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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 2, 2008

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 156th annual session with Little Cowan Church, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

By early 1912, a group of people from Little Cowan Creek began to see their need of a Savior and a place to worship where the true Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached. We have no record before 1912, but we do know these people went about 20 miles by horseback or on foot to the Hurricane Gap Church of Regular Primitive Baptists on Linefork Creek. Elder D. F. Gilley was the moderator and a member. Soon several of them were saved and became members of that church, but they longed for a church near home. After much praying and trust in God, with an arm from the Hurricane Gap Church, our church was organized in June 1913, and was called the Little Cowan Church of Primitive Baptists. Elder D. F. Gilley was elected moderator and Bill Banks, church clerk.

Elder Gilley served as moderator from June 14, 1913 to September 1937; J. R. Peters, assistant moderator June 9, 1917 to March 8, 1919; Jim Maggard, assistant moderator, March 11, 1933 to June 14, 1934; Jesse Gilley, assistant moderator and moderator, May 10, 1937 to September 11, 1948; Bernard Banks, moderator February 10, 1945 to May 19, 1988; Logan Willis, moderator September 11, 1948 to July 9, 1949; May 10, 1952 to May 1953; J. H. Sybert, moderator May 15, 1950 to May 10, 1952; Bert Banks, moderator, May 10, 1958 to September 9, 1987; Oscar Irvin, moderator March 12, 1988 to March 19, 1998. Elder Woodrow Fields has been our good moderator since March 1998 to the present. Assistant moderators are John Banks and Tony Little; associate, Brad Dutton.

Other ministers who helped in organizing our church were: Elders A. N. Joyner, J. P. Peters, E. A. Robinette, F. M. Long, J. R. Peters, E. S. McPherson, Hal Lassiter, F. M. Phipps, and maybe others of whom we have no record. Charter members of our church were: Floyd and Alcy Banks, Bill and Susan Banks, Serena Jones, Susan Long, Peggy Day, Elizabeth Banks, Loretta Adams, Katie Day, Millie Bush, John D. Ison, Alec Ison, Lee Ison, Arminta Ison, Samantha Ison, Gilbert Boggs, and Malinda McDaniels.

Our church was received into the Eastern District Association October 2, 1913, with delegates J. F. Banks and Gilbert Boggs.

When the church was organized, services were held in the Little Cowan school house a few hundred feet from where our church now stands. Ground for the old school was given by James Banks, grandfather of Bernard Banks. A sum of money was given to the school board entitling the church use of the building for as long as it was needed.

Brother Bernard Banks donated land for the church house which was built in 1948. The building was dedicated September 12, 1948, with Elder J. H. Sybert preaching on Genesis 28:17 – “this is none other but the house of

God, and this is the gate of heaven.” Later, additional land was purchased for the annex, which was dedicated to the memory of Sister Minnie Vae Banks.

God has been good to us these 95 years. Our membership today is 94. We are thankful the same God who inspired our forefathers nearly a century ago is still watching over and caring for His people. We believe if time should go on another 95 years, there will still be some at the Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church who serve and worship the God of our creation in the same old-fashioned way.

The cool fall air greeted everyone as they gathered for the first meeting of the 156th session of this great gathering. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing several songs of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Won't it be wonderful there when we enter glory land, knowing for sure that the Lord will be keeping us forevermore? Let us be a bright shining light for Jesus everyday so we can hasten to him, glad and free. Let us anchor our soul in the haven of rest to be safe ever more in Jesus Christ. From the dawn of creation, the wonderful story of love has encouraged the sinner to believe. His love was shown through the anguish He bore while suffering alone. It won't be very long till Jesus shall descend and all the saints will go home. We'll know each other by the smiles that we wear as we meet in the morning by the bright riverside. When the roll is called up yonder, we'll share the glory of His resurrection.

Elder Terry Sizemore, moderator of the association, welcomed everyone to today's services. What a privilege it is just to be here. Thank God for all the blessings throughout the year, and especially here at Little Cowan. Everyone must be mindful of the Holy Spirit. Regardless of the challenges in this life, we are headed for a better place. Elder Sizemore mentioned the passing of Elder Clyde Phillips since our last meeting and asked everyone to remember Elder L. E. Hill.

Sister Zula led the congregation in singing the association's standard song, "Brethren We Have Met Again." Whether you have attended this association for years, or if this is your first time, we pray God will truly bless you and make you feel welcome. The moderator thanked Sister Zula for her service to the association over the years.

Noah Hamer and Jerry Moore blessed us with their song and reminded us that sometimes we need to go back home to our father's house and take a servant's place to remind us of our blessings. When we go to Him, He'll greet us with a smile to welcome His children home.

Elder Sizemore reminded everyone to turn in their church letters now so the committee can review them. He appointed the Committee on Religious Exercises, which includes: David Horton (chairman), Roy Jones and Clifton Horne.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, and we were thrilled to hear about Roy Jones' youngest son, Justin, being saved and he asked us to remember his eldest son, Josh; Stella Sybert, Donald Sybert, Maxie Marcum, Hasco

Jenkins, Bobby Williams, Faye Mallory, John Bowlin, John Turner, Gleason Storie, the elderly at Rose Chapel, Mr. Ward's brother-in-law and Jackie Gillenwater. Elder Robert Carter led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer after his wonderful testimony.

Elder Woodrow Fields, pastor of the host church, thanked everyone for coming. He also thanked those who have helped in any way, especially all the ladies working in the kitchen and on the grounds. Thank God for all His blessings while preparing for the gathering of this grand body. For all those who have helped throughout the year and during this busy week, Little Cowan Church offers their heartfelt thanks. Regardless of what the contribution, the church thanks you for everything that has been done. How precious it is to know the Lord, for our help truly comes from Him.

Elder John Banks, having been chosen to preach the introductory sermon, came forward to take the first part of the service. With a resounding welcome, Elder Banks thanked God for everyone coming. Using as a thought, "Let us stay in the old path," he read from Titus 1:7-9. We must not be self-willed, but our will must be that of God. There is no place to stray from the straight and narrow ways established by the Father of all creation. We must be steadfast in His ways, not the ways of man. Let us be prepared for battle so when the sound of the trumpet comes, we will have the power of God. If we enter the battle divided, our children and grandchildren will not have the opportunities to hear His word preached. We must be aware of what goes on around us so we can tell everyone what the Lord says. If we trust in Jesus, everything will be alright, regardless of what man might think. The world can't take our hope away, for anything is possible in the Lord. There is nothing greater than salvation, for if we know the Lord, this old world cannot harm us. Let us continue to work in the vineyard so God can receive all the glory and honor. Elder Brad Dutton took the second part of the service, thanking God for the many blessings of life. We are glory bound if we heed our Father's will, for His light is still shining. When He died on the cross, man thought it was the end, but in three days the temple was raised for He is risen, just as He said. Blessed are they that believe what God said. One day soon we'll behold Christ Jesus, for we have a heavenly way wherein we must travel. There is no peace or satisfaction in this world, for we must return to our first love. Let us labor not for the things of this world that perish, but labor for Jesus who endureth forever. The table is spread with His precious word. We should put it to practice in our daily lives, for only the Lord can satisfy and set souls free. These men preached so wonderfully. Thank God for all our preaching brethren. Brother Dan Cross led us in singing while the congregation fellowshiped as we were adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon, October 2, 2008

The congregation enjoyed a wonderful lunch served by the host church. Sister Zula McCullough led several songs of faith and inspiration. We shall meet on that beautiful shore in the sweet by and by if we stand on the solid rock of ages. What a wonder that Jesus loves even me. The unseen hand

leads and guides through ways we cannot see, much less understand. Over life's tempestuous seas, Jesus Savior will pilot His children. Some day when we've traveled our last mile here, we'll enter the life boat that will carry us safely home.

Further blessings came through wonderful testimony and songs of praise from Jason Robinette, Naomi Adkins, Joseph Robinette and Jerry Scalf. Deliverance shall come and we shall join in the triumph wearing palms of victory. We must never give up though the way grows dim; for because of Him, we will make it safely home. The Lord did not promise us smooth sailing all the way, but He did promise us a safe landing. We long to stroll over heaven some glad day when all our troubles have vanished away and we can enjoy all the beauties where all things are new. Greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world. Thank God for His marvelous grace!

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service and thanked the host church for the wonderful lunch. We are not looking for something new, but we are searching out the old paths.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, the McPeck family, Joyce Garland, Gene Wallen, Della Malone, Tee and Rosie Johnson, Lewis Roop, the lost in A. D. Howington's family, Clara Smith, Fred Gilreath and his son; Daniel Hurd, Tonya Ellison and her family, Sister Russell's grandchildren, Mike Peterson's wife. Elder A. D. Howington humbly took our petitions to the Lord.

Brother Billy Jack Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. A total of 64 churches were recommended by the committee to be accepted. The chairman explained that the clerk had received a letter from Mt. Mitchell Church informing him that they would not be lettering into the association this year, but they did plan to letter in next year. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association. One vote of nay was received concerning Peterson's Chapel Church. By majority rule, the vote of the delegation will stand. Elder Sizemore requested a motion to allow him to voice his opinion. It was motioned and seconded for him to do so. He asked each church to allow the love of God to move forward. Regardless of any past problems, we must trust in Him as we seek the old paths, for we cannot trust the theologies of the world. Elder Sizemore read a query and asked that it be printed in our minutes. The entry from Hopewell Church in 1896, reads as follows: **Brethren, we ask this Association to state in the minutes, the difference in the doctrine they hold on election and predestination and that of the Calvinistic construction of the doctrine of election and predestination.** We believe that the atonement of Christ redeemed the world from the condemnation that justice demanded an account of Adam's transgression, and that they who are lost on account of their own sins, because they will not obey the gospel. See Romans 5:12 and 18; John 12:47. We have from time to time set forth the doctrine of Christ in our minutes and the atonement of

Christ contrasted with the limited atonement theory of Calvin. We believe in the doctrine of election and predestination as taught by the word of God which accords with the Christian experience that God loves the world with pity and graciously invites the whole race of Adam to obey his gracious law and live, and the law of grace commands all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30-31. We further believe God knew and chose and predestined the obedient or believer to everlasting life and the disobedient or unbeliever to perdition or eternal death. As we understand the doctrine of election taught by John Calvin, one of the great reformers and the founder of Presbyterianism, a man of great learning, who wrote much on the subject of religion and taught that God saw fit in His wisdom to select or elect from the fraternity of Adam a certain number out of Adam's posterity and provided a redeemer for them and gave them to Christ in contract or covenant and Christ atoned for them alone and the Spirit is only sent to them to lead them to God. While this doctrine has been visible among Baptists since the introduction 250 years ago, its entrance was opposed and is still opposed by the same element of Baptists everywhere. – Hopewell Church, Hawkins Co., Tenn., Oct. 9, 1896

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. Elder John Arnott was nominated. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. With a wonderful testimony and thanks to God for His love and for the health to attend for many years, Elder Arnott came forward to serve during the election.

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

It was motioned and seconded for Brother Danny Lawson to serve as clerk and treasurer. It was motioned and seconded for nominations to cease. Through the vote by acclamation, he will serve for the ensuing year.

It was motioned and seconded for Elder Terry Sizemore to serve as moderator of the association. It was motioned and seconded for nominations to cease. Through the vote by acclamation, Elder Sizemore will serve as moderator for the ensuing year.

Elder Sizemore thanked Elder Arnott for his years of service and dedication to this association. He also thanked God for his wife, Peggy, for her help and dedication over the years. Speaking for himself and the clerk, he thanked the delegation for the confidence placed in us over the years. We desire the prayers of God's children in everything we attempt during the next year. We pray the Holy Spirit will guide and direct us in all things.

Brother David Horton, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Exercises came forward to give the report.

Thursday night:

Stand: Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert

Little Dove: David Jerrell and Joe Pitzer
Blair Chapel: Greg Hill and David VanHoose

Friday morning: October 3, 2008
Stand: Allen Hensley and Eckel Head

Friday night:
Stand: Roger Trent, Bob Brown and Charley Johnson

Saturday morning: October 4, 2008
Stand: John Arnott and Terry Sizemore

Saturday night:
Roller's Chapel: Terry Sizemore

Several revivals were also announced.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Electrical and PA System: Delmer McPherson (chairman), Elders David Jerrell and Virgil Lipe, Scott Mellons, Bobby Caudill, Eric McPherson and Danny Lawson. Brother Delmer McPherson came forward to give his report for the committee. With permission from the association, a new amplifier was purchased. A cordless microphone has been borrowed from the same business where the new amplifier was purchased. It was expected the microphone could be given to those speaking during business proceedings to help everyone hear what was being said. The committee asked the association to decide if they wanted to use the microphone in this manner. Brother McPherson thanked the committee and the host church for all their work in setting up the electrical and PA system. It was motioned, seconded and voted to purchase the microphone at a cost of approximately \$250.00 for use during the business proceedings.

