Sunday morning at stand: Jason Henry Robinette and Tyler Stapleton

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

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

Elder Curtis Hale came forward on behalf of the host church, giving thanks to God for the opportunity to host the Grand Ol Body and for all the blessings He provided in doing so. He also extended special thanks to: Frost Construction, S&J Produce, Rogersville Produce, Hawkins Co. Co-op, MC Septic, Premium Waters, Ingles Market, Loves Truck Stop, Food City, Super Dollar, Phillip and Nancy Thurman, Glenda Edwards, Vicki Goforth, L. Paul Hale, Richard and Donette Carter, Travis Arnott and family, Mitch and Kim for use of their land, the ones that attended the Association, the ones that helped the hosts, and ones that brought cakes and pies. Mitch Jessee came to thank Curtis and Kendra Hale and all those who attended.

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.

Sister Zula came forward to sing as the congregation stood. The sun of our life is sinking fast, but He's prepared a beautiful eternal home for us.

Elder Burnice Sybert, who was chosen to take the first part of the preaching service by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came to the stand sharing some of his personal history in the association. The first memorial service was held in 1956, just one year before Marion Robinette Memorial hosted the association for the first time. Elder Sybert then read from the 14th chapter of Job verses 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, and 12, with his thought coming from the 5th verse, "Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee." Death will come to us all, just like it did to all the ones before us. Just like every name that was read, God has set the bounds of time that we cannot pass. The most important thing is that at some time in their life, they have given their heart and life to the Lord. You must accept Jesus when the Holy Spirit calls. Don't pass on the Lord when He passes by you. If you die without Jesus, it will be too late. Don't turn down your opportunity to be saved. When death comes, there is no fear if you've prepared for death by accepting Jesus. Your name must be in the book of life, otherwise you'll hear

depart from me, I never knew you. If your name is in the book by believing and accepting Jesus into your heart and life, then you can hear “Well done, good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Elder Mike Fullington came to the stand to take the second part of the memorial service, testifying and thanking God for all He has done for him and for our goodly heritage. Elder Fullington preached from the same verse. Since we don't know the bounds of our life, we need to do our part to praise and serve God while we are able. Those that died in faith were looking forward to Christ. We should press forward and fulfill our days serving the Great I Am, wholeheartedly, praising him above all else. We have to do our best today, always moving forward, since we don't know when death is coming. We have a hope of a better day if we can say “I've been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb,” but we can only say it for ourselves. Stand on the foundation that is Christ; it's always been Him and only Him. Let us keep the goodly heritage of Christ going, moving forward today, not waiting until tomorrow.

Elder David Parsons was chosen to preach the final portion of the memorial service, also preaching from the 14th chapter of Job. Sin in the Garden brought for death by separation from God, but it also brought forth death of this natural body. List of names were ones that professed faith in our churches and reached their bounded time. There is also a set time when mankind will end that only the Father knows. God set up certain things so people can understand others. The law was to show there was nothing we could do to save ourselves. It is appointed that we will all die. After death, there will be a judgement. God sent His Son to reconcile the world, so death would be a reunion instead of a separation. Our life is brief compared to eternity. If you've not been washed in the blood of the Lamb and cleansed, then you'll take part in the second death, cast into the lake of fire forever. You need to know that you're saved and know that Jesus is coming back. When He does, the dead in Christ will rise first, and we will begin an endless day. He will call and we will have to answer.

It is wonderful when our loved ones have left a testimony so that we might have joy in knowing they are with Jesus when they have moved from time to eternity.

Elder Terry Sizemore spoke of blessing it has been for him to serve 31 years as moderator, and he asked that the Association pray for God's guidance in selecting a new moderator next year.

Brother Andy Wallen came forward to lead the congregation in singing “Angel Band” during fellowship. We were adjourned until Sunday morning, October 5, 2025.

Sunday Morning, October 5, 2025

God's children representing several churches gathered under the tent once again for the Sunday morning service of the 173rd annual meeting of our beloved Association.

The congregational singing was led by Brothers Tommy Arnott and Carl Osborne, praising God with each song. I'm going to Heaven to be with the happy and free. When my labor and toiling have ended below, I'll exchange this old home for a mansion up there in that pearly white city where earth's sorrows and cares are forgotten. Make sure you're washed in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb, so you can join Christ on that happy day.

Brother Ralph Lawson, Jr. shared a thought that the Lord had laid upon his mind. We don't know what the body will go through, but ones that know Christ have no dread for what will happen to the soul.

Elder Mike Fullington welcomed those in attendance to the Sunday service of this Association. How wonderful it has been to see the Holy Spirit move from breast to breast this week. What a wonderful and awesome God we serve and how wonderful it is to know Him.

Spirit-filled testimonies were shared, thanking God for His Spirit at this Association and meeting with us again, just as He has met with us since the beginning. Prayer requests were made for the lost, our churches, the association, John Huggins, Shelby Roberts, Danny and Becky Lawson's grandchildren: Darcy Lawson, Deion Talbott, and Casey Hartsell, and many special unspoken requests. Elder David Stapleton lead us in prayer, thanking God for salvation and asking God to answer these prayer requests according to His will and to have mercy on the lost.

Elder Jason Henry Robinette came to take the first part of the preaching service, reading first verse of the 43rd chapter of Isaiah and verses 6-17 of the second chapter of the First Epistle General of John, with the thought coming from Isaiah, "I have called thee by thy name." After Adam ate of the tree, God called him by name in the Garden. God spoke unto Abram by name, that Christ might come through his bloodline. Jesus spoke to Mary when she came to the tomb. She didn't recognize His image, but she recognized His voice when He called her by name. He called us by name to be saved, and when He comes back to receive us into immortality, He will call us again. Salvation must come through the blood of the Lamb. The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. When we answer His call, we're placing all our hope in Jesus and in His righteousness.

Elder Tyler Stapleton came forward to preach the second half of the service, preaching from the same text in Isaiah. The god of this world has blinded the lost that they can't see the Light of the Gospel. The Light is always able to overcome the darkness. That Light is Christ, and we are the light to the world. Jesus came to reconcile us from a dead state to a lively hope. Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus and told them to roll back the stone. He cried with a loud voice and called to Lazarus by name. He had to be set free from the grave clothes. He had already told Martha "I am the resurrection, and the life." When we believe on Jesus, we are set free from our dead state. You must accept Him and claim Him when He calls your name. He opened the book of life and has written our name in it. No one can take our name out of that book. Claim the blood-stained banner of Jesus. Leave the darkness for His marvelous light. When He calls your name, accept Him at an altar of repentance, so you will know Him in the power of His resurrection.

