

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 4, 2007

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 155th annual session with Pilgrim's Rest Church, Rogersville, Tennessee.

The 1860's saw great turmoil in our country. Brother fought against brother and as in Moses' day, before the slaves could have freedom, many first-born sons had to die. So it was here in Poor Valley that the Civil War had a great affect. Already poor, the war devastated the land and the economy. The people turned to the only constant in their lives – God. They began by holding cottage prayer meetings during the war and as their men began to slowly return home, crippled in mind and body, the need was even greater. On the third Sunday in March of 1887, they met for the purpose of finally establishing a church. It was agreed to call it "Pilgrim's Rest." After all they had gone through, surely that name was inspired by God. William Henard was elected pastor. Charter members were: E. A. Henard, Elizabeth Henard, Martha Brooks, Thomas Lipe, Susan Courtney, Rebecca Henard and Elijah Henard. Some of these were Confederate soldiers.

The building was also to be used as a school, which was common for that time. Hard feelings from the war were not put away overnight. We are told that is why we have two cemeteries – one side for Union and one side for Confederate.

After the church was fully organized, they joined the Southwestern branch of the Eastern District Association. At the September Association meeting in 1900, it was agreed that Pilgrim's Rest would host the association the following year. Recently, Brother Mike Davis found a letter among a relative's papers that was written by the church in August of 1901 to Elder Peters, the Moderator of the Association. This letter states "a drought of major proportions has crops failing and there will be no grass for all the horses. It just seems impossible for the church to host the association this year." The letter is signed by the entire church and just sounds hopeless. Apparently, a whole lot of praying went on, because one month later we read in the minutes of the September session of the Eastern District Association where the people of Pilgrim's Rest have stepped out on faith and God has provided a way and has met with this great body and richly blessed one more time.

In our one hundred twenty year history, we have been served by several pastors, many who have gone on to their reward. Men like: J. L. Dykes, Elmer Wallen, Ralph Cook, Farris Bundren, Joe Hickman, John Purkey, Theodore Russell, Logan Willis, Charlie White, Ben Hill, George Lifford, Cecil Collins, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe and currently David Smith. There may have been others in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Some of the records were burned in a house fire and all we have is word of mouth.

The pulpit here at Pilgrim's Rest has been a place for many young men starting their ministry to have a place to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. George Martin testified of being saved here at Pilgrim's Rest on

Christmas Eve 1915. He then preached and pastored churches over East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

Our goal is to see our people saved. With this objective in mind, we joined with Maple Hill in 1987, every 5th weekend for what has become known as our "Valley Revival." We alternate churches and at this time thousands of messages have been preached, great numbers of men have stood to proclaim the saving grace of Jesus Christ and some have announced their calling to the ministry. We have Bible School every year as another outreach. The Shepherd left the 99 to seek after that one lost lamb. It could be a child, husband, wife, brother, sister, neighbor or friend. Let's just reach out in love and do as our forefathers did back in the days of the Civil War. Let's hold on to the one sure thing we have – God's unchanging hand.

The Lord blessed us with some much needed rain during the morning of our first day of this grand gathering. He knows our needs better than we do. God blessed Sister Zula McCullough to once again lead the congregation in singing songs of praise for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We receive only a foretaste of what it will be like just over in the glory land. Here we cling to the old rugged cross, for it is here the dearest and blessed were pardoned and sanctified by His blood. We long to see our Savior's face, but as we tarry here, His unseen hand will guide us to that golden strand where we'll praise Him forevermore. Heaven holds all to us, but brighter its glory will be; for it is joy without measure. Here we are watching, waiting for God's pearly white city where we'll praise Him like He deserves. There'll be no disappointment in heaven, for we will be home with our blessed Redeemer. We were further blessed with wonderful testimonies and shouts of praise.

Elder Terry Sizemore, moderator of the association, thanked God for all the blessings of the Lord. What a wonderful place to rest on our journey here. Thank Him for all the showers He has blessed us with. Welcome and may the Lord lead you in His holy spirit for if we will do that, He will bless us with an association beyond measure. Elder Sizemore mentioned the names of several of our elders that have gone on to be with the Lord since we last gathered. Elder John Henry Sybert served this association as moderator for 33 years and attended for 72 consecutive years, Elders Howard Sybert, Frank Mullins, Odus Caudill, Ray Raleigh, Eldridge Albright and Billy Johnson. We miss these men tremendously, but we praise God for their lives and what they meant to us here in this life. We pray God will continue to comfort and bless their families in the coming years. Sister Zula led the congregation in singing what has become the association standard, "Brethren We Have Met Again." We have met to worship Him in truth and spirit. For those who are meeting with us for the first time, we welcome you and pray the Lord will make you feel welcome.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Religious Exercise, which includes: Terrell Smith (Chairman), Joe Robinette and Doug Willis.

Prayer requests were made for: the unsaved, Earl Vaughn, Delmer Wallen, Sr., Enlo Derrick, Mary W. Johnson, Paul Wallen, Elder Hasco Jenkins, Odell

Arnott, Edith Eldridge, Jim Jarnigan's sister and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands all over the tent. Elder Jim Jarnigan took our petitions to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

We were further blessed with singing from Brother Null Lawson. If we know the Lord, we know He lives in us.

Elder Virgil Lipe welcomed everyone to Pilgrim's Rest as he came forward to take the first part of the service. He read St. John 11: 38-44 using as his text "Loose him, and let him go." When Jesus said, "Lazarus, come forth," he did just that. We need to loose him in our lives so others can see Jesus. We can't do anything except Jesus allows us to. Kings the world over strive for power, getting trapped in the struggle. Sometimes we get caught up in worldly things, but let us not only put God first in our lives, but let us keep Him there. We must run the race set before us. God will settle things in our lives if we will loose him and let him go. We know God has not changed; may He help us to know the changes in our life so we can make things right with Him. Let us get our lives right and pray, so God will send us more young people to carry on the tasks at hand. If we ask ourselves, "Do we want God in our lives?" Hopefully, we can answer an astounding, "yes." Elder David Smith followed with another wonderful message from on high after reading Mark 1: 27. We hear of many doctrines in our world today, but in reality there is only one doctrine, Jesus Christ. We were bought with a price and for that we have eternal life. This old body will go back to the dust of the earth, but God's children will live eternally with the Lord in glory. In ourselves we are nothing, nor can we do anything, but with Jesus in our life we have the power to do anything. We must separate ourselves from the world that the world might see Jesus in our life. He will make us what we ought to be, instead of what we are. These men preached so wonderfully, praise His holy name!

Adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon, October 4, 2007

The host church served a delicious meal as the Lord continued to bless us with some much needed rain. The congregation came together in the tent as Sister Zula McCullough led them in singing several songs of praise. Won't it be wonderful where the half has never been told? Joy unspeakable and full of glory is ours when we come humbly before the Lord. A hope so bright and clear, we can see His smiling face. The dearest thing we'll ever know is that Jesus loves us.

We were further blessed with special singing and wonderful testimonies from Loretta Emery, Jerry Scalf, Terry and Peggy Sizemore, Naomi Adkins and Jason Robinette. The talents of the Lord's people are tremendous. He did it all for us and we have never been the same since Jesus made us a walking, talking miracle. From His glistening throne, Jesus smiles upon His own, oh I tell you that is where I want to go. When we stand on top of Mt. Zion, we'll never walk in the valley alone because Jesus our Lord will hold to

our hand. When we look around and see all the blessings, it is then we realize we have so much to thank Him for. We are free from the bondage of sin. Jesus came from heaven one day to show us the way, and then He got on a cloud and went home. It is wonderful to know we have a new home not made with hands. Their wonderful songs and testimonies blessed us and we thank God for them.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service and thanked the host church for the wonderful lunch. He then read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Thursday night:

Flower Gap: David VanHoose, Vernon Shaw and Jason Robinette

Friday morning, October 5, 2007:

Stand: Charley Johnson and Josh Couch

Prayer requests include those made in the morning service, Ellen Dalton, Dorthy Delp, Nettie Roberts, Arden Gergen, Josh and Justin Jones, Edith Eldridge, Bonnie Harris, Colby Johnson, Joe Cox, Rosie Johnson's sister, Maggie Lawson, L. E. Hill, Judith Duncan, Henry and Launa Wheeler, Bill Maggard, all those serving our country, Allen Hensley and many more the clerk could not get. Many unspoken requests were signified by uplifted hands. We were humbly led to throne of grace by Brother Gleason Storie.

Brother Jim Wilder reminded us in song that we must never fail to cling to and cherish the old rugged cross.

Brother Steve Minton, 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 to be accepted by the committee. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates duly elected or appointed by their respective churches as the voting body of the association. The chairman further explained that the letter from Peterson's Chapel had been tabled because the letter was presided over by the then current church moderator, but had since been signed by the present moderator. This was explained to the church delegates and they were in agreement with full understanding as to why the letter was tabled. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee.

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

The moderator asked for nominations to serve as moderator pro-tem during the election of the association officials. Elder Burnice Sybert was nominated. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. Elder Sybert came forward to serve during the election.

It was motioned and seconded for Brother Danny Lawson to serve as clerk and treasurer. It was motioned, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. 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, seconded and voted for nominations to cease. By acclamation Elder Sizemore will serve as moderator for the ensuing year.

Elder Sizemore, speaking for himself and the clerk, thanked the delegation for their confidence, support and prayers. He asked them to be led by the spirit in all things, especially those of the church. God works in all things and we especially need Him to lead and guide us while serving this grand body.

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 – Roger Trent (chairman), Jim Emery and Burnice Sybert; Deacons – Bradley Bowen and Ralph Baker; Laymen – John Collins and Jack Osborne.

Committee on Finance: Eckel Head (chairman), Derrick Cantwell and Scott Tipton.

Committee on Obituaries: Jason Robinette (chairman), Shane Russell and Jim Lykins.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: Oscar Irvin (chairman), Greg Hill, Roger VanHoose, John Arnott, James Jarnigan, Lewis Baker and Richard Seiber.

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. He informed the delegation that due to some problems they have been experiencing with the amplifier, the association should consider replacing it in the near future. It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the committee to locate and purchase a suitable replacement for next year.

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

The association clerk gave a financial report for all receipts and monies spent this year.

The moderator informed the delegation of several things as follows:

- A school absence form was available from the clerk if anyone needs one.
- The committee to investigate the possibility of getting a trailer to haul and store the association tent, chairs and other equipment

recommends not pursuing this any further due to the all the details involved in transporting it across our highways. No further comments were made, so the association will not pursue this any further.

- Reminded everyone that we are an association of churches and while we have our association rules of decorum, there are some things the association cannot do. The association will help in any manner possible, but the individual churches must still continue to handle normal church affairs.
- It was great to see Sister Stella Sybert here with us in today's meeting.

Elder Burnice Sybert came forward to thank everyone for all their prayers and everything they did during the passing of his father, Elder John Henry Sybert. He also noted that this being the clerk's 19th year of service, our present clerk is the longest standing clerk in the history of the association.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 5, 2007.

Brother Junior Bradley from Maple Hill Church led the congregation in singing of God's amazing grace.

Friday Morning, October 5, 2007

The second day of this wonderful gathering was blessed with smiling faces and warm embraces. Sister Zula McCullough led this grand old body in song. God has drawn us nearer through His wonderful mercy. It won't be very long till we will meet our Lord and King up yonder in the sky. When the roll is called up yonder, will you be there? Let us labor for the Master, so that when our work on earth is over we can say it is well with our soul. All our sins were nailed to the cross with Jesus, not in part but the whole. Testimonies and shouts of praise rang out as God blessed His children.