The moderator mentioned that he should have asked for a motion and second to allow him to appoint any and all committees. He then asked for this motion and to accept the previously appointed committee for the electrical and PA system. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the moderator to appoint any and all committees.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Newly Constituted Churches: Ministers – Burnice Sybert (chairman), Glenn Cornett and Charley Johnson; Deacons – Ronnie Brooks and Don Gordon; Laymen – Clifton Horne and Null Lawson.

Committee on Finance: Neal Drinnon (chairman), Bill Winstead and David Smith.

Committee on Obituaries: Harold Head (chairman), Bill VanHoose and Shane Russell.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Greg Hill (chairman), Oscar Irvin, Lewis Baker, John Arnott, A. D. Howington, Brad Dutton and Tommy Meade.

Elder Sizemore dismissed the Committee on Church Letters for 2008 and appointed a new committee for 2009 which includes: Bill Maggard (chairman), Gary Henard, Ralph Baker and Don Gordon (alternate).

A question was raised from the floor concerning the need for a committee to help the church at Mt. Mitchell. The moderator explained that the church is making progress and to our knowledge, no action is needed at this time. No further comments or motions were forthcoming.

The moderator informed the delegation that school absence excuse forms are available from the clerk.

The clerk reported all financial transactions to the delegation, including a statement from the association insurance carrier that they have a group plan for any church in the association.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to have all things which are standard printed in the minutes.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 3, 2008.

Friday Morning, October 3, 2008

The cold morning air did not dampen the spirits of God's children on the second day of services because they were still rejoicing from yesterday. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in song. We're on our way to Canaan land where there will be no tear dimmed eyes. What a blessed happy meeting when we meet in the morning just inside the eastern gate. Wonderful times are just ahead and our conflicts and trials will be past. I'll meet you in the morning to live through eternal ages. We know of a land built by Jesus where we'll never grow old. Earth holds no treasure to God's children because Heaven holds all to us. We have joy in this life, but when we meet our blessed Redeemer there will truly be joy without measure. When this old world casts us down, He speaks in that still small voice to whisper sweet peace.

We were blessed in song by Aubra Hill and Glenn Cornett. Shouts of praise and wonderful testimonies rang out from all over the tent as God so wondrously blessed His children. He took us to Calvary and washed us whiter than snow when He saved us by His marvelous grace. We should vow to die on the battle field fighting for the Lord. Jesus left His home and came to you and me; some glad day we'll meet Him in the clouds of glory to go home for eternity.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service while thanking God for all His blessings. What an awesome God we serve. It is such a privilege to gather together one more time this side of heaven.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military; Eugene Greer, Eric Reed, Doris Burke's great-niece's family, Jim Burke, Jearlene Persinger, Lewis Baker, Darrell Laughlin, Mae Delph, Earl Vaughn, Francis Armstrong, O'Dell Arnott and L. E. Hill. Elder Oscar Irvin took us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

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

Sister Nettie Roberts blessed our hearts with testimony and song. We are standing at the feet of our King who gave His life for us, but He is alive forevermore.

Elder Allen Hensley, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. Thanking God for His many blessings, he read I Corinthians 15:1-3 and used as a thought, "Just where do we stand?" We must stand where the Lord bids us to stand. If the spirit of God moves out, we are left desolate. We cannot worry about offending our family and friends; we must stand for the Lord. If God be for us who can be against us? God's word is forever settled in heaven and we cannot change it, even if we wanted to. We must honor Him today and put no others before Him. If we don't take our stand, what will we leave those coming after us? It is not God's will that any should die lost, but if they fail to believe Him, it is of their doing. He made a way that all who believes on Him shall be saved. We must depend on the word of God. He is not slack concerning His promises. We are the light of this world and we must be the keepers of the church. Elder Eckel Head followed with another message from on high. Let us walk in the path set before us. His word is truth and a guide for us through this life. He read Psalm 37:35, 39-40. If we stand for the Lord today, He will help us in this troubled world. He saved us from hell but He also saved us from the things of this world. He will see us through anything and everything we face here in this life. God placed us where He wants us to be; let us praise Him in all that we do. We know where we are headed and He will take care of us until we get to our heavenly home. We must stand for the Gospel of Christ regardless of what others may think and say. We sit here today under true gospel preaching that we all agree is backed by His Holy Spirit, but we must stand by it when we return to our churches and communities. Satan knows he cannot get our soul, so he works on our mind; but by the grace of God he can't have that either. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! God wonderfully blessed these men to preach the gospel and for this we give Him all the honor, praise and glory.

The congregation fellowshiped as we were adjourned for lunch.

Friday Afternoon, October 3, 2008

After a delicious lunch served by the host church, the congregation came together in the tent with songs of praise. He allows us to face a frowning world as He wipes our weeping eyes so we can understand just how great God is. We'll reach our heavenly home through Christ. The greatest statement anyone can make is to say it is well with my soul. He nailed all our sins to His cross and we bare it no more. His unseen hand guides us through this weary land and while it leads we have no fear.

The congregation was blessed by singers from Richardson Chapel, West View and Daniel Smith. Just take a moment to say thank you Lord for all the times He has been there for us. We realize He is always there, but sometimes when we pray we are closer than at other times; but Christ is always there for us. There waits for us a great tomorrow. Only God knows where and when we shall go to dwell on Zion's Hill. We have a better home waiting for us, but we long to see Jesus, the One who died for us. Let us never forget to bow on our knees and cry holy to the Son of God.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for the wonderful lunch and thanked God for such a wonderful place to be. Let us use our talents for His glory as urged by the Holy Spirit. We have complete liberty in the Lord. Elder Sizemore reminded us in song there is going to be a change. He came here to show us the way, and then He got on a cloud and went home.

Prayer requests were made for all those in the previous services, the unsaved, Virgie Grace Hill's children, Von Burton, Williams family, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Carson Johnson and family, Fred Fletcher, Daniel and Laura Rimer. Elder Greg Hill humbly led us to the throne of grace.

Sister Kay Johnson blessed us with a wonderful song and testimony. When things look hopeless Jesus is so real, for it is the realness of His spirit that sets us free. Thank you Jesus for all you've done, all you're doing and all you're going to do. Jesus paid the sin debt we each owed. It's still the blood that saves from sin. In this old world we have troubles, but in Jesus we have peace. Our true desire is to see someone come to know the Lord as their Savior and be saved.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

The moderator read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Stand tonight: Roger Trent, Bob Brown and Charley Johnson

Saturday morning, October 4, 2008:

Stand: John Arnott and Terry Sizemore

Saturday night:

Roller's Chapel: Terry Sizemore and Mike Fullington

Poplar Grove: Josh Couch

The moderator announced several revivals that will begin soon.

The association regrets to report the passing of two of our trustees, Brothers Carl Peterson and Delmer Wallen, Sr. this past year. The moderator appointed Jim Bowlin as a trustee in Virginia and Larry Russell as a trustee in Tennessee.

The Committee on Newly Constituted Churches reported that none had been received.

The Committee on Finance reported \$8,544.50 in receipts for the year. The chairman asked the churches to send additional money to help the association.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 53 have been received at this time.

The Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries reported that none have been received.

The moderator reminded those serving on the committees that they were released when their final report is given.

It was motioned, seconded and voted that the host church will be responsible for the maintenance of the kitchen, with any needed repair costs to be reimbursed by the clerk from association funds.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk \$1,100 in appreciation for his services.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk to replenish the necessary forms to properly perform his duties.

Elders Mike Fullington, Jamie Jarnigan and Joe Pitzer came forward as members of the Circular Letter Committee to present their letter to this grand body. Our search is not in the new things of this world, but in God's holy word. We cannot go back just a few years, but we must look into the origin of our faith. This circular letter continued in the same spirit we have felt throughout this entire association. While its message is to our preaching brethren, it also applies to each child of God. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read. Each pastor is encouraged to read it from the pulpit of their respective churches.

The Holy Spirit so gloriously intervened in the business session.

The moderator appointed the Circular Letter Committee for 2009, which includes: Elders Roger VanHoose, Eckel Head and Fred Gilreath.

The clerk asked the delegation if they wanted him to have the Change of Membership form reprinted to change the year from a 19 prefix to a 20 prefix. He also informed them that the association website has a new domain name and requires a yearly fee of approximately \$46.00. It was motioned, seconded and voted not to reprint the membership forms. It was motioned to reimburse the clerk for last year's fee and pay the fee for this year. A member of the delegation volunteered to host the website on TextCo Media's storage devices with a cost of approximately \$10.00. The original motion was withdrawn and a new motion was made to reimburse the clerk for last year's fee and use TextCo Media as the domain server for the association website. The motion was seconded and voted on.

The association received an offering of \$1,272.00 to defer some of the costs of the association.

The moderator requested that the complete address be printed in the minute as part of the directions to the host church to help those using GPS systems to find the church easier.

The moderator reminded the delegation that only church members or pastors can be seated as delegates for the association.

Before the process of deciding where the association will meet next year began, the moderator reminded the delegation that only those chosen or appointed by their respective churches as delegates were allowed to vote. There were 8 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Beech Grove, Burke's Union, Clear Springs, Fairview (OH), Little Cowan, Oak Grove, Richardson Chapel and Riverside. Before the plea process started, Beech Grove, Burke's Union, Clear Springs, Oak Grove and Riverside withdrew. During the plea process, Little Cowan withdrew, leaving the vote between Fairview (OH) and Richardson Chapel. By a clear majority, the delegation sent the association to Fairview Church, Bellbrook, OH where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 1, 2009) before the first Saturday in October, 2009. Introductory – Elder Jason Robinette; Alternate – Elder Joseph Robinette.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 4, 2008.

Saturday Morning, October 4, 2008

We were once again greeted by cold morning temperatures, but God's children were thankful for another day of services. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation as they sung several songs of Zion. How beautiful heaven must be, for it is surely a fair haven of rest for the weary. Let us praise His name, tell of His excellent greatness and of His love unbounded. How we'll shout and how we'll sing in joyful song when the redeemed are gathering in. The angels must stand back, for they cannot join that song. Jesus pardoned our sin, now we can say we are saved and our soul has been redeemed. We love to tell of the unseen things above, especially of Jesus

and His glory. Knowing Jesus makes us want to tell of His love wherever we go.

Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service as he thanked God for His tender mercies so gloriously bestowed upon His children. Thank God for the lives of those who came this way before us and have now gone on to their reward. We pray if there is one on the grounds that does not know the Lord in the free pardon of sin, that they might find Him today before it is too late.

Special blessings were received in songs of praise from Joe Pitzer, Carol Lipe, Bill Winstead and the singers from Sulphur Springs Church. God's children long to be in sweet Beulah land. The hardest time to pray is when victory is on its way; so when we don't feel like praying, just pray. He will move Satan out of our way. We can see the lights of that city, for we are nearing the shore where we will suffer no more. What a joy to know that Jesus loves even me. How sweet the sound of God's amazing grace. When we've been there ten thousand years, we'll have no less time to sing God's praise. Jesus is so wonderful because He first loved us.

The Little Cowan Church singers further blessed us with their songs of praise and wonderful testimony. Let us watch, work and pray to strengthen the wheel. Each spoke is needed to do His will and draw stronger in faith when we kneel. Jesus spoke to us when we were lost in sin's dark sea and now we are free indeed. He is still calling to those who don't know Him. He first loved us and now we can love Him more and more every day.

Thank God for the precious memories of loved ones as we celebrate their lives today in our memorial service.

We need to pray that God will open the hearts of those who do not know Him so they can be saved; also remember in prayer the requests made in previous services, our young people, Josh Jones, all those serving our country in the military and their families, Henry Wheeler, Dustin Lawson, Adam Lawson, Jack Winn, the Williams family, Doris Burke's great niece's family, Jim Burke, Brother Donnie's son and sister, Chris Winstead and Richard Chase. Elder Sizemore welcomed his dear friend, Missy Walton. Elder Burnice Sybert humbly took us to the throne of grace.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

The Committee on Religious Exercises conveyed they had no additional information to report.

The moderator reminded the delegation that Sister Eileen Brown still sends out notices of revivals and special services. Please let her know by the 20th

of the month for the announcement to be included in the next month's announcements.