Brother Tommy Arnott sang as the congregation fellowshiped for the final time under the tent this year. God has blessed His children all week, and I pray that God will continue to bless us throughout the year. Be much in prayer for the 174th annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists to be held at Poplar Grove.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists,

We write to you our dearly beloved and longed for, that you may be encouraged by the Word of God in the Grace and Truth of God our Father, the Son of God our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Just as Adam and Eve died a spiritual death in the garden, we were also at one time dead spiritually, walking according to the course of this world, the prince of the power of the air, and the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up

together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. When God saved our soul, He raised us spiritually from the dead and now we are able to assemble ourselves together and come into the very presence of God as His Glory fills the house and we worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. He gives us grace for every need. His grace is always sufficient. He gives us grace for grace.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. We are saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, it is the operation of God, it is the gift of God. Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. We could not earn salvation and eternal life by works of righteousness, for we had no righteousness. Our righteousness is as filthy rags. The only righteousness we have is the righteousness imputed unto us, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Just as the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, we also exhort, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. When we pray in the Spirit and pour our heart out to God, He hears the cries of his children. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. He is not willing that any perish, but that all would come to repentance. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and Jesus Christ is the Truth.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. He paid the ransom for us on Calvary. He gave his life that we might live. God raised him from the dead and now because he lives, we may live also.

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. We have been sealed by the Holy Spirit of God, unto the day of redemption. The outward man can sin, but the saved soul cannot sin. The prophet Ezekiel wrote, The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know

him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. We have the spirit that testifies Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. We have the mind of Christ and it tells us to do the will of the Father. We believe his promise that he would never leave us nor forsake us, but go with us all the way, even to the end. When Jesus was praying for his disciples he said, those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. There is only one true and living God and he has promised us an eternity in heaven with him. He is God from everlasting to everlasting, the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Jesus said unto those Jews which believed on him as he walked among them preaching and teaching the Kingdom of Heaven, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. We received the knowledge of the truth and the Lord set us free from the bondage of sin and death.

Pilate asked Jesus if he was a king. Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? Pilate saw no reason to crucify Jesus, but he could not hear the truth, because hearing, he could not hear. When God opens the ears that they can hear, then they hear. When God opened our ears we were able to hear that still small voice speaking to our heart.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. We have been saved from the wrath of God. Praise his Holy Name! For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. We look around at all of creation and see His mighty power and glory in the things he has made. We thank him for salvation. We thank him for his blessings in our lives. We thank him for his protection, many times completely unaware of the dangers he protected us from. My cup runneth over.

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to

uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. It seems that many of those who are lost, believe they have power to do as they please, not realizing the next breath they take is because this mighty all powerful, all knowing God has given it to them.

When Adam sinned in the garden, we were all made sinners, but when Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God obeyed and went willing to the cross, he made many righteous. The law entered, that the offence might abound. The law made sin exceedingly sinful. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. When the Lord spoke of those things that were to come, He cautioned, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Just as the Lord taught his disciples in the parable of the sower, the seed was the gospel and the ground was the heart of man, some could not receive the love of the truth because of the condition of their heart.

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. Satan was a liar from the beginning and the father of it. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many are called but few are chosen.

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

Just as John wrote to the elect lady and her children, we will close with the same to you, whom we love in the truth; and not us only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. Grace be

with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Yours in Christ,

Elder Robert Brown
Deacon Cory King
Ronnie Johnson

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

I hope and pray that everyone in attendance has been blessed during the 173rd annual session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists hosted by Marion Robinette Memorial Church. This is the first time Marion Robinette Memorial Church has hosted the Association since 1967. I know the members of the host church have been excited to host the Association, and they have 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 extend a special thanks to Mitch and Kim for allowing the Association to be held on their land and for renovating their barn to allow seating during meals. I don't think I'll ever forget this location.

I wish to thank the 32 churches that have donated \$6,570 to assist the host church 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 alongside the hosts. Members from several churches worked together in setting up the tent and preparing the grounds on Monday. We also appreciate the prayers, words of encouragement, and each person that attended or prayed for 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 our Moderator, Elder Terry Sizemore, for his devotion to serving the Association. He does so with humility and kindness, honesty and fairness, commitment and dedication, fervency and zeal, selflessness and holiness. Brother Terry serves God in the same manner, singing and preaching with the Holy Spirit and sharing the Gospel of Christ. We know his heart's desire is to see the lost come to repentance. We pray the Lord continues to bless him and give him fruit for his labor.

Most importantly, I thank God for continually blessing us during the Association meetings and for filling its members with the Holy Spirit each service. We see the way His people change when the Spirit moves, and it reminds us that when we are in Christ, we are new creatures. The love that God has for us was presented in the form of Jesus Christ as the perfect sacrifice. Jesus was the only one that could reconcile the Adam race back to fellowship with God, and God did not withhold that free gift of salvation from us. God presented His love by offering His perfect Son to a world of sinners, washing us in the precious blood of the Lamb, and making us a child of God and a joint-heir with Christ.

It is my prayer that the Association will continue to be loved by its members until Christ returns to take us home. Encourage your members to attend each year. Teach them of the importance. Tell them of how God blesses so wonderfully during the services. Tell them of the fellowship with our wonderful friends. I desire to see our churches grow and new churches be added among us. We are to be ambassadors for Christ, as we've been given the ministry of reconciliation. We are to take the Gospel into the world, that the world could see Christ in us. 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 dismission;

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
Bolden, Dustin, (Shauna) 283 Maddox Ln., New Tazewell, TN 37825, (423) 489-7599	Swan Creek
Brown, Robert, (Sherrie) 105 Knollcrest Dr., Jonesborough, TN 37659, (423) 483-4385	West View
Cross, Kevin M., (Kristen) 5004 Madison Ct., Charlottesville, VA 22911, (434) 760-0344	Chestnut Flats
Emery, Jim, (Loretta) 280 Obe Kirk Loop, Mohawk, TN 37 810, (423) 327-8104	Kingswood
Fullington, Mike, (Tina) 2498 Lawson Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 327-8235	Willis Chapel
Gibson, Chris, (Amber) 394 White Hollow Rd., Bluff City, TN 37618, (423) 579-6243	Chestnut Flats
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, 109 Gardner Dr., 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) 300-0870	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
*Johnson, Antah Ezra, 5099 Dry Creek Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 594-1003	Valley View
*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, 157 Ross Carter Blvd., Duffield, VA 24244, (276) 207-2329 Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
 *Marcum, Billy, 517 Hampton Ave., Greenville, SC 29601, (864) 395-3107 Poplar Grove
 Meade, Tommy, (Dorlane) P. O. Box 403, Hager Hill, KY 41222, (606) 367-0199 Richardson Chapel
 Morgan, Mike, 709 Jones Franklin Rd., Morristown, TN 37813, (423) 736-4187 New Life
 *Newkirk, Mark, (Anita) 3764 Stone Barn Ct., Franklin, OH 45005, (937) 475-1807 Rose Chapel
 Osborne, Tommy, (Robin) 17259 Bristol Hwy., Bristol, VA 24202 (276) 591-7777 Blue Springs, Hiltons, VA
 Pardue, Justin, 312 W. Church St. Apt. 6, Xenia, OH 45385, (937) 725-7231 Rose Chapel
 Parsons, David, (Wanda) 1853 Cave Springs Rd., Dryden, VA 24243, (276) 546-3643 Burkes Union
 Payne, Shannon, (Staci) 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, Jason Henry, 3175 Purchase Ridge Rd., Duffield, VA 24244, (276) 596-3422 Valley View
 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
 Robinette, Richard Thomas, 5099 Dry Creek Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221, (276) 971-6197 Valley View
 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) 963-8282 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
 *Williams, Bobby, 12649 St. Route 72, Leesburg, OH 45135, (937) 728-3872 Macedonia
 Willis, Harmon, 3200 Cameo Loop #26, White Pine, TN 37890, (865) 674-6971 Copper Creek (Addington Frame)
 *Willis, Jason, 182 Gullely 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,	(423) 416-2100
Burke's Union - Ada McPherson	4650 Dry Creek Rd., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 431-2756
Cadet - Vicky Jones	1716 Dawson Ave W., 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) 346-7970
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) 357-4417
New Life - Phyllis Lampkin	2111 Thomas Dr., Morristown, TN 37814,	(423) 258-5361
Osborne's Chapel - Joyce Neeley	164 Neeley Dr., Blackwater, VA 24221,	(276) 346-3563
Poplar Grove – Priscilla Irvin	349 Rock Springs 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
Wallens Creek – Emily Williams 250 Paveletta Ave., Gate City, VA 24251, (276) 690-4105
West View – Jennifer Horton.....156 Hickman Orchard Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 963-9811
Willis Chapel – Tina Fullington.....2498 Lawson Rd., Morristown, TN 37814, (423) 327-0705
Willow Chapel – Missy Sturgill 3312 Princeton Rd., Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 782-8630

