

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Thursday Morning, October 2, 2003

The Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists convened in its 151st annual session with House Chapel Church, Rogersville, Tennessee.

On May 25, 1912, Brother George House opened the doors to a store house he owned in Bear Hollow, TN to a small group of worshippers gathered to organize and begin House Chapel Church. Service began with the song "Amazing Grace" and the scripture lesson was taken from St. Matthew 28. Elder J. S. Johnson stood before his congregation and took his text from St. Luke 12:32. "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." These words of encouragement and blessings from the Lord Jesus Christ began to lay the foundation of which our church was built. In October, 1912, they were received as a newly constituted church in the Eastern District Association and have remained a part of this body since that time. The original members organized a building committee and were given land by Brother H. W. House to build the church. They held services in the new building on the first Sunday in April, 1913.

The church has had a number of pastors through the years, some of whom have been among the most widely known and respected in the association. Those who have served as pastor are Elders: J. S. Johnson, F. M. Long, L. C. Bailey, Pleas Jenkins, C. F. Dale, H. G. Busic, R. E. Cifers, Fred Whittemore, R. E. Russell, T. R. Russell, Clarence C. Johnson, Roy Presley, Clifford Williams, Fred Peters, J. L. Hill, John Purkey, Kenneth Jarnigan, Bob Johnson, Henry Wheeler for 18 years and Neal Drinnon from 1984 to the present.

The church made amazing progress with Elder Wheeler, by increasing membership from 47 to 157 until his resignation in 1984. The church has continued to grow from then, with Elder Neal Drinnon as pastor, by adding an addition on the side of the church. In 2002, the Lord blessed the church with an opportunity to buy additional land for parking. The church now has 235 members on the roll.

Brothers Roger Davenport, Billy Skelton, Jeff Hurley, Wayne Thomason and Mack Manis are serving the church as deacons. Church trustees include Brothers Lee Davenport, Darrell Manis and Roger Davenport.

The church would like to acknowledge Brother Walter (Bud) Davidson, a member since 1969, who has been a faithful member and holds his 30 year pin for not missing a Sunday.

As God's children gathered in the tent, the warm sunshine began to melt the morning fog and reveal God's majesty unfolded on the hills of this beautiful valley. Won't it be wonderful there when the amazing story of love unfolds before us? May we ever cherish the old rugged cross until we can exchange it some day for a crown. Many friends and loved ones have

already gone to that land of uncloudy day. We're trusting to that unseen hand to guide us through this weary land so that some sweet day we'll reach that golden strand, where we will praise Him forevermore. As shouts of praise rang throughout the tent, God so wonderfully blessed His children. Some glad morning we shall see Jesus in the air coming after you and me, the joy is ours to share. God's wonderful spirit made everyone welcome to the first day of this great gathering. Elder Terry Sizemore welcomed everyone as he asked them to continue to obey the Holy Spirit.

Elder John Henry Sybert came forth to lead the congregation in singing the association's hymn, "Brethren, We Have Met Again." His wonderful testimony over the past 70 years that the Lord has allowed him to attend this great gathering, has truly been a blessing to countless numbers of God's children. May God continue to richly bless him as His Holy manna is showered all around.

The Committee on Religious Exercises was appointed by Elder Sizemore. It includes: Bill Poole (Chairman), Ralph Moore and Don Gordon.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved everywhere, Josh Erwin and his mother, Andrea Erwin, Paul Wallen, Pat Disney, Jim Burke, Carl Lambert, Elder A. D. Howington's wife, Ronnie Hawkins, Billy Jack Johnson's family and grandchildren, Paul Persinger, Eck Fansler, Sister Nancy and lost young man from Clear Springs, Elder John Turner's wife, Elder James Lykins' brother and his wife, Elder Donald Sybert and his wife and many other special requests the clerk was not able to understand. Brother Burnice Sybert led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

Elder Sizemore mentioned that Elders Lucian Lane, Charles Helton and Burley Sloan had gone home to be with the Lord during this past year. May we always remember the stand these laborers for the Lord took in their daily lives.

Elder Neal Drinnon came forward to preach the introductory message as he thanked everyone for coming this way. He used as his text "Let us come together in the unity and love of God." May God continue to come down among His children and shower them with holy manna. He is the way, the truth and the life. As his message took us down through time, it reminded us that God has not changed and we need to let Him have His way in our life so others might see and want Him in theirs. We must show the love of God in our lives so they can see and know the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. How good it is to be saved and know the Lord in the free pardon of sin! Let us look in the mirror and find our faults, for there are none in God's church. If the lost will just call on the Lord, He will save them. God is worthy of all our praise and He will set us free from all our burdens. Hosanna to the King! Besides Him there is no other. Elder Henry Wheeler followed, taking his thoughts from the 8th chapter of Romans. This man called Jesus will lead us and guide us through all things, at all times. Everybody wants peace, but they are not willing to follow the Holy Spirit. No man can preach except God call him, for without Him none can do anything. He paid the price on the cross that we

might have eternal life. One day soon we'll leave this old earth to be with Jesus in a land that knows no sickness, no sorrow, nor death. We worry too much about pleasing man when our main goal in this life should be to please God in everything we do. May we ever live for Him and lift up His holy name. Jesus is calling and He said you must be born again or hell will be your home. May each and everyone search their soul and know there is nothing between them and the Lord. He is from everlasting to everlasting, and besides Him there is no other. Songs of praise rang out in praise and honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The great I Am is coming after those that are ready to meet Him. Only He can make one ready to enter that heavenly city. I am so glad that Jesus loves us. Bless His holy name!

Adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon, October 2, 2003

After a wonderful lunch served by the host church, the congregation came together in the tent with songs of praise to our heavenly Father. Showers of blessings were all around as everyone rejoiced from this morning's service. Let come and go what may, for anywhere is home sweet home when Christ the Lord is there. The Father waits just over the way where we shall meet on that beautiful shore to offer our tribute of praise. On Christ the solid rock we stand, for all other ground is sinking sand.

Sister Patsy Hensley blessed us with her testimony and song of praise. God lightens our load no matter how heavy it may be. When we are weary and down, He lightens our load through His tender mercy. Our shouts of praise let the world know we're not afraid to bid this world goodbye. Sister June Kail also blessed us with her testimony and song of praise. Beyond the grave awaits for us a place many call heaven and paradise, but to God's children, it is home. Elder Sizemore welcomed everyone to the afternoon service as he blessed us with his song. God didn't come here to stay but to show us the way, then He got on a cloud and went home. He is coming again to gather His children home, for this same Jesus they saw going away will come again.

The Moderator asked Brother Clifton Horne to help on the Committee on Religious Exercises due to the absence of one of the others that had been appointed to serve on the committee earlier.

Elder Sizemore read the report from the Committee on Religious Exercises.

Thursday night:

Stand: Oscar Irvin.

Sloantown: Terry Sizemore, Lewis Baker and Mike Fullington.

Sneedville: Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette and John Turner.

Stand, Friday morning, October 3, 2003: Allen Hensley and Greg Hill.

Prayer requests were made for: the lost, all those mentioned in the earlier services, Alonzo Collins, Kenneth Robinette, Frank Osborne, Shane Russell's nephew and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. Elder Richard Seiber humbly took our petitions to the Lord.

Brother Paul Johnson, Chairman of the Committee on Church Letters, came forward to give the report of our state and standing. The committee now reports 65 churches which they recommend accepting. The letter from Caney Creek had not been received, but will be examined when it arrives. 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 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 Oscar Irvin was nominated. It was motioned, seconded and voted for him to serve during the election. Elder Irvin thanked the delegation for their confidence in him.

Brother Danny Lawson was nominated to serve as clerk and treasurer. No other nominations were made and it was motioned, seconded and voted for him to serve as clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

Elder Terry Sizemore was nominated to serve as the moderator of the association. It was motioned, seconded and voted for Elder Sizemore to serve as moderator of the association for the ensuing year.

Elder Sizemore, speaking for himself and the clerk, thanked God for the privilege of serving His people. He also thanked the delegation for their confidence and trust they have put in us. With the show of hands from the delegation that promised to pray for us, Elder Sizemore noted how important it was to have the prayers of the association. Without God's help, we cannot carry on the work of the association.

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 – A. D. Howington (chairman), David Jerrell and Roger Trent; Deacons – Chris Woods and Jess Akens; Laymen – Larry Russell and Kellis Smith.

Committee on Finance: Carson Johnson (chairman), Jason Robinette and Bill LaFollette.

Committee on Obituaries: Larry Miller (chairman), Roger VanHoose and Allen Hensley.

Committee on Arrangements and/or Queries: James Jarnigan (chairman), John Arnott, Tommy Meade, Lewis Baker, David Smith, Greg Hill and Fred Gilreath.