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

The moderator read the list of names of those that have left our ranks since we last met. Many of our loved ones have gone on to their reward since we last gathered. We cherish the fond memories of these dear saints of God. While we miss them, we know they are in a far better land and would not want to come back if they could. We praise God for having known them, for what they meant to us and most of all for the stand they took for Jesus. May the Lord continue to bless the families of these brave soldiers of the cross.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder John Arnott, who is celebrating 50 years in the ministry, came forward to take the first part of the service. He thanked God for allowing him the health to be here again and for being a part of this grand body of God's people. The passing of our loved ones can leave vacancies, but Jesus can fill them. Jesus also dreaded what He must face when He asked His Father to let this cup pass from Him. Paul saw Timothy's obedience and we can see it with us today, and we truly have much to be thankful for. He quoted a portion of I Cor. 15:2 in remembrance of these departed saints of God. We must remember the things of God. While our nation wants to forget, we must remember what we learned from past wars and other conflicts. God helped us through these, even though we were unprepared, and now we have all but forgotten. God has never forgotten any of the times we have fallen on our knees to call upon His Holy name. He paid our sin debt that we might have liberty. He was the Son of God, born of a virgin and His blood was the blood of God Almighty. Only He can cleanse us from our sin. He loved us and gave the Father glory as He went about doing His will. It is about the blood of Jesus and nothing else. As we grow older, it truly gets sweeter along the way. God is still in control whether man honors Him or not. There is none other besides the true and living God of all creation. Elder Terry Sizemore took the second part of the service, delivering another wonderful message from the Lord. The peace of God will truly set us free. As we gaze upon the creations of God, His peace so wonderfully comes over us. The past is under His blood and our will must be the will of God. The light of His love is on us; for while we were yet unlovable, Christ died for us. God's intervention will roll the stones from our path just as it was rolled away from the place where Jesus arose. Our victory is in Christ, just as it was for those who passed from our ranks this year. They depended on God and they remained steadfast in His work. Now it is up to us to be that light and do the Father's will. He never left these saints and He will never leave nor fail us. The brook of His spirit will not run dry nor leave us empty. We need to be obedient to the Lord's command, just as He is obedient to the Father. We need to quit thinking with the carnal mind and start obeying what saith the Lord. We should also move forward beyond our carnality because every time we need the Lord, He is right there.

These men were a blessing because they obeyed the Spirit and preached what the Lord gave them. Thank God for them and all our preaching brethren who stand to share the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunday Morning, October 5, 2008

We look forward to this wonderful occasion, and before we know it our time together has passed. Smiling faces and special greetings for each other were evident as God's children gathered for the last meeting of this grand body. The Lord richly blessed His children during the 156th annual session of the association. This meeting is just a foretaste of that glad reunion day we are so looking forward to. The folks at Little Cowan were rejoicing and thanking God for all He has done for them during this past year, and especially during this special week of services. We thank God for this time together and we know the Lord will continue to bless in our respective churches as we return home.

The congregation assembled in the church for today's service, still rejoicing from the blessings of the past few days. What a wonderful day when we gather over home never to part again! We'd like to stay here longer, but we'll live in glory by and by. We can be of service along this pilgrim way by telling and singing the wonderful story of Jesus. When the sun sets over Jordan, we'll be going home. We are led by still waters and fed in green pastures by our heavenly Father. As we journey through this weary land, we cannot find our way alone; but if we walk a little closer to the Lord, His helping hand will guide us.

Elder Woodrow Fields, pastor of the host church, thanked God for everyone in attendance at today's service. His Holy Spirit fills us and supplies our every need, Jesus Christ. Without His amazing grace, we would be most miserable. We continue to pray the Lord will speak to some lost soul that they might be saved.

Elder Brad Dutton opened the service with a welcome to everyone. Man can welcome you, but it is God who truly makes us feel welcome. We feel right at home this morning and thank God for His wonderful spirit. We were blessed with special singing from Faye Banks, Ramona Caudill and Paula Jackson, Nettie Roberts and Brad Dutton. We heard good news from a far country. He raised Lazarus after four days and they said He was too late, but He was still right on time. An empty grave is there to prove our Savior lives and we can face tomorrow because all fear is gone. As we see the lights of glory, we know He reigns. He will carry our heavy loads if we let Him. One day soon, we'll stroll down the street of gold and walk on the peaceful shore. We look for a city where no storm clouds ever gather, but when we get to heaven, He'll wipe away our tears. There's a light at the river to help us safely to the other side, where we'll look upon the One who made it all possible.

After many wonderful testimonies, prayer was requested for the unsaved all over this country and around the world. Please continue to remember: all the requests of previous services, Dorothy Caudill's sister, Harold's family, Jack Roberts, Paul Jackson's, grandchildren, Glennis Little's family, the sick among us, and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. Brother Danny Lawson led us to the throne of grace.

Reminiscing about the wonderful year they have had while sitting together in heavenly places, we were blessed with wonderful testimonies from all over the house. Thanks be to God for all the efforts put forth to help the association. Without God in our midst, all would have been in vain. Thank God for the churches that dismissed their services to be here today.

We thank God for all the ministers that were in attendance at today's services. To the best of our knowledge, each one took a part in the service in some way. Elder Jerry Persinger took the first part of the service as he read I Peter 1:3-6 and used as a thought, "How is our hope this morning?" We must do the job set before us today. Be not afraid of what man might say or think, but look to God the Redeemer and Keeper of our faith. We have an inheritance because Christ shed His blood on the cross. He took it all upon Himself when He died for our sins on the cross of Calvary. Man corrupts everything he touches, but we have an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled in Jesus Christ. There is trouble everywhere we look, but God is still in control because He fadeth not away. God's promise of eternal life is incorruptible. Search the scriptures to find out the true things of the Father, for this is how we find the old paths and walk therein. He is God and besides Him there is no other. Jeff Holbrook took the second part of the service for his stirring message. God gave us some wondrous things and when we see them come to pass, the time is near when He shall come after His bride. If the created becomes larger than the creator, then there is a problem in the midst. It is a joy from above just knowing we will be home forevermore. We are kept by His Holy word, for we are now the sons of God.

Elder John Banks closed out the service with wonderful words of encouragement for the saints of God. Thanks be to God for what we have heard today and felt in our heart. Please remember the lost that the word may be declared unto them.

I have attended this church since I was a baby, and all down through the years there are so many memories, it is hard to control the emotions felt here. These are memories not only of many saints gone before us, but many new ones here today. We have so many fond memories of our days here at Little Cowan. Many faces we remember from past years are not with us, but the Lord blesses us with so many wonderful memories and new friends. I thank God for the privilege of attending this blessed event and seeing so many friends. Most of all, the Spirit of God is here with us and there is no way we can ever repay Him for all He has done. I thank God for the privilege of working with this grand body of God's children. It is a truly wonderful experience just to be here today.

We were dismissed with song and fellowship until we meet again.

CIRCULAR LETTER

We have gathered once more by the grace of God for the 156th sitting of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. We write this circular letter in hope that we will all strive to grow closer to God and to have our minds renewed, so that we will serve God to the fullest of our ability. In this ever-changing world, we are facing many new challenges, and we need stability. We need to seek the old path that Jeremiah told the Israelites to search after. In searching for this path, we have the challenge to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. This does not mean to look back a few years but to consider the origin of our faith. It is our obligation to stand on God's word and it alone. In doing so, we shall stand safely. If one thing is changed, even as simple as altering one dot of an "i" or the crossing of a "t", we then cannot defend ourselves. The only way to defend ourselves is in the true unaltered word of God. When standing on the word of God we defy the enemy, which is Satan and his devices. We should seek this old path.

To stand knowing the authority we have as the children of God, delighting ourselves in the scriptures, we will not follow the tradition of men but the statutes of God. As Isaiah said considering precepts, they are where we can find rest and refreshment. They have been handed down from generation to generation. This is where we need to find ourselves, searching the scriptures and giving our wholehearted effort to preach and walk in these precepts as our forefathers did. Our early ministers blazed a trail by walking in the old paths, not putting a price on their travels, going where people requested to spread the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. They did not leave behind anything that will cause confusion, so let us have the same mind, not searching for some new way but searching for the truths of God. Let us find the old paths and stay in them.

Paul stated in Hebrews Chapter 12 verse one "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Friends, it is our hope that we can continue in the way of our ancestors. We should see that many have taught us the importance of living Godly in this present world. Not only are we able to look in this generation, but through the minutes of past associations we can see how all of the Eastern District have stood firmly in the knowledge that if God is for us who then can be against us. This should encourage us to not search for some new thing, but to remain solid and steadfast in the word of God. We have the ability to look around and see what is important. We realize it is not the ideas of this world, but the knowledge God gave to the writers of the Old and New Testament. As we run our race, let us run it to the best of our ability.

We can find courage in the word of God. Let us endeavor to keep His sayings in our heart that we can pass what we learn to the next generation. When we look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, we do see that the struggles of this life will never outweigh the joy to come. We are able to

see through the eye of faith. Abraham is the father of the faithful because he believed God. The generation in which we live have seemingly forgot what it means to believe God. We struggle through life trying to do things our way when God has clearly stated that in Him we shall find rest from the journey of life. God has a great love for His children. Romans Chapter 8 plainly states that if God is for us who then can be against us. With God on our side, we should know that in Him we have the victory. Therefore, why should we not believe God? There is no reason. We should not seek after the things of this life but seek after God's will, knowing that the trying of our faith makes us more complete in Christ.

It seems there is a need for a revival among us as the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. Although it is not possible, Satan is trying to deceive the elect of God. There are those among us who go along with false doctrines. Beloved, let us begin to call on the great I Am of the scriptures. He will lead us into the truth. We also need revival of prayer among us like the bygone days of our fathers. Prayer is a necessary substance we need everyday. The scripture tells us plainly that we should ask God for His will in our lives, our daily needs, to forgive us of our faults that we may forgive the faults of others, and ask Him to not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil, for God has the authority to answer according to His will. We need to gather at the house of God, the place where we are able to worship God in spirit and truth. We need a lasting revival in our lives, not some new doctrine. Paul said to Timothy to preach the things that become sound doctrine. It is the simplest doctrine we should be teaching in all of our churches. The true gospel of Jesus Christ is truly good news, and it is a simple way. How simple it was to us when God reached in our lives and set our feet on that solid foundation that Jesus said, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We forget what it was like when the Holy Ghost moved in our lives. What a spectacular event that was! To think that God would deal with the very wretched beggars that we were, it truly is an amazing grace that we possess this eternal life. This tried and true doctrine is all we need. What a blessing to think how God saved a wretch like me.

We need a work of the Holy Spirit of a supernatural kind, putting power into the preaching of the word, inspiring believers with an energy that is not comparable to man's wisdom, and to do the work of redemption in the lives of the non-believers so they would turn to the great God of heaven. We need not be deceived with carnal excitement, but overflowing with the Spirit. We should want a revival that has the old-fashioned doctrine that our ancestors preached, taught, and lived. The elders obtained a good report by faith. James in his writing said, "I would show you my faith by my works for faith without works is dead." Our predecessors lived what they preached, and we need to do the same. The gospel of Christ does not change, for Jesus has not changed. This doctrine should lead us to more godly living.

We need to have our pure minds of remembrance stirred up once more. Let us remember how God created the heavens and the earth and made man in his own image. Remember how God delivered Noah from the flood. Remember how gracious God was to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Remember how God by a mighty arm brought the children of Israel out of Egypt. Remember how God delivered victory to David over Goliath. Remember how God watched over Daniel in the den of lions. Remember

how God revealed to Isaiah that Christ would be born of a virgin. Remember how God gave us John the Baptist as the forerunner of Christ. Remember how God sent his only begotten son to be the propitiation for our sins. Remember how Christ willingly gave his life on the cross of Calvary. Remember He rose the third day for our justification. Remember how He promised He would not leave us comfortless, but would send the Holy Ghost to direct our lives. Remember the words of the angels as the disciples stood gazing into heaven; this same Jesus you see going away will come again in like manner. Remember when God spoke to you those precious words of eternal life. Remember the promises of God are sure and steadfast and one day we will forever be with Him!

Your Brothers in Christ,

Elder Mike Fullington
Elder Jamie Jarnigan
Elder Joe Pitzer

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Little Cowan Church has spent the last year preparing for this grand body to meet with them here in this beautiful valley. There is no doubt that the burdens have been tremendous, but God's children have been strengthened in every aspect of their labor of love. Their purpose in doing all this is simple; they want your stay with them to be more enjoyable and blessed. The world may say their work is in vain, but I know each person taking part in this grand event will truly say they have been blessed to the utmost. God rewards His children and we know He has done so here at Little Cowan. Therefore, we want to thank everyone here at the church and the surrounding community for their dedication and work, which has made our stay enjoyable and rewarding. Thank God for all those that have come forward with helping hands and willing hearts to carry on the Lord's work. We pray the Lord will continue to bless during the coming years.