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago – The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 73rd annual session with Valley View Church, Lee County, VA., October 1, 1925. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. Barker from Ephesians 4:3, “Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” The alternate, Elder F.M. Phipps followed using the same text. Elder E.A. Robinette was elected moderator, Hampton Osborne, clerk and treasurer, and J.W. Hurd assistant clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists met in its 98th annual session with Gilliam’s Chapel Church, Benham, KY on October 5, 1950 in the Cumberland High School Auditorium in Cumberland, KY. Elder Dana Crawford, the one chosen to preach the introductory sermon, came forward reading a scripture lesson from the 17th chapter of 1 Kings, reading the first 14 verses, using a portion of the 4th verse as his text, “and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.” His chief thought was “Are you there?” Elder Jesse Gilley, his alternate, came forward using the same subject. 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 2nd, 1975, Irondale Church in Big Stone Gap, VA hosted the 123rd annual session. Elder J. H. Sybert, the one chosen to preach the introductory sermon, came forward by singing “Brethren, We Have Met Again.” He then read the first 32 verses of the 107th chapter of Psalms, using as a text a portion of the 2nd verse, “Let the redeemed of the Lord Say so.” He was followed by Elder R. C. Whittemore (alternate). Those in attendance were reminded of things we possess as the redeemed children of God and how often we fail to have the faith we should to give praise for His amazing grace. As these men brought the Word, many saints exalted Him and rejoiced in their salvation as He visited His people with mighty power. 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 148th annual session of the Eastern District Association began on October 5th, 2000 and was hosted by Butcher’s Valley Church in Rogersville, TN. Having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Henry Wheeler came forward. He read Ephesians 2:1-9 for his inspiring message. Elder Delmas Harris, the alternate, followed with another message from God. Elder Terry Sizemore was chosen moderator. Danny Lawson was chosen to serve as clerk and treasurer.

CHURCH DATA

NOTE: All regular morning services begin at 11:00 a.m., and all evening services begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Starting times for Sunday school are not included.

BLACKWATER LICK: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Carl Osborne, Kelly Bledsoe, Danny Lawson, and Melanie Deckard; alternates, Kelvin Bledsoe and Barry Osborne. Received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 81; contribution, \$550.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, First Saturday in May (11:00 a.m.) with Communion and foot-washing following service, and the following Sunday (10:30 a.m.); Keith Holt and Jim Emery asked to attend. Mike Fullington, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, VA. Delegate: Doris Fee, Cathy Miles, and Judy Burke. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 19; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Curtis Hale, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, VA. Delegates: Gary Hall, Brenda Horton, Joe Horton, and Chris Salley. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 21; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and following Sunday morning. Chris Salley, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Clifford Bledsoe, Delmer McPherson, Wanda Parsons, and Ada McPherson; alternates, David Parsons. 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 and Vicky Jones. 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: Jimmy Bledsoe, Sheila Bledsoe, Mary Morelock, and Lloyd Morelock; alternates, Eddie Malone and Wanda Malone. 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, Ralph Baker, Christopher Gibson, and Richard Carter; alternates, Gary Price and Larry Price. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 39; 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: Allen Addington, Nadine Horne, Jason Howell, and Harmon Willis; alternates; Anita Howell and Flo Minton. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 71; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. Oscar Irvin asked to attend. Harmon Willis, moderator.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, VA. Delegates: Rita Asbury, Phyllis Hurd, Butch Woodward, and Janie Woodward; alternate: Bobbie Terry. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 40; 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; total number on roll, 5; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Saturday night in May (6:00 p.m.). John Banks, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, OH. Delegates: Shannon Payne, Staci Payne, Jennifer Robinette, and Josh Harkleroad; alternate: Erin Harkleroad. Received by experience and baptism, 2; 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 Cheryl Thomas; alternate, Roy Thomas. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 65; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Jason H. Robinette, 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. 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, September 20, 2026 (10:30 a.m.). Justin Winstead, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, KY. Delegates: John Banks, Barbara Banks, Rusty Akers, and Tori Akers. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 53; 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: Surgoinsville, TN. Delegates: Kenneth Charles, Linda Charles, Billy Jones, and Bobby Hickman; alternates: Leslie Roller and Melanie Hickman. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 169; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and every Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 17, 2026 (10:30 a.m.). David Roller, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, VA. Delegates: Carter Hagar, Roy Bledsoe, and Barbara Bledsoe. Total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Carter Hagar, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, OH. Delegates: Marlene Moeller and Hunter Moeller; alternate: Marvin Moeller. Received by experience and baptism, 2; excluded, 41; deceased, 7; total number on roll, 129; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday (10:00 a.m.) in April. David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, TN. Delegates: Ralph Lawson, Tommy Arnott, Steve Burns, and Mitch Jessee; alternates: Tommy Tipton and Bobby Ferguson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 42; 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. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 60; 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: Mike Morgan, Stephanie Morgan, Phyllis Lampkin, and Wiley Lampkin; alternates: Glynn Perriraz and Chelsea Morgan. Received by relationship, 5; total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$100.00; 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.). Mike Morgan, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, VA. Delegates: Larry Fannon, Denver Osborne, Carla Osborne, and Null Lawson; alternate: James Davidson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 100; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday morning in May. Keith Holt, moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: RB Louthian, Roy Hunt, Richard Stevens, and Matthew Stevens; alternate: Larry Holden. Received by experience and baptism, 4; excluded, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 65; 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, James Stepp, and Rosemary Borders. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 170; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night Bible study. Tommy Meade, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Robert Brown, JC Qualls, Kathy Qualls, and Kim Robinette; alternate: Aubra Hill and Wilma Bledsoe. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 40; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EST) and every Sunday morning. Robert Brown, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, OH. Delegates: Justin Pardue, Tim Rudd, Dan Holt, and Judy Holt; alternate: Sam VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 7; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 120; 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. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 3; 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: Rodney Dodson, Johnny Bunch, Corey King, and Dustin Bolden; alternates: Danita Dodson and Callie King. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 284; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Terry Sizemore, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, VA. Delegates: Sandra Leonard, Barbara Taylor, Jason Robinette, and Jason Henry Robinette; alternate: Kathy Short. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 24; 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.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, VA. Delegates: Jeff Williams, Brandon Williams, Jason H. Robinette, Emily Williams. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 45; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday morning and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 2nd Saturday in May. Jason H. Robinette, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, TN. Delegates: Leah Bernard, Charles Bernard, David Horton, and Charlotte Horton; alternates: Jennifer Horton and Burnice Sybert. 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, 76; 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: Pat Lane, Teresa Tipton, David Gillenwater, and Anita Gillenwater; alternates: Scott Tipton and Tyler Stapleton. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 88; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.), 3rd Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) business, 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: 34 churches (15 in VA, 12 in TN, 3 in KY, and 4 in OH). Received by experience and baptism, 28; received by relationship, 10; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 45; deceased, 39; total number on roll, 2,458.