The clerk reported on several issues that were started last year which include:

- The Hawkins County Genealogical Society has sent our minutes to Nashville, TN to be microfilmed.
- A new refrigerator has been purchased for the kitchen, as well as some major repairs and enhancements to the kitchen, including but not limited to: new doors, floor and floor covering, outside paint and guttering, etc. Elder Woodrow Fields built and donated to the association new shelves to store cleaning supplies and a new table with storage room for the large cooking pots and utensils. A tremendous undertaking has been accomplished with God's help. We thank God for all those that labored to make all this possible.
- Due to increased costs associated with running the association, the finances of the association are in need of some major help. This will be discussed later.

The moderator asked everyone to review finances they send to the association to include total cost of association. He asked the clerk to include a cost figure associated with running the association based on the number of minutes ordered. The total cost of running the association this year based on the number of minutes ordered was \$3.70. Refer to financial statement on page 50 for details.

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

The moderator appointed the Committee on Electrical and PA Systems which includes: Delmer McPherson (chairman), Elders Carl Lawson, Howard Sybert and David Jerrell, Scott Mellons, Bobby Caudill and Danny Lawson.

The business being concluded, the delegation was dismissed until Friday morning, October 3, 2003.

Friday Morning, October 3, 2003

The ground may have been covered with a heavy frost, but that didn't cool down the spirit surrounding these beautiful hills as everyone gathered for the 2nd day of services. God's children were still rejoicing from the wonderful services of yesterday. Thank God for His spirit that meets with us and guides us each day. The congregation gathered in the tent as Sister Zula

McCullough led them in singing some wonderful songs of Zion. Oh how sweet it will be to look upon His face and sing forever of His amazing grace. When our work here is done, we'll go to that land where we'll never grow old and we can praise Him the way He so richly deserves. Such matchless love was shown for us when He suffered all alone for our sins. Thanks be to God that He did not pass us by when He heard our humble cry, and reached down His hand for us. We are trusting wholly in His mercy to heal our broken spirit. With shouts of praise and wonderful testimonies, we know our Blessed Redeemer has not passed us by. God is still in the saving business. When we think how God sent His son to die on the old rugged cross for our sins that they should be remembered no more, we can truly proclaim, "my God, how great thou art!"

Elder Terry Sizemore thanked the Lord as he proclaimed what a great God we serve. Bless the name of the only one found worthy to open the book of life. We were blessed by special singing and testimony from Sisters Ramona Caudill and Paula Early and Brother Joe Sizemore. His spirit makes us welcome, for He is in the midst of every storm and every valley we walk through. All our troubles and trials will be over at that grand homecoming in the sky. It'll be worth everything when we reach that home so fair.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

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

The Committee on Church Letters received the letter from Caney Creek Church. They will review it and report on it during the afternoon service.

Prayer requests were made for the lost, all those made in previous services, Elder Carson Johnson's brother and his wife, the family of Larry Bledsoe, Elders Eckel and Harold Head's brother, Loag Rogers, Leroy Lawson, Ronnie Hensley, the Ben Neeley family, the John Preston family, all the revivals that will begin in the next few weeks, Elder John Bowlin, Elder A.D. Howington's wife and the lost in their family, Elder Fred Gilreath's son, Elder Donald and Lola Mae Sybert, their son-in-law and neighbor, Morris and Sue Giles, Danny Russell, Marvin Ketron and family, Daniel LaFollette and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Elder Rod Raleigh humbly led us to the throne of grace.

Having been chosen by the Committee on Religious Exercises, Elder Allen Hensley came forward to take the first part of the service. He read from Psalm 27:4-6 and used as a text, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; to behold the beauty of the Lord." There are so many things of the Lord to behold and we are all ambassadors of God; therefore, let us behold all His beauty. We can do this in one another as we set in heavenly places here on earth. We must desire the right things from God so our people will be saved. If we humble ourselves, God will use us for His glory and many will come to know Him. May we never look to find fault with one another, but to behold the Word of God in our lives. We are nothing, but we

are what we are by the grace of God. He is our life, strength, rock and our salvation. God has not changed, but our sin and iniquity will cause God to hide his face from us. If we desire the Lord, He will show us the truth and bless us beyond compare. Blessed are the peace makers for they are the children of God. Elder Greg Hill followed with another wonderful message from God. As David said he wanted to dwell in the house of the Lord, may we always have that same desire in our lives. It is better for us to be the doorkeeper at God's house than to dwell in a house of evil. If we will humble ourselves and seek His face, He will send the Holy Spirit. The spirit will testify of this man called Jesus Christ, for He had the power to lay His life down and the power to raise it up again as He did on that 3rd and appointed day. We can't save ourselves or anyone else; we can't clean ourselves up, for only God has the power to do such things. His glory shines round about us. These men preached the truth to us. Praise God for them and their willingness to stand and preach the Gospel of Christ.

Adjourned for lunch with shouts of praise and songs of Zion.

Friday Afternoon, October 3, 2003

The wonderful lunch served by the host church was just a continuation of God's blessings. It won't be very long till Jesus shall appear to take us to our new home where we'll receive our crown. God's holy manna was once again showered all around. What a privilege it is to hear someone shout, "Glory to Jesus, I'm saved, saved, saved."

We were further blessed with singing and testimonies from Sisters Reneé Hurly and Sam Thomason, the Jason Robinette family, Joseph Robinette and Sister Leona Kester. Jesus said He would go down, for none were found worthy. He laid aside His robe and crown and made a way that we might receive a shining crown. There is truly something special about the name of Jesus. He is our shelter when we have no place to go, that's why we just praise His holy name. Our trials are nothing compared to what He suffered at Calvary. We were once blind, but now we see clearly. Our daily trials bring unhappiness, but we've started on a journey to a brand new home to be in the presence of the Lord all the time.

Prayer was requested for the lost, all those made in previous services, Rosie Johnson's sister, Janelle Stewart, Elder Odus Caudill, Della Malone, lost man at Beech Grove, Virgie Grace Hill and her grandson, Dakota Blankenbeckler, Louise Hill, Tee and Maybelle Osborne, Dewey Sanders, Travis Fields, James Perry, Larry Russell's dad and many unspoken requests signified by uplifted hands. Brother Joe Robinette led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

The delegation was called to order to transact the business.

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

Friday night:

Stand: Lewis Baker, John Turner, Delmas Harris and David Jerrell.

Sneedville: Bill LaFollette, David Smith and Jim Emery.

Liberty Chapel: Oscar Irvin, Bill VanHoose and Roger VanHoose.

Flower Gap: Richard Seiber, David VanHoose and Jason Robinette.

Stand, Saturday morning, October 4, 2003: John Henry Sybert, John Arnott and Terry Sizemore.

Saturday night:

Poplar Grove: Roger VanHoose and Bill VanHoose.

Liberty Chapel: Harold Head and Virgil Lipe.

New Life: Jim Lykins, Eckel Head and Harmon Willis.

Valley View: Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Shane Russell and Jason Cotter.

Butcher's Valley: Song service.

Sunday morning: October 5, 2003:

New Life: Jason Robinette and Joseph Robinette.

Burke's Union: Jason Cotter.

The moderator mentioned the start of several revivals and asked everyone to pray that many lost souls might be saved.

The Committee on Church Letters gave its final report after reviewing the letter from Caney Creek Church. The committee recommended accepting the church. It was motioned, seconded and voted to accept the recommendations of the committee and seat those delegates appointed by the church as part of the voting body. This brings the total number of churches lettering into the association to 66.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Church Letters for 2004, which includes David Horton (chairman), Marvin Ketron, Joe Pitzer and Darrell Sizemore (alternate).

The Committee on Finance reported \$5,561.00 in receipts for the year.

The Committee on Obituaries reported that 57 had been received at this time.

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 \$850 in appreciation for his services.

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

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

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

Brother Billy Jack Johnson came forward to read the circular letter prepared by the committee. Its message reminded each of us to refresh the spirit that it be not quenched so the Lord will continue to bless. Let us study His word and show ourselves approved and be a light like those saints that came this way before us. Just as they taught us, may we always walk in the ways of the Lord. It was motioned, seconded and voted to print it in the minutes as read.

The moderator appointed the Circular Letter Committee for 2004, which includes: Elders Oscar Irvin, John Turner and Jim Emery.

The moderator addressed the association's financial concerns that were brought up during Thursday's business. The actions taken were:

- To better describe the financial responsibilities of the association, it was motioned, seconded and voted to rename the Minute Fund to Financial Contribution.
- Asked the delegates from each individual church to review their financial contributions and send an additional donation to the association clerk if possible.
- An offering was taken to help defray some of the financial obligations of the association from which we received \$3,563.85.

There were 10 churches that asked for the association to meet with them next year. These include: Beech Grove, Blackwater Lick, Blue Springs (Hiltons), Burke's Union, Clear Springs, House Chapel, Peterson's Chapel, Riverside, Slate Hill and Swan Creek. Before the plea process began, 7 churches withdrew, leaving Beech Grove, Burke's Union, Clear Springs and House Chapel. During the plea process, House Chapel withdrew, leaving the vote between Beech Grove, Burke's Union and Clear Springs. By a clear majority, the delegation voted to send the association to Beech Grove, where the Lord willing we will convene on Thursday morning (September 30, 2004) before the first Saturday in October, 2004. Introductory – Elder Phil Crittenden; Alternate – Elder A.D. Howington.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, October 4, 2003.