Our appreciation and sincere thanks goes to everyone who made individual donations and the 59 churches who contributed a total of \$8,930.00 to help take care of the association. We pray the Lord will bless each and every one who has quietly labored and given of their time to help in every way possible. Everyone's help lightens the load and Little Cowan, as well as the association at large, sincerely appreciates it.

We have a devoted and supportive moderator in Elder Terry Sizemore. He not only deserves our support, but he should be in our thoughts and prayers each and every day. His leadership and guidance has served this grand body well over the years. We thank God for him and his family and we trust God will continue to bless them in the future. We offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has given of themselves to serve on the committees and represent their churches as delegates to carry on the

business of the association. Your willingness to do God's work is greatly appreciated.

Many times we hear God's children speak of joy. We sometimes see joy in the lives of our friends and loved ones. We listen to testimonies of joy in our church services. While these are wonderful in their own way, it still does not help us unless we can experience joy in our own lives. To do this, we must know the Lord and truly seek His will in our lives. True joy comes only from God. He will not bless those who disobey Him, nor is He pleased when we are out of His will. One song speaks of joy in the morning, and while there will be joy on that glorious day when He returns to get His children, we can experience joy every minute of every day. Don't sit back and wait on others, but do what God has told you to do when He tells you. You can rest assured He has prepared the way before He tells you to go visit someone or to do that good deed. He will bless us with joy and peace that only He can give. We must be willing to let God use us in His way, not just in the things we want. Each of God's children has a job to do and He will show us what we are to do. If we are willing, great things will happen and our joy will flourish so others can see that we have something they need in their lives. Thank God for everyone here at Little Cowan that steps out to do what God asks.

Let us all strive to help those who don't know God in the free pardon of sin. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we might remain steadfast and unmovable.

Terry Sizemore

Moderator

Danny Lawson

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)

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) Is it right, according to the Scriptures, to ordain a man with two living wives or the wife having two living men?

Answer: No.

(Adopted at Jenkins Chapel Church – 1982; published 1983)

(D) 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)

(E) 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)

(F) 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)

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 the future conferences. See Nehemiah 10:39.

1. Conference shall consist of members of the church and visiting members of sister churches of the same faith and order if so desired.
2. Conference shall be opened and closed with praise and prayer to Almighty God. I Tim. 2:1; I Thess. 5:17, 18.
3. One shall be chosen to preside, who shall be addressed under the appellation of "Brother Moderator," to whom every speech shall be perfectly directed.
4. The members' names being regularly enrolled shall by the Clerk be distinctly called over.
5. A door shall be open when thought necessary for admission of new members into the church. But none shall be admitted but by unanimous

consent, and shall first verbally relate their experience and give an account of the work of God in their hearts; and secondly, of their faith and principles, if the church requires it; and thirdly, the church shall make diligent inquiry respecting their moral conduct. When full satisfaction shall be obtained, the Moderator shall manifest the same by giving the right hand of fellowship and thus receive them in order.

6. No complaint shall be brought in the Conference respecting crimes of a private nature until the grieved party has complied with the directions of our Lord in Matt. 18:15.
7. Every motion and second shall come under the consideration of the Conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it.
8. Every query presented shall be three times read. When it is read, the Moderator shall put it to a vote to see if the majority is for or against answering it. The query shall be debated if deemed necessary, but the querist may withdraw it any time providing that no intricate question be asked.
9. If the minority at any time should be grieved at the determination of the majority, they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church; and if satisfaction cannot be obtained, it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.
10. Section 1. All business of the Conference shall be recorded by the clerk before the conference rises; the same shall be distinctly read and corrected, if need be.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God as revealed in the Bible and the Holy Trinity by the name of The Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I John 5:7.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scripture, as recorded in the King James translation of 1611, to be the written and revealed Word of God. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:20, 21.
3. We believe God created the heaven and the earth and all things therein. Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:16, 17; Rev. 4:11.
4. We believe God made man of the dust of the earth, and He made him good and He gave him a law to keep and man transgressed the law and fell from his first estate and lost his righteousness. Gen. 1:27, 2:7, 2:16, 17, 3:6-23.
5. We believe in the total depravity of man, that he was unable to redeem himself from the fallen state he was in. Gen. 3:24; Rom. 5:9-19.
6. We believe God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to be the propitiation for the sins of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16; I John 2:2.
7. We believe sinners are justified by faith and saved by grace. Eph. 2:8; Rom. 5:1, 2.
8. We believe the Gospel is the only means God has ordained by which sinners are brought to Christ. I Cor. 1:21-24.
9. We believe he that believeth in the Son of God hath the witness in himself. I John 5:10.

10. We believe baptism, the Lord's Supper, and feet washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ given to the church by example and command for us to observe until He comes again. Matt. 28:19; John 13; I Cor. 11:23-26.
11. We believe the only scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion of the whole body in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and believers are the only fit subjects for baptism. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; Matt. 28:19.
12. We believe all the saints will persevere through grace and never fall away. Eph. 1:13, 14; I Pet. 1:5; John 10:28, 29.
13. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God and the sanctification of the Spirit through the belief of the truth. Eph. 1; I Pet. 1:2, 3.
14. We believe the church is the light of the world and is made manifest by keeping the commandments and examples of Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church in all things. Matt. 5:14; Eph. 1:22, 23.
15. We believe God chooses, calls and qualifies those whom He would have to preach the gospel, and God has promised temporal support of His ministers. Rom. 10:14, 15; I Cor. 1:25-29; I Cor. 9:7-11.
16. We believe in a restricted communion confined to the church in fellowship, walking in the light and observing gospel order. I Cor. 5:11, 12; John 13; I Cor. 11:31, 32.
17. We believe Christ is the only lawgiver in Zion, and the New Testament scripture is perfect, a thorough furnisher to the man of God unto all good works. James 4:12; II Tim. 3:16.
18. We believe Jesus Christ, during the time of His earthly ministry, set up a spiritual kingdom on earth, in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy; He being the King and all born again believers the subjects of the Kingdom, and they are now reigning with Him as Kings and priests on the earth. Dan. 2:44; Isa. 9:6, 7; Matt. 3:2; Luke 17:20, 21; John 18:36; Rev. 1:5-7.
19. We believe God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by His Son, Jesus Christ, and this day will be after the death of the body. Heb. 9:27; John 5:22; Acts 17:31.
20. We believe there will be a general resurrection at the last day, both of the just and the unjust; this will also be the day of final judgment and the eternal destiny of all people, of all ages, will then be made known. Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29; I Cor. 15:23, 24, 54; I Thess. 4:14-17; II Thess. 1:7-10.
21. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 25:46.

22. We believe God instituted marriage as the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife and any other such union is an abomination. Gen 2:18-25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:24-32; Eph. 5:22-33; I Pet. 3:1-7.

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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

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

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET AGAIN

By: Elder I. S. Robinette

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Authorized in 1968

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago – Blackwater Lick (Big Door) in Lee County, VA, hosted the 56th annual Eastern District Association beginning October 1, 1908. Elder J. P. Peters preached the introductory sermon from Mark 6:4, using as his text “Is Not This the Carpenter?” Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and Nicholas Alder, clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – On October 5, 1933 the 81st annual session met with Swan Creek Church, Hancock County, TN. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Pleas Jenkins reading 1st Corinthians 15:58 and using as his text “Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” He was followed by Elder Barnettt Lawson. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator, Elder F. J. Johnson, Assistant moderator and E. F. Robinette, clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Poplar Grove Church Kingsport, TN, hosted the 106th annual session beginning on October 2, 1958. Elder J. L. Hill read Hebrews 11:1-16 using a portion of the 16th verse as a text: “But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly” for his introductory sermon. Elder Wallace G. Hopkins, the alternate, came forward using the same text. The association elected Elder J. H. Sybert moderator and Ellis I. Wallen, clerk and treasurer.

25 Years Ago – September 29, 1983 was the beginning of the 131st annual session, hosted by Caney Creek Church, Greene County, TN. Elder Darrell Ratliff preached the introductory sermon after reading Luke 5:1-7, using as a text a portion of the 5th verse, “Nevertheless at thy word.” Elder H. L. Shaw followed using the same thought. Elder J. H. Sybert was chosen moderator and Burnice Sybert was elected clerk and treasurer.

CHURCH DATA

NOTE: All regular morning services begin at 11:00 a.m. and all evening services begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. EDT is Eastern Daylight Time (April - November) and EST is Eastern Standard Time (November - March). Starting times for Sunday School are not included.

AYERS CHAPEL: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Frank Clark, Roger Ford and Jeff Bennett. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Bazzle Manis, moderator.

BEECH GROVE: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Zelma Lawson, Ralph Lawson, Sr., Ralph Lawson, Jr. and Phil Crittenden; alternates: Bradley Boardwine and Shirley Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 3rd

Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in May. Phil Crittenden, moderator.

BLACKWATER LICK: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Pauline Lawson, Anita Moore, Gerald Moore, and Jason Nichols; alternates: Hershel Baker and Sarah Parsons. Dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 99; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday morning, Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May. Elders Fred Gilreath, Walter Willis and David Smith asked to attend. Daniel Hurd, pastor; Bob Brown, moderator pro-tem.

BLAIR CHAPEL: Blair, Ky. Delegates: Alvin Chandler, Jack Creech, Bill Maggard and Roger Raleigh; alternates: Rod Raleigh and Freida Creech. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 251; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Rod Raleigh, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, Va. Delegates: None. Excluded, 1; total number on roll, 16; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (7:00 p.m. EDT - 6:00 p.m. EST) and every Sunday. Earnest Bledsoe, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, Va. Delegates: Jim Bowlin, John Bowlin, Thomas Hall and Gary Hall; alternates: Brenda Bowlin and Joe Horton. Total number on roll, 64; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Spurrier Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday in August. John Bowlin, moderator.

BURKE'S UNION: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Virgil Lipe, Delmer McPherson, Imogene McPherson and Ada McPherson; alternate: Eric McPherson. Excluded, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 124; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.), every Sunday morning and the 2nd Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in July. Virgil Lipe, moderator.

BUTCHER'S VALLEY: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Walter Bailey, Gale Horne, Rick Burns and Mark Clonce; alternates: Joshua Thompson and Victor Deloach. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 3; received by relationship, 3; dismissed by letter, 10; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 112; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.), and Wednesday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May (2:00 p.m.). Russell Davidson, moderator.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Jess Akens, Jr., Justin Jones, Roy Jones and Vicky Jones; alternates: Lillie Akens and Lois Collier. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night, Sunday morning following 1st and 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in August. Richard Seiber, Eckel Head and John Banks asked to attend. Burnice Sybert, moderator.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, Tn. Delegates: Tim Jarrett, Eddie Malone, Wanda Malone and Lloyd Morelock; alternates: Frances Armstrong and Otis Roberts. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday (9:30 a.m.) in June. Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, Va. Delegates: Lewis Baker, Ralph Baker, Dan Cross and Ada Baker; alternate: Kay Baker. Total number on roll, 39; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and following Sunday. Lewis Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, Oh. Delegates: Joe Pitzer, Susie Pitzer, Dennis Stewart and Karen Stewart; alternate: Bill VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 2; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 151; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, Sunday following 4th Saturday and every Sunday. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in October (10:30 a.m.). Joe Pitzer, moderator.

COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): Nickelsville, Va. Delegates: Allen Addington, Clifton Horne, Nadine Horne and Dan Sturgill; alternates: Roger Manning and Eula Sturgill. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 73; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd and 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. Elder Bob Brown asked to attend. Eckel Head, moderator.

COYLE'S BRANCH: Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Irene Cornett and Eunice Browning. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, last Sunday (10:30 a.m.) in May. Glenn Cornett and John Banks, moderators.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Rita Marcum, Janie Woodward, Butch Woodward and Etta Osborne; alternate: Fern Marcum. Total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 2nd Saturday in April. Elders John Arnott and Walter Willis asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, Ky. Delegates: Basil Holbrook, Pat Holbrook, Henrietta Adams and Sheilah Holbrook; alternates: Roger Sturgill and Beulah Webb. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 37; contribution, \$55.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday. Memorial service, first Sunday in April. Jerry Persinger and Jeffery Holbrook, moderators.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, Oh. Delegates: Joseph Robinette, Mary Ruth Osborne, Ival Price and August Robinette. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 133; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in May (May 16, 2009). Jason Robinette, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: St. Charles, Va. Delegates: None. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 27; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, Sunday morning following the 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Elder Richard Seiber asked to attend. Earnest Bledsoe, moderator.

FAITHFUL MINISTRY: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Charles Bernard, Leah Moody and David Moody. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 6; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 4th Sunday (10:00 a.m.) in May. David Moody and Charles Bernard, moderators.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Pleas Lawson, Helen Willis, Doug Willis and T. H. Johnson; alternates: Virgie G. Hill and Anna Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. David Jerrell, moderator.