31 signed the ministers book – 3 signed from other organizations.

UNION MEETINGS - 2026

(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. Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Scott Tipton.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Wally Berry, Oscar Irvin, Curtis Hale, Keith Holt, 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, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, David Roller, 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, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

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

3 -WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Walley Berry, Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Hunter Hensley, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Shannon Payne, Jason Robinette, Jason H. Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Robinette, David Roller, Chris Salley, Terry Sizemore, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Roger VanHoose, and Sammy VanHoose.

4 -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, David Roller, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, David VanHoose, Sammy VanHoose, Harmon Willis, and Justin Winstead.

5 -OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday and Sunday morning. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Curtis Hale, Hunter Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Burnice Sybert, Roger VanHoose, and Harmon Willis.

6 -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, Robert Brown, Carter Hagar, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, David Roller, 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: Robert Brown, Jim Emery, Oscar Irvin, Eddie Malone, David Roller, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

3 -CANEY CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Jerry Johnson, Wiley Lampkin, Chris Salley, and Terry Sizemore.

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, Robert Brown, Carter Hagar, Curtis Hale, Gary Hall, Oscar Irvin, Roger Manring, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Tommy 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, 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: Robert Brown, Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hagar, Curtis Hale, Eddie Malone, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Jason Henry Robinette, Joseph Robinette, David Roller, 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, Billy Marcum, Jason Robinette, Tommy Robinette, David Stapleton, and Tyler Stapleton.

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, Curtis Hale, Keith Holt, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis, and all others who wish to attend.

2 -POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Curtis Hale, David Parsons, David Roller, 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, Curtis Hale, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, 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. Ministers asked to attend: Charles Bernard, Robert Brown, Kevin Cross, Jim Emery, Frank Gilliam, Carter Hagar, Curtis Hale, David Parsons, Jason 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, David Parsons, Terry Sizemore, and Scott Tipton.

- SEPTEMBER -

1 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Kevin Cross, Mike Fullington, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, David Roller, 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. Ministers asked to attend: Robert Brown, Jim Emery, 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: Dustin Bolden, 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, Oscar Irvin, David Parsons, Jason H. Robinette, Tommy Robinette, Chris Salley, Tyler Stapleton, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, and Harmon Willis.

DIRECTIONS TO POPLAR GROVE

768 Poplar Grove Road Kingsport, TN 37664

- **Traveling on Interstate 81**, take the Kingsport exit (Exit 57B) onto I-26. Travel 2 miles and exit right at Exit 6, Rock Springs Road, Route 347. The exit ramp is 0.3 mile long. Turn left (West on 347), for 1.1 miles. Turn right, still following 347 West (Rock Springs Dr.), and travel 0.6 mile to the top of a hill where the road splits. Bear to the left (onto Poplar Grove Rd.), and proceed 1.3 miles to the church.
- **Traveling toward Kingsport, TN on Route 93**, turn right onto Route 347 East, (Mill Creek Rd.). The road splits after 0.6 mile. Bear left for 0.1 mile, then turn left. After traveling another 0.1 mile, Route 347 East makes a sharp right (onto Poplar Grove Rd.), and it is another 0.3 mile to the church.
- **Traveling on Route 23 South out of Virginia**, bear right toward Johnson City on I-26 immediately after crossing the state line into Tennessee. Continue to Exit 4, and exit right onto Route 93. After approximately 3 miles, turn left onto Route 347 East (Mill Creek Rd.). The road splits after 0.6 mile. Bear left for 0.1 mile, then turn left. After traveling another 0.1 mile, Route 347 East makes a sharp right (onto Poplar Grove Rd.), and it is another 0.3 mile to the church.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2024	\$ 11,917.11
Receipts from 2025	5,795.00
Additional receipts 2025	300.00
Donation from Mountain View	2,749.35
Excess donations towards the stage	2,159.59
Special offering	1,900.00
Interest (October 2024 thru September 2025)	22.96
TOTAL	\$ 24,844.01

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box	\$ 90.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen, Liability, and Trailer)	2,064.00
Charter registration fee	20.00
Postage	67.79
Difference in minute cost	0.09
Clerical supplies	136.86
Sound system parts	450.00
Gift to Moderator	1,000.00
Gift to Clerk	2,000.00
Printing and packaging 1,000 copies of 2025 minutes	2,800.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 8,628.74

BALANCE IN TREASURY \$ 16,215.27

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Last Updated 2025

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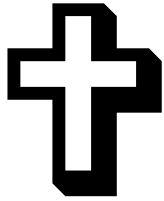
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Guidelines for Obituaries Printed in Association Minutes