Saturday Morning, October 4, 2003

The cloudy skies covered the area much the same way Jesus covered His children with the Holy Spirit. Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing songs of praise to our Lord and Savior. Today's service seemed to just pick up where they left off Friday afternoon. Throughout this association, the Lord has assured us of His presence each day. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, oh for grace to trust Him more. When we hear His invitation, the redeemed will gather in to shout and sing, and the angels all will listen for they cannot join that song. I'm so glad that Jesus loves even me, no matter where I may stray.

Special singing from Mt. Mitchell singers, West View singers, and Sister Jo Burke and her mother, Doris, blessed us with songs of Zion. We have truly met to worship and the Lord has showered holy manna all around. All is vain unless the Holy Spirit comes down. Let us love our God supremely and one another too. It is amazing how God saves old sinners, oh what a Savior is mine. The Lord has prepared a beautiful home for the true where we can praise Him the long ages through. That fountain filled with His great love contains a vast supply that never shall run dry. Jesus paid it all, therefore it is all to Him we owe. He washed that crimson stain white as snow.

Elder Terry Sizemore thanked God for His power as he welcomed everyone to our memorial service. Bless His holy name for the many blessings we have received during our gathering here at House Chapel. Let us remember these dear saints that have passed from us during this year.

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.

Brother Darrell Manis from the host church came forward to give special thanks to all the individuals and area businesses for all their help, guidance and support. He also thanked the members of the host church that have labored so hard.

The moderator informed the congregation to call Elder David Jerrell if you have any problems finding New Life Church. He also mentioned that Sister Eileen Brown still announces revivals if she receives the information in time.

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

Saturday night:

Stand: All preachers are welcomed in tonight's services.

Roller's Chapel: Lewis Baker and John Arnott.

Third Sunday night:

Sloantown: Burnice Sybert.

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

The House Chapel Church choir blessed us with such wonderful songs and testimonies. Because He loved me, He suffered it all and died on the old rugged cross. Just think that someone would love us enough to die in our place that we could have eternal life. We'll never forget the day when Jesus wrote our name in the blessed book of life. If we could live a thousand years, we could never forget that day He saved us from all sin and shame. Bless the Lord, oh bless the Lord, bless His holy name with everything that is within us. Let us lift up our hands to the great I Am. These songs were dedicated to the young people and Sister Nellie Young at the loss of her husband, Brother Raymond Young. No matter what day the Lord touched us, we know it was His hand that prepared us for our eternal home. Shouts of praise were all over the house as God's children rejoiced in honor of our blessed Redeemer.

Prayer requests were made for the unsaved, all those requested in prior services, those serving our country in the military, and many unspoken request signified by uplifted hands. Elder Carl Lawson led us to the throne of grace in a most humble prayer.

The moderator read the list of saints that have departed from us over the past year. May we always remember them and thank God for the time He blessed us to have them here with us. Their memory and the things they taught us will remain with us for the rest of our days. Thank God for these dear saints and the precious memories He blessed us with of them.

Elder John Henry Sybert came forward to take the first part of the service. He read several scriptures pertaining to the departed saints including: St. John 5; I Corinthians 15; II Corinthians 5 and I Corinthians 4. These scriptures are near and dear to our heart and a great comfort to our soul. In Christ we live and move and have our being, without Him we can do nothing. Elder John Arnott followed with another wonderful message from on high. We all fall short in this life, but we have a blessed hope of eternal life. Let us marvel at the things of Jesus and earnestly seek the face of God. Let us glory in the Lord, not in the things of man, for He has power to do all things. What a friend we have in Jesus, through Him we can accomplish all things. We all want to stay here as long as possible, but when the spirit begins to move in, we wish we could make the journey home; but we must wait until God calls. Thank God for the blood that washes away all sin and makes us a fit subject for the Kingdom of God. Elder Terry Sizemore took the last part of the service. Thank God for the scriptures God left to lead us and guide us. Even if we have lost a loved one, we are not alone for He is always with us. If we listen to God, He will guide us through all things. May we contend for the

faith that was delivered unto the saints. This old body will be laid to rest one of these days, but we'll live forevermore with the God of all creation. It takes the Lord to save our people. Only He can cleanse that dirty heart and make it pure to be a fit subject for the Kingdom of God. By the blood that was shed at Calvary, we are the children of God.

These men preached their hearts out this morning. We are thankful that God chose to use them in a mighty way. We appreciate and thank Him for all those men who take their stand for the Lord and preach His gospel.

Songs of praise and shouts of joy filled the tent as we rejoiced from all the blessings of the Lord. The congregation left the tent still rejoicing from all the blessings of God.

Sunday Morning, October 5, 2003

The morning sunshine warmed the air as we gathered for the last day of this association. Several of our folks that had not been privileged to attend any of the prior services were able to be there today. What a joy it is to meet with God's children when the Holy Spirit comes down. Several churches dismissed their services so their folks could join us. The Son has set us free from all condemnation and we are dwelling now in Canaan. What a blessing to see all the young people in the service today and throughout these services. When we've gone the last mile of the way, we'll rest in Jesus' arms to proclaim the glad story. What joy awaits the children of God when this life shall end and we rest at the close of the day. When misgivings darken our way, the Lord whispers sweet peace to us. Sometimes our faith is weak, but we trust Him and He speaks in that still small voice to lead us through all the trials and tribulations that befall us here. We're headed for a land where we'll never grow old, for when our work here is done, our life crown will be won and our troubles and trials will be over. When we enter the gates of glory land, the Lord will welcome us and say, "well done my child, well done."

Elder Neal Drinnon, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone as he pleaded with the lost to accept the Lord as their Savior. When the spirit of God welcomes us, as it has during this association, there is nothing else man can do to make us feel any more welcome. We should not wait until we reach heaven, but we should always enjoy ourselves while here on this earth. Nothing is too big for our God to take care of.

Let us remember the unsaved in our prayers, Adam Lawson and all those in service to our country, Ray Sybert, Brother Butch's sons, Tee Osborne's sons-in-law, Darrell Manis's brother, John Bowlin's family, Brother Rick's family and many unspoken requests signified with uplifted hands. Brother Michael Chandler humbly led us to the throne of grace.

The House Chapel Church singers blessed us with their wonderful testimonies and songs of praise. Sister Julie Thomason and her mother,

Sister Sam Thomason, told us of how Jesus will hold to our hand as we cross death's river on our journey home.

Sister Zula McCullough led the congregation in singing "Happy Birthday" to Elder John Henry Sybert and another wonderful song praising God for being an old time Christian. No Christian would take anything for their salvation, for true Christian love will set us free. Sister Kathy Robinson blessed us with her song. In pity and love, Jesus took us under His wing and made us a child of the King.

Brother Burnice Sybert, having recently announced his call to preach, took the first part of the service. He read Acts 2:1-2 and quoted some scriptures from St. Luke 24 and spoke to us about when the Lord opened the disciples' understanding of the scriptures concerning Him. When the spirit came to them on the day of Pentecost, they understood the things of Christ. The gospel has been preached the same since this association was formed. Not all believed, but some did and were brought into the family of God. Down through time, many great men have studied, and in essence learned the wrong things. As Paul was on the road to Damascus, a great light came upon him, and from that point he never persecuted God's children any more. Our prayer is that we'll be in one mind and one accord so many souls might be saved. Let God's people heed the spirit and welcome it. The Holy Spirit must speak to the unbelievers before they can come to know the Lord as Savior. None are good enough to merit salvation, but it is a gift freely given of God. Elder John Bowlin followed with a wonderful song and preaching. Jesus will never forsake His children, for it is truly better farther on. Heaven on earth is possible when we let God have His way in our lives. He had the power to lay His life down, but contrary to what the world may say, He had the power to raise it up again. Elder Carl Lawson took the next part of the service. Man can't preach unless God calls him. God made us, and is certainly able to keep us. The gospel is preached unto us from the power of the Holy Ghost. Let us hide it in our heart that we sin not against the Holy Spirit. We are somebody, a child of the King. Elder Wayne Morgan followed, thanking God for all His blessings and His wonderful spirit that has met with us each day. The joy we receive from coming to God's house is beyond measure, and we look forward to that new home where we'll soon be going. Elder Howard Sybert dismissed us until we meet again.

It has truly been a joy to meet here with God's children one more time. God's blessings have been so numerous throughout this meeting; it would be impossible to list them all. I only wish I had a way to put into words what we have felt. As far as I know, there are no words to describe the God we serve. The preaching has been so wonderful as the Spirit has manifested itself here among us. I thank God for each of you. You will never know what you mean to me. Once again, I wish I had the words to express how I really feel, but if they exist, for now they escape me. All I know to do is to thank God for allowing me to serve this fantastic group of His people for the past few years. I pray that He will show each one of you what you mean to me and that He will continue to bless you beyond compare in the years to come. Until we meet again, may we always do our very best to uplift the name of Jesus so

He will receive all the glory and honor He so richly deserves. Until we meet again, may the blessings of the Lord be upon you all.