We were further blessed with testimonies and song from Brother Joe Sizemore. Just inside those gates of pearl we'll learn a lot of things, we'll suffer no more and we'll celebrate that grand homecoming week the first ten thousand years.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to today's service while thanking God for all His blessings. This wonderful reunion we are gathered at today is but a taste of what's in store. The spirit of God reveals Him to us. Our prayer is that some lost soul might accept Him as their personal Savior at this association. He makes us fit subjects for the kingdom of God.

We need to continue to pray for the unsaved, all the requests from yesterday, those serving our country in the military; Terrell Smith, Steve Minton, Lowell Johnson, Justin Johnson, Bill Maggard, Della Haddack, Gene Greer, Dustin and Adam Lawson and many unspoken requests signified by

uplifted hands. Elder Scott Tipton took our petitions to the Lord in an old fashioned altar of 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 with one addition to the list of ministers that had passed from us since last year. Elder Eldridge Albright's name will be added to those names mentioned in Thursday's service.

The singers from Pilgrim's Rest Church and the daughters of Walter Lipe blessed us with their wonderful songs and testimonies. We are pilgrims and strangers here, but we are never alone for He is ever with us. Heartaches and trials are many, but we can always lean on His strong arm. Jesus will touch us and bring us out of any problems we may be faced with. Let us see the coming of the Lord, for He is in everything and His truth will march on throughout eternity. Beulah land is a place where time won't matter anymore and no sad goodbyes will ever be spoken. Here we lean on Jesus every hour of every day, but our new home will be eternal. We are redeemed by His mercy and saved by His grace, so let us sing His praises wherever we go, listening to the story of our Savior who rolled the stone away.

Elder Charley Johnson, having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, came forward to take the first part of the service. He never got around to reading any scripture, but advised that we ask God and seek Him. You might say, "ask Him what?" We can ask God anything, for He is willing and able to deliver all things. If God was coming by, would you call out to Him? We need to seek His will in our lives. God will not dwell where He is not wanted. If we want God in our lives, we need to ask. If we want our people to be saved, we need to ask. We can ask many things, but when we ask, we have to believe that God is not only able, but that He will deliver. Unless we believe, God will not answer. Elder Josh Couch read the 12th chapter of Revelation and brought us another wonderful message from on high. In Christ we are overcomers. He knows our needs more so than we do. The only way we can overcome Satan is to take him to the Lord. He establishes our going and lets us reason together. Jesus Christ will bring changes in a person's life. Our treasures should be laid up in heaven instead of in this old world. God wonderfully blessed these men to preach the gospel and for this we give Him all the honor, praise and glory.

Elder A. D. Howington led the congregation in a song as we adjourned for lunch.

Friday Afternoon, October 5, 2007

After a delicious lunch served by the host church, the congregation came together in the tent with songs of praise. When we are cast down, we can swing out on our Savior's promises and He will whisper sweet peace to us. In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore, never to worry about the cares of this life again. We were further blessed by singing and

testimony from Aubra Hill, Wilma Bledsoe and Doris Burke. The wonderful face of our Savior is leading us home as He guides our footsteps. When the Savior calls, we will be listening and if our heart is right we will hear His call.

Elder Sizemore thanked the church for the wonderful lunch and thanked God for such a wonderful place to be. The same God that looked down on Peter is the same God we serve right here and now. Our prayer is that some lost soul will come to know this man called Jesus. Let us continue to pray for them.

Prayer requests were made for all those in the previous services, the unsaved, A. D. Howington's son, our older members that are not able to come, Monnie Bledsoe, Sue Giles, Georgia Sage, Ralph Lindsey, Edith Eldridge, the revivals, Delmer Wallen, Sr., John Osborne, Jr., Eugene Wallen, Eckel Head, Micah Russell, Dennis Perkins, and many unspoken requests. Elder Greg Hill led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

Billy Jack Johnson, chairman of the Letter Committee, came forward to discuss a problem with the church letters in general. He offered a suggestion to the delegation that a place be made on the church letter where the moderator's name could be printed and he could sign it just below this. It was also recommended that the clerk's name be done the same way. It was motioned, seconded and voted to have association clerk make any necessary changes to the church letter form.

The moderator announced that Brian McPherson volunteered to make copies of association CD's for anyone that might want them.

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

Friday night:

Liberty Chapel: Oscar Irvin, Joe Pitzer and Roger VanHoose

Long Hollow: Mike Fullington, Bill Winstead, Bill VanHoose, and
Carson Johnson

New Life: Harold Shaw and Jason Robinette

Oak Grove: Revival meeting with Virgil Lipe and Jerry Scalf

Saturday morning, October 6, 2007:

Stand: Terry Sizemore and Oscar Irvin

Saturday night:

Guthrie's Gap: Bill VanHoose

Liberty Chapel: Burnice Sybert, Mike Fullington and John Arnott

Poplar Grove: Roger VanHoose and Joe Pitzer

Roller's Chapel: anyone who wishes to come

Sulphur Springs: Gordon Justice

The moderator appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 2008, which includes Billy Jack Johnson (chairman), Bill Maggard, Gary Henard and Ralph Baker (alternate).

The Committee on Finance reported \$8,630.00 in receipts for the year.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 66 have been received at this time.

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

The Committee on Newly Constituted Churches reported that none had 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 repairs to be paid for by the clerk of the association.

It was motioned, seconded and voted to allow the clerk \$1,000 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 Bill VanHoose, Roger Trent and Woodrow Fields came forward as members of the Circular Letter Committee to present their letter to this grand body. Each of these brethren spoke of all the things God has done for them in their life. The letter is intended for the association at large that we might walk in the love of Jesus in everything we do. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

The moderator appointed the Circular Letter Committee for 2008, which includes: Elders Mike Fullington, Jamie Jarnigan and Joe Pitzer.

An offering was taken up to help defer the cost of purchasing the new PA system equipment. A total of \$1,625.00 was collected.

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 6 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These are: Blackwater Lick, Fairview (OH), Little Cowan, Pilgrim's Rest, Richardson Chapel and Riverside. Before the plea process started, Riverside and Pilgrim's Rest withdrew. During the plea process, Blackwater Lick withdrew, leaving the vote between Fairview (OH), Little Cowan and Richardson Chapel. The majority of the votes fell almost evenly between Little Cowan and Fairview (OH). Upon hearing these results, the church at

Fairview (OH) withdrew, resulting in a clear majority, to send the association to Little Cowan, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning, (October 2, 2008) before the first Saturday in October, 2008. Introductory – Elder John Banks; Alternate – Elder Brad Dutton.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 6, 2007.

Saturday Morning, October 6, 2007

Our memorial service began with smiling faces and cheerful greetings as the bright sunshine shown round about. As the congregation gathered in the tent, Sister Zula McCullough started the service with several songs of praise. On the streets of glory we'll lift our voice ever to rejoice with our blessed Redeemer. The sweet assurance we received when Jesus saved us is enough to get us through the trials and tribulations in this life. When we are happy in Jesus, December is as pleasant as June; for His presence dispurses all gloom. Precious memories linger near and flood our soul as we recall those gone on before us. In the stillness of the midnight, many sacred scenes unfold and our hope grows fonder. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for soon the bridegroom cometh and we'll know the joy of that glad meeting just inside the eastern gate.

Those attending today's service were especially blessed with special singing and wonderful testimonies from Joe Pitzer, Bill Winstead and the Sulphur Springs singers, Phillip Little, Mt. Mitchell singers, Roger VanHoose and Terry Sizemore. Jesus paid the sin debt with His precious blood and it is still the blood that cleanses from sin and brings victory to us. It is joy to know we are nearing the shore of our home sweet home where Jesus will say, "Welcome, come in and rest." When we've traveled our last mile, we'll enter that lifeboat where He'll hold to our hand as over death's river we go. We'll see many saints of old in heaven, the home of the soul, and we'll get to see His face. There is coming a day where all is peace on that happy golden shore. What a day, glorious day that will be when we look upon His face. While we may not understand it, we are just thrilled and amazed how God saves old sinners, but the biggest surprise is that He would save old sinners like us. As we walk the streets of gold in that fair city, there'll be no sorrow nor pain and we can shout, "we're safe at last." Our real home is up there on high, for we belong to a King that welcomes us with outstretched arms. Thank God we are free from this world of sin, for we are saved, saved, saved by His wonderful grace. Through it all, we found out He would bring us out and show us the way.

Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to our memorial service, once again thanking Jesus for the many blessings. We are so thankful that Jesus rose on that third and appointed day. Wonderful testimonies from several folks blessed our hearts and let us know He is still in control of all things. If you don't know what was seen and felt here today, please ask God to show you the true way. We, the Redeemed of the Lord need to stand up and offer our praise, for we are the ones who need to edify His holy name. Our heart's

desire is that someone will come to the Lord and be saved. Man can't bring salvation; it can only come through Jesus.

Prayer requests for all those in previous services, unsaved, Jim Burke, young ladies' children. Elder Burnice Sybert gave a wonderful testimony and an earnest plea for everyone. We know the Lord has not changed, so we must examine our life to find what has changed that we might return to the old paths and experience the services we all remember from our early childhood. Let us never stop praying for God to save our lost people. Elder Sybert humbly took our petitions to the Lord in a soul stirring prayer.

The delegation was seated in order to transact the business.

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

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

Elder David Smith, pastor of host church, came forward to thank everyone for all their help. He also extended a special thank you to Elder Gordon Justice for all he has meant to Pilgrim's Rest Church over the years.

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 Terry Sizemore came forward to take the first part of the service. Let us honor the memories of those gone on to their reward by obeying the spirit of the precious Lamb of God. Reading from Philippians 2: 1-14, he used as a thought the 5th verse, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Let us come with the mindset we had as children that we might come forth to do the work of the Lord. He came down and took upon Him the nature of man that He could become the supreme sacrifice. He became sin that we don't have to answer for anymore. We may not know how to live our life, but if we have Jesus in our heart, we know He will show us. Let us be careful not to look unto our own things, but those of God. Let us walk humbly and circumspectly before the world that we would be pleasing to Christ.

Christ came willingly to overcome the excuses man would have. May we never act like Christians, but be Christians. Let us be led of His spirit that we may serve and please Him. Do as the Lord instructed, not what man might say. Elder Oscar Irvin took the second part of the service, preaching another wonderful message given him by the Lord. We gather to honor, glorify and do the will of Jesus Christ. He set the example and order of things we are to follow. Adorn in love to honor and worship Him. He was willing to lay down His life that we would have a way to follow Him. This old body of clay has no light except that which God placed within us. It will one day go down in weakness, but it'll be raised in victory. He laid aside all His splendor and took on a robe of flesh to pay the debt we owed. A river flows in each of us to let us know we are the sons of God. We are redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb, and without His blood and without His spirit we are none of His. The work is great and the laborers few. The way of God's children is an easy way, but the way of the transgressor is hard. We are alive and alive forevermore. Such wonderful preaching from God above through these men is truly a blessing. Thank God for them and all our preaching brethren who stand to share the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Many seem to have lost the love for this grand body over the years. The interest in the association is waning, so each of our church pastors should stand and tell the flock about this grand body.

Elder Sizemore thanked God for the message this morning. As we adjourned for lunch, Elder Roger VanHoose led us in songs of praise. Shouts of praise and tears of joy were abundant throughout the tent as we adjourned for the day. Our service today was very special in that we just couldn't quit. I was thrilled just to be able stand there and watch our precious Savior bless His children. Praise His holy name! There is no stopping place when it comes to praising our blessed Redeemer.

Sunday Morning, October 7, 2007

Our time together has swiftly come and gone, but we thank God for being here in our midst. The last day may be a solemn occasion, but it is also a time of rejoicing. Brother Don Gordon led the congregation in singing some wonderful songs of Zion. On that resurrection morning we'll have a new body and a new life, where there'll be no more pain or strife. The saved of God have never been sorry they trusted His blessed holy name. Just as His word tells us, He is exactly the same. How sweet the sound of God's amazing grace which has brought us safe thus far and will lead us safely home. If a lost soul asks you for help, could you help them?