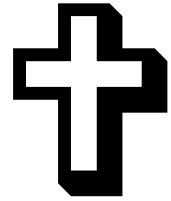
Everyone should adhere to the guidelines that have been used over the years for entering an obituary into the association minutes. Obituaries should be approved through the church before sending them to the clerk of the association. If at all possible, please send the obituary to the clerk before August 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, Carl Edward	KIMBERLIN, Libby Nadine
BAKER, Mary Sue	LANE, Edna Grace
BAKER, Tommy William	LANE, Randy
BOWLIN, Brenda Marie	LUCAS, Linda Banks
BREWER, Eloise Jean	MILLS, Donnis
COLLINGSWORTH, Barbara Elkins	PENNINGTON, Carolyn J.
DIXON, Nita Ann	ROLLER, Faye Smith
DODSON, Earl Lee	ROSE, Mickey Lynn
DOLLAR, Clona Corriana	SAMPSON, Betty Jo Hensley
ELDRIDGE, Dorothy "Dottie"	SHORT, Ina Kay
FLETCHER, Kathy Mae	STUMBO, Mollie Geraldine
HAWKINS, Randall	SURBER, James Anthony
HAYES, Heather Nicole Monzel	TERRY SR., Ronald
HEAD, Lowell	THOMPSON, Charles Elbert
HORNE, Clifton Edward	WILLIAMSON, John Lee (Jimmy)
JOHNSON, Luther Amos Sr.	YOUNT, Betty Hall

CARL EDWARD ALVIS was born June 1, 1944 and entered into rest November 11, 2024. He served as a paramedic and registered nurse to the communities of Hamblen and Hawkins County for 40 years. Ed was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of The Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Grace Alvis; brothers, Randall Alvis, Gene Alvis, Pete Alvis; and sisters, Brenda Burton and Linda Borghetti.

He is survived by his sons, Neal Alvis and Troy Alvis (Stacey); grandchildren, Allie Alvis Eidson (Dylan), Logan Alvis, Briana Alvis, Bailee Alvis; great-granddaughter, Eloise Eidson; brothers, Danny Alvis, Elbert "Big" Alvis (Anita), Dennis Alvis (Terri); sisters, Jeraleen "Sis" Christian (Jack), Debbie Dover (Gary); several nieces, nephews, and his wonderful work family. He will be greatly missed.

-Written by the family

MARY SUE BAKER, 86, of Bristol, Virginia passed peacefully into her heavenly rest on April 10, 2025 following a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, James Donald Baker; grandson, Levi Richard Carter; parents, Elder Charlie James Baker and Rosa Bell Whitaker Baker; and siblings, Juanita, Handford, Lawrence, Ruby, Johnny, Norman, and Charlene.

As a child Mary gave her life to Jesus while on her knees at the "Old Log Church" Gardner's Chapel. She was an active member of Chestnut Flats Primitive Baptist Church, where she will be remembered for her humble prayers.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Donette Carter, husband, Richard, and their children, Noah Carter, and Chelsey Powell, and husband, Zach. Her son, Brad Baker, wife, Vanessa, their sons, William and Ross Baker, as well as a brother Tom Baker and wife, Linda. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

-Written by the family

TOMMY WILLIAM BAKER, 90, of Bristol, VA passed away on Friday, June 6, 2025, at his residence. He was born in Scott County, VA on January 1, 1935, a son of the late Elder C.J. Baker and Rosa Whittaker Baker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four infant brothers and sisters; two brothers, John Baker, and Norman Baker; two sisters, Mary Baker and Charlene Smith; and a stepson, D. Joe Sorrell, Jr.

He had lived in Washington County, VA most of his life. He retired from Raytheon Corporation after 32 years of service and was a lifetime farmer. He was a trustee of Chestnut Flats Church and also a trustee of Millers Cemetery. He was saved at the "Old Log Church" Gardner's Chapel when he was a young boy.

Tommy is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Linda Baker; a son, Tommy R. Baker; a stepson, Stephen Sorrell and his wife, Jill; a daughter-in-law, Penny Sorrell, widow of Joe Sorrell; eight grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

BRENDA MARIE BOWLIN joined the celebration of the promise fulfilled by Jesus, her blessed hope, for whom she served for many years, on July 18, 2025. Brenda was a preacher's wife and supported her husband's call to the ministry with great vitality and patience as well as her church family. She was a member of Blue Springs Church.

Brenda is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Elder Johnny Bowlin; daughter-in-law, Christy Yonz Bowlin; sister, Ruby Hall; mother, Belva Rutter; and father, Ruben Leonard. Surviving family members are her children; Kimberly Bowlin, Brad Bowlin (Shelly), and Matthew Bowlin (Amanda); brothers, Wayne Leonard (Shirley) and Frank Rutter; sister Carolyn Rutter; three granddaughters, Emma, Madilyn, and Natalie Bowlin; and many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

ELOISE JEAN BREWER, of Sneedville, Tennessee, was born June 28, 1933, in Tazewell, TN. She passed on February 11, 2025, at the age of 91. Known to all as "Jean," she was loved by so many. Jean was a member of Swan Creek Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence "Tom" Brewer; daughter, Patsy K. Fultz; parents, Hugh and Roxie Reece; and brothers, Don, Stanley & Roger Reece. Jean is survived by her daughter, Debbie Horton of Morristown, TN; grandson, Jason (Erin) Horton of Knoxville, TN; great-granddaughters, Chanley Horton and Chloe Huskey; a host of many other loving relatives; and special friends, Julie and Samantha.

-Written by the family

BARBARA ELKINS COLLINGSWORTH, 81, went to her Heavenly Father on June 1, 2025, peacefully at her home. Barbara was a lifelong resident of Lee County and daughter of the late Hubert and Merle Elkins. Barbara was saved and baptized at an early age and was a member of Davis Chapel Church on Wallen's Creek. She loved to serve others in her community, and each September she would "gear up" for the Elkins' Family Reunion, which is made up of families from 13 states.

Barbara is preceded in death by her sisters, Ann Elkins Mills Tharp and Lydia Lavinia Elkins Hall, brother and sister-in-law, Patton and Ollie Elkins, and by her former husband, Bobby Collingsworth. Barbara is survived by her son, Gary (Angela) Collingsworth; granddaughters, Ashley (Brandon) Broadhuhn, Verity Collingsworth, and Autumn Collingsworth; two precious great-grandchildren, Pyper and Phoenix Broadhuhn; sister, Bobbie Speck; brother, Tommy Elkins; brother and sister-in-law, James Crawford "J.C." and Nell Elkins; a host of special nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, and cousins.

-Written by the family

NITA ANN DIXON, 79, of Church Hill, TN, went to be with the Lord on June 4, 2025. She was born March 17, 1946 in Mount Carmel, TN to the late Reece and Pearl Lloyd. She and her husband, Bobby Lee Dixon, were active members of Mt. Mitchell Church. Nita loved to sing praises to the Lord!

Family was Nita's pride and joy, and she was always there to take care of those who needed help. She had a mischievous sparkle to her eyes that let you know she was always up for fun and laughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Lee Dixon; her parents, Reece and Pearl Lloyd; and siblings Reba Lloyd, Frankie Lloyd, Ada Bloomer, Helen Miller, Tommy Lloyd, and Jennie Baker.

She is survived by her son, Timothy Dixon (Melissa); grandson, Noah Dixon; and special friend, Cindy. She also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, and cousins

-Written by Tim and Melissa

EARL LEE DODSON, of Sneedville, Tennessee, was called home to be with his Lord on October 7, 2024, at age 84. He was born on January 3, 1940, to Elder Elmo and Velva Dodson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Betty, his sister Vada, and his brothers Howard and Clarence.