CIRCULAR LETTER

We are very honored and humbled to be asked to write this circular letter to the churches gathered here at House Chapel for the 151st session of the Eastern District Association of Primitive Baptists. God has mercifully blessed each of us to be gathered again with this glorious body of people. With all the circular letters written and read in the presence of this association, we are not searching for anything new or different. Our desires are that everyone be led by the Holy Spirit and to see souls won to Christ. We sincerely pray each one has come this way to give our Lord praise and honor for all His blessings and to fellowship with each other.

Our thoughts have been on the refreshing of our spiritual minds, by the way of remembrance, still worshipping the same God our forefathers worshipped down through the years. (I Cor. 16:18) *'For they have refreshed my spirit and your's; therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.'* We should not allow the old landmarks to be removed that have been established through the faith of our forefathers. (St. John 4:24) *'God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.'*

We take great joy in being part of this great body of people. The old saints have been instrumental in our lives, as we have witnessed their obedience to the Holy Spirit, by which God blessed them. We also should follow. It has been spoken down through the years of how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Let us strive to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. With the Holy Spirit, we can relate to what the Apostle Peter said, "We rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

We feel many of the old saints of God have come to this gathering tired in body and weary from the storms of life. But, by the refreshing of the Spirit, their bodies were quickened and we all were given a vision of what Heaven will be like when we enter into the eternal rest of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God gives us the Holy Spirit to refresh our minds.

The world is overwhelmed with Satan's devices. Satan would deceive the very elect, if it were possible. Through the studying of God's Word, our minds and hearts are refreshed by the Holy Spirit, therefore, cleansing our minds of the world and renewing it spiritually. (II Peter 2:9) *'The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.'* He that is within our hearts is greater than he that is without. If we draw nigh unto God, He will draw nigh unto us; resist the devil and he will flee from us. If we are not careful, Satan will put us at ease in Zion and rob us of the blessings God has in store for us.

We feel with all our hearts that the old saints of God considered and did search for the old paths. (Jeremiah 6:16) *'Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls...'*

We must continue in the faith that was once delivered unto the saints if we are to have the leadership of the Holy Spirit to see our loved ones saved. We have learned not to let our faith stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. It still takes the drawing power of God to draw men, women, boys and girls to Christ. We truly appreciate and are thankful in our hearts for the refreshing of the spiritual mind that reminds us of the older saints that have instructed us to walk in the ways of the Lord.

Some of us may not be able to reminisce as far back as others, but we all have the same Holy Word that does not change. Therefore, the same Holy Spirit will refresh our minds alike. We believe the Holy Scriptures as recorded in the King James Version to be the written, inerrant Word of the Lord. (Proverbs 3:5) *'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.'*

May we continue walking after the spirit that we may see our people saved. God bless us all.

Billy J. Johnson
Darrell Sizemore
Burnice R. Sybert

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

God in His infinite wisdom has allowed us to meet together one more time this side of eternity. The blessings of the Lord are far too numerous than anything we might attempt to count or measure. It is truly a blessing to see the smiling faces of God's children as they gather to worship Him and renew friendships that have lasted for many years.

House Chapel Church has done a wonderful job in preparing for this great body of God's children to gather once again. No detail is too small or too large that it could be forgotten or overlooked if it will help make our stay here in this beautiful valley better. I know the church will agree that the Lord has richly 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. God has no respect of persons and He truly blesses us to the uttermost in all things we attempt in His name. By coming together in one mind and one accord, our labors are not in vain, for God will provide our every need. 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 these folks and the surrounding community from the

bottom of our heart for all their efforts that went into making our stay here more enjoyable. May God richly bless them in the coming years.

We also appreciate and thank those who made individual donations and the 60 churches who contributed a total of \$6,485.00 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 or made donations in one form or another. The labors of fellow Christians ease the burden placed on the individuals of the church.

May God richly bless Elder Terry Sizemore, our moderator, for the time, prayers and guidance he has given to the association. We are truly thankful 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.

To serve God requires that we know the Lord in all His fullness. To give Him less than 100 percent is to make a mockery of His faithfulness to us. While Christ was here on earth, He never did anything for Himself, but instead was always about His Father's business. Even as a child, His heart was pure and He showed the fullness of His glory on many occasions. So many times in today's busy, hurry-up world, we hear the expression "What's in it for me?" That seems to be all most people worry about these days. Aren't you thankful God isn't like that in His tender mercy and love for His children? While me, me, me has a very selfish tone to it, we should be shouting Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, which rings loud and clear of God's never ending love, wonderful peace and joy throughout all eternity. May we act as those here at House Chapel have while making ready for our visit here with them. We can never be exactly like Christ here in this world, nor can we even worship Him as He deserves, but one day soon we'll be able to worship Him in a manner deserving of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

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)

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.

(Blackwater, Tennessee - 1881)

(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.)

(Piney Grove Church - 1886)

(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.

(Jenkins Chapel Church - 1982)

(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.

(Blackwater Lick Church - 1978)

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

1. A Legal Presbytery is appointed which shall consist of not less than three nor more than seven ordained men, one of whom should, if possible, be an ordained deacon in the church in which the ordination is taking place. In case only three are used to compose the Presbytery, two ministers and one deacon, or two deacons and one minister, may be used.
2. The church presents the candidate for ordination to the Presbytery for examination. Each member of the Presbytery will have ample opportunity to question the candidate concerning his calling if to the ministry, also concerning his moral and spiritual qualifications and particularly to his understanding and belief of the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and other principles of the church.
3. When the Presbytery has completed their examination of the candidate, they return him to the care of the church with their report.
4. If the report of the Presbytery is satisfactory and the church is satisfied, they express their approval and return the candidate to the hands of the Presbytery for the ordination.
5. The Presbytery with prayer and laying-on of hands ordain the candidate. A charge is given by one member of the Presbytery. A Certificate of Ordination may then be given with authorized signatures.

CHURCH COVENANT

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

Copied from the Willis Chapel Church Book, 1807

CHURCH CONSTITUTION (Especially for Newly Constituted Churches)

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

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

The final perseverance of the saints;

The resurrection of our bodies;

A restricted communion to church members in full fellowship;

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

The Christian Sabbath to be a holy and heavenly institution;

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

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

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

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

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

(Revised in 1959)

RULES OF DECORUM

Ordered, therefore that the following decorum be a rule for the church to conduct herself by in 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 reprov'd.

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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.

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

100 Years Ago – Osborne’s Chapel Church in Lee County, VA, hosted the 51st annual Eastern District Association beginning October 1, 1903. Elder J. P. Peters preached the introductory sermon; reading from Acts 1:5 to deliver his message. Elder E. S. McPherson was elected moderator and E. A. Robinette, clerk and treasurer.

Swan Creek Church in Hancock County, TN, hosted the 6th annual Southwestern Division beginning September 3, 1903. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. Barker from Ephesians 4:4. Elder John W. Dean was elected moderator and Ezekiel Barker, clerk and treasurer.

75 Years Ago – On October 4, 1928 the 76th annual session met with Robinette’s Chapel Church, Wise County, VA. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Ezekiel Barker from Luke 2:10. Elder E. A. Robinette was elected moderator, and J. W. Hurd, clerk and treasurer and Julia A. Walker, assistant clerk.

50 Years Ago – Swan Creek Church in Sneedville, TN, hosted the 101st annual session beginning on October 1, 1953. Elder Clifford Williams read Ephesians 6:10. Elder H. V. Hall, 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 – October 5, 1978 was the beginning of the 126th annual session, hosted by Blackwater Lick Church, Blackwater, VA. Elder Walter Willis preached the introductory sermon after reading the 2nd chapter of Ephesians and using as a text Romans 5:6. He was followed by Elder Bobby Williams, the alternate. Elder Basil Freeman was chosen moderator and Burnice R. Sybert was elected clerk and treasurer. There is an excellent account of this association’s beginning at the beginning of the 1978 minute.

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 - October) and EST is Eastern Standard Time (November - March). Starting times for Sunday School are not included.)

AYERS CHAPEL: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Emma Jean Webb, Maxie Marcum and Clara Elkins. Deceased, 3; total number on roll, 45; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.). Paul Strong, moderator.

BEECH GROVE: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Zelma Lawson, Elizabeth Moore, Ralph Moore and Joe Horton; alternates: Ralph Lawson, Jr. and Hollie Lawson. Total number on roll, 49; contribution, \$45.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 3rd Saturday in May. Phil Crittenden, moderator.

BLACKWATER LICK: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: Hershel Baker, Gerald Moore, Anita Moore and Gladys Huff; alternates: Pauline Lawson and Sarah Parsons. Received by letter, 4; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 116; 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. Walter Willis and Fred Gilreath asked to attend. David Smith, moderator.

BLAIR CHAPEL: Blair, Ky. Delegates: David Whitaker, Bill Maggard, Jim Maggard and Jack Creech; alternates: Roger Raleigh and Alvin Chandler. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 268; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Rod Raleigh, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Duffield, Va. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 18; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Earl Miles, moderator.