Elder David Smith, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to today's service as he praised God for His amazing grace. His grace is sufficient for our every need. We pray the Lord might speak to some lost soul.

Prayer requests were made for the lost in all our communities, all those of previous services, each other, wonderful testimonies, many special requests,

sick among us, J. R. South's daughter, Nancy Bledsoe and her family, Doris Gordon's brother and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. Elder Von Burton led us to the throne of grace.

We were further blessed with singing from Vakesha Henard, the children of the church, Walter Lipe's daughters, Brandy Couch, and Doris Gordon. Sing hallelujah, for Jesus is alive and alive forevermore! Don't be discouraged, for Jesus is still the same and will be there right on time. He walks with us each and every day from the lowest valley to the highest hill and across the stormy seas. They hung our Lord upon a tree for crimes He had not done, but the grave couldn't hold Him, He is risen as He said. We must keep walking in the light of the Lord. If we get moving in the right direction, then nothing can stop us on our journey here. So many times we get in a form of godliness, but we need to loose Him and let Him go. We must not fail to assemble ourselves together. Our sins are in God's sea of forgetfulness. We are not what we used to be, for there's been a miraculous change in each of God's children.

We thank God for all the visiting ministers that were in attendance at today's services. Every preacher in attendance preached at one time or another and at times several were preaching at the same time. There were no dry eyes as God's children shouted and praised Him all over the church house. I wish I could write the words or find some way to convey what happened at this little church today, but I know of no way except to say you had to be here to experience the tremendous blessings today. We speak many times how the Lord has blessed in a service, but today we witnessed His holy spirit coming down in ways not seen in a while. God's children did loose Him and let Him go and we witnessed just a taste of what is in store for the children of God.

The Pilgrim's Rest choir blessed us with their song. We must roll our burdens on Him. What would we do without Jesus? We couldn't make it without Him.

Mere words can not express what a tremendous Savior we serve. His blessings are beyond words, but I still find myself trying to describe a love so great that all other love pales in comparison. I pray the Lord will bestow upon you blessings that can't be gained, saved nor denied.

CIRCULAR LETTER

This circular letter is written for the 155th Annual Session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptist Churches in Rogersville Tennessee, the delegation, the visitors and all who may read in the years to come.

We have met at Pilgrim's Rest to worship the Lord and fellowship together in the love that God placed in our hearts when we were born into His family. We want to praise the Lord with all of our hearts all the days of our lives, for He is worthy.

We feel so blessed to be a part of this grand old body of believers, and that we have this privilege to write a few words in this letter. We consider John, who wrote in the first chapter of his second epistle, "The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it."

How precious is the Church in the eyes of Jesus? How much does God and Christ love us? Christ loves each one of us the same, without variableness. For when we had no God, and were not a holy people, unjust and lost, and were without hope, being bound by the law of sin and death, Jesus humbled Himself, and became obedient, and gave His all for us, which was much more than laying his life down, since some men would dare to do for a good man, for He did it for us when we were against Him. He was perfect, and without sin, and was daily His Father's delight. The Scriptures say in Isaiah 53, "we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." The Scriptures also say, "He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied:" God also said of Christ, "by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities."

Surely, when Christ cried out from the cross, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is interpreted, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?", His sufferings were more than the nails in His hands and feet, for He was forsaken and smitten of God for mine and your sake as individuals and for the Church's sake as a family. The iniquities of us all were placed on Him. Jesus loves us and cares for us, even as God the Father loves us. We are His people, His church, and His brethren. Jesus said, "... upon this rock..." meaning the revelation of God, "I will build **my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Also, Ephesians 2:20-22 says, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." And Ephesians 2:4-9 says, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

For we also, as the Church of Jesus Christ, are to love one another without variableness and to care deeply for the Church, as well as the lost, as Christ loved us and cared for us. The Church is precious, holy, and righteous because of Jesus. When our sincere desire is the same as Christ our Savior, then our love will be great for all our brethren and for the lost. We need to be rooted and grounded in grace and in love.

Beloved brethren, our hope and desire for you and everyone who is born of Jesus, is the same as was Paul the Apostle's when he wrote in his epistle to the Ephesians, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

This year marks the 31st anniversary of our mobile kitchen. We'd like to take this opportunity to briefly recall the history of the kitchen and how it came about. In 1975, at Irondale Church in Big Stone Gap Virginia, there had been a great deal of discussion concerning the possibility of constructing a mobile cookhouse which could be moved from church to church, thereby eliminating the cost of building one each year. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and voted upon to appoint an investigative committee to look into the cost and construction of the project. Subsequently, the moderator appointed Elder R. C. Whittemore, Brother Marvin Ketron, and Elder Joel McMurray as the committee members.

In 1976, at West View Church in Kingsport Tennessee, Elder R. C. Whittemore reported that a kitchen twelve feet wide and long enough to contain all the necessary furnishings, as well as the tent and chairs, could be built for \$2,500.00. After discussion, a motion was made, then seconded, and passed the vote, to move forward and build the kitchen. Churches were advised to send contributions for this work to the clerk.

It was motioned, seconded, and voted upon to have the committee work with the host church of the 1977 Association in constructing the kitchen. The committee was comprised of the same men as the investigative committee.

It was reported that Brother C. G. Robinette of Big Stone Gap Virginia would donate the steel needed for the construction of the mobile kitchen. It was also noted that three axels with wheels would be needed, as well as good operational stoves, refrigerators, and a water heater.

At Chestnut Flats Church in Kingsport Tennessee, in 1977, Elder R. C. Whittemore gave a report of the construction of the mobile kitchen. He informed the Association that it had been built at a cost of \$4,119.48, while forty-six churches had contributed \$2,739.65 toward the cost of the construction. While the West View Quartet sang, an offering was taken to help offset the cost difference, which had been taken out of the Association treasury. \$632.08 was collected.

In 1977, Chestnut Flats Church had the privilege of being the first to enjoy the blessings of the new kitchen. That fellowship, along with many other churches, has been blessed to use the kitchen right up to this present time.

We offer many thanks to those who built, furnished equipment and supplies, and also to those who have repaired the kitchen throughout the years. Elder Woodrow Fields and his wife have had the great privilege to work in the kitchen for fourteen years, along with the host churches and many other volunteers. They have gotten acquainted with so many wonderful people while working in the kitchen... people that they would have missed out on meeting if they hadn't been working in it.

It's a joy to look out and see God's people gathering to be served at the kitchen. If you have never worked a full week in the kitchen from start to finish each day, you don't know what you have missed.

Many, many thanks to Sister Pearl Johnson who has worked almost every year since the kitchen has been built, along with her daughter, Kathy Robinson, who has worked many years alongside her. And many other thanks for the wisdom and knowledge they have shared with all the churches.

We'd also like to add that it was a blessing to see our former moderator, Brother John Henry Sybert, Sister Stella Sybert, Brother Terry Sizemore, our moderator, and Sister Peggy Sizemore, walk in the kitchen recently.

It's been a blessing for our churches to be numbered among the host churches, and to be laborers and servants to the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptist Churches.

Many times we would love for every person that comes to the Association to look through our eyes and see what goes on all week at the host church. All the labor, effort, and love they put forth in serving the great number of God's people.

Consider what the Apostle Paul said in 1st Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

We thought how gracious it would be if all the churches would visit the host church at least one time during the year. What a blessing and how supportive it would be to the host church.

Our prayer is that every person that comes to the Association is to bring a basket of twelve different manners of fruit. The basket is our heart, where the Spirit of the Lord dwells. Paul said the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. We would have you taste and see that the Lord is good, and see if He will not open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

So let us as the Association, the Church, the precious Elect Lady and her children, always walk in love and stay rooted and grounded in the faith, and ever willing to labor together sowing the good seed of the Word, watching and praying so we can enjoy the blessings of the golden harvest.

Your Brothers in Christ,

Elder Woodrow Fields
Elder Bill Van Hoose
Elder Roger Trent

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The privilege of meeting together on this side of eternity has once again been granted to us here at Pilgrim's Rest Church. Our health, strength and mental well-being are but a few of the blessings showered upon us during the past year. It is such a joy and privilege to have this opportunity to meet here with friends and loved ones. The Lord has blessed us beyond measure and asks nothing in return. Our prayer during this grand gathering is for some lost soul to accept Him as their personal savior that God will receive all the praise and glory for it all.

Preparation for the gathering does not happen by itself, nor does it happen overnight. Pilgrim's Rest has done an excellent job in taking care of God's children and for this we offer our utmost appreciation and heartfelt thanks for them. We know the Lord has blessed them for all their efforts during this past year. When God's people come together with a mind to work, amazing things take place. We pray that the Holy Spirit has welcomed you. Thank God for all those that have come forward with helping hands and willing hearts to carry on the Lord's work. We thank the surrounding community and everyone who took part from the bottom of our heart for all their efforts to make our stay here more enjoyable. Let us continue to pray that God will bless them in the coming years.

We also appreciate and thank those who made individual donations and the 59 churches who contributed a total of \$9,110.00 to help their sister church in the care of the association. Many have given of their time and supported us in all the work that has gone on. We pray the Lord will bless each and every one who has quietly labored and given of themselves to help in one form or another. The burden is much lighter when we all give of ourselves to help in this labor of love.

Elder Terry Sizemore, our moderator, deserves our thoughts and prayers for the time, prayers and guidance he has given to the association. We thank God for him and his family and we trust God will continue to bless them in the future. To the many who have given of themselves to serve on the committees and represent their churches as delegates to carry on the

business of the association, we offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. Thank God for each of you and your willingness to see His work continue.

Have you ever taken time to think about this journey we are on? We have a blessed hope of life eternal with God. We may hope for many things in this life but don't be mistaken, our hope in Jesus Christ is as sure as the fact we are gathered here today. There is no guessing with Jesus! His word is forever settled in heaven and regardless of what we may think, everything will be done according to His will. Our journey leads us down some good paths and some bad ones, too, but if we follow the path Christ prepared for us, then our journey will be joy unspeakable and full of glory. As one of God's children, we have power through Jesus Christ. When we disobey or fail to step forward when He bids us come, then our power is diminished. He cannot use an unclean vessel. Lot mixed with the wrong crowd, so much so that he lost his power with God to the point of the vexation of his soul. Making the right choices in life will draw us closer to God, but the wrong choices will lead us farther away and further reduce our power with Him. Let us be sure the path we choose is the one set before us by God, not man, so we can utilize the power He blesses us with to do His will in leading others to Christ.

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 – Mountain View Church in Duffield, VA, hosted the 55th annual Eastern District Association beginning October 3, 1907. Elder J. R. Robinette preached the introductory sermon from Acts 13:1-39 using as his text, “And by Him all that believe are justified from all things from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.” Elder E. A. Robinette was the alternate. Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and E. A. Robinette, clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – On September 29, 1932 the 80th annual session met with Osborne’s Chapel Church, Blackwater, VA. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. T. Carroll, reading Colossians 2:9 and using as his text, “For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” He was followed by Elder E. Barker. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator and E. F. Robinette, clerk and treasurer.

50 Years Ago – Marion Robinette Memorial Church Persia, TN, hosted the 105th annual session beginning on October 3, 1957. Elder C. C. Johnson read from Acts 7 using the 37th verse as a text: “This is that Moses, which said to the children of Israel, a prophet shall your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear” for his introductory sermon. Elder Basil Freeman, the alternate, came forward using the same subject. The association elected Elder J. H. Sybert moderator and G. D. Smith, clerk and treasurer.

25 Years Ago – September 30, 1982 was the beginning of the 130th annual session, hosted by Jenkins Chapel Church, Surgoinsville, TN. Elder Hasco Jenkins preached the introductory sermon after reading I Peter 1:13-25, using as a text the 13th verse, “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” He was followed by Elder Fred Gilreath, the alternate. Elder Basil Freeman 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 and Joe Funk. Total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday morning and every Sunday. Bazzle Manis, moderator.