Earl Lee was a dedicated member of Swan Creek Church. Professing salvation and joining the membership at a young age, he committed himself fully to the church and his friends there. He was ordained as a deacon on June 4, 1972, serving the church for 52 years. He also was a steadfast member of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Even when Earl Lee's illness progressed, he continued to attend church regularly, as well as travel to the Union Meetings. As everyone who knew him can testify, his walk as a Christian was faithful and pure.

Left to mourn his passing are his sons, Rodney (Edie) Dodson and Greg (Tammy) Dodson; grandchildren, Cody (Carrie) Dodson and Lindsay Brooks; great-grandchildren, Caden & Cooper Dodson and Jalyynn Brooks; sister-in-law, Rose (Bobby) Brown; nieces, Danita Dodson and Malisha (Tommy) Seals; nephew, Jeff Keck; and several cousins and many special friends.

Earl Lee's family, friends, church, and community loved him very much, and they will never forget his devotion to them. They will also remember his stories, his friendliness, his humor, and his strength in the midst of illness. He will be missed by all who knew him, but they are assured he is resting peacefully with the Lord.

-Written by the family

CLONA CORRIANA DOLLAR, was born on December 23, 1934 in Abingdon, Virginia to the late Henry and Kathleen Mickles, and went to be with the Lord on January 26, 2025. Clona was a beloved member of Valley View Church.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her sisters, Birdie Barlow, Jenny Smith, and Anna Lee Peggs; brothers, Tom, Roy, and Andy Michaels.

Those left to cherish her memory are daughters, Carolyn (Curt) Pennington and Teresa (Gary) Sanders; son, Ronald Dollar; sisters, Betty Hamilton, Eula (Sammy) Vanover; 13 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

-Written by the church family

ELDRIDGE, DOROTHY "DOTTIE", age 90, of Waynesville, passed away Monday, February 3, 2025, at Salyer Adult Group Home in Hillsboro. Dottie retired from Centerville City Schools in 1997 after 20 years of service to the district. Always faithful to the Lord and her church, she was a dedicated member of the Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Bellbrook. She had never-ending faith, constantly read her Bible, and raised her children in a Christian home. She always insisted that her kids attend church every week during their upbringing.

Giving, loving, and feisty in a fun way, Dottie was the ultimate provider and loved caring and tending to her family.

Dottie was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, in 2013; one son, Gary Eldridge; her parents, Andy and Octavia Russell; four brothers, Malcolm, Luther, Paul, and Elmer Russell; and her three sisters, Betty Campbell, Lucy Little, and Rilda Eldridge. She is survived by her daughter, Tina (Jerry) Hanks; two sons, Rick (Sharon) Eldridge and Greg (Lora) Eldridge; grandchildren, Melissa Mackey, Sara Jane (Shawn) Fangman, Timothy Hanks, and Christina (P.J.) Addison; ten great-grandchildren, including Dottie's grandson Trenton Mackey who she raised; one great-great-grandchild; and brothers, Albert (Wanda) Russell and Eddie (Rhonda) Russell.

-Written by the family

KATHY MAE FLETCHER, age 74 of Hager Hill, Kentucky passed away Thursday, January 9, 2025 at her residence. Born May 1, 1950 in Pike County, Kentucky to the late Wilburn Dempsey and Lily Horn Dempsey. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Fletcher; two brothers, Tom Dempsey and Merle Dempsey; and one sister, Evaleen.

Kathy is survived by two sons, Buddy Horn of Paintsville, Kentucky and Fred Horn; two brothers: Billy Gilliam and Bruce Dempsey; and three sisters, Sheila Dohm, Dottie Horn, and Willadean Browning; three grandchildren: Amy Mae Horn, Tommy Horn, Jr., and Makayla Riley.

-Written by the family

RANDALL "HAMMER" HAWKINS, 51 years of age of Church Hill, TN, formerly of Little Robinson, passed away July 2, 2025, at his residence after an extended illness. He was born on November 16, 1973, to Jacqueline Pearl Richardson Mattingly of Radcliff, and the late Albert Dean "Biggen" Hawkins. He was a member of the Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. Randall was a truck driver and heavy equipment operator for many years.

Other than his mother, he is survived by his wife, Sherri Ray Hawkins; three sons, Ethan Hawkins, Matthew Ray, Jacob Hawkins; two daughters, Ambria Hawkins, Breonna Ray; one sister, Donna Hawkins; four grandchildren, Aleigha Newsome, Keegan Thomas, Arianna Thomas, Rayden Smith.

-Written by the family

HEATHER NICOLE MONZEL HAWKINS HAYES, 41, was born on October 25, 1983 to Roger and Sherry Hawkins. She departed this life April 15, 2025, after a lengthy illness. She was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church. She graduated from Cherokee High School and ETSU.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roger Hawkins; grandparents, Elder Bobby Williams, Bill Hawkins, and Sue Lawson; and special cousins, Ben Williams and Jason Christian.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jon Hayes; mother, Sherry Hawkins; brother, Corey Hawkins (Jamie); niece and nephew, Cameron and Erin Hawkins; and grandmother, Juanita Williams. Her struggles are past and she is at rest with her Lord.

-Written by her mother and grandmother

LOWELL HEAD, 72, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 21, 2024. He was born to Kelly and Ruby Head on December 26, 1951. He lived his whole life in Robinette Valley. Lowell was a faithful member of Shelby Creek Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Eline; sister, Viola Adams; and two infant brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Nancy Charlene Head; sons, Joe (Jeremy) and Chris (Becky); stepdaughter, Teresa Short (Wayne); stepson, Tim Byington (April); sisters, Lorene Eldridge and Bonnie Wilson (Ed); brother, Clarence Head (Jo); grandchildren, Levi, Paisley, Kaliegh, Tyler, Isaiah, and Corbin; several nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

He was the handyman of his community and will be greatly missed. Sleep on. We'll see you soon. Your work on earth is done.

-Written by the family

CLIFTON EDWARD HORNE, 75, Saw his faith end in sight on December 15, 2024, at the James H Quillen VA Medical Center when his last Earthly battle ended. Born on April 1, 1949, in Pike County, Kentucky to the late Henry and Sarah (Gross) Horne; Clifton was also preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny, and Ray Horne, and one sister, Teresa Horne Conway.

Those left to carry a lifetime of memories include his loving wife of 56 years, Nadine Horne, of the home. One daughter, Sharon Horne. One "Son he never had", Very Special Nephew Danny Ray Sturgill (Missy) of Kingsport. Grandsons Hunter Hensley

(Amanda), Avery Hall, Cyrus Rogers, and Taylor "TAS" Sturgill. One granddaughter, Katelyn Hall Williamson. Great-grandchildren Isaiah, Ashlynn, and Elijah Hensley. Special Son-In-Law Shane Hall. Brothers Dallas Horne, Mike (Ann) Horne, Tim (Tammy) Horne. Sisters Linda (David) Wright and Rita Bryant. And a host of nieces, nephews, and friends that this obituary could not hold.