BLUE SPRINGS: Hiltons, Va. Delegates: Gary Hall, John Bowlin, James Bowlin and Brenda Horton; alternates: Courtney Osborne and Brittany Bowen. Received by experience and baptism, 4; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 92; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and 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: Eric McPherson, Scott Tipton, Ada McPherson and Clifford Bledsoe; alternate: Delmer McPherson. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 9; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 127; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and every Sunday morning and the 2nd Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in July. Scott Tipton, moderator.

BUTCHER'S VALLEY: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: John Collins, Carol Collins, Walter Bailey and Dee Richards; alternates: Ruth Lampkin and Marce Goodson. Total number on roll, 111; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and the 2nd and 4th Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in May. Wayne Gully, moderator.

CADET: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Jess Akens, Jr., Roy Jones, Lillie Akens and Vicky Jones. Total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in August. Jess Akens, Jr., moderator pro-tem.

CANEY CREEK: Greeneville, Tn. Delegates: Frances Armstrong, Wanda Malone, Lloyd Morelock and Eddie Malone; alternates: Otis Roberts and Luther Malone. Received by experience and baptism, 6; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 90; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday (6:00 p.m. EDT). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Eddie Malone, moderator.

CHESTNUT FLATS: Gate City, Va. Delegates: Ralph Baker, Lewis Baker, Dan Cross and Wayne Gibson; alternate: Mary Baker. Deceased, 2; total number on roll, 43; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday. Lewis Baker, moderator.

CLEAR SPRINGS: Spring Valley, Oh. Delegates: Joe Pitzer, Joseph Robinette, Bill VanHoose and Dennis Stewart; alternate: Roger VanHoose. Received by letter, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 162; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September. Bill VanHoose, moderator.

COPPER CREEK: Nickelsville, Va. Delegates: Clifton Horne, Allen Addington, Nadine Horne and Danny Howell; alternates: JoAnn Palmer and Nell Kendrick. Received by experience and baptism, 5; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 77; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Sunday following the 2nd and 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in October. Bob Brown asked to attend. Eckel Head, moderator.

COYLE'S BRANCH: Gordon, Ky. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 10; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 2nd Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, last Sunday in May. Glenn Cornett, moderator.

DAVIS CHAPEL: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Pete Marcum, Fern Marcum, Coy Willis and Etta Osborne. Total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 5th Saturday in May (May 30, 2004). John H. Sybert and Walter Willis asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: Ermine, Ky. Delegates: Pat Holbrook, Basil Holbrook, Henrietta Adams and Beulah Webb. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 46; contribution, \$45.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00

p.m.) and Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in April. Fred Fletcher, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: Bellbrook, Oh. Delegates: Warren Kail, June Kail, Kellis Smith and Sonny Wallen; alternate: Jason Robinette. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 141; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in May. Jason Robinette, moderator.

FAIRVIEW: St. Charles, Va. Delegates: None. Received by letter, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 23; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June (10:30 a.m.). Richard Seiber asked to attend. Earnest Bledsoe, moderator.

FAITHFUL MINISTRY: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Charles Bernard, David Moody and Leah Moody; alternates: Rhonda Barnette and James Couch. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 8; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 4th Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 4th Sunday (10:00 a.m.) in May. David Moody, moderator.

FLOWER GAP: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: T. H. Johnson, Doug Willis, Donald Sybert and Pleas Lawson; alternates: David Horton and Charlotte Horton. Dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 91; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) following the 4th Saturday in May. Greg Hill, moderator.

GARDNER'S CHAPEL: Blountville, Tn. Delegates: Terrell Smith, Douglas McClain, Burl Lyons and Greg Laughlin; alternates: Charles W. McConnell and Leonard Bevins. Received by experience and baptism, 4; excluded, 1; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 520; 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: Janie Hensley, Wayne Morgan, Cathy Baker and Sue Pippin. Dismissed by letter, 2; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 110; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Wayne Morgan, moderator.

GUTHRIE'S GAP: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Ed Walker, Chris Fawbush and Grace Hawkins. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 4; dismissed by letter, 10; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 223; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 1st and 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning (10:00 a.m.) and Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in June. Larry Miller, moderator.

HOPEWELL: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: George Richards, Margaret Richards, Betty Rush and Frank Lane; alternate: Kathy Eldridge. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 35; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday afternoon (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday morning.

Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Arnott, moderator.

HOUSE CHAPEL: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Jeff Hurley, Mack Manis, Bill Barrett and Mark Manis; alternates: Michael Chandler and Billy Barrett. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 3; dismissed by letter, 4; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 235; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning and Wednesday night, 1st and 4th Saturday night, 2nd and 4th Sunday night and Sunday night following the 4th Saturday. Neal Drinnon, moderator.

HURRICANE VALLEY: Gordon, Ky. Delegates: Glenn Cornett, Grace Cornett, Juanita Shepherd and Roy Shepherd; alternates: Pamela Frazier and Emily Cornett. Received by experience and baptism, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 22; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday (5:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (6:00 p.m.). Glenn Cornett, moderator.

IRONDALE: Big Stone Gap, Va. Delegates: Clyde Phillips, Frankie Phillips, Alice Phillips and Iloe Collier. Total number on roll, 36; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday. Clyde Phillips, moderator.

JENKINS CHAPEL: Surgoinville, Tn. Delegates: Paul Strong, Fred Gilreath and Boyd Wallen. Received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 60; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EDT) and Sunday morning and 2nd Sunday night. Memorial service, Sunday morning following the 4th Saturday in August (10:30 a.m.). Paul Strong, moderator.

KINGSWOOD: Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Ronnie Brooks, Denise Brooks, Justin Richardson and Wanda Richardson; alternate: Eileen Brown. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received or restored by recantation, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 81; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, Sunday night (6:30 p.m.) following the 3rd Saturday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in April. Terry Sizemore, moderator.

LIBERTY CHAPEL: Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: James Cupp, Gale Derrick, Dwight Ward and Larry Ward; alternates: Stacy Marsh and Orbin Ward. Received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; total number on roll, 75; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Fred Gilreath, moderator.

LITTLE COWAN: Whitesburg, Ky. Delegates: Robert Caudill, Ramona Caudill, Paul Jackson and Babe Jackson; alternates: Verna Rayburn and Virginia Brown. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 4; total number on roll, 112; contribution, \$200.00; 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: Iona Scott, Ronnie Smith, Judy Carder and Carolyn Lewis. Received by experience and baptism, 3; dismissed by

letter, 1; total number on roll, 30; contribution, \$50.00; 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. Ronnie Smith, moderator.

LITTLE REDEEMED: Morristown, Tn. Delegates: Laura McNabb, Null Lawson, Georgia Lawson and Michelle Barnes; alternate: Donnie McNabb. Received by experience and baptism, 4; received by relationship, 4; dismissed by letter, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 95; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday, and every Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Donnie McNabb, moderator.

LONG HOLLOW: Surgoinville, Tn. Delegates: Virgie Williams, Delmas Harris, Virginia Scott and Nancy Presely; alternates: Judy Head and Bonnie Harris. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by relationship, 9; excluded, 1; deceased, 5; total number on roll, 193; contribution, \$102.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday night (except 3rd) (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday, May 16, 2004. Harold Head, moderator.

LOW VIEW: Pennington Gap, Va. Delegates: Sue Bledsoe, Luther Burton and Elsie Burton; alternates: Evelyn Orick and Don Woodward. Received by relationship, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 51; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday morning and every Saturday night. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Don Woodward, moderator.

MACEDONIA: Wilmington, Oh. Delegates: Clem Simmons, Terry Pigg and Steve Smith. Received by experience and baptism, 6; total number on roll, 57; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, every Sunday morning. David VanHoose, moderator.

MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Evelyn Jessee, Rose Manes, Dorothy Robinette and Polly Penley; alternate: Billy Robinette. Received by experience and baptism, 1; total number on roll, 47; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday morning and the 4th Sunday morning. Memorial service, 1st Sunday in May. John Arnott, moderator.

MILLER'S CHAPEL: Bristol, Va. Delegates: Myrt Worley, Mary Denton, Margaret Helvey and Nancy Evans; alternates: Linda Ramsey and Tommy Osborne. Total number on roll, 11; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday (2:00 p.m.) and Sunday. Tommy Osborne, moderator.

MOUNTAIN VIEW: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bradley Bowen, Juanita Bowen, Pat Lawson and Vanessa Dockery. Received or restored by recantation, 1; total number on roll, 41; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.) and Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in May. Richard Seiber and Wayne Morgan, moderators.

MT. MITCHELL: Mt. Carmel, Tn. Delegates: Molly Gilreath, Mack Ward and Charles Harless. Excluded, 6; total number on roll, 127; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night (6:00 p.m.), every Sunday morning and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, 1st Sunday in June. Virgil Lipe, moderator pro-tem.

MT. ZION: Evarts, Ky. Delegates: None. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 4; contribution, \$20.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night. Bazzle Manis, moderator.