GARDNER'S CHAPEL: Bristol, Va. Delegates: Bobby Carter, Darrell Laughlin, Douglas McClain and Terrell Smith; alternates: Don Huffman and Joseph McKinney. Received by experience and baptism, 7; total number on roll, 523; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and following Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (2:00 p.m.). Bobby Carter, moderator.

GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Gail Gardner, Chris Salley, Janie Hensley and Hiram Gardner; alternate: Gary Baker. Total number on roll, 109; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

GUTHRIE'S GAP: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Larry Miller, Keith Wallen, Cindy Wallen and Grace Hawkins. Received by experience and baptism, 14; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 219; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in June. Larry Miller, moderator.

HOPEWELL: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: George Richards and John Arnott. Received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 36; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:45 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Arnott, moderator.

HOUSE CHAPEL: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Mack Manis, Audrey Manis, Darrell Manis and Sherelene Manis. Received by experience and baptism, 5; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 245; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, Wednesday night, 1st and 4th Saturday night, 2nd and 4th Sunday night and 5th Sunday night following the 4th Saturday. Neal Drinnon, moderator.

HURRICANE VALLEY: Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Glenn Cornett, Delores Ann Cornett, Emily J. Cornett and Pamela Frazier; alternate: Eugene Wilder. Received by relationship, 1; excluded, 4; total number on roll, 22; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, every Sunday evening (5:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (5:00 p.m.). Glenn Cornett, moderator.

IRONDALE: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Iloe Collier, Ann Phillips and Frankie Phillips. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday. Frankie Phillips, moderator pro-tem.

JENKINS CHAPEL: Surgoinville, Tn. Delegates: Fred Gilreath, Lee Knowles and Robert Jenkins. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday morning, Wednesday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and 2nd Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in August (10:30 a.m.). Lee Knowles, moderator.

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Denise Brooks, Ronnie Brooks, Eileen Brown and Charley Johnson. Total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday (10:30 a.m.) in April. Terry Sizemore, moderator.

LIBERTY CHAPEL: Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Dwight Ward, Orbin Ward, Larry Ward and Kim Ward. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 77; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Fred Gilreath, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, Ky. Delegates: Virginia Brown, Jack Day, Faye Banks and Linda Lucas; alternate: Robert G. Caudill. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 94; contribution, \$500.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:30 p.m. EDT) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in May. Woodrow Fields, moderator.

LITTLE DOVE: Eolia, Ky. Delegates: John Bedwell II, June Maggard, J. D. Bedwell and Liz Fairchild; alternates: Judy Corder and Carolyn Lewis. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 24; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in June at the J. D. Maggard Cemetery in Eolia, Ky. John Bedwell II, moderator.

LITTLE REDEEMED: Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Null Lawson, Donnie McNabb and Louie Weston. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, Wednesday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Donnie McNabb, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Danny Bailey, Ruth Carter, Virgie Williams and Judy Head; alternates: Lavine Ketron and Ralph Lindsey. Received by experience and baptism, 8; dismissed by letter, 5; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 195; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 2nd and 4th Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday, May 17, 2009 (10:00 a.m.). Harold Head, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, Va. Delegates: Don Woodward, Virginia Miles and Cathy Miles. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Don Woodward, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, Oh. Delegates: Steven Mullins, Pam VanHoose, Terrance Pigg and Michele Mullins. Received by experience and baptism, 7; total number on roll, 81; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday and every Sunday. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May (10:00 a.m.). David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Rose Manes, Dorothy Robinette, Sonny Thacker and Billy Robinette; alternates: Billy Jeff Burns and Deborah Wright. Total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May (10:45 a.m.). John Arnott, moderator.

MILLER'S CHAPEL: Hiltons, Va. Delegates: Myrt Worley, Margaret Helvey, Linda Ramsey and Nancy Evans. Total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday and Sunday. Paul Strong, moderator.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Total number on roll, 37; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Richard Seiber, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, Tn. Delegates: David Daniels, Christine Conley Daniels, Tommy Merrifield and Emma Merrifield; alternates: Donald L. Johnson and Jerry Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 9; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$90.00; meeting day, Wednesday night, every Sunday and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Jerry Johnson, moderator; Henry Wheeler, honorary moderator.

OAK GROVE: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Larry Russell, Brenda Russell, Jim Pike and James Jarnigan. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 6; received or restored by recantation, 7; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 159; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night, every Sunday morning (9:45 a.m.), Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. James Jarnigan, moderator.

OSBORNE CHAPEL: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Larry Fannon, Carolyn Fannon, James Davidson and Mary Ruth Davidson; alternates: Karen McDavid and Julia Pierce. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 66; contribution, \$94.50; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Harmon Willis, moderator pro-tem.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Lola Peterson, Michael Peterson, Jane Peterson and Tonya Berry; alternates: Zack Berry and Olivia Rollins. Dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) in November. Daniel Smith, moderator.

PILGRIM'S REST: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Gary Henard, Arny Hickman, Brandy Couch and Don Gordon; alternates: Doris Gordon and Mary Ringley. Received by letter, 3; dismissed by letter, 2; excluded, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 68; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 4th Sunday in August (10:30 a.m.) David Smith, moderator.

PINK HILL: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegate: Quinton Thacker. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 144; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. Richard Watts, moderator.

POND VIEW: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Barbara Lawson, Sue Sizemore, Charles Sizemore and C. Bengie Collins; alternates: Tammy Bledsoe and Laurie Castle. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 63; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Clinton Rutherford, Sr. moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Priscilla Irvin, Matthew Stevens, Richard Stevens and Charles Young; alternate: Lenora Stevens. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 84; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day (10:30 a.m.). Oscar Irvin, moderator.

RICHARDSON CHAPEL: Louisa, Ky. Delegates: Jerry Dale Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Tommy Meade and John Borders; alternates: Rosemary Borders and Tommy VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 8; received by relationship, 10; total number on roll, 203; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday night before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade and Tommy VanHoose, moderators.

RIVERSIDE: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Darrell Sizemore, Larry Delph, Larry Dean and Gary Sizemore; alternates: Roger Trent and Travis Lipe. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; received by

relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$160.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day at Davis Chapel Cemetery (2:00 p.m.). Roger Trent, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Greg Hill, Emma Jean Robinette, Kim Robinette and Joe Robinette; alternates: Karen Hood and Kathy Lawson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, Oh. Delegates: Jim Lykins, Anita Newkirk, Mark Newkirk and John Turner. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 99; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 1st Saturday (10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Turner, moderator.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, Tn. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 8; contribution, none; meeting day, 3rd Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Harold Head, moderator.

SLATE HILL: Mooresburg, Tn. Delegates: Allen Collins, Roger Purkey, Robert Ferrell and Jamie Jarnigan. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 189; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night, every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Jamie Jarnigan, moderator.

SLOANTOWN: Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Frank Gilliam, Jo Ann Griffin, Jo Ann Longacre and Mike Longacre. Total number on roll, 30; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, Sunday night following the 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). No service in January or February. Frank Gilliam, pastor; Gary Hall, moderator.

SNEEDVILLE: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Carson Johnson, Terry Adkins, Billy Gobble and Shane Russell. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 77; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Shane Russell, moderator.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Anna Collins, Luther Collins, Jr., Betty Winstead and Bill Winstead; alternates: Michael Burton and Tim Mallory. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 7; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 105; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Bill Winstead, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Johnny Bunch, Rodney Dodson, J. R. South and Doyle O'Dell; alternates: Earl Lee Dodson and Clarence Dodson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 291; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). J. R. South, moderator.

UNION HILL: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Carson Creech, Ronnie Kinsler and Ola Belcher; alternates: Amy Shepard and Marilyn Kinsler. Total number on roll, 85; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.). Donny Clifford, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, Va. Delegates: Anna Duncan, Ronnie Leonard, Wanda Parsons and Sandra Leonard; alternates: Nancy Thompson and Charles Thompson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Michael Fleenor, moderator.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bill Tomlinson, Donna Williams, Eddie Williams and Doris Burke; alternate: Ashley Williams. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and following Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May. Elders Eckel Head and Burnice Sybert asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

WALNUT CHAPEL: Gate City, Va. Delegates: Billy Jack Johnson, Allen Hensley, Claude Smith and A. D. Howington; alternates: David Horton and Ronnie Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 4; total number on roll, 139; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in June (10:00 a.m.). Allen Hensley, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Zula McCullough, Billy Walton, Kathy Walton and Burnice Sybert; alternates: Anna Jane Donihe and Nancy McCullough. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 6; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$225.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m. EST). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April (10:30 a.m.). Burnice Sybert, moderator.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Mike Fullington, Tina Fullington and Millard R. Hall. Excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 106; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Janice Jones, Garnetta Miller, Jewel Clamon and Scott Tipton; alternate: Carl Smith. Total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Scott Tipton, moderator.

TOTALS: 64 churches (26 in VA., 27 in TN., 7 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 79; received by letter, 21; received by

relationship, 39; received or restored by recantation, 7; dismissed by letter, 34; excluded, 26; deceased, 60; total number on roll, 5,892.

There are 59 ministers serving as pastors - 53 are serving 1 church; 5 are serving 2 churches and 1 is serving 3 churches. There are 2 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 51 ministers and 1 visiting minister who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2009

(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: Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith and Burnice Sybert.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Bob Brown, Mike Fleenor, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Clinton Rutherford, Daniel Smith, Paul Strong and Burnice Sybert.

3 - DAVIS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

4 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Joshua Couch, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Harold Head and Greg Hill.

5 - CADET: To begin on Monday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Banks, Bob Brown, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and Roger Trent.

6 - PETERSON'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Joshua Couch, Woodrow Fields, Mark Holder, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette and Terry Sizemore.

7 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, Charles Bernard, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Moody, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

8 - COYLE'S BRANCH: Our union meeting will be held in conjunction with Hurricane Valley Church in April.

9 - HURRICANE VALLEY: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, John Bedwell II, Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Brad Dutton, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

- MAY -

1 - OAK GROVE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Roger Purkey, Shane Russell, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

2 - CLEAR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Shane Russell and Terry Sizemore.

3 - SWAN CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Bob Brown, Donny Clifford, Joshua Couch, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

4 - MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

5 - SLOANTOWN: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday; no Sunday service. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bedwell II, John Bowlin, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Jeffery Holbrook, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Persinger, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette and Richard Seiber.

6 - COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Harold Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

7 - OSBORNE CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Silas Porter Carroll, Jim Emery, Eckel Head, Greg

Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette and David Smith.

8 - BEECH GROVE: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Mike Fullington, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis, Walter Willis and all others who wish to attend.

9 - HOPEWELL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Burnice Sybert and Henry Wheeler.

10 - POND VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Leonard Flanary, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Bazzle Manis, Clinton Rutherford, Paul Strong, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler, Bill Winstead and Don Woodward.

11 - PILGRIM'S REST: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Von Burton, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Paul Strong, Roger Trent and Bill Winstead.

- JUNE -

1 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Derrick Cantwell, Joshua Couch, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Gordon Justice, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Terry Sizemore, Daniel Smith, Paul Strong, Richard Watts, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

2 - GUTHRIE'S GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Joshua Couch, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

3 - RICHARDSON CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Travis Lipe, Rod Raleigh, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Roger VanHoose and Henry Wheeler.

4 - CANEY CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head,

Harold Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Shane Russell and Terry Sizemore.

5 - AYERS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Bob Brown, Woodrow Fields, Harold Gilley, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Daniel Smith and Paul Strong.

6 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, Va.): To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Don Woodward.

7 - SLATE HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Silas Porter Carroll, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, J. R. South, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

8 - UNION HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Silas Porter Carroll, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and all who wish to attend.

9 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bedwell II, Joshua Couch, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Lee Knowles, Bill LaFollette, Roger Manring, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and Bill Winstead.

10 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Donny Clifford, Jim Emery, Fred Gilreath, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Robert Jenkins, David Jerrell, Ronnie Kinsler, Lee Knowles, Eddie Malone, Larry Miller, Paul Strong, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

11 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Derrick Cantwell, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Roger Manring, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Don Woodward.

12 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA): To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Frank Gilliam,

Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Bill LaFollette, Jerry Persinger, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette and Terry Sizemore.

13 - WALNUT CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton, Harmon Willis and former pastors.

- JULY -

1 - FAIRVIEW (OH): To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday, Sunday (10:00 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin and Burnice Sybert.

2 - LIBERTY CHAPEL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Russell Davidson, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Eddie Malone, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and all others who wish to attend.

3 - RIVERSIDE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Derrick Cantwell, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, J. R. South, Bill Winstead and all others who wish to attend.

4 - SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bedwell II, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber and Burnice Sybert.