BEECH GROVE: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Phil Crittenden, Kate Arrington, Ralph Lawson, Sr. and Zelma Lawson; alternates: Lucy Gilliam and Ralph Lawson, Jr. Total number on roll, 48; 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: Earl Johnson, Gerald Moore, J. T. Osborne and Kathy Robinson; alternates: Hershel Baker and Sarah Parsons. Received by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 104; 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, moderator.

BLAIR CHAPEL: Blair, Ky. Delegate: David Whitaker. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 256; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Rod Raleigh, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, Va. Delegates: None. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 17; 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: Brittany Bowen, John Bowlin, Thomas Hall and Courtney Osborne; alternates: Jim Bowlin and Joe Horton. Deceased, 1; 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: Delmer McPherson, Ada McPherson, Scott Tipton and Teresa Tipton; alternate: Imogene McPherson. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 130; contribution, \$130.00; 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. Scott Tipton, moderator.

BUTCHER'S VALLEY: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Walter Bailey, Gail Horne, Ricky Burns and Joshua Tompson; alternates: Tammy Tompson and Ruby Horne. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 124; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning, 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May (2:00 p.m.). Russell Davidson, moderator.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Jess Akens, Jr., Lillie Akens, Roy Jones and Lois Collier; alternates: Vicky Jones and Sue Spears. Total number on roll, 34; 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, Frances Armstrong, Eddie Malone and Otis Roberts; alternates: Edna Massey and Wanda Malone. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 83; contribution, \$75.00; 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, Wayne Gibson and Dan Cross; alternate: Kay Baker. Received by experience and baptism, 2; deceased, 1; 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, Karen Stewart, Terri VanHoose and Bill VanHoose; alternate: Susie Pitzer. Dismissed by letter, 5; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 149; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday following 4th Saturday and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in August. Joe Pitzer, moderator.

COPPER CREEK (ADDINGTON FRAME): Nickelsville, Va. Delegates: Allen Addington, Roger Manning, Clifton Horne and Nadine Horne; alternates: Steve Minton and Flo Minton. Total number on roll, 74; 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: None. Received by experience and baptism, 1; 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, moderator.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Fern Marcum, Rita Marcum, Janie Woodward and Butch Woodward. Total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April (April 13, 2008). Elders John Arnott and Walter Willis asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, Ky. Delegates: Henrietta Adams, Pat Holbrook, Beulah Webb and Basil Holbrook; alternates: Roger Sturgill and Teresa Sturgill. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 8; total number on roll, 38; 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: Sonnie Wallen, Jason Robinette, Mary Ruth Osborne and Ival Price. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 135; contribution, \$250.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in May (May 18, 2008). Jason Robinette, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: St. Charles, Va. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 28; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Elder Richard Seiber asked to attend. Earnest Bledsoe, moderator pro-tem.

FAITHFUL MINISTRY: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: David Moody, Charles Bernard, James Couch and Leah Moody; alternates: Verlin Jayne and Annie Jessee. Total number on roll, 8; 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: T. H. Johnson, David Horton, Pleas Lawson and Doug Willis; alternates: Anna Lawson and Helen Willis. Total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night, every Sunday, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Greg Hill, moderator.

GARDNER'S CHAPEL: Bristol, Va. Delegates: Don Huffman, Darrell Laughlin, Terrell Smith and Douglas McClain; alternates: Bobby Carter and Burl Lyons. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 516; 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: Hiram Gardner, Gail Gardner, Kathy Baker and Janie Hensley; alternates: Gary Baker and Chris Salley. Received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 109; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

GUTHRIE'S GAP: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Grace Hawkins, Keith Wallen, Betty Livesay and Billie Burns; alternates: Audrey Wheeler and Cindy Wallen. Received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 205; 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: Margie Lane, Frank Lane, George Richards and L. D. Delph; alternates: Kathy Eldridge and John Arnott. Total number on roll, 35; 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, Bill Barrett and Faye Barrett. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; 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. Delegate: Glenn Cornett. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 25; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Wednesday (6:00 p.m.) and 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: Clyde Phillips, Iloe Collier, Ann Phillips and Frankie Phillips. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 29; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.) and Sunday. Clyde Phillips, moderator.

JENKINS CHAPEL: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Paul Strong, Arry Hickman and Fred Gilreath. Received by relationship, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 53; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night, 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.). Paul Strong, moderator pro-tem.

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Ronnie Brooks, Denise Brooks, Eileen Brown and Charley Johnson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 82; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday (10:30 a.m.) in April. Terry Sizemore, moderator.

LIBERTY CHAPEL: Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Orbin Ward, Larry Ward and Dwight Ward. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 79; contribution, \$400.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Fred Gilreath, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, Ky. Delegates: Carol Caudill, J. T. Caudill, Robert Sword and Verna Rayburn; alternate: Johnny Banks. 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 Carolyn Lewis; alternates: Judy Corder and Ruby Sturgill. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 25; 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, Jerry Bledsoe, Valerie Shaver and Donnie McNabb. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 104; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, Wednesday night 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 Terry Yount; alternates: Lavine Ketron and Bazzle Manis. Received by relationship, 5; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 197; 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 18, 2008 (10:00 a.m.). Harold Head, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, Va. Delegates: Don Woodward, Roy Bledsoe and Evelyn Orick. Dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 48; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night, every Sunday morning and every 2nd Saturday night. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Don Woodward, moderator pro-tem.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, Oh. Delegates: Connie Nelson, Steven Mullins and David VanHoose. Received by experience and baptism, 14; received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 5; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 74; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday and every Sunday. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May. 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 night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May. John Arnott, moderator.

MILLER'S CHAPEL: Bristol, Va. Delegates: Myrt Worley, Margaret Helvey, Linda Ramsey and Nancy Evans. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday. Tommy Osborne, moderator pro-tem.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bradley Bowen and Juanita Bowen. Deceased, 1; 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.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Michael Snapp and Deborah Snapp. Received by relationship, 4; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 8; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 113; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:00 a.m.). Michael Snapp, moderator pro-tem.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, Tn. Delegates: Dennis Purkey, Imogene Purkey, Joyce Russell and David Daniels; alternates: Christine Conley and Tommy Merrifield. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 52; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Wednesday night, every Sunday and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Jerry Johnson, moderator; Henry Wheeler, honorary moderator.

OAK GROVE: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Chris Woods, Jim Woods, J. D. Dyer and Dan Winstead; alternates: Van Shropshire and Jim Harmon. Received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 9; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 152; 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'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Larry Fannon, Carolyn Fannon, James Davidson and Mary Ruth Davidson; alternates: Everette Donald Neeley and Joyce Neeley. Received by experience and baptism, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 69; contribution, \$85.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Jim Emery, moderator.

PILGRIM'S REST: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Gary Henard, Don Gordon, Brandy Couch and Joshua Couch. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 74; contribution, \$300.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning (9:45 a.m.), Sunday night (6:00 p.m.), Wednesday night and the 4th Saturday night. David Smith, moderator.

PINK HILL: Surgoinsville, Tn. Delegates: Quinton Thacker and Roy Thacker. Received by experience and baptism, 6; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 143; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.). Richard Watts, moderator.

POND VIEW: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Jackie Rutherford, Charles Sizemore, Sue Sizemore and Louise Bledsoe; alternates: Tammy Bledsoe and Clinton Rutherford. Received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 63; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Clinton Rutherford, Sr. moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Austin Adams, H. C. Johnson, Priscilla Irvin and Charles Young; alternate: Oscar Irvin. Received by experience and baptism, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 87; 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: Richardson, Ky. Delegates: Tommy Meade, Tommy VanHoose, Larry Borders, and Louetta Borders; alternates: Rosemary Borders and John Borders. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 4; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 10; total number on roll, 185; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday night before Memorial Day. Tommy Meade and Thomas VanHoose, moderators.

RIVERSIDE: Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Darrell Smith, Darrell Sizemore, Larry Delph and Gary Sizemore; alternates: Larry Dean and Joe Sizemore.

Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 3; deceased, 1; 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 Gene Robinette, Kim Robinette and Joe Robinette; alternates: Karen Hood and Kathy Lawson. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 58; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:30 EST) and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, Oh. Delegates: Jim Lykins, Anita Newkirk, Mark Newkirk and Tom Carter; alternate: John Turner. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 101; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (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, \$50.00; meeting day, 1st and 3rd Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Harold Head, moderator.

SLATE HILL: Mooresburg, Tn. Delegates: Aaron Lucas, Dan Jarnigan, Robert Ferrell and Jamie Jarnigan; alternate: Wayne Drinnon. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 190; 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: Jo Ann Griffin and Frank Gilliam. Total number on roll, 30; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, Sunday night following the 3rd Saturday (6:00 p.m.). Frank Gilliam, moderator.

SNEEDVILLE: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Carson Johnson, Shane Russell, Bethel Ebert and Harry Ebert; alternate: Ester Jones. Excluded, 2; total number on roll, 75; 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, Richard Davis, Bill Winstead and Betty Winstead; alternates: Michael Burton and Tim Mallory. Received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 98; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night. Bill Winstead, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Carter Haggard, Clarence Morgan, Cody Dodson and Doyle O'Dell; alternates: Earl Lee Dodson and J. R. South. Dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 289; contribution, \$450.00; 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, Ola Belcher and Amy Shepard; alternate: Marilyn Kinsler. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 85; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.). Donny Clifford, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, Va. Delegates: Ed Duncan, Anna Duncan, Ronnie Leonard and Sandra Leonard; alternates: David Parsons and Charles Thompson. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 56; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Sunday and 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, Vivian Seiber and Doris Burke; alternates: Eddie Williams and Richard Seiber. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 44; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday (10:30 a.m.) following the 1st Saturday in May. Elders Eckel Head, Richard Seiber and Burnice Sybert asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

WALNUT CHAPEL: Gate City, Va. Delegates: Billy Jack Johnson, Doug Phillips, Claude Smith and A. D. Howington; alternate: Bob Peters. Received by relationship, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 131; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in June. Allen Hensley, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Billy Walton, Kathy Walton, Delmer Wallen, Sr. and Jean Wallen; alternates: Peggy Mellons and Zula McCullough. Received by experience and baptism, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 53; 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, Junior Wallen, Millard R. Hall and Tina Fullington. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 108; 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 Earika Marshall; alternate: Carl Smith. Total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September (10:30 a.m.). Carl Smith, moderator.

TOTALS: 64 churches (25 in VA., 28 in TN., 7 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 47; received by letter, 16; received by relationship, 20; received or restored by recantation, 0; dismissed by letter, 37; excluded, 16; deceased, 88; total number on roll, 5,937.

There are 56 ministers serving as pastors - 50 are serving 1 church; 5 are serving 2 churches and 1 is serving 3 churches. There are 6 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 51 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2008

(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, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson and Terry Sizemore.

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

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, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Harold Head, Greg Hill, Richard Seiber and Paul Strong.

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

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

8 - HURRICANE VALLEY: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Banks, John Bedwell II, Bob Brown, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, 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, Paul Strong, 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, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Donnie McNabb, 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, Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore and Scott Tipton.

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, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, 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: Gale Derrick, 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. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bedwell II, John Bowlin, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, 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'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Silas Porter Carroll, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Terry Sizemore, David Smith and Henry Wheeler.

8 - BEECH GROVE: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

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. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Bazzle Manis, Daniel Smith, 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 - GUTHRIE'S GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, 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, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

2 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Virgil Lipe, Terry Sizemore, 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, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, Roger VanHoose and Henry Wheeler.