NEW LIFE: Whitesburg, Tn. Delegates: Dennis Purkey, Imogene Purkey, Christine Conley and David Jerrell; alternate: Charleen Lowery. Received by relationship, 6; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 49; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 2nd Wednesday night (6:00 p.m.). David Jerrell, moderator.

OAK GROVE: Bulls Gap, Tn. Delegates: Dan Winstead, J. D. Dyer, Jim Woods and Larry Russell; alternates: Chris Woods and Hershel Childers. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 11; received by relationship, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 165; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, Wednesday night, 2nd and 4th Saturday night, every Sunday morning and 1st and 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. Bill LaFollette, moderator.

OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: Blackwater, Va. Delegates: James Davidson, Mary Ruth Davidson, Larry Fannon and Carolyn Fannon; alternates: Harmon Willis and Julia Pierce. Received by experience and baptism, 3; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 68; contribution, \$85.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in May. Jim Emery, moderator.

PETERSON'S CHAPEL: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Janet Mullins, Frank Mullins and June Fannon. Total number on roll, 63; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, 3rd Friday and Saturday night and Sunday morning in November. Frank Mullins, moderator.

PILGRIM'S REST: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Don Gordon, Doris Gordon and Gary Henard. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 1; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night (6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday night. Virgil Lipe, moderator.

PINK HILL: Surgoinville, Tn. Delegates: Quinton Thacker, Willard Williams, Mary Ann Childress and Isabeth Christian. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 143; contribution, \$70.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Easter Sunday morning. Richard Watts, moderator.

POND VIEW: Jonesville, Va. Delegates: Charles Sizemore, Sue Sizemore, Tammy Bledsoe and Carl B. Collins; alternates: Lori Castle and Barbara Lawson. Total number on roll, 58; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, business

on the 1st Sunday. Memorial service, Wednesday (May 26, 2004) before Memorial weekend. Clinton Rutherford, Sr., moderator.

POPLAR GROVE: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Austin Adams, Marvin Ketron, Kathleen Poole and Bill Poole; alternate: Priscilla Irvin. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 95; contribution, \$75.00; 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, John Border and Rose Mary Border. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 1; deceased, 2; total number on roll, 193; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday and Sunday. Brad Dutton, moderator.

RIVERSIDE: Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Larry Delph, Darrell Sizemore, Gary Sizemore and Darrell Smith; alternates: Wiley Joe Sizemore and Roger Trent. Received by experience and baptism, 1; received by relationship, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; total number on roll, 90; contribution, \$80.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday before Memorial Day at Davis Chapel Cemetery (2:00 p.m.). Roger Trent, moderator.

ROLLER'S CHAPEL: Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Frank Gilliam, Kathy Lawson, Ellis Persinger and Greg Hill; alternates: Geraldine Persinger and Monnie Bledsoe. Deceased, 1; total number on roll, 70; contribution, \$54.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday morning. Greg Hill, moderator.

ROSE CHAPEL: West Carrollton, Oh. Delegates: Jim Lykins, Anita Newkirk, Mark Newkirk and Gleason Storie; alternates: Bob Jarvis and John Turner. Received by experience and baptism, 10; received by relationship, 4; total number on roll, 94; contribution, \$125.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and every Sunday (10:30 a.m.) and Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in October. John Turner, moderator.

SHELBY CREEK: Eidson, Tn. Delegates: None. Total number on roll, 9; contribution, \$30.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday night (6:30 p.m.). Harold Head, moderator.

SLATE HILL: Mooresburg, Tn. Delegates: Robert Ferrell, Grover Ferguson, Wayne Drinnon and Clint Short; alternate: James Jarnigan. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 1; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 188; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. James Jarnigan, moderator.

SLOANTOWN: Clinchport, Va. Delegates: Aubra Hill, Virgie Hill, Tammy Pendleton and Joe Robinette; alternates: Donna Falin and JoAnn Griffen. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 33; contribution, \$25.00; meeting day, 3rd Sunday night (6:00 p.m.). Greg Hill, moderator.

SNEEDVILLE: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Carson Johnson, Shane Russell, Dorothy Delph and Ester Jones; alternates: Velma Mabe and Miranda Russell. Received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 72; contribution, \$35.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Shane Russell, moderator.

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Rogersville, Tn. Delegates: Michael Burton, Von Burton, Clinton Rutherford, Sr. and Jackie Rutherford; alternates: Bill Winstead and Betty Winstead. Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by relationship, 2; total number on roll, 86; contribution, \$60.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night, every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday. Bill Winstead, moderator.

SWAN CREEK: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: T. J. Eliot, Silas Carroll, Clarence Morgan and J. R. South; alternates: Doyle O'Dell and Earl Dodson. Received by experience and baptism, 8; received by relationship, 2; deceased, 3; total number on roll, 290; contribution, \$150.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night. Memorial service, 3rd Sunday in June. Silas Carroll, moderator.

UNION HILL: Sneedville, Tn. Delegates: Brandy Gulliver, Carson Creech, Ronnie Kinsler and Amy Shepard; alternates: Marilyn Kinsler and Ola Belcher. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; received by relationship, 2; total number on roll, 84; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in September (10:30 a.m.). Donny Clifford, moderator.

VALLEY VIEW: Dryden, Va. Delegates: Charles Thompson, Barbara Taylor, Anna Duncan and Ed Duncan; alternate: Nancy Thompson. Received by experience and baptism, 2; total number on roll, 56; contribution, \$75.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night (6:00 p.m.) and every Sunday. Memorial service, 2nd Sunday in October (10:00 a.m.). Carson Johnson, moderator.

WALLEN'S CREEK: Duffield, Va. Delegates: Bill Tomlinson, Vivian Seiber, Zelta Miles and Richard Seiber; alternates: Doris Burke and Pauline Gillenwater. Deceased, 4; total number on roll, 50; contribution, \$40.00; meeting day, 1st Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 1st Saturday in May. Eckel Head and Wayne Morgan asked to attend. Richard Seiber, moderator.

WALNUT CHAPEL: Gate City, Va. Delegates: Allen Hensley, Billy Jack Johnson, Paul Johnson and David Lloyd; alternate: Sidney Grizzel. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 2; received by relationship, 1; excluded, 6; deceased, 6; total number on roll, 141; contribution, \$100.00; meeting day, 4th Saturday night (6:30 p.m.). Memorial service, Sunday following the 4th Saturday in June. Allen Hensley, moderator.

WEST VIEW: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Jean Wallen, Delmer Wallen, Sr., Dexal Greer and Zula McCullough; alternates: Eugene Wallen and Burnice Sybert. Dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 1; total number on roll, 62; contribution, \$200.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night (6:00 p.m. EST) and

every Sunday. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in April. J. H. Sybert, moderator; Burnice Sybert, assistant moderator.

WILLIS CHAPEL: Kyles Ford, Tn. Delegates: Mike Fullington, Millard R. Hall, Ernest Wallen, Jr. and Morris Fleenor. Dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 2; deceased, 1; total number on roll, 114; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 2nd Saturday night and Sunday morning. Memorial service, Sunday following the 2nd Saturday in September. Mike Fullington, moderator.

WILLOW CHAPEL: Kingsport, Tn. Delegates: Janice Jones, Garnetta Miller and Erika Marshall. Received by experience and baptism, 2; received by letter, 1; total number on roll, 49; contribution, \$50.00; meeting day, 3rd Saturday night. Memorial service, Sunday following the 3rd Saturday in September. Carl Smith, moderator.

TOTALS: 66 churches (25 in VA., 29 in TN., 8 in KY., and 4 in OH.) Received by experience and baptism, 98; received by letter, 30; received by relationship, 55; received or restored by recantation, 3; dismissed by letter, 26; excluded, 27; deceased, 75; total number on roll, 6,148. There are 57 ministers serving as pastors - 48 are serving 1 church; 5 are serving 2 churches and 2 are serving 3 churches. There are 2 churches with a moderator pro-tem. There were 48 ministers and 2 visiting ministers who signed the register at this year's association.

UNION MEETINGS - 2004

(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: Eckel Head, Greg Hill, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

2 - VALLEY VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Bob Brown, Derrick Cantwell, Jim Emery, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Carson Johnson, Earl Miles, Carl Rogers, Shane Russell, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

3 - WEST VIEW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Woodrow Fields, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Hasco Jenkins, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert and all other who wish to attend.

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

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

6 - PETERSON'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

- MAY -

1 - CLEAR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Frank Mullins, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

2 - OAK GROVE: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent and Henry Wheeler.

3 - SWAN CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Donny Clifford, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, James Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

4 - MARION ROBINETTE MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Fred Gilreath, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler, our pastor and all others who wish to attend.

5 - SLOANTOWN: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Lewis Baker, John Bowlin, Mike Fullington, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

6 - COPPER CREEK: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Bobby Carter, Glenn

Cornett, Woodrow Fields, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

7 - OSBORNE'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday (includes Saturday morning). Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

8 - BEECH GROVE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Phil Crittenden, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Coy Willis and Walter Willis.