Of all the things Clifton left behind, the most important is the testimony of faith in Jesus Christ, who he found 35 years ago. He was a faithful member and deacon at Copper Creek (Addington Frame) Church. If he were writing this himself, he would want you to know that Jesus is the only way, and that is the only decision you will ever make that truly matters in the end. There's no doubt that when he got on his knees in Heaven, he was praising God and thanking Him for everything He's done for him while he was here with us. He NEVER failed to give God all the praise & glory while here on earth. Now he gets to do it face to face forever. He was ready and that gives us peace.

-Written by the family

LUTHER AMOS JOHNSON, SR., age 90 of Carlisle, Ohio passed away Friday, March 21, 2025, at Kettering Medical Center in Franklin. Luther was born in Breathitt County, Kentucky on February 16, 1935, to the late George and Mary (Turner) Johnson. He retired from General Electric in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1997 after 30 years of service. He was a member of Rose Chapel Church, and he was a trustee of the church for many years. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by sisters, Bertha Deaton, Callie Johnson and Marie Johnson; brothers, Astor, Roy, Robert, Eulibee, Sigel and Roscoe Johnson; and son, Luther Johnson, Jr.

Luther is survived by his wife of thirty years, Sandra (Behan), his children Brenda Danaei, Linda Wingard, Donna England (Dave) and Scott Holliday; grandchildren Jessica Colon (Pedro), Jamie Schmidt (Cameron), Jason Wingard, Krystal Winkleman (Jereme), Drew England (Rachel), Morgan Butler (Derrick); and 13 great-grandchildren.

-Written by the family

LIBBY NADINE KIMBERLIN was born on April 30, 1937 and went to be with the Lord April 23, 2025. She was saved at an early age and joined Long Hollow Church in 1949.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Cora Christian; several sisters and brothers; son, Dennis; grandson, Jason; and granddaughter, Kelly.

She is survived by her sons Donnie, Randall, and RJ, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is sadly missed by all and loved so much.

-Written by her nieces

EDNA GRACE LANE, age 93, went to be with the Lord May 18, 2025. Edna was born July 11, 1931.

She was preceded in death by her mother Artie Fowler Moore, her father George Dewey Moore, brothers, EB Moore, JD Moore, Willard Moore, sister Shirley Moore Dyes, sons, Robert and Paul Fox, grandsons Donnie Dixon and Juston Dixon. She is survived by daughters, Peggy Fox Johnson, Judy Fox Dixon and husband Donnie, sisters, Evelyn Penix, Pauline Penix, sister-in-law Judy Moore, grandchildren Jason Taylor, Patrick Johnson, Robert Joseph Fox, Julie Wetherington, and Jenna Breitwieser and their spouses, eleven great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and special niece Barbara Gail Young.

Edna faced many challenges in life and with God's help, always handled them with grace and no complaints. She loved going to church and was always willing to share her testimony with others and encourage them to go to church. We miss her but, we know she is no longer in the pain she suffered for so many years and we will see her again.

-Written by the family

RANDY LANE, 74, of Kingsport, finished his earthly walk on Tuesday, February 24, 2025. Randy was a member of Willow Chapel Primitive Baptist. He enjoyed arriving early to each church service to open the parking lot and church building and turn on the lights so it was ready when the congregation arrived. He worked 40 years as a security guard following in his papaw's footsteps. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

Those left to cherish Mr. Lanes memory are his wife, Patricia Lane; brother Temmie Lane; daughters, Amy Lane (Jerry), Kathy Ramey (Mike); stepdaughter, Cinnamon Fletcher; six grandchildren, and his church family and friends.

-Written by the family

LINDA BANKS LUCAS, 81, was born on Little Cowan in Letcher Co. KY on September 24, 1943, and departed this life March 28th, 2025. She was a member of Little Cowan Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard and Minnie Vae Banks; husband, Don Lucas; son, Jeffery Allen Lucas; grandchild, Kati Callahan Randall; and sister, Virginia Rich.

Linda is survived by her children, Beth Callahan (Keith) and Jonathon Lucas (Melinda); grandchildren, Kenzie Callahan, Aiden Lucas and Mason Lucas; great-grandchild, Charleston Randall; brothers, Donald Banks (Midge), Patrick Banks (Marilyn), John Banks (Barbara), and Bryon Banks; sisters, Verna Rayburn and Carol Caudill; nieces and nephews; and many extended family members and friends.

-Written by her family

DONNIS MILLS, age 65, of Inez, KY, passed away on September 14, 2024. He was born on March 30, 1959, to the late Henry Mills and Evelyn (Preece) Mills in Louisa, KY. In addition to his parents, Donnis was preceded in death by his wife Ethel Jenny Mills.

He is survived by Connis Mills and his daughters; Jennifer Lynn (Christopher) and Emily Mills; brothers, Terry (Lola) Mills and Jerry Ray (Wendy) Mills; sister, Wanda Lou (Mark) Castle; and grandchildren, Chloe West, Samuel Mills, Dakota West, and Ben Cole.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

-Written by the family

CAROLYN J PENNINGTON, 73, went to be with the Lord on Monday, September 8, 2025 at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tennessee. She was a member of Valley View Church. Carolyn was born on April 24, 1952 in Virginia. She is preceded in death by her mother, Clona Dollar.

Those left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Curtis Pennington; brother, Ronald Dollar; sister, Teresa Sanders (Gary); children, Kim Rowe (Roger), Tracy Gaulker (Robert), Frankie Rogers, and Ledawn Pennington; 12 grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren.

-Written by the family

FAYE SMITH ROLLER was born Feb. 18, 1946 and departed this life August 21, 2025. Faye leaves behind a daughter, Teresa Duncan (Jay); son, Kent Roller; grandchildren, Krystal Lucas (Dustin), Kent Roller, Jr., Stephanie Roller, and Rachel Cox; and brother Cloise Smith (Linda).

Faye was a devoted Christian who let her light shine in a simple way. She attended Rollers Chapel Church most of her life, though she never took membership. She was always willing to help and devoted her time to the needs of the church. Her prayer request each Sunday was to remember her lost loved ones.

Sister Faye's passing left a void in the church house at Rollers Chapel, but one day we will meet in that better land where we will rejoice and worship and praise our Savior for all eternity. Rest on sweet Faye until that great day comes.

-Written by church clerk, Kim Robinette

MICKEY LYNN ROSE, age 57 was born October 1, 1967 passed away February 16, at Hospice House in Ashland, Kentucky after a long illness.

Preceded in death by her parents Milton and Bessie Laney; brothers David Preston, Melvin Preston, and Michael Laney; sisters Junenell May, Janie Marcum, and Louella Stepp; nephews, Matthew May, Walter May, and Melvin Loyd Preston; and niece Jeannie Wells.