4 - CANEY CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. 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, Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Woodrow Fields, Harold Gilley, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Daniel Hurd, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Rod Raleigh 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: John Banks, Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Rod Raleigh, Clinton

Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Scott Tipton 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, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

8 - UNION HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Silas Porter Carroll, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Virgil Lipe, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

9 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bedwell II, John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

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, Ronnie Kinsler, Paul Strong, Bill VanHoose, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis 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, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Roger Manning, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, 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 and Jason Robinette.

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, Oscar Irvin, 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. 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: Derrick Cantwell, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, J. R. South and all others who desire to attend.

4 - SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bedwell II, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Mike Fullington, Delmas Harris, 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: 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, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Virgil Lipe, David Smith, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

- AUGUST -

1 - WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday, Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Clyde Phillips, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, Donald Sybert and Roger Trent.

2 - SULPHUR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Richard Watts and Henry Wheeler.

3 - BLACKWATER LICK: To begin on Friday night (7:00 p.m.) 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, Larry Miller, 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 Paul Strong.

5 - POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore and Paul Strong.

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 before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bill LaFollette, Tommy Osborne, Paul Persinger, Shane Russell, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, Burnice Sybert and Donald Sybert.

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

9 - FAIRVIEW (VA): To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Bazzle Manis, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Scott Tipton, Richard Watts and Don Woodward.

10 - IRONDALE: To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Leonard Flanary, Harold Gilley, Wayne Gulley, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Roger Manring, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and all others who wish to attend.

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

12 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Bazzle Manis and Richard Seiber.

13 - 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.

14 - 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.

15 - 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, 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, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Rod Raleigh, 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 and Roger Trent.

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, Delmas Harris, 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: 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, Larry Miller, Joe Pitzer, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Scott Tipton, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose and Henry Wheeler.

6 - KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, Derrick Cantwell, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, David Smith 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, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, 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, Paul Strong, Scott Tipton and all other ministers welcome.

9 - FLOWER GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Eckel Head, 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, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore and Burnice Sybert.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2006.....	\$ 8,226.64
Additional Receipts from 2006.....	350.00
Receipts from 2007.....	8,630.00
Special Offering.....	1,625.00
Interest.....	57.37
TOTAL	\$ 18,889.01

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box.....	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability).....	1,673.00
Charter registration fee.....	20.00
Postage	31.10
Clerical supplies	9.80
Clerk's allowance	1,000.00
Printing and packaging 2,350 copies of 2007 minutes	4,434.22
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7,228.12
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 11,660.89

NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$1.89
The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes
ordered was \$3.08

DIRECTIONS TO LITTLE COWAN CHURCH

Those coming from Tennessee and Virginia should take US 23 to Payne Gap, KY (approximately 0.5 mile from Jenkins). Turn left on Highway 119 and proceed toward Whitesburg to the second red light. Turn left to Pine Mountain and proceed approximately 1.5 miles to State Route 2035. Turn right and proceed approximately 3.5 miles to church on the left. Those traveling from the Morristown or Hawkins County area should take Highway 11W to US 23 then follow the directions above.

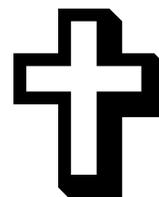
From Ohio, take Interstate 75 to Highway 64 to Route 15 from Hazard, KY to Highway 931 (approximately 0.5 from Whitesburg). Turn right on 931 and proceed to State Route 2035. Turn left and proceed approximately 0.5 mile to church on the right.

Those coming from Prestonburg, KY should take Highway 80 to Hindman, KY. Turn left onto State Route 160 (curvy road) to State Route 15 into Whitesburg. Take Whitesburg bypass to red light and turn right onto Highway 119 toward Pine Mountain. Proceed approximately 1.5 miles to State Road 2035. Turn right and proceed for approximately 3.5 miles to church on the left.



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.

ANDERSON, Roy
BANKS, Louanna
BLAIR, Vivian Willis
CAUDILL, Mable Fields
COBB, Cecil Ulice, Sr.
CORNETT, Zella
DAVIS, Zelma Mae Osborne
DOSS, Noah
FAWBUSH, D. Craig
FLEMMING, Inez Jarvis Hawkins
GROSS, Minor L.
HATTON, Tommy
HERRON, Edith
HOLCOMB, Gussie
ISON, Matilda
KETRON, Marvin C. (Hodge)
KINSLER, Jimmy Roy
LAWSON, Annie B.
LEWIS, Flossie
MOORE, Johnny
*MULLINS, Elder Frank

ASBURY, Madge Ida
BISHOP, William Ross (Buddy)
BOWEN, John
*CAUDILL, Elder Odus
COLLINS, Ronnie Lee
COX, Kenneth Ray
DERRICK, Julia Elizabeth
EDENS, Vernell Hyden
FLEENOR, Morris Elmo
GILLIAM, Virginia Carolyn
HALL, Gertrude Bloomer
HEAD, Eline Massingill
HICKMAN, Carrie Louise
HORTON, Callie J.
*JOHNSON, Elder Billy Arnold, Sr.
KINCER, J. B.
KNIGHT, Roland Junior
LAWSON, Echol (Pappy)
MILES, Zelta Pauline
MOORE, Lenora N.
NAPIER, Bertha

OSBORNE, Ewell (Butch)
 RAYMOND, Nannie M. Fannon
 ROBINETTE, Fredrick Scott
 ROLLER, William Gale
 SHAVER, Amanda Carol
 SHUFFLEBARGER, Cordie Faye
 *SYBERT, Elder John Henry
 UPMAN, Beulah Connie Ringley
 WALLEN, Leona Clendenin
 WALLEN, Ova Lola
 WILEY, Melvina
 WINEGAR, Ruth Wallen

*RALEIGH, Elder Ray
 ROBINETTE, Anna Mae
 ROBINETTE, Lona
 RUSSELL, Ora Lee
 SHORT, Otis Bruce
 *SYBERT, Elder Howard L.
 TANKERSLEY, Henry (H. L.)
 VANHOOSE, Ernest L.
 WALLEN, Manilla (Nella Lee) Osborne
 WHITAKER, Lillie June McMurray
 WINEGAR, Mack C. (June)
 WITTMAN, Marcella Joylene

*Ministers

ROY ANDERSON, age 79, went home to be with his Lord August 19, 2007. He was of the Baptist faith and was saved as a young man.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and stepfather, Elder Ben Hill.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Thelma Whitaker Anderson; 1 daughter, Emma Sue; 2 sons, Allen and Kent; 6 grandchildren, 1 step grandson; 1 great step granddaughter; 3 sisters; 3 brothers; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was a good husband, father and grandfather who loved to read at least 200 verses in the Bible every day. We miss him so much. We will meet again on that great homecoming day. Sleep on, my dear husband, I miss you so much.

- Written by his wife, Thelma

MADGE IDA ASBURY was born February 26, 1925 and went home to be with the Lord June 30, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Hassie Mae Bledsoe; 1 sister, Barbara Hammonds; 4 brothers, Jr., Eulice, Roy and M. D. Bledsoe; 1 grandson and her husband, James David Asbury.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Dianna Port and 1 son, David Asbury; 2 brothers, Bill and Jack Bledsoe; 2 sisters, Joanne Hammonds and Sue Hilton and a host of friends and relatives.

Madge professed faith in Christ at an early age and was a member of Rose Chapel Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She became a charter member of Clear Springs Church, where she continued to teach and work with the youth. She then moved her membership to Fairview Church where she was a great inspiration to all who knew her. To those of us whom she taught, her words of love and wisdom still hold dear today. With one big hug and I love you and Jesus loves you too! So rest on, sister, till we meet again and what a day that will be.

- Written by Naomi Adkins and Elder Jason Robinette

LOUANNA BANKS was born December 1, 1912 and entered eternal life March 7, 2007 being 94 years, 3 months and 6 days old at the time of her passing. She was the daughter of the late Hiram and Annie Vermillion Caudill.

She was preceded in death by 1 son, Ronald Banks; 1 sister, Gladys Pitts; 5 brothers, Bernice, Edison, Cassell and "Little" Charlie Caudill and John Fleenor.

Louanna was the widow of Earl Banks and Oscar "Bug" Day. She was a Kentucky Colonel and a member of Little Cowan Church. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

She is survived by 1 son, Edison Glen Banks Sr.; 1 daughter, Christine Gatton; 1 stepson, Mack Gene Day; 2 stepdaughters, Brenda Bentley and Mary Jane Bentley; 1 sister, Elsie Banks; 5 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

- Written by the clerk

WILLIAM ROSS "BUDDY" BISHOP went to be with the Lord January 18, 2007.

He was a member of House Chapel Church. As a veteran, he served as a Sergeant in the United States Army. As an organ donor, he helped 3 people the following day.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Bishop; mother, Irene Burton and his stepfather, Willard Burton.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; 1 daughter, Shannon Lipe, 1 brother, Walter Burton; 1 sister, Sandra Harris; 1 granddaughter; nieces and nephews and a very special aunt.

He will be missed greatly by family and friends.

- Written by the church clerk

VIVIAN WILLIS BLAIR was born October 6, 1912 and went to be with our Lord August 26, 2007 at the age of 94 years, 10 months and 20 days. She was the daughter of Quillen and Eliza Moore Willis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joe Blair; 2 brothers, Giles and Goffey Willis and 5 sisters, Ova Starnes, Frankie Barnette, Oma Trent, Eva Matlock and Venus Sizemore.

She is survived by her children: Berniece Cox; Joe Curtis Blair and Judy Roller; 6 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and 4 sisters, Delphia Dennison, Mary Caldwell, Kay Filyaw and Jean Cantrell.

She was saved at an early age and was a member of Jenkins Chapel Church, faithfully attending as long as her health permitted. Her desire and requests of prayer were for the lost to be saved. She was a wonderful singer with a song always on her lips. She sang with several groups over the years.

We miss our mother, but we know she is with Jesus and resting from her labors until the time when we can be together again in heaven.

- Written by the family

JOHN BOWEN went home to be with his Lord and Savior March 10, 2007. He was born May 27, 1929, the son of Elgie and Elizabeth Bowen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother and 3 sisters.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Bonnie; 7 children, Harriet, James, Gene, Becky, Betty, John and Matt; 16 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Nola Scaggs; many nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Rose Chapel Church, loyally serving as a deacon as long as he was able. He loved to play music and sing. He is missed by the church and all who knew him.

- Written by Anita Newkirk

MABLE FIELDS CAUDILL was born September 17, 1915 and went home to be with the Lord on April 23, 2007 at the age of 91 years.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Curtis Fields and Dock Caudill; her parents Elder Hal and Ollie Ward Laster; 2 sisters and 5 brothers.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Jean Rasnic; 5 sons, Harold, Donnie, Allen, Ray and Robert Fields; 12 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; 1 sister; Ruby Delp; 8 stepchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mable was a faithful and devoted member of Mountain View Church and was the oldest member at her death. She will be remembered for her love of God, church, family and friends. She let her Christian light shine every day and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

- Written by her family

ELDER ODUS CAUDILL, 91, a servant of Jesus Christ and a minister of the gospel for 48 years, appeared in the presence of the Lord on October 18, 2006 to spend eternity.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Bertha Hall Caudill; 1 sister, Doshia Lewis; 1 brother, Orville Caudill; 1 nephew and 1 niece.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Juanita Roberts Caudill; 1 son, Anson Caudill; 2 daughters, Mitzie Thomas and Twyla Herron; 3 grandsons; 1 granddaughter; 3 great grandchildren; 4 nieces and 1 nephew.

He was a member of Rollers Chapel Church. He is missed by the church and all who knew him.

- Written by the clerk

CECIL ULICE COBB, SR. went to be with the Lord August 18, 2007 at the age of 82 years. He was born May 25, 1925, the son of the late Ely J. and Mary Ann Percy Cobb.