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

10 - POND VIEW: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, John Bowlin, Leonard Flanary, A. D. Howington, David Jerrell, Carson Johnson, Bazzle Manis, Earl Miles, Jason Robinette, Carl Rogers, Paul Strong, Roger Trent and Don Woodward.

11 - PILGRIM'S REST: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Von Burton, Derrick Cantwell, Phil Crittenden, Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Mike Fullington, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, David Jerrell, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Clinton Rutherford, David Smith, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

12 - FAITHFUL MINISTRY: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Lewis Baker, Charles Bernard, Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Donnie McNabb, David Moody, Wayne Morgan, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

- JUNE -

1 - NEW LIFE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Jerry Bledsoe, Bob Brown, Derrick Cantwell, Glenn Cornett, Phil Crittenden, Russell Davidson, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Billy Fields, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, Shane Russell, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

2 - 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, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

3 - RICHARDSON CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Jason Robinette, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert, Roger VanHoose and Henry Wheeler.

4 - AYERS CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Frank Mullins and Scott Tipton.

5 - BLUE SPRINGS (Duffield, Va.): To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Glenn Cornett, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Wayne Morgan, Clyde Phillips, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and Don Woodward.

6 - CANEY CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Harold Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Richard Watts.

7 - SLATE HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Silas Carroll, Billy Fields, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Bill LaFollette, Carl Lawson, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent, Richard Watts and Henry Wheeler.

8 - UNION HILL: To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Billy Fields, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Adrion Kinsler, Virgil Lipe, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, David Smith, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

9 - HURRICANE VALLEY: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Bob Brown, 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, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Henry Wheeler and all others who wish to attend.

10 - LONG HOLLOW: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Fred

Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carson Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Burnice Sybert, Richard Watts, Bill Winstead and Henry Wheeler.

11 - BUTCHER'S VALLEY: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Donny Clifford, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, Bill LaFollette, Eddie Malone, Larry Miller, Bill VanHoose, Henry Wheeler, Harmon Willis and all others who wish to attend.

12 - LOW VIEW: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Earnest Bledsoe, Leonard Flanary, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carson Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Roger Manring, Earl Miles, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

13 - BLUE SPRINGS (Hiltons, VA): To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Russell Davidson, Neal Drinnon, Frank Gilliam, Greg Hill, James Jarnigan, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore and Roger Trent.

14 - WALNUT CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Silas Carroll, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Oscar Irvin, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Carl Smith, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

- JULY -

1 - FAIRVIEW (OH): To begin on Thursday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Oscar Irvin, Shane Russell, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

2 - MT. ZION: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Glenn Cornett, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Gordon Justice, Earl Miles, Frank Mullins, Rod Raleigh, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber and Roger Trent.

3 - 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, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and all others who wish to attend.

4 - RIVERSIDE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Billy Fields, Woodrow Fields, Eckel

Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Gordon Justice, Donnie McNabb, Larry Miller, J. H. Sybert and Richard Watts.

5 - SHELBY CREEK: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Mike Fullington, Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Clinton Rutherford, Richard Seiber, Ronnie Smith, Burnice Sybert, Howard Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

6 - BURKE'S UNION: To begin on Wednesday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Bill LaFollette, Frank Mullins, Jason Robinette, Joseph Robinette, Carl Rogers, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, David Smith, Burnice Sybert, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Harmon Willis.

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

8 - PINK HILL: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Hasco Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Charley Johnson, Virgil Lipe, David Smith, Roger Trent and Richard Watts.

- AUGUST -

1 - WALLEN'S CREEK: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Gale Derrick, Woodrow Fields, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Clyde Phillips, Terry Sizemore, Donald Sybert, J. H. Sybert and Roger Trent.

2 - SULPHUR SPRINGS: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Wayne Gulley, Delmas Harris, Gordon Justice, Bill LaFollette, Shane Russell, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, J. H. Sybert and Henry Wheeler.

3 - BLACKWATER LICK: To begin on Friday night (6:00 p.m.) before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Derrick Cantwell, Glenn Cornett, Jim Emery, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Ronnie Kinsler, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Jason Robinette, Shane Russell, Terry Sizemore, Howard Sybert, J. H. 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, Fred Gilreath, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong and J. H. Sybert.

5 - POPLAR GROVE: To begin on Friday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Bob Brown, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Hasco Jenkins, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore and J. H. Sybert.

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

7 - COYLE'S BRANCH: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, Russell Davidson, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, David Jerrell, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber and all others who wish to attend.

8 - GARDNER'S MEMORIAL: To begin on Friday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Fred Gilreath, Delmas Harris, Allen Hensley, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, I. W. McNamara, Wayne Morgan, Tommy Osborne, Paul Persinger, Shane Russell, Carl Smith and J. H. Sybert.

9 - FAIRVIEW (VA): To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Derrick Cantwell, Delmas Harris, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Earl Miles, Frank Mullins, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Richard Watts, Coy Willis 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 Gilley, Eckel Head, A. D. Howington, Carl Lawson, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, J. F. Robinette, Carl Rogers, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, J. H. Sybert and all others who wish to attend.

11 - LITTLE DOVE: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Woodrow Fields, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Greg Hill, Jeff Holbrook, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, Wayne Morgan and Rod Raleigh.

12 - MACEDONIA: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Greg Hill, Terry Sizemore and Harmon Willis.

13 - MT. MITCHELL: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Neal Drinnon, Fred Gilreath, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, Robert Jarnigan, Virgil Lipe, Larry Miller, Frank Mullins, Shane Russell, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Scott Tipton, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

14 - BLAIR CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Bob Brown, Glenn Cornett, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Harold Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Frank Mullins and J. H. Sybert.

15 - MOUNTAIN VIEW: To begin on Thursday night (6:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, John Bowlin, Glenn Cornett, Leonard Flanary, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Earl Miles, Wayne Morgan, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Paul Strong, Howard Sybert, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent and Coy Willis.

16 - JENKINS CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Neal Drinnon, Hasco Jenkins, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Henry Wheeler, former pastors and all others who wish to attend.

- SEPTEMBER -

1 - EDWIN HOLBROOK MEMORIAL: To begin on Wednesday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Banks, John Bowlin, Frank Gilliam, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Wayne Morgan, Rod Raleigh, Terry Sizemore and J. H. Sybert.

2 - ROLLER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Thursday night before the 1st Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, John Bowlin, Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Larry Miller, Rod Raleigh, Jason Robinette, Richard Seiber, J. H. Sybert and Harmon Willis.

3 - LITTLE COWAN: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Neal Drinnon, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Jeff Holbrook, Oscar Irvin, Hasco Jenkins, Carl Lawson, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Ray Raleigh, Rod Raleigh, Richard Seiber, Terry Sizemore, Burnice Sybert, J. H. 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, A. D. Howington, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Ronnie Kinsler, Bazzle Manis, Larry Miller, Shane Russell, Roger Trent, Richard Watts, Henry Wheeler and Harmon Willis.

5 - SNEEDVILLE: To begin on Wednesday night before the 2nd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Bowlin, Derrick Cantwell, Donny Clifford, Russell Davidson, Gale Derrick, Neal Drinnon, Jim Emery, Arry Hickman, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Jamie Jarnigan, David Jerrell, Charley Johnson, Ronnie Kinsler, Bill LaFollette, Jason Robinette, Clinton Rutherford, Terry Sizemore, David Smith, Roger Trent, Bill VanHoose, Roger VanHoose and Henry Wheeler.

6 - KINGSWOOD: To begin on Thursday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Mike Fullington, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, James Jarnigan, Charley Johnson, 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, Greg Hill, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, I. W. McNamara, Wayne Morgan and J. H. Sybert.

8 - WILLOW CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night before the 3rd Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Bob Brown, Russell Davidson, Eckel Head, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin and James Jarnigan.

9 - FLOWER GAP: To begin on Thursday night before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: Delmas Harris, Eckel Head, Arry Hickman, A. D. Howington, Oscar Irvin, Larry Miller, Terry Sizemore, Carl Smith, J. H. Sybert, Roger Trent, Henry Wheeler and Walter Willis.

10 - GARDNER'S CHAPEL: To begin on Friday night (7:30 p.m.) before the 4th Saturday. Ministers asked to attend: John Arnott, Von Burton, Gale Derrick, Eckel Head, Allen Hensley, Greg Hill, Oscar Irvin, Gordon Justice, Bazzle Manis, Burnice Sybert and J. H. Sybert.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance from 2002.....	\$ 3,472.64
Receipts from 2003.....	5,461.00
Special Offering.....	3,563.85
Donations.....	100.00
Additional Donations from churches.....	912.00
Interest.....	12.77
TOTAL	\$ 13,522.26

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rental of safety deposit box.....	\$ 60.00
Insurance premium (Kitchen and Liability).....	2,057.00
Charter registration fee.....	20.00
Postage.....	87.02
Clerical supplies.....	149.86
Kitchen Repairs/Expenses (new refrigerator).....	2,347.10
Clerk's allowance.....	850.00
Printing and packaging 2,775 copies of 2003 minutes.....	4,700.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 10,270.98
BALANCE IN TREASURY	\$ 3,251.28

**NOTE: The cost to print each minute this year was \$1.70
The total cost to operate the association based on number of minutes
ordered was \$3.70**

DIRECTIONS TO BEECH GROVE CHURCH

Coming from Jonesville, on Route 70 just past Blackwater Post Office, turn left on Route 604 and proceed to Robinette Funeral Home. Turn right on Route 600 and proceed 5 miles, turn left on Route 601, go approximately 4.5 miles to the church.