5 - BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Joe Pitzer, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

6 - HOUSE CHAPEL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Paul Strong, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

7 - PINK HILL: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arny Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin,

James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, David Smith, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

- AUGUST -

1 - WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert, Donald Sybert and Roger Trent.

2 - SULPHUR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Joshua Couch, Neal Drinnon, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Travis Lipe, Virgil Lipe, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith and Henry Wheeler.

3 - BLACKWATER LICK: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday (6:00 p.m.), Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Virgil Lipe, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

4 - MILLER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday (2:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Frank Gilliam, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

5 - POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Harold Head, Charley Johnson, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and Burnice Sybert.

6 - WILLIS CHAPEL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Richard Seiber and Terry Sizemore.

7 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Fred Gilreath, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bill LaFollette, Tommy Osborne, Paul Persinger, Shane Russell, Carl Smith, Daniel Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Donald Sybert.

8 - MACEDONIA: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin and Harmon Willis.

9 - IRONDALE: To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Leonard Flanary, Harold Gilley, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Roger Manring, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Paul Strong.

10 - LITTLE DOVE: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilley, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Jeffery Holbrook, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

11 - FAIRVIEW (VA): To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fleenor, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber and Don Woodward.

12 - BLAIR CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, John Bedwell II, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

13 - MOUNTAIN VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday (6:30 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Roger Trent.

14 - JENKINS CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Allen Hensley, Hasco Jenkins, David Smith, Burnice Sybert, Henry Wheeler, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

- SEPTEMBER -

1 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber and Harmon Willis.

2 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

3 - LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bedwell II, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

4 - LITTLE REDEEMED: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Derrick Cantwell, Donny Clifford, Phil Crittenden, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Joe Pitzer, David Smith, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

5 - SNEEDVILLE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Travis Lipe, Larry Miller, Joe Pitzer, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose and Roger VanHoose.

6 - KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday; Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Travis Lipe, Larry Miller, Shane Russell and Roger Trent.

7 - CHESTNUT FLATS: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Mike Fullington, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, J. R. South, Burnice Sybert and Harmon Willis.

8 - WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Frank Gilliam, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Harmon Willis and all other ministers welcome.

9 - FLOWER GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Phil Crittenden, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent, Harmon Willis and Walter Willis.

10 - GARDNER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (7:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday (1:00 p.m.). Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2007	\$ 11,660.89
Additional Receipts from 2007	134.75
Receipts from 2008	9,170.50
Special Offering	1,272.00
Interest.....	61.48

TOTAL \$ **22,299.62**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box.....	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability)	1,282.00
Charter registration fee	21.42
Postage	90.17
Clerical supplies	90.21
PA equipment and supplies	992.77
Kitchen supplies (new freezer)	200.00
Donation received late for Little Cowan Church	100.00
Reimbursement for Association website domain fee	46.00
Clerk's allowance	1,100.00
Printing and packaging 2,425 copies of 2008 minutes	4,837.91

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ **8,820.48**

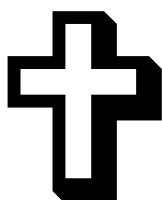
BALANCE IN TREASURY \$ **13,479.14**

NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$2.00
The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes
ordered was \$3.64

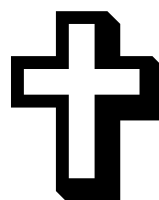
DIRECTIONS TO FAIRVIEW CHURCH

2353 Ferry Road
 Bellbrook, OH 45305

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

**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 of 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.

ADAMS, Judy
BICKETT, Norma Rita Slagle
BLEDSE, Nancy Naomi
BURTON, Luther
CHEEK, Sandra H.
COLLIER, Lela Scott
CRADIC, Samuel (Sammy)
DALTON, Florence Ellen Jarnigan
DERRICK, Virginia Enlo
ELKINS, Gladys Irene
FISHER, Elmer Ray
GIBSON, Litha M. Lawson
GLASS, Naomi Ruth
HICKMAN, Harold Ray
JESSEE, Lillian Pearl
LEE, Betty Jean Beck
LEWIS, Lona
ORICK, Evelyn
PERSINGER, Ellis
*PHILLIPS, Elder William Clyde
SCOTT, Iona
SHEPHERD, Rita Darlene
STARNES, Cletes Boyd
SULLIVAN, Laura Johnson
TURNER, Millie Marie
WALLEN, Paul Stanley, Sr.
YONAS, Fred

ALVIS, Grace Fields
BLEDSE, Monnie
BREWER, Charles J.
CHARLES, Matilda (Tilda) Fields
CHRISTIAN, William (Billy) Franklin
CORNETT, Doyle
CRAWFORD, Kate
DAVIDSON, Walter (Bud)
DONIHE, James Henry
FANNON, Jessie Lee Osborne
FLANARY, Nella Blanche
GILLIAM, Katie Caylor
HELTON, Joyce Ann
JARVIS, James Edward
KINSLER, Louie Eugene
LEWIS, Doshia Cornett
MULLINAX, Glendolyn Scalf
OSBORNE, Ervin H.
PETERSON, Carl Gladstone
SAUCEMAN, Miles (Wayne)
SEXTON, Lewis D. (Tip)
SIMPSON, Nina Monzel Henry
STARNES, Mary Magdalene Morgan
TURNER, Marie
WALLEN, Delmer H., Sr.
WILLIAMS, Maggie Lena Waye

*Ministers

JUDY ADAMS was born March 31, 1919 and died March 26, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Bethel Griffie, Alex Holbrook, Willie Holbrook, Hence Holbrook, Archie Holbrook, Belle Smith, Nancy Holbrook Melton, Amy Adams and Millie Lewis.

Surviving are her husband, Hezekiah Adams; 1 sister-in-law, along with a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

- Written by Pearl Noble

GRACE FIELDS ALVIS, 91, died on November 12, 2007. She was the last surviving child of Charlie and Ethel Horne Fields.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 1 son, Gene Alvis; 1 daughter, Linda Borghetti; 2 infant granddaughters; 4 sisters, Mary Fields, Hazel Houseright, Effie Amyx and Kate Jenkins and 4 brothers, Bobby, Will, Clay and Pleas Fields.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Jeraleen "Sis" Christian, Brenda Burton and Debbie Helton and 6 sons, Edward, Danny, Elbert, Randall, Delbert and Dennis Alvis.

She had attended and been a member of Long Hollow Church for 75 years.

Sleep on, Mom. We all will join you some day soon.

- Written by the family

NORMA RITA SLAGLE BICKETT was born May 5, 1938 and went to meet the Lord January 20, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elder Clarence and Ora Slagle and 1 brother, Edgar Burley Slagle.

Surviving are her husband, Wendell Bickett; 1 sister, Rena Stewart; 1 brother, Sam Slagle; 2 sons, Steve and Mike Bickett and numerous other family and friends.

She was a long time member of Fairview Church in Ohio.

- Written by the family

MONNIE BLEDSOE was born May 27, 1924 and departed on July 14, 2008.

She is survived by her loving husband, William Grady Bledsoe; 1 son, William Grady Bledsoe, Jr.; 2 daughters, Jearlene Persinger and Betty Edmonds; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

In 1951 she joined Roller's Chapel Church where she had been a faithful member for 57 years. She served as church clerk for a number of years. Sister Monnie had a great gift to lead public prayer. She was not ashamed to testify of the goodness of the Lord in her life. She would many times clap her hands together as she would get happy in the Lord. She would tell of her experience how the Lord saved her at an early age. She walked home from church on the night she was saved and said she looked at the sky and oh, how the stars and moon shined so much brighter. What a wonderful testimony to leave behind.

Sister Monnie is missed by our church, but we still feel her presence. We thank God for our elderly people that have left such wonderful testimonies as Monnie. She is at rest now from all her labors and one glorious day we will meet again.

- Written by the church clerk

NANCY NAOMI BLEDSOE, 55, went to be with the Lord April 30, 2008. Jesus called and Nancy answered and is now at rest with her loving Savior.

Nancy struggled the past two years with health problems, but still had a smile for everyone she came in contact with. She gave her life to the Lord at an early age and was a faithful member of Burke's Union Church until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emmitt and Bertha Rhoton; her grandparents and 1 half sister, Erma Kate McCrab.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford Bledsoe; 3 sons, Andy, Joshua and Matthew Bledsoe; 1 grandson; 1 sister, Janet McGhee; 2 half sisters, Winnie Fowler and Nora Lee Bailey; 1 brother, Paul Rhoton and 1 half brother, H. Rhoton.

Nancy often sang the song "It's So Peaceful" and now she truly knows what she sang about all her years here on earth.

- Written by family and friends

CHARLES J. BREWER, age 59, passed away September 2, 2008.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harrison G. Brewer and Hazel Perry Brewer and his stepmother, Ora Hatfield Brewer.

He is survived by 1 brother, Ronnie Brewer; 3 sisters, Mae Dean Sutton, Pauline King and Argel Lee Seal; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He professed faith in Christ at an early age at Brewer's Chapel Church and later joined Swan Creek Church.

He was a very special brother and he will be sadly missed.

- Written by the family

LUTHER BURTON was born January 24, 1937 and went to be with the Lord August 26, 2007 at the age of 70 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Brownloe and Queen Dell Burton; 4 brothers, Steve, Raymond, Hansford and Charles Burton; 5 sisters, Ethel Redmond, Edna Prim, Pauline Olston, Virginia Boggs and Yvonne Clark and 2 great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie; 1 son, Michael Burton; 3 daughters, Debbie Rogers, Dottie Kleineick and Sharon Shuler; 1 brother, Boone Burton and 4 sisters, Golden White, Rainy Williams, Nell Malott and Joyce Wynn.

Luther was saved in April of 1999 and joined Low View Church, where he was a faithful member until his death.

He is sadly missed by his family and his many friends. We know that one day we will see him again in beautiful Heaven where there will be no more sickness or sorrow.

- Written by the family

MATILDA (TILDA) FIELDS CHARLES was born December 16, 1921 and went home to be with the Lord June 19, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee S. Charles; 1 son, Donald Lee Charles, Sr.; 1 daughter, Glenda Teresa Charles; her parents, Edd and Emma Fields; 2 sisters, Nellie Fields and Eulah Manis and 1 brother, Robert "Bob" Fields.

She is survived by 4 sons, Kenneth, Dennis, David and Gerald Charles; 3 daughters, Alice Lane, Tammy Hickman and Tina Conway; 1 brother, Earl Fields; 4 sisters, Jane Trent, Virginia Hickman, Faye Barrett and Helen Manis; 25 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, who all loved her very much.

She was saved at an early age and joined Long Hollow Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death. She was a loving and giving

person who loved everyone and everyone loved her. Tilda will certainly be missed by her family, friends and her church family.

We know Tilda is resting in the arms of Jesus.

- Written by her sister, Virginia Hickman

SANDRA H. CHEEK, age 64, passed away October 11, 2007. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Beulah Osborne Huff.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Lowell Blaine Huff and 1 nephew.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Cheek; 1 son, Marcus Cheek; 1 sister, Gay Alsup; 3 brothers, Bill, Jack and David Huff; 1 aunt; several nieces, nephews and other family members and a host of friends.

She was a born again Christian who loved her Lord and was a member of Blackwater Lick Church.

- Written by the family

WILLIAM (BILLY) FRANKLIN CHRISTIAN was born June 3, 1940 and went to be with the Lord February 24, 2008. He was saved in his early years and joined Long Hollow Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Pearl Christian and 1 sister, Lily.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Christian; 1 son, Billy; 1 daughter, Lisa; 3 brothers, Gail, Clarence and Leroy Christian; 1 sister, Alvie Gross and 4 grandchildren.

- Written by a cousin, Virgie McPeck Williams

LELA SCOTT COLLIER went to be with the Lord October 30, 2007 at the age of 88. She was born on February 8, 1919 to Sam and Lina Boggs Scott.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 4 brothers, Talmage, Clyde, Winfield and Clemon Scott; 1 sister, Hattie Christy and a beloved son, Roger Wayne Collier.

Survivors include her loving husband of 66 years, Orville Collier, Sr.; 1 son, Orville "Valus" Collier, Jr.; 1 brother, Sam Scott, Jr.; 4 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; plus a host of nieces, nephews, good friends and neighbors.

Lela was a school teacher, school secretary, a homemaker and devoted wife and mother. She was a faithful member of Little Cowan Church.

- Written by the church clerk, Ramona Caudill

DOYLE CORNETT, age 80, went home to be with his Lord April 26, 2008 following a long illness.

He was a retired coal miner, veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of Blair Chapel Church where he joined May 3, 1992. He was a faithful member to his church until he got too sick to attend. He spent the last couple of months in a nursing home.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jeanette Frazier Cornett and 3 children.

Survivors include 1 brother and 2 grandchildren.

He is deeply missed by his neighbors and church family.