He was preceded in death by 3 sisters, Irma Cobb, Frankie Upchurch and Gettea Lane.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Vivian Joyce Cobb; 1 daughter, Joyce Starnes; 1 son, Cecil Ulice Cobb, Jr.; 2 granddaughters; 2 great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Hagan and Carroll Cobb and several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Peterson's Chapel Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and worked as a coal miner for 43 years for Westmoreland Coal Company. He was also a lifetime member of VFW Post #1607 and a U.M.W.A. member. He is sadly missed by his family, the church and all who knew him.

- Written by the church clerk

RONNIE LEE COLLINS, age 47, passed away suddenly on March 3, 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Tonya Collins; 1 stepson, Dustin Wilson; 1 sister, Rita Neil; 3 brothers, Donnie, Ben, Jr. and Ricky Collins; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was a member of Little Redeemed Church and the director of the Morristown Emergency Medical Service and a volunteer with the Morristown Rescue Squad for 21 years. Ronnie's life touched a lot of friends and he is sadly missed, but one day we will be together again in heaven.

- Written by the family

ZELLA CORNETT, 87, went home to be with the Lord May 5, 2007. She was a homemaker and a member of Blair Chapel Church.

She is survived by 3 children, Caner P. Cornett, Shirley Dodd and Gail Smith; 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Zella was in the nursing home for a long while, but always loved the mention of the Lord and her church.

- Written by the church clerk

KENNETH RAY COX, 54, passed away September 21, 2007.

He was preceded in death by his father, Millard Cox.

He is survived by his mother, Laura Cox, 3 brothers, Keith, Jim and Doug Cox; 9 nephews and 13 nieces.

A lifelong resident of Lee County, VA, he was a member of Davis Chapel Church. He was also a beautician and a small engine mechanic. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the clerk

ZELMA MAE OSBORNE DAVIS was born August 17, 1922 and went home to be with the Lord on December 2, 2006. She was the daughter of the late Jessie and Tishie Glass Osborne.

She professed faith in Christ many years ago at a revival conducted at Osborne's Chapel Church. She later joined Osborne's Chapel and was baptized. She loved attending services and hearing the gospel preached. She truly enjoyed reading the scriptures and one of her favorites was Psalm 23.

On July 19, 1941 she and Guy W. Davis were married and from that union came two children, Wilma Beatrice and Don Guy.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; 6 brothers, Emmett, Roy, Charlie, Amos, Holly and Johnny Osborne; 4 sisters, Bonnie Etta, Ella, Ruby Osborne and Rosa Fannon.

Left to mourn her passing is her daughter, Wilma McConnell; 1 son, Don Davis; 7 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Thelma Grace Barnette and Jessie Lee Fannon; many nieces and nephews and also many friends.

She enjoyed cooking, canning, sewing, quilting, gardening and especially visiting the sick and taking food or helping in any way possible. She was a caring soul who will be missed here on earth. Her testimony is II Timothy 4:7-8.

- Written by her daughter, Wilma McConnell

JULIA ELIZABETH DERRICK was born April 10, 1923 and departed this life October 8, 2006 at the age of 83 years, 5 months and 28 days.

She was the daughter of the late Ballard and Eliza Wallen Chandler. She was married to Elder Virgil Derrick, who passed away in 1977.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 2 brothers, John Charles and James Chandler and 1 sister, Mary Jenkins.

She is survived by 1 son, Tracy Derrick; 1 brother, Olin Chandler; 1 sister, Alice Bailey; 2 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was a loyal and faithful member of West View Church and attended regularly as long as she lived in Kingsport. After moving to Knoxville, she spent the last years of her life in a nursing home.

She is missed by her family, church members, neighbors and all who loved her. By the grace of God, we shall meet her again in our great eternal home.

- Written by her sister, Alice Bailey and Elder Burnice Sybert

NOAH DOSS, 88, went to his heavenly home November 26, 2006. He was a retired coal miner and a member of Blair Chapel Church, where he joined in 1976. He enjoyed his church until his health prevented him from attending.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Goldie Helton Doss; 1 son, Raymond Doss; 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Surviving are 1 son, Rayburn Doss; 2 grandsons and 4 great grandchildren.

We believe he is resting from his labor, waiting for that great final day when he'll have a new body free from pain.

- Written by the church clerk

VERNELL HYDEN EDENS was born February 8, 1919, and was carried home to be with Christ on November 3, 2006. Vernell was a member of Valley View Church. She sang alto in the church choir and was a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Vernell was preceded in death by her husband, Chilton Edens, an infant son, and her parents, Charlie and Sarah Biggs Hyden.

She is survived by her son, Gary Edens; 3 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter; 1 brother, Kenneth Hyden and 1 sister, Geneva Glass.

Vernell was a very tenderhearted woman who loved her family and church. She is sadly missed by both.

- Written by the church clerk

D. CRAIG FAWBUSH was born April 18, 1965 and departed this life August 9, 2006 in an automobile accident.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Don E. Fawbush and brother Christopher T. Fawbush.

Surviving are his mother, Beulah; 1 son, Cody E. Fawbush; 1 daughter, Kati Dawn Fawbush and a niece.

He professed faith in Christ as a young man, was baptized and joined Guthrie's Gap Church. His passing leaves an emptiness in our lives and a terrible sadness in our hearts, but we will see him again. So rest, darling, till we get there and we will be together forever.

- Written by his mother, Beulah Fawbush

MORRIS ELMO FLEENOR was born June 18, 1925 to the late H. P. and Minnie Ann Fleenor. He passed from this life for a home in a better world April 11, 2007.

He was a member of Willis Chapel Church, a great help in the upkeep of the church building. A bass singer, Morris was very instrumental in the singing of the church choir. A World War II veteran, he was proud to have served in General Patton's 3rd Army, where he won numerous medals.

He leaves to mourn his passing 1 daughter, Katherine Eldridge; 1 son, Morris Fleenor, Jr.; 1 granddaughter and 1 sister, Ova Carter.

He will be missed not only by the family, but by the church and the community as a whole. We believe we will meet again just inside the gate.

- Written by the family

INEZ JARVIS HAWKINS FLEMMING was born October 10, 1922 and went home to be with the Lord November 3, 2006.

She professed faith in Jesus Christ at a later age, was baptized and joined the Primitive Baptist Church in Mt. Carmel, TN. She went to church as long as she was able.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands; parents, George and Mae Jarvis; 6 brothers and 2 sisters.

Surviving are 2 sons, Michael and Troy Hawkins; 1 brother, Coy Jarvis and a host of friends.

Sleep on, sister, in peace. We will see you in heaven some day.

- Written by Marie Bell and Vona Jarvis

VIRGINIA CAROLYN GILLIAM went to be with the Lord May 15, 2007. She was the daughter of the late Cassell and Beulah Gibson Caudill.

She was born January 7, 1937, being 70 years, 4 months and 8 days of age at the time of her passing.

Carolyn was a member of Little Cowan Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers, Stuart and George Sigrest and 1 sister, Emma Campbell.

Surviving are her husband, Bethel Gilliam; 2 sons, Robert and Earnest Ison; 3 daughters, Janice Fisher, Doris Collins and Donna Watts; 1 stepson, Wayne Gilliam; 3 stepdaughters, Joan Lewis, Sheila Hall and Sharon Parks; 1 brother, Robert Caudill; 3 sisters, Thelma Ison, Susan Stamper and Janice Wolad; 11 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

She is greatly missed by those who knew her.

- Written by her sister-in-law, Ramona Caudill

MINOR L. GROSS, age 90, went into eternal rest on June 21, 2007.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Clifton Gross; 2 brothers, Earl and Mack Gross and 3 sisters, Irene Housewright, Opal Taylor and Annie.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Alvie Christian Gross; 1 sister, Alma Bowlin and several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Long Hollow Church. Rest in peace until we meet again.

- Written by the church clerk

GERTRUDE BLOOMER HALL was born in 1917 and departed this life for a better place on July 3, 2007. She was a faithful member of Valley View Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll Bloomer, 1 infant son, and her second husband, Emmitt Hall.

She is survived by her 12 children: Cleo Bloomer, Carl Bloomer, Paul Bloomer, Jack Bloomer, Lester Bloomer, Maude Stanley, Nell Reaon, Hazel Davis, Bonnie Robinette, Opal Bates, Louella Shackelford, and Margaret Olinger; 23 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Gertrude is missed by both her family and church family. She will always be remembered at Valley View for her prayer request, given every time she was in church, "Remember the lost, not just mine, but all of them."

- Written by the church clerk

TOMMY HATTON - no information was given.

ELINE MASSINGILL HEAD was born January 24, 1955 and departed this life August 26, 2007 at the age of 52 years, 7 months and 2 days.

She was saved several years ago at Shelby Creek Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Massingill.

Surviving are her husband, Lowell Head; 2 sons, Joe and Chris Head; mother, Jamie Massingill; 6 sisters; 3 brothers; 1 half sister; 2 half brothers; several nieces and nephews and many great friends and neighbors.

In our hearts you hold a place no one else will ever fill, a part of us went with you the day God took you home. Always remember her love and you'll never be alone.

- Written by her sister-in-law, Bonnie Head Wilson

EDITH HERRON - no information was given.

CARRIE LOUISE HICKMAN was born July 3, 1928 and was called away to her eternal home November 30, 2006 at the age of 88 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Cora Christian; her husband, William Taft Hickman; 1 daughter, Shirley Moffitt; 4 sons, Ralph, Andrew, Alvin and Guy Hickman; 3 sisters, Grace Thacker, Elsie Jenkins and Alvie McPeek and 6 brothers, James, Martin, Jr., Garland, Davie, Andy and Arry Christian.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Inez LaFollette and Margie Hutchins; 3 sons, Wayne, Dewey and Elder Arry Hickman; 30 grandchildren; 49 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Nadine Kimberling; several nieces and nephews.

She was saved at an early age and joined Long Hollow Church where she remained a faithful member, blessing so many people with her prayers and testimonies, telling everyone about the good Lord. She was a light and inspiration to all who knew her, leading many souls to Christ and encouraging them to pray, sing and testify for Christ. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. May we ever endeavor to walk in her footsteps, live for Jesus and meet together at that glad reunion on heaven's bright shore where no sickness, sorrows or partings will ever come. Rest on,

our precious mother, we will meet again and see your smiling face once more throughout eternity.

- Written by her son, Elder Arry Hickman

GUSSIE HOLCOMB - no information was given.

CALLIE J. HORTON, 96, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord June 4, 2007.

She was born August 29, 1910 in Hawkins County and had resided in Kingsport since 1950.

Callie was a homemaker and a member of Jenkins Chapel Church, also attending Reservoir Road Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Pleas and Janie Ketron Jenkins; 1 grandson; 1 brother, Gilbert "Bill" Jenkins and 1 half brother, Earl Jenkins.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Vergie Blair and Sue Stapleton; 3 sons, James, Charles and Otis Horton; 1 brother, Frank Jenkins and 1 half sister, Elva Blair.

She is greatly missed by those who knew her.

- Written by the family

MATILDA ISON - no information was given.

ELDER BILLY ARNOLD JOHNSON, SR. was born February 7, 1941 and went home to be with the Lord and rest from his labors January 2, 2007.

Brother Billy had pastored numerous churches of the Eastern District Association. He had a great love for the Lord God and serving Him, and he served Him well, as he had his family, the church, his job and his community. The last 24 years he served New Freedom Baptist Church until his home going.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andy; mother Lena Mae; 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Betty Jean Johnson; 2 sons, Rev Tim Johnson and Billy Johnson, Jr.; 3 daughters, Wanda Bruner, Priscilla Bruner and Carolyn Bradley; 13 grandchildren; 7 step grandchildren; 1 very special great grandchild; 3 step great grandchildren; 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

Brother Billy shared with us and many others something we cannot forget, his love and the gospel he preached.