She is survived by her loving husband William Rose of 38 years; sister Annie (Brad) Dutton; a host of nieces and nephews. Mickey and William couldn't have children of their own, but they took care of Brianna and Justin when they lost their parents. They helped spoil all the nieces and nephews when they had a chance.

-Written by the family

BETTY JO HENSLEY SAMPSON, 90, was born March 17, 1935 and departed this life April 6, 2025. She was saved at a young age and was a member of Mt. Mitchell Church. Betty enjoyed listening to gospel music and sang with several gospel groups when she was younger. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Nina Henry Simpson; her first husband, Robert Hensley; second husband Buddy Sampson; and brothers, Garfield Simpson and Clifford Simpson.

Betty is survived by her sisters, Juanita Williams, Patsy Dykes, Peggy Harrold, and Ruth Lemmons, and several nieces and nephews.

-Written by the family

INA KAY SHORT, 78, went to be with the Lord May 2, 2025. Kay was preceded in death by her parents, Reverend Lidle and Melissa Quillen, brothers Jim (Norma Jean), Richard (Bernice), and Sam (Wanda); sisters, Millie Marcum (Bob), Callie Mae Stanley (Herbert), Maggie Forkum (Ben), Shelby Robinette (Don), Ethel Russell, Shirley Cradic (Jim), and Bonnie Reece (Carl).

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved husband of 56 years, Gary Short, her sons, Christopher and Sean; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Kay was a devoted wife, loving mother and faithful servant of Christ. She never met a stranger and was known for her kind heart, gentle spirit, and unwavering love for her family. She never spoke an unkind word and lived a life of quiet strength, compassion and grace. We miss her shouts in church, but we know she is shouting now praising the Lord and is no longer suffering.

-Written by the church family

MOLLIE GERALDINE STUMBO went to be with the Lord June 2, 2025. She was born December 23, 1951 in Duffield, Virginia to the late Jake and Georgia Berry. She is preceded in death by her husband, Wayne L. Stumbo Jr.; brothers, Dennis and Lennis Berry; and niece, Diane Berry.

Mollie was a member of Chestnut Flats Church. She will be remembered for her sweet testimony.

She is survived by her son, Wayne L. Stumbo III (Morgan); grandchildren, Noah Grace and Jensen D. Stumbo; sister, Judy Pendelton; brothers, Wallace and Robert Berry; nephew, Kevin Pendelton; niece, Kristy Pendelton; and numerous other beloved nieces and nephews. 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.

-Written by church family

JAMES ANTHONY SURBER, 46, son of the late James Vincent Surber and Sharon Gail Maggard Surber, was born at Harlan, Kentucky, on January 5, 1979. He entered eternal life January 10, 2025.

James was a member of Little Cowan Church. He was a 7th generation coal miner. He loved hunting and fishing, riding his 4-wheeler, and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Amber Day Surber; daughters, Kammy (Jacob), Kynslee, and Lillie Hall; sister, Regina Surber Smith (Allen); in-laws, David and Paula Day; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Melissa Surber, and a great nephew, Blaze Smith.

-Written by the family

RONALD TERRY SR. 82 of Richardson, Kentucky passed away June 24, 2025. Ronald was born January 27, 1943 at Peach Orchard, Kentucky to the late William M. and Elizabeth Louise Fitchpatrick Terry. He was a member of Richardson Chapel Church.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sons, Scott Terry and William Benjamin Terry.

Survivors include his loving wife Joyce Pridemore Terry; daughters, Debbie (Shane) Tarring, Crystal (James) Ward, and Elizabeth (Austin) Terrywood; sons, James (Jessica) Terry and Ronald Terry Jr.; grandchildren, Kristen Tarring, Shane Tarring II, Courtney Tarring, Emily Tarring, Jayden Terry, Jaecob Terry, Joey Terry, Jannah (Janet) Terry, and Samantha Terrywood; a great-grandson, Waylon Sword; and brother Larry Milton Terry.

-Written by the family

CHARLES ELBERT THOMPSON was born on December 22, 1935 to the late Rosie Thompson Ledford and Elbert Thompson. In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his grandson, Benjamin Andrew Thompson, sister, Faye Inman Barth; and brothers, Bill and Kenneth Thompson.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 70 years, Nancy Joseph Thompson; children, Charlie (Susan), Bobby, Roger (Gail), Reba, George (Linda), and Heather (Jeff) Thompson Osborne, 24 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, 5 great great grandchildren, sister Jean Carmody, and many nieces and nephews.

Charles was a devoted family man and a true servant God. He was a deacon and faithful member of the Valley View Church.

-Written by the church family

JOHN LEE (JIMMY) WILLIAMSON of Deboard, Kentucky, passed away October 11, 2024 at his home. He was born February 8, 1932 in Martin County, Kentucky to the late John Williamson and Mary Williamson. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his loving wife, Sarah Catheryn Meade Williamson; brothers, Claude and Aldon; sisters; Garna Jo, Phyllis, Melissa, Barbara and Edna.

Surviving are three sons, James Michael Williamson (Dedra), Robert Williamson, and Jimmy Dean Porter (Ida); daughters, Wanda Jean Williamson, Jackie Blackburn (Alvin), and Carol Sue Preece; and several grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren.

-Written by the family

BETTY HALL YOUNT, age 88, of Rogersville, TN passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, August 2, 2025. She was born May 9, 1937 to the late Earl and Eva (Wallen) Hall of Kyles Ford, TN.

Betty was saved in a revival at Willis Chapel Primitive Baptist Church on February 9, 1950 at the age of 13. She joined the church at Willis's and was baptized in June of 1950 and remained a member until her death.

Betty was a wonderful crafter, seamstress, and loved to listen to gospel singing. She enjoyed cooking and sharing with her neighbors.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, D C Yount; sisters, Allie Mae Eldridge and Pauline Yount; and two nieces.

Left to mourn her loss is her daughter, Dwanna and husband Jeremy. She also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

She will be missed by family and friends.

-Written by the family

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

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

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

1955	Fairview (OH)	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	Alex Willis
1956	Valley View	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	R. T. Carter
1957	Marion Robinette Memorial	J. H. Sybert	G. D. Smith	C. C. Johnson
1958	Poplar Grove	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. L. Hill
1959	Peterson's Chapel	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. R. Gardner
1960	Swan Creek	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Basil Freeman
1961	Roller's Chapel	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Alex Willis
1962	Little Cowan	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	R. T. Carter
1963	Beech Grove	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	J. L. Hill
1964	Mountain View	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1965	Mt. Mitchell	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Alex Willis
1966	Fairview (OH)	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	H. V. Hall
1967	Marion Robinette Memorial	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Basil Freeman
1968	Cadet	J. H. Sybert	Ellis I. Wallen	Fremon 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
2025	Marion Robinette Memorial	Terry Sizemore	Kevin Hale	Oscar Irvin