- Written by the church clerk, Wesley Bailey

SAMUEL (SAMMY) CRADIC, age 16, was carried away home to be with Christ on June 15, 2008.

Sammy was a member of Rogersville Presbyterian Church and was an upcoming junior at Volunteer High School.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather; paternal great grandmother and 1 uncle.

He is survived by his mother, Chanda Johnson; father, Kelvin Cradic; 4 sisters, Halie Cradic, Tiffany Johnson, Victoria Cradic and Marissa Kilbourne; 2 brothers, Makincie Johnson and Andrew Naylor; maternal grandmother; paternal grandparents; step grandparents; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

We miss you so much. We will meet again on that great homecoming day. Sleep on, my precious son.

- Written for the family by a sister in Christ at Long Hollow Church

KATE CRAWFORD was born May 14, 1937 and went to be with the Lord March 13, 2008 at the age of 70 years old.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Janie Hickman; husband, Connor Crawford; 3 sisters, Ruth Davidson, Martha Jones and Lois Carpenter; 1 brother, Roy Hickman; and 2 infant brothers, Charles and Nathan Hickman.

She is survived by 2 sons, Rick and Mike Crawford; 1 daughter, Lisa Owens; 8 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Ken and Bobby Joe Hickman; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of House Chapel Church and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

- Written by the church clerk

FLORENCE ELLEN JARNIGAN DALTON, age 52, was born February 22, 1955 and went home to be with the Lord October 20, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Danny Ray Dalton; her parents, Rev. Kenneth and Jane Purkey Jarnigan and stepmother, Mamie Jarnigan.

Survivors include her daughter, Kristy Dalton Howard; 2 grandsons; 4 brothers, Dan, Elder James, Elder Robert and Gary Ray Jarnigan; 2 sisters, Patsy Fuller and Brenda "Sue" Shelnuitt and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Slate Hill Church.

She is sadly missed by her family and friends. Our loss is heaven's gain. We'll meet again on that homecoming day.

- Written for the family by Joan Drinnon

WALTER (BUD) DAVIDSON was born December 6, 1929 and went to be with the Lord February 6, 2008 at the age of 78.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ballard and Annie Mauk Davidson; 1 brother, Kenneth Davidson; and 1 sister, Helen Davidson.

He is survived by 1 sister, Nellie Young; 3 brothers, James (Jack), Russell (Pete) and Charles Davidson; and several nieces and nephews.

He was saved August 20, 1953 and joined House Chapel Church on November 22, 1969. Bud loved going to church and reading God's Word. He was a faithful member and had not missed a Sunday, by the grace of God, in

over 35 years. He was a humble man, who loved his church, and most importantly, God. He is missed greatly by all who knew him.

- Written by the church clerk

VIRGINIA ENLO DERRICK was born March 16, 1923 to Vernon and Lillie Wininger and departed this life March 6, 2008 on her 66th wedding anniversary to live eternally with Christ Jesus at the age of 84 years, 11 months and 20 days. She was married to Elder Gale Derrick on March 6, 1942.

She enjoyed visiting many different churches with Gale in VA, TN, KY and OH these 66 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 sisters, Gladys Shelton and Claudia Dougherty; 4 brothers, Kyle, Bud, Dom and Gene Wininger.

She is survived by her husband, Elder Gale Derrick; 2 sons, Gale Bobby and Vernon Harold Derrick; 1 daughter, Brenda Faye Ward; 8 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Pauline Sawyer, Faye Jesse and Mary Helen Hall.

She was a faithful member of Liberty Chapel Church. Mom is greatly missed and will always be in our hearts.

- Written by the family

JAMES HENRY DONIHE was born July 27, 1934 and departed this life March 20, 2008 at the age of 73 years, 7 months and 22 days. He was the son of Vernie Lee Donihe, Sr. and Madge Roller Donihe.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 1 brother, Vernie Lee Donihe, Jr. and 2 infant sisters.

He is survived by his loving and caring wife; 3 sisters, Lida Baldwin, Hannah Wagner and Barbara Meade and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was a born again Christian and loved gospel singing and preaching. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served in Japan during the Korean War.

He married Anna Jane Sybert August 11, 1962.

- Written for the family by brother-in-law, Elder Burnice Sybert

GLADYS IRENE ELKINS, age 75, went to be with the Lord on December 28, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Elkins and parents, John and Amanda Scalf.

She is survived by 3 children, Sonny, Billy and Connie and a special nephew

She was a member of Oak Grove Church.

Gladys is sadly missed by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is resting peacefully with no pain now. Truly our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

JESSIE LEE OSBORNE FANNON, 82, went home to be with the Lord March 4, 2008. She was the daughter of the late Jessee and Tishie Glass Osborne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Ray Fannon; 2 sons, Kenneth Ray and David Glenn Fannon; 6 brothers, Emmett, Roy, Charlie, Amos, Holly and Johnny Osborne and 5 sisters, Bonnie, Ella, Ruby Osborne, Rosa Fannon and Zelma Mae Davis.

She is survived by her sister, Thelma Grace Barnette; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She professed faith in Jesus Christ at an early age at Big Door Church and later joined Osborne's Chapel Church. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, canning and visiting with friends and neighbors, going to church and cooking for the many preachers and friends who visited.

She is truly missed by family and friends. Her testimony was II Timothy 4:7-8.

- Written by her niece, Beatrice McConnell

ELMER RAY FISHER, age 76, went to be with the Lord January 25, 2007. He was born January 6, 1931 and was the son of the late Dan and Easter Vanzant Fisher.

He was a born again Christian.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 1 brother, Ronnie Fisher and 1 sister, Reba Willis.

Surviving are his loving and caring wife of 54 years, Mary Fisher; 1 sister, Rosa Gilreath; 3 nieces and 3 nephews.

- Written by the family

NELLA BLANCHE FLANARY entered into eternal rest August 9, 2008.

She was preceded in death by 1 son, Teddy Flanary.

Surviving are her husband, Elder Leonard Flanary; 1 son, Marty and 1 daughter, Becky Anderson.

She was a member of Fairview Church in St. Charles, Virginia.

Blanche will always be remembered by her prayer requests for her children. Everyone will miss her dearly, but we know she is at rest in the arms of the Lord.

- Written by Dena Rowe

LITHA M. LAWSON GIBSON was born July 14, 1917 and departed this life June 18, 2008, just 26 days shy of 91 years of age. She was the daughter of William and Lana Jane Fisher Lawson.

She was a member of Blackwater Lick Church since 1932, when she was 15 years old.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cecil Gibson; 1 son, Ralph Gibson; 4 brothers, Charles, Thomas, Coy and Echol Lawson and 6 sisters, Elizabeth Barker, Verdie Neeley, Ollie Willis, Ella Sherrill, Addie Goins and Vada Childress.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Dunahugh; 3 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Stella Sybert; and several nieces and nephews.

- Written for the family by nephew, Elder Burnice Sybert

KATIE CAYLOR GILLIAM, age 99, went home to be with her Lord and Savior May 25, 2008.

She was a homemaker and a member of Blair Chapel Church, where she joined September 14, 1958. She always loved to come to church as long as she was able.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Bill Gilliam; her parents; 3 brothers and 3 children.

Survivors include 6 children; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren.

- Written by the church clerk, Wesley Bailey

NAOMI RUTH GLASS was born April 4, 1949 and departed this life February 9, 2008.

Preceding me in death were my parents, Carl and Lola Collier; an infant brother, Carl E. Collier; maternal and paternal grandparents.

Don't grieve for me; I just went to sleep to wake up on that beautiful shore. There I'll get a set of new lungs so I can shout and sing over heaven. That will be a happy reunion day with family and friends, but first I want to see Jesus, who died for me. I'm a member of Riverside Church.

I'm survived by my husband of 43 years, George Glass, Jr.; my son, Jeffery Glass; my grandchildren; 2 sisters, Doris Fannon and Joyce Fannon; 3 brothers, James, Bruce and Coy Collier; and several nieces and nephews.

- Ruth wrote her own obituary about 2 weeks before her death

JOYCE ANN HELTON was born June 15, 1945 and passed away September 15, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carson O'Neil Waller and Edith Bunch and 1 son, Samuel O'Neil Searce.

Surviving are her husband, George T. Helton; 3 daughters, Bobbie Ann Humbard, Sheila Bailey and Uresula Searce; 1 son, Colen Searce; 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Joyce was a member of Long Hollow Church.

Her passing has left a great void in our lives and her memory will live on forever with us.

- Written by her daughter, Uresula Searce

HAROLD RAY HICKMAN was born June 11, 1953 and was called to his heavenly home October 9, 2007 at the age of 54.

Harold was saved at an early age at Long Hollow Church. He worked for Southeastern Windows and Siding for over 30 years. Harold was always willing and ready to help anyone in any way he could.

Harold is survived by 1 daughter, Kayla Hickman; 2 sons, Josh and Dustin Hickman; parents, Garland and Virginia Hickman; 2 brothers, Randy and Larry Hickman; 6 sisters, Cathy Bowery, Mildred Duncan, Teresa Hickman, Donna Dean, Janet Hickman and Julie Hickman.

Harold is sadly missed by all his family and friends. His loving memories will live on in our hearts until we meet him again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by his mother, Virginia Hickman

JAMES EDWARD JARVIS, age 65, was born October 2, 1942 and went to heaven March 4, 2008.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lee Jarvis.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Jarvis; 1 daughter, Linda Housewright; mother, Vona Jarvis; 3 sisters, Annie Smith, Barbara Wilson and Pat Morcy and 3 precious grandchildren.

He was a beloved member and deacon of Liberty Chapel Church, where he loved to testify for God, lead singing and play the piano.

He is sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

- Written by the family

LILLIAN PEARL JESSEE was born March 13, 1913 and went home to be with the Lord on March 10, 2008 at the age of 94.

She was saved at the age of fourteen. She became a member of Faithful Ministry Church on June 15, 1969.

She is sadly missed by her family and the church.

- Written by the family

LOUIE EUGENE KINSLER was born March 5, 1953 and departed this life January 19, 2008 at the age of 54.

He was saved at an early age and joined Riverside Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Kinsler and Laura Kinsler Carpenter and stepfather, Luther Carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Pinkston Kinsler; 2 daughters, Candice Owen and Lacy Owen; 2 sons, Travis Owen and Cody Kinsler; 1 brother, Tommy Kinsler and 3 grandchildren.

- Written by the clerk, Viola Johnson

BETTY JEAN BECK LEE was born September 18, 1931 and passed away January 23, 2007 at the age of 76 years.

She was saved as a young girl at Hopewell Church and was a member at Oak Grove Church for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Clara Mae Beck and her husband, George (Bill) Lee.

She leaves her 2 daughters, Teresa Shelton and Brenda Watts; 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

She is missed, but we know she's at peace.

- Written by her daughter and son-in-law, Elder Richard and Brenda Watts

DOSHIA CORNETT LEWIS was born February 3, 1909 and departed this life June 22, 2008 at the age of 99 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Mrs. Lewis was a member of Coyles Branch Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Lewis; her parents, Clark and Nancy Miniard Cornett; 1 brother, Eddie Cornett and 1 sister, Mary Jane Lewis.

Survivors include 2 children, Bobby Lewis and Mable Starling; 2 brothers, Otis and Alfred Cornett; 1 sister, Myrtle Lewis; 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

- Written by Elder Glenn Cornett

LONA LEWIS, 97, passed to be with her Lord and Savior June 29, 2008.

She was a long time member of Blair Chapel Church where she joined August 15, 1954.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Kermit Lewis; 3 sons and 1 grandson.

She is survived by 5 children; 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

- Written by the church clerk, Wesley Bailey

GLENDOLYN SCALF MULLINAX was born January 19, 1930 and died December 16, 2007 at the age of 77. She was the daughter of Malcolm and Bessie Scalf.

She was married to Thurman Mullinax. To this union was born 4 daughters.

She is survived by 4 children; 6 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; 3 brothers and 1 sister.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age at Flower Gap Church. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by Sister Dorothy

EVELYN ORICK was born April 7, 1927 and went home to be with the Lord June 15, 2008.

She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Low View Church, where she was a faithful member and clerk for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Martha Orick; 1 brother, Hubert Orick; 1 sister, Ethel Roberts; 3 younger sisters and 1 nephew.

She is survived by some special nieces and nephews.

She is greatly missed by her family, church members, friends and all that knew her. Her seat is vacant but we'll meet her again.

- Written for the family by the church clerk

ERVIN H. OSBORNE was born July 22, 1917 and went to be with our Heavenly Father on July 4, 2008.

He was a faithful member of Flower Gap Church, where he attended until his health prevented him from going.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Georgia Osborne; 1 son, Thomas Howard Osborne; his parents; several brothers and 1 sister.