- Written by Elder Bill Winstead

MARVIN C. "HODGE" KETRON was born April 27, 1929 and entered his eternal resting place November 6, 2006 at the age of 77 years, 6 months and 10 days. He served as a deacon and song leader at Poplar Grove Church for many years. He loved to attend church and everywhere he went, he shared his love for the Lord and God's goodness in his life. His greatest desire was that his family and friends know Christ the way he knew Him. The last few months of his life, sickness kept him from attending church at times, but Papaw never lost his zeal for the cause of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of almost 50 years, Helen Salyer Ketron; his parents, Ira Ketron and Effie Lola Cox; 1 brother, Orb Ketron and a dear brother-in-law.

He is survived by his daughters, Priscilla Irvin, Shirley Berry, Wanda "Sissy" Gilliam and Lola Mae Arnold; 2 sons, Wade and Terry Ketron; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Ann Cookenour and Beulah Duzak; several nieces and nephews.

His genuine smile was contagious to all that were around him. He brought joy and touched the lives of so many people. We miss him so much, but we know he is resting in the arms of Jesus, where his cares and struggles are over. We live with the promise that we will see him again.

- Written for the family by his granddaughter, Tracy Graybeal

J. B. KINCER was born July 4, 1928 and passed away March 14, 2007. He was married to Maggie Lou Webb and had one son, Danny Wayne who preceded him in death. He was so broken hearted since Danny's death on August 11, 2003.

He was a member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church, where he served as our song leader. The church and all who knew him miss him very much. We expect to meet him again in the sweet by and by.

- Written by the church clerk

JIMMY ROY KINSLER was born August 15, 1953 and passed away November 18, 2006.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bradley and Bunie Kinsler; 1 son, Jamie Ray Kinsler and 2 brothers, Howard and Ralph Kinsler.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Kinsler; 3 daughters, Amy, April and Brandy; 3 grandchildren; 4 sisters and 1 brother.

He was a member of Union Hill Church and is sadly missed by his family and friends.

- Written by the family

ROLAND JUNIOR KNIGHT, age 61, went to be with the Lord July 23, 2007.

He was a member of Slate Hill Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tilman Lee and Lola Christine Knight; and 1 brother, Billy Frank Knight.

Survivors include 1 son, Jonathan E. Potts; 5 daughters, Tammy Armstrong, Amanda Hash, Rachel Killion, Christie Knight and Genise Knight; 2 sisters and several grandchildren.

Rest in peace until we meet again.

- Written by the family

ANNIE B. LAWSON passed away October 28, 2006. She was a member of Oak Grove Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Lawson and 1 son, Ronnie Lawson.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Ada Woods, Barbara Murphy and Susie Morrisett and 2 sons, George and Sonny Lawson.

She was a person who loved the Lord. She was a loving mother and grandmother. She suffered from arthritis for many years and was in a lot of pain, but she tried to remain independent so she wouldn't have to depend on anyone. She often talked about going home where she wouldn't hurt anymore. Going to church and praising the Lord was her joy. The apple tree song she would sing blessed so many people. We miss her at church and going to her house to visit. One day we will all be together in heaven.

She is greatly missed by those who knew her.

- Written by her daughter, Ada Woods

ECHOL "PAPPY" LAWSON was born October 28, 1923 and passed away August 7, 2007 at the age of 83 years, 9 months and 10 days.

He was saved in a revival at Blackwater Lick Church as a teenager and although he never joined a church, he loved to attend the churches of the Eastern District Association and hear the old-time gospel preaching.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eula Lawson; parents, William and Lana Fisher Lawson; 3 brothers, Charles, Tommy and Elder Coy Lawson; 6 sisters, Ollie Willis, Verdia Neeley, Lizzie Barker, Ella Sherrill, Vada Castle and Addie Goins.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Glenda DePerno and Addie Power; 2 sons, Leonard "Jay" and David Lawson; 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and 2 sisters, Stella Sybert and Litha Gibson.

He is greatly missed by those who knew him.

- Written by the family

FLOSSIE LEWIS was born February 19, 1914 and passed from this life October 5, 2006 at the age of 92.

She is survived by 3 sons; 1 daughter; 10 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

She accepted Christ January 13, 1980 and joined Coyle's Branch Church, where she remained a faithful member.

She was a devoted mother, wife, grandmother and friend to many. She is sadly missed by her church, family and all who knew her.

- Written by the church clerk

ZELTA PAULINE MILES was born July 27, 1932 and departed this life November 11, 2007. A lifelong resident of Lee County, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Edith Cunningham Miles. She was a member of Wallen's Creek Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Frank and Elder Earl Miles.

Survivors include 2 sisters, Vivian Seiber and Wilma Giles; 1 brother, Estel Miles and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Zelta would say to her family and friends, weep not for me for I am safe at home.

- Written by the Wallen's Creek Church Obituary Committee

JOHNNY MOORE - no information was given.

LENORA N. MOORE - no information was given.

ELDER FRANK MULLINS preached his last sermon, finished his ministry and took his heavenly flight to his eternal home on April 5, 2007.

Frank was born February 15, 1934 to Bob and Virgie Mullins. An ordained minister, he was saved early in life and thoroughly enjoyed serving and worshiping the Lord to the fullest. He pastored many years in Wise, VA before moving to Scott County, VA in 1997 and joining the Eastern District Association. He pastored Peterson's Chapel Church for 5 years and Mt. Mitchell until his death. He was dedicated to the Lord and a blessing to all. His ministry will live on in our hearts until we are reunited one glorious day.

- Written by his wife, Janet Mullins

BERTHA NAPIER - no information was given.

EWELL "BUTCH" OSBORNE entered into eternal rest on November 5, 2006 at the age of 87. He attended the Rose Chapel Church as long as his health permitted.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eda; 1 daughter, Reva and a grandson.

Surviving are a granddaughter and her family.

He is greatly missed by the church and all who knew him.

- Written by Maude Turner

ELDER RAY RALEIGH, 80, entered eternal rest July 23, 2007 following a brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Betty Jo Whitson Raleigh; 2 grandsons; 7 brothers and 3 sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Raleigh; 2 children; 3 stepchildren; 1 brother; 1 sister; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

He is at rest where he will never have to suffer anymore. The precious memories we have of our time with him will forever be in our hearts and on our minds. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Written by the church clerk

NANNIE M. FANNON RAYMOND, 96, Blackwater, VA went home to be with the Lord November 15, 2006.

She was born April 11, 1910 to the late Perry L. and Attie Wallen Fannon. Nannie was a devoted Christian who loved the Lord, her family, her church family, neighbors and everyone she met. Nannie was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church and attended as often as she could until her death. The best description of Nannie is found in Proverbs 31:10.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John C. Raymond; 4 brothers, Ewing, Eugene, Roy and Roe Fannon and 4 sisters, Hazel Peters, Grace Creech, Carrie Lawson and Bonnie Sybert. Nannie is survived by 2 daughters, Linda Lambert and Margaret Wallen; 2 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and 1 sister, Edith Collier.

Nannie is also survived by a host of loving and special nieces and nephews, church family, neighbors and friends.

Nannie was a true loving and devoted mother. She was mother not just to her family, but to all young people who knew her. She always loved giving

what she could do for others. Most of all, she loved the Lord and quoted verses from the Bible quite often.

- Written by Morris Creech, nephew and Margaret Wallen, daughter

ANNA MAE ROBINETTE, our darling mother, was born September 24, 1934 to the late Echol and Ollie Lawson Willis and was called to her heavenly home on June 17, 2007.

On December 26, 1951 she married L. E. Robinette. She was a member of Blue Springs Church and former church clerk.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, Kenneth Joe Willis, and her husband, L. E. Robinette in 1999.

She is survived by 1 son, Kenneth David Robinette; 4 daughters, Debra Rhea, Mary Schardt, Judy Smith and Lisa Hughes; 5 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 2 sisters and 4 brothers.

Her passing has left a void in our lives, but she taught us to be strong, no matter what the situation. We will carry on with the love and strength that she gave us so that her memory will live on forever.

- Written by the family

FREDRICK SCOTT ROBINETTE was born into this life September 27, 1958 and went to be with the Lord on March 24, 2007 at the age of 48 years and 6 months. He gave his life to the Lord at the tender age of 15 years, was baptized and joined Clear Springs Church.

Fred is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jacqueline Robinette; 2 daughters, Nicole Castle and Stephanie Robinette; 2 grandchildren and 1 grandchild on the way.

Fred is also survived by his parents, Joe and Emma Robinette; 3 brothers, Kyle, Parmer and Jason Robinette; 3 sisters, Naomi Adkins, Donna Robinette and JoAnne LongAcre and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Fred loved sports, golfing, fishing, boating, working on cars and driving his papaw's old tractor. He loved to entertain friends and was a friend to all that he met. About 2 years ago, Fred was diagnosed with a terrible disease called cancer. He bravely fought and lost the battle on March 24, 2007, but then he won the victory! He loved to play with his grandchildren and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

So rest on, my dear daddy, until we meet again where there is no death, heartache, or sorrow on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by his daughters

LONA ROBINETTE was born January 29, 1913 and departed this life on December 21, 2006. She was born and raised in Scott County, VA. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Dona Roller Robinette; 2 brothers, Kellie and Eunice Robinette; 3 sisters, Etta Osborne, Cora and Elma Robinette.

She is survived by 1 brother, Dan Robinette and 4 sisters, Ora Johnson, Elizabeth Bledsoe, Hazel Livesay and Janet Bloomer.

Lona was saved at an early age, was baptized and joined Burke's Union Church. She was a very faithful member until sickness prevented her from going. She served as clerk for the church for over 50 years, then continued as honorary clerk until her death. Lona was an example of a true church

member. Not only was she faithful to her home church, but she showed love and concern by regularly visiting the sister churches.

Many great words could be spoken of this wonderful lady. She was gifted in prayer and singing. Lona was the 2nd born of 11 children. She helped raise them and supported them. She took care of her parents. She was a wonderful aunt to her many nieces and nephews. She was a friend to her community, but most importantly she was a child of the King.

Lona was confined to her home the last few years of her life. She suffered pain, but bore her sickness with great dignity. The tears still flow from time to time from missing Lona's presence here. But oh, what great peace and rest she surely now is enjoying. She's just in the other room, the curtain has been drawn, but in the morning we will meet again.

- Written by a niece

WILLIAM GALE ROLLER was born December 17, 1920 and went home to be with Jesus December 9, 2006.

Gale was preceded in death by his parents, Lorenzo Dow and Ollie Chandler Roller; 4 sisters, Maggie Roller, Genetta Bower Derrick, Elva L. Roller and Allia Roller and 2 brothers, Ewing and Ralph Roller.

He is survived by 1 daughter, Brenda McLain; 1 niece and 2 nephews.

Gale was saved and baptized and joined Jenkins Chapel Church. He loved old time preaching and singing. We are happy he had his trust in the Lord. He was a wonderful dad and is dearly missed and will be forever in our hearts and spirits till we meet him again in heaven with our heavenly father.

- Written by his daughter, Brenda McLain

ORA LEE RUSSELL was born June 12, 1904 and departed this life November 8, 2006 at the age of 102 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Ora was saved at the early age of 13 years and enjoyed many years of her Christian life to her Lord, whom she dearly loved. At her passing, she was the oldest member of Peterson's Chapel Church.

She was one of six children born to the union of Robert Carter (R. C.) and Roda Bell Cox Williams.

She was married to Walker R. Russell (W. R.) on April 24, 1926. To this union there were born 3 children.

In her passing, she leaves 1 daughter, Monnie Belle Quillen, and a host of friends to mourn her leaving.

- Written by her daughter, Monnie Belle Russell Quillen

AMANDA CAROL SHAVER entered this world on July 3, 1984 and departed this life here for eternal peace with God on February 3, 2007.