Surviving are 1 daughter, Anna Brown; 4 sons, Edward, Homer, Denver and Tim Osborne; 12 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

There is not a day goes by that we do not think of you. We love and miss him greatly. Until we meet again on that golden shore, we love you.

- Written by the family

ELLIS PERSINGER was born February 23, 1942 and departed this life on August 27, 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Jearlene Persinger; mother, Bea Persinger; 2 sisters, Cathy Poole and Carolyn Persinger and 1 brother, Ron Persinger.

Ellis was a member and a very able deacon at Roller's Chapel Church. He was always willing to give of his time and finances to help the church and anyone in need. He was known for his sweet smile and great personality to make people feel welcome.

Ellis was diagnosed with a brain tumor in May of 2007. He was faced with a great battle. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith and on August 27, 2008, he finished the course and won the victory. We thank God for the hope of meeting Ellis again in a land where sickness will be no more and where all will be peace and joy forever.

- Written by the church clerk

CARL GLADSTONE PETERSON was born February 18, 1926 and departed this life February 1, 2008 to reign with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at the age of 81 years and 11 months.

He was saved in a revival, baptized and joined Peterson's Chapel Church in 1961. He was ordained as Deacon in 1984, taught the adult Bible class for several years, was a strong voice in the church choir, and was church clerk. Carl loved the Lord and stood firm on God's truths. He was blessed with a wonderful family, and he had many friends who loved him very much.

He served 2 years in France, Germany and Czechoslovakia during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was employed at Eastman Chemical Company for nearly 43 years.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lola Peterson; 1 son, Michael Peterson; 2 daughters, Tonya Berry and Leslie Peterson; 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Rest, my precious husband, we will meet you in the morning by the bright riverside, when all sorrow has drifted away.

- Written by his wife

ELDER WILLIAM CLYDE PHILLIPS was born June 14, 1918 and went to be with the Lord November 28, 2007.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Lakie Phillips; his wife, Sally Phillips; 1 son, Rex Allen; 1 daughter, Debra Joan and 1 grandson.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Margaret Robinette and Cora Carroll; 4 sons, Junior, Howard, Robert and Frankie Phillips; 18 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; 1 brother, L. C. Phillips; 1 sister, Iloe Collier and a host of friends.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was pastor of Irondale Church for over 40 years. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He enjoyed serving the Lord and attending church. His testimony was for everyone to be saved. He did wondrous works for the community through his towing business and working with the law enforcement agency.

His work here is finished, but his testimony will live on forever in his loved ones and all he worshipped with. We love and miss you dearly.

- Written by the family

MILES (WAYNE) SAUCEMAN, age 65, went home to be with our Lord on February 21, 2008.

He accepted the Lord at an early age and later joined Oak Grove Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herman Sauceman and 1 brother, Ross Sauceman.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Marion; wife, Carol Sauceman; children, Anthony, Dustin, Jessica, Crystal, Chad, James, Terry, Sherry and Melissa; 1 brother, Harold Sauceman; 1 sister, Sible Barnard; 18

grandchildren; 1 great grandson; several nieces, nephews and many special friends whom he loved very much.

He is sadly missed by everyone who knew him. One day our family circle will not be broken anymore and we will be together and happy forevermore. Rest on, son, until we meet again.

- Written by his mother, Ruth Marion

IONA SCOTT was born June 4, 1922 and passed from this earthly life on February 22, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Winfield Scott, who served as a deacon of Little Dove. Also preceding her in death were 2 sons, Johnny Doyle Scott and Norman Scott; and 1 grandson.

She is survived by 1 son, Jimmy Darrell Scott; 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Sister Iona was a faithful member of Little Dove Church since September 19, 1954. Iona's church family misses her deeply and all the leadership she gave us over the years. We have joy in knowing that our loss is surely heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

LEWIS D. (TIP) SEXTON, age 77, passed away very suddenly on September 29, 2007.

He served his country during the Korean Conflict. In his life, he was a part of the NASA space program from 1959-1974.

His survivors include his wife of 50 years, Lila Weldon Sexton; 1 son; 2 daughters; and 1 granddaughter.

Tip loved his church and always requested prayer for his family. He loved to sing bass and was very instrumental in the singing of the church choir.

He was a member of Blair Chapel Church, where he took up fellowship September 13, 1992. Later, he was elected as Church Treasurer, where he served in this position right up until the time of his death.

The last night he attended church, we never knew that was to be his last. He brought joy and touched the lives of so many people. His voice is missed, but we know he is resting in the arms of Jesus, where his cares and struggles are over.

- Written by the church clerk, Wes Bailey

RITA DARLENE SHEPHERD, age 50, departed this life December 22, 2007.

She was saved at an early age and joined VanHuss Grove Church in Rose Hill, Virginia. She later started attending Riverside Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hoyl and Evelyn Ramsey; 1 brother, Donnie Ramsey; and 1 sister, Reba Tramill.

She is survived by her husband, Lynn Shepherd; 2 sons, David and Johnny Shepherd; 1 daughter, Angie Zumbrum; 2 step children, Judy and Herman Shepherd; 2 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 1 brother, Danver Ramsey; and 4 sisters, Ruby Greer, Rose Smith, Rhonda Smith and Reva Collins.

She loved to talk about the goodness of God. She is so sadly missed by family and friends, but our memories will remain until that glad reunion day.

- Written by the family

NINA MONZEL HENRY SIMPSON was born April 25, 1914 to Perry and Minnie Richardson Henry and went home to be with the Lord April 2, 2008 at the age of 93.

She was saved at an early age at Big Springs and joined Mt. Mitchell Church May 14, 1951. She was a faithful member until her declining health prevented her from attending.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Simpson; 1 son, Charles Garfield Simpson; 2 grandsons; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; 2 half brothers and 2 half sisters.

She is survived by 1 son, Cliff Simpson; 5 daughters, Betty Hensley, Juanita Williams, Patsy Dykes, Peggy Harrold and Ruth Lemmons; 14 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren, and 1 half brother, John Edgar Henry.

Mom's passing has left a void in our lives, but now she is at rest where she will never have to suffer anymore. The precious memories we have of our time with her will be forever in our hearts, knowing that we will meet again in heaven.

- Written by her children

CLETES BOYD STARNES went home March 14, 2008 to be with his Lord at the age of 91.

He was a member of Butcher's Valley Church.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 70 years, Mary Magdalene Morgan Starnes.

He leaves behind 2 sons; 4 daughters; 21 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

- Written by his family

MARY MAGDALENE MORGAN STARNES went home to be with her Lord January 23, 2008 at the age of 87.

She was a member of Butcher's Valley Church.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 70 years, Cletes Starnes; 2 sons, 4 daughters; 21 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

- Written by her family

LAURA JOHNSON SULLIVAN, daughter of the late Marion and Alwilda Hill Johnson, was born August 28, 1913, and departed this life May 11, 2008, at the age of 94 years, 8 months, and 14 days.

She was married to Chris Sullivan in 1936, and to this union was born 4 children. Her husband; 1 stepson, Chris Sullivan, Jr.; 5 brothers, Curtis, Melvin, Coy, Marion, and Colonel Johnson preceded her in death.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Vonda Gardner and Cheryl Thomas; 2 sons, Gene and Paul Fred Sullivan; 2 sisters, Maxine Belcher and Yvonne Johnson; 1 brother, A. J. Johnson; 10 grandchildren, a number of great grandchildren and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mom professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined Sarepta Baptist Church, later joining Willis Chapel Church and then moved her membership to Flower Gap Church where she was one of the oldest members and

remained faithful for over 45 years. She loved to hear the Gospel preached and the old songs of Zion sung.

She was a homemaker who loved to garden, can and piece quilts, never hesitating to share with anyone. She was a loving mother, mother-in-law, wife and grandmother who was loved by everyone who knew her. She is greatly missed by all, but our loss is heaven's gain. Our pain is eased by memories of mom reciting the 23rd Psalm and her witness to everyone. She knew without a doubt that Heaven was her home and her greatest desire was that all her family and friends be ready to join her. What a testimony to leave behind from someone who at times, due to her illness, did not even know her own family! Mom, we love and miss you!

- Written by the family

MARIE TURNER was born July 23, 1948 and went home to be with her Lord at the age of 60 on September 16, 2008.

She was a member of Rose Chapel Church and attended as long as she was able. She was sick for many years.

She retired from Lexis Nexis in Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clint and Susan Turner.

She is survived by her 2 sisters; 2 brothers and many nieces and nephews.

She will be dearly missed by friends and family.

- Written by a cousin, Anita Newkirk

MILLIE MARIE TURNER was born December 22, 1938 and went home to be with the Lord December 6, 2007 at the age of 68.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 2 brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse; 2 daughters, Clynthian Kinder and Sue Turner; 2 sons, Scott and Doug Turner; 5 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 1 sister and 1 brother.

She was a member of Rose Chapel Church. She loved gospel music and sang in church with her daughters and husband for many years.

She is missed by Rose Chapel, family, friends and all who knew her.

- Written for the family by her niece, Anita Newkirk

DELMER H. WALLEN, SR. was born August 14, 1929 and departed this life January 28, 2008 at the age of 78 years, 5 months and 14 days.

He professed faith in Christ at Willis Chapel Church on January 10, 1943. He was baptized in the Clinch River during the June meeting of that year and joined Willis Chapel the same year.

Delmer was a charter member of Poplar Grove Church, where he was church clerk and a very active member. He joined West View Church in April 1990, serving as church clerk and Adult Sunday School teacher. He also sang with the church group quartet.

Delmer's parents were William Henry and Bertha Elizabeth Bledsoe Wallen. His brothers were Oval, Ellis, Burnis, Glynn and Paul Wallen. His sisters were Lola Mae Robinette and Golda Tittle. All preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jean Casteel Wallen; 2 sons, Delmer Wallen, Jr. and David Wallen; 1 daughter, Donna Bailey, along with 5 grandchildren.

- Written by the family

PAUL STANLEY WALLEN, SR. was born August 28, 1932 and was called to his eternal home January 23, 2008.

He was the son of William Henry and Bertha Bledsoe Wallen. They attended Willis Chapel Church until moving to Kingsport in 1943, whereupon they joined Poplar Grove Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers; 2 sisters; and 1 half sister.

He is survived by his loving and caring wife of 50 years, Jean Wallen; 2 sons, Stan and Andy Wallen; 2 granddaughters; and 1 brother, Delmer Wallen, who passed away 5 days after Paul's death.

Paul professed faith in Christ August 18, 1961 during a revival at Poplar Grove Church. He joined Poplar Grove Church and remained a very faithful member until his death. He was ordained to serve as a deacon September 1, 1973. He also served many years as trustee, chairman of the cemetery committee and young people's Sunday School teacher.

The love and Christian spirit he shared with his family, church and his many friends is truly missed, but will remain in our hearts, giving us comfort and strength until we meet in our eternal home.

- Written by his wife and sons

MAGGIE LENA WAYE WILLIAMS was born May 23, 1916 and was called away to her eternal home on March 16, 2008 at the age of 91 years.

She was married to David Williams who preceded her in death in 1984. She was also preceded in death by her parents; 2 sons, Don and Ralph Williams; 1 daughter, Janice Williams; and several sisters and brothers.

She is survived by 2 sons, Burl and Darryl Williams; 1 daughter, Edith Neikirk; 7 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; and 1 half brother, M. D. Waye.

She was saved at an early age and joined Long Hollow Church.

Mamaw will be missed by all who knew her, but we have a hope that we will meet again on that glad reunion day. We will never have to look upon her sick and frail body, but she will have a glorified body.

- Written by her granddaughter, Marlena Williams Snapp

FRED YONAS was born March 7, 1911 and passed away April 26, 2007 at the age of 96 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Zephia Yonas; and 2 sisters, Etta Manis and Maudie Justice.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Ollie; 1 son, George Franklin Yonas; 1 daughter, Betty Davis; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and 2 step granddaughters.

He was faithful and the oldest member of House Chapel Church. Pappaw stood firm in his salvation. He loved being outside playing ball, pitching horseshoe, fishing or "tinkering" with mowers. He had a talent of building and making things run; when church time came, all those things were laid aside.

He lay in bed those last days, growing tired and unable to move. He whispered prayers; some I heard, others only God heard, and he left this life and slipped into eternal peace. Although his voice faded, his smile and

laughter remains in our minds as memories. But those silent prayers and request for his son, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, all his family and friends, those are in God's hands, as he prayed in faith believing will one day be answered and those of us left here will see those prayers answered and fulfilled and once again we will see and feel Pappaw's warm smile. So sleep now, until the breaking in that eastern sky and we that are saved by that marvelous grace rise to meet in the air.

- Written by his granddaughter, Sam