Amanda was saved at the young age of 5 at Bibleview Baptist and later joined Little Redeemed, where she remained a member until her death.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Amanda leaves behind to celebrate her life 1 son, Kaleb Michael Killion; her parents, Clinton and Sharon Shaver; 1 sister, Talesha Nicole Lawson; 3 nieces; her paternal grandfather and step grandmother; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Amanda will be missed by each person that her life has touched and will always be remembered for her kind, quiet smile.

- Written by the family

OTIS BRUCE SHORT, age 72, was born May 2, 1935 and went home to be with the Lord on August 31, 2007. He was a member of James Chapel American Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olivet Purkey Short; his parents, Clay and Hannah McGinnis Short; 1 son, Danny Ray Short; and 2 brothers, Lester and Robert Short.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche Blair; 2 daughters, Janette Trent and Diane Fleemon; 2 sons, Dallas and David Short; 7 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 4 brothers, Roy, Jack, Roger and Bill Short and 5 sisters, Brenda Carpenter, Betty Purkey, Thelma Klepper, Lille Bell Leonard and Wanda Gaye Greene.

He is sadly missed by his family, but we know that he is in a better place and we will meet him again soon.

- Written by his daughter, Janette Trent

CORDIE FAYE SHUFFLEBARGER went to be with Jesus on February 25, 2007. She was a member of Valley View Church where she was a Sunday School teacher for many years.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 64 years, Herman Shufflebarger; her parents, Tucker and Laura Vaughn; stepmother, Minnie Ely Vaughn.

Surviving are her children, Barbara Poe and Bill Shufflebarger; 5 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

Cordie is missed by her family and the church at Valley View.

- Written by the church clerk

ELDER HOWARD L. SYBERT was born in Lee County, Virginia on April 14, 1924 and passed to his eternal reward November 8, 2006 at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 24 days. He was the son of the late Dillard L. and Annie Mae Wells Sybert.

He was married to Bonnie Fannon April 28, 1945, and they were blessed to have one daughter. After over 48 years together, Bonnie passed away December 5, 1993. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by 3 infant sisters and 1 infant brother.

He is survived by his second wife of 12 years, Edith Hill Darnell Sybert; daughter, Juanita Faye Wolfe; stepdaughter, Marie Stewart; 4 stepsons, Wayne, Dewey, Mark and Tim Darnell; 2 grandsons; 2 great grandchildren; several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Elder John Henry Sybert and Elder Donald Sybert; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was a World War II U. S. Army veteran.

He was saved at Davis Chapel Church while in his teens, was baptized and united with that church. Following his marriage and the birth of their daughter, he moved the family to a farm in Blackwater, Virginia where he joined the Osborne Chapel Church. The family later moved to Kingsport, Tennessee where he worked and retired from the Mead Corporation, but he remained a loyal and faithful member of Osborne Chapel. He served the church as clerk for 4 years, deacon for 12 years, and pastor for 34 years.

He was ordained to preach the gospel June 11, 1960 and the following year was elected as one of the pastors of the church. He also served as pastor of

Burke's Union, Shelby Creek, Flat Rock, Walnut Grove and Poplar Grove Churches. After his last stint as pastor at Burke's Union, they named him Honorary Moderator. When the Eastern District Association met at Burke's Union Church in 1991, he was chosen to preach the alternate sermon on the first day.

His ordination message was from Romans 1:15, "So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you." From that time until his final stand, he did his best to deliver that which the Holy Spirit directed him to say. Those who heard him preach and were convicted of their sin by the Word and forgiven by the wonderful grace of God will be forever grateful for the messenger. We can say of him, as the Apostle Paul said of himself, that he fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to him at that day.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13)

- Written for the family by his nephew, Elder Burnice Sybert

ELDER JOHN HENRY SYBERT was born October 5, 1919 in Lee County, Virginia to Dillard L. and Annie Mae Wells Sybert. He went to rest in his heavenly home August 19, 2007 at the age of 87 years, 10 months and 14 days.

He was married to Stella Victoria Lawson on June 14, 1936.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 1 son, Henry Hampton Sybert; 3 sisters, Mary Sybert, Mattie Sybert and Vesta Sybert; and 2 brothers, A. J. and Elder Howard Sybert.

He is survived by his loving and caring wife of 71 years, Stella Sybert; 1 daughter, Anna Jane Donihe; 1 son, Elder Burnice R. Sybert; 3 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and 1 brother, Elder Donald C. Sybert.

He was saved at the age of 12 years on a Sunday night in a revival held by Elder Pleas Jenkins at Osborne's Chapel Church, Blackwater, Virginia. He was baptized the next Saturday by Elders Pleas Jenkins and James J. Weatherly and joined Davis Chapel Church. He moved his family to Kingsport in 1949, afterward becoming a member of Poplar Grove Church and later joining West View Church. At the time of his death, he had pastored West View Church in Kingsport for 25 years.

Soon after his profession of faith in Jesus Christ, he began to speak publicly in "cottage meetings" which were held in the homes of people in the community. He was ordained to the ministry on January 20, 1935 at the age of 15 years. For the next 69½ years, he faithfully served the Lord until he suffered a stroke in 2004. During those years, he pastored 21 churches in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, and preached in hundreds more as far away as western Missouri. He served as moderator of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists for 33 years, after which he was named Honorary Moderator. He attended 72 consecutive annual association meetings from 1934 through 2005.

His favorite Scriptures were Psalm 23 from the Old Testament and Romans 8 from the New Testament.

He was our bridge to the past in that he was the last of what many call the "old-time preachers" as he walked most of the time to the churches where he preached during the 1930's and 1940's, often pastoring as many as 4 churches at a time, staying away from home for 2 or more weeks to conduct revivals which consisted of 2 services a day, and expecting no money for his efforts. Ministers then labored solely for the cause of Christ, the spread of the Gospel, and the joy of seeing souls saved. At times he rode horseback across the mountain from his home on Wallen's Creek to attend the churches at Blackwater and beyond. It would be impossible to number the people whose lives he has touched.

Surely we can say of him, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."

- Written by his son, Elder Burnice Sybert

HENRY "H. L." TANKERSLEY, age 81, went to be with the Lord March 10, 2007.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zelma Smith Tankersley; parents, Henry, Sr. and Minnie Tankersley; 4 brothers; 2 sisters; 1 daughter and a grandson.

He leaves to mourn his passing 1 sister, Gracie Wallen; 3 daughters, Mabelle Williams, Lois Allen, and Maybelene Jenkins; and 2 sons, Ellis and Carol Tankersley.

He was a member of Willis Chapel Church. He will be missed by the family and many friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.

- Written by the family

BEULAH CONNIE RINGLEY UPMAN, 74, went home to be with the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 24, 2007.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter; her father, Emory Ringley; her mother, Mary; 1 sister, Nanlee Collins; and 3 brothers, Floyd, Bill and Jack Ringley.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Alfred Upman, Sr.; 2 sons, Alfred, Jr. and Michael; 2 grandsons and 1 sister, Cecile Henard.

Beulah was saved during a revival at Pilgrim's Rest in 1948. She joined the church and was baptized. She remained a member until her death.

- Written by her sister, Cecile Henard

ERNEST L. VANHOOSE, age 68, departed this life October 23, 2006.

Surviving him are his wife, Wanda VanHoose; 4 sons, and several grandchildren. A seat was found vacant and a voice missing from the choir at Richardson Chapel Church after the angels of heaven, under the direction of the Good Lord himself, came and took Brother Ernie home to rest with his heavenly father, where his labors have ended and his race has been run. His trials, sorrows, and sickness are now past and his heartaches and troubles are no more, for he is home with Jesus. Ernie was ready to go, for he asked the Lord to take him home. We miss him dearly, but we know he is at rest in heaven.

- Written by the family

LEONA CLENDENIN WALLEN was born June 2, 1915 and went home to be with the Lord September 12, 2007 at the age of 92.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thadeus and Rosa Pearcy Clendenin; her loving husband of 53 years, Jack Wallen; 2 infant daughters, Vema and Bernita Wallen; 7 brothers and 4 sisters.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Mae Willis and Joyce Ryans; 2 grandsons, 3 great granddaughters, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of Willis Chapel Church until moving to Kingsport in 1987, where she attended West View Church as long as health permitted.

She was loved and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

- Written by the family

MANILLA "NELLA LEE" OSBORNE WALLEN was born February 8, 1933 and departed this life October 7, 2007 at the age of 74 years, 7 months and 29 days.

She was a member of Willis Chapel Church and most recently attended West View Church. She was a loving wife, mother, mamaw and great mamaw and was a friend to all who knew her.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Robert and Mary Hurd; her first husband, Ralph Osborne; second husband, Doyle Wallen; 2 sisters, Bertie Osborne and Ora Wallen; 1 brother, Eckel Hurd; and 1 stepdaughter, Geneva Wallen.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Judy Robinette, Iretta Johnson and Dovia Osborne; 2 stepsons, B. K. "Jim" and Duffer Wallen; 5 grandchildren; 6 step grandchildren; 1 great grandson and 11 step great grandchildren.

- Written by the family

OVA LOLA WALLEN, 90, went to be with the Lord July 16, 2007.

She was a member of Willis Chapel Church. Ova was a loving and caring person to all who knew her. She was an antique dealer for many years at Hagle Shop and also enjoyed making cushions and giving them to her friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Lon Wallen; an infant son, Ermal Wallen; her parents, Null and Pearl Wallen; 2 sisters, Bonnie Hurd and Venus Lawson; and 3 brothers, Jack, Guy and Mitchell Wallen.

Surviving are 1 son, Onzie Wallen; 1 grandson; 2 great granddaughters; 3 sisters, Wanda Jean Osborne, Ann Addington and Mary Ruth Roller; and several nieces and nephews.

Ova will be missed by all.

- Written by the family

LILLIE JUNE MCMURRAY WHITAKER was born August 18, 1921 and departed this life to be with our Lord on January 7, 2007. She was 85 years old and a native of Scott County, Virginia where she resided at the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Delmar and Cordia McMurray. She was the widow of Paul Whitaker, who passed away in December, 1997.

Lillie was a charter member of Chestnut Flats Church, where her devotion and regular attendance is greatly missed.

- Written by the church clerk

MELVINA WILEY was born March 29, 1927 and went to heaven November 9, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Wiley; her parents, Lee and Georgie Meade Moore; and 1 stepdaughter, Eva Mae Wiley Terry.

She is survived by 2 brothers, Sherman and Ballard Moore; 4 step grandchildren; and 2 step great grandchildren.

She was a member of Richardson Chapel Church. She will be sadly missed by all.

- Written by Edith Spardlin

MACK C. "JUNE" WINEGAR was born August 19, 1926 and departed this life at his residence October 16, 2006 at the age of 80.

June was very faithful and one of the oldest members of Pink Hill Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mack and Mattie Page Winegar; 3 sisters, Fannie, Rosa, and Bertha; and 3 brothers, Charley, Frank and Kelly.

He is survived by 1 sister, Pearl Thacker and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is sadly missed by everyone who knew him. You are not forgotten in our hearts and minds.

- Written by a cousin, Louella Williams

RUTH WALLEN WINEGAR was born October 28, 1933 and left this earthly home and arrived at her heavenly home on August 12, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Hank Winegar.

She is survived by 3 daughters; 1 son; 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Ruth was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a beloved member of Liberty Chapel Church. Although her illness kept her home the last few years, she never failed to pray and read the Word of God. One of her last requests was remember me and pray for my children.

- Written by the family

MARCELLA JOYLENE WITTMAN was born October 27, 1945 and passed away May 27, 2007 at home surrounded by her loving husband, sister and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Milum & Lillie Kinsler; 2 brothers, Adrion and Milum Jr. Kinsler; and 2 sisters, Sissy Nichols and Tootie Russell.

She is survived by her husband, Don Wittman; 1 son, Greg Wittman; 2 stepchildren, Butch and Kim Wittman; 1 sister, Ola Jean Belcher and 1 grandson.

She was a member of Union Hill Church and is greatly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by the family

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