Coming from Sneedville, on Route 33 to Route 70, at Kyles Ford, turn right on Route 70 and proceed 0.1 of a mile, then turn left onto Route 33. Proceed to the Virginia/Tennessee state line and turn left onto Route 600. Proceed 1 mile and turn right onto 601. Proceed approximately 4.5 miles to the church.

Coming from Rogersville, on Route 70 to Edward R. Talley Bridge, turn right onto Route 33. Proceed to the Virginia/Tennessee state line and turn left onto Route 600. Proceed 1 mile and turn right onto Route 601. Proceed approximately 4.5 miles to the church.

Coming from Kingsport, on US 23 proceed to Route 600, which is approximately 12 miles from the red lights at Gate City. Turn left and proceed 11 miles to Route 601. Turn right onto Route 601 and proceed approximately 2.5 miles to the church.

MEMORIAM

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

– Psalm 116:15 –

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

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

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

BAILEY, Gladys Kate Housewright
BLEDSOE, Chester Ray (Buster)
BLOOMER, Eva Lou
BOWEN, Ella Mae Mendenhall
BURNS, Gracie Wade Manis
CAUDILL, Geneva Gibson
COLLINS, Ollie Estelle

BANKS, Bert C.
BLESSING, Una Boyd
BOOHER, Laney Sidney
BREWER, Harrison G.
CAMPBELL, Emma Lou
CLENDENIN, Matthew Robert (Matt)
CORNETT, Jeanette

CORNETT, Mabel	DAVIDSON, Teresa D. Ward
DODSON, Joyce Ann	ELDRIDGE, Ludie Creech
FAWBUSH, Donald Edward	FIELDS, Wayne
FLEENOR, Josie Baker	GILLIAM, Viola Angeline (Pet) Bloomer
GRIZZEL, Mattie G.	*HELTON, Elder Charles
HUFFMAN, Anna Pearl Bernard	JESSEE, Nokomis (Nokie)
LAMBERT, Ruby Lockhart	*LANE, Elder Lucian
LAUGHLIN, Willie Kate	LAWSON, Milam
LAWSON, Willie Ethel Ashley	LINDSEY, Evelyn F.
MADDEN, Wilmer (Slick)	MAGGARD, Ethel Lois
MARCUM, Doyle Howard (Butch)	MATLOCK, Timothy Allen
MOLLETT, Bobbie	OSBORNE, Forest E.
OSBORNE, Georgia	PRESLEY, Gary Eugene
REED, Henry David	REEVES, Frank Earnest
RUSSELL, Thomas Wayne	SELF, Walter McKinnley
SHEBACK, Vida A.	*SLOAN, Elder Burley
SORRELL, Daniel Joe, Jr.	STAPLETON, Larry D.
STEWART, Osa Mae	STURGILL, Edith Giles
THACKER, Ruby Eileen	VANOVER, Bill
WALLEN, Joe Lloyd	WALLEN, Ruth O.
*WHITE, Elder Charles	WILLIAMS, Addie Osborne
WITT, Dana	YOUNG, Raymond Harold

*Ministers

GLADYS KATE HOUSEWRIGHT BAILEY was born June 12, 1933 and went home to be with the Lord on March 1, 2003 at the age of 69 years, 3 months and 11 days. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Hazel Fields Housewright.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard Reece Bailey; 2 sisters, Mabeline and Mary Lois; 4 brothers, Claude, Herman, Helbert and Charles.

She is survived by 4 sisters, Maxine Richards, Maggie Eldrige, Kathleen Radford and Janice Caputs; 2 brothers, Clayton and Elder Lyle Housewright.

Gladys was saved at an early age and joined the old Long Hollow Church and remained a member there after it moved to Stanley Valley Road. She was loved by all who knew her. Although she was sick for a long time, her suffering is now all over. She just went to sleep for a little while, but will awake in the morning where we all will be together on heaven's bright shore. So sleep on till we are united again.

- Written by Virgie McPeek Williams

BERT C. BANKS entered eternal life on November 5, 2002.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Johnny Hiram Banks; 3 brothers, Bernard, James Elmo and Clifton, and his parents, Patrick and Etta Banks.

He lived a happy devoted life with his wife, Elsie Caudill Banks and his son, Carl Bennett Banks. Also surviving are 1 brother, Clayton and 4 sisters, Lucy Montgomery, Rillavae Riser, Elsie Boggs and Ruth Dyer.

He was a devoted member of Little Cowan Church since 1941 and served as a deacon for many years.

He was a purple heart veteran of WWII, serving in the 5th Armored Division in Germany when he was wounded in December, 1944. He served as Master of the Whitesburg Masonic Lodge #754 and as Secretary for 35 years. He was the oldest living District Deputy in Kentucky. Bert worked as a bookkeeper, receiving Awards of Excellence each year until his retirement.

He will be sadly missed by his family, friends, church and community. Gone but not forgotten.

- Written by his family

CHESTER RAY (BUSTER) BLEDSOE was born March 24, 1922 and went to be with the Lord March 19, 2003 at the age of 80 years.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Louis Bledsoe; 1 son, Jesse Bledsoe and 1 sister, Kate Crabtree.

He was a veteran of WWII and attended Low View Church regularly. He was a special friend to the church and loved to sing for the Lord.

He is greatly missed by the church family and friends. He is now resting from all his sickness and pain, but in just a little while we will meet again.

- Written for the family by the church clerk

UNA BOYD BLESSING was a lovely and amazing lady who lived on this earth for 95 years. She passed away May 5, 2003.

She was predeceased by 1 son, Paul Vernon Boyd and 1 daughter, Loretta B. Blair.

She left behind 2 daughters, Sheila Alvis and Nancy B. Cook; 3 sons, Keenis E., Billy G. and Robert J. Boyd; 15 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; 14 great-great grandchildren and 1 great-great-great grandchild.

She worked in and attended Richardson Chapel from the time the church was organized in 1962. She loved everyone, her natural family and her church family was very important to her.

We will always miss her presence but we have many cherished memories to hold on to.

- Written by her daughter, Sheila Alvis

EVA LOU BLOOMER was born October 20, 1916, the daughter of Hiram P. and Maggie Weatherly Bloomer.

A brother, Claude and a sister, Viola Gilliam preceded her in death.

Surviving are 1 sister, Edna Bledsoe; 1 niece, 4 nephews; 7 great nieces; 1 great nephew and a host of family and friends.

Eva lived a life of caring for elderly people and she cared deeply for all her family. She was a loyal member of Burke's Union Church since 1946.

We miss her so much, but we will see her again where she won't have to suffer any more.

- Written by her sister, Edna Bledsoe

LANEY SIDNEY BOOHER was born June 12, 1924 and went home to be with the Lord on July 1, 2003 at the age of 79.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Elizabeth Booher, 1 brother, Leonard Booher; 2 sisters, Abi McMurray and Ruea Laughlin.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Gray Booher; 1 brother, Alfred Booher and a sister, Hazel Booher Woodruff.

Laney was a devout member of Chestnut Flats Church where he served for many years as a deacon. He could be counted on for sound wisdom and advice as he fulfilled the duties of his office. He was very strong in his faith in God, and always stood for his beliefs in a very steadfast manner. His support and work around the church will be sorely missed.

- Written by his wife and friends

ELLA MAE MENDENHALL BOWEN was born August 31, 1926 and passed away December 3, 2002 at the age of 76.

She was predeceased by her husband, Luther Conley Bowen; parents, Jessee and Cora Bledsoe Mendenhall; 3 brothers, Charlie, Bradley and George Mendenhall and 1 half sister, Edith Lawson.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Virginia Hobbs, Phyllis Williams and Connie Bishop; 2 sisters, Mary Lumpkins and Jean McPherson; 3 brothers, Loyd, Ralph and Lewis Mendenhall; 5 grandsons; 1 granddaughter; several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

She was a member of Roller's Chapel Church.

This precious lady was a good mother and mammaw and we already miss her. She prepared us for her journey weeks before she left, telling us she was tired and just wanted to go be with Jesus and daddy. Her worn and tattered Bible contains the scriptures that tell the wondrous news that the road to Heaven has already been prepared and salvation has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus. Rest on sweet mother, mammaw. When our journey is over, I pray we all will be united in that Heavenly home.

- Written by her daughter, Connie Bishop

HARRISON G. BREWER, age 84, departed this life March 7, 2000.

He was the son of the late Crowshe Brewer and he had one half-sister, Emma Royston. He was the husband of the late Hazel Perry Brewer and later married Ora Hatfield.

Survivors include 3 daughters, Angel Lee Seal, Pauline King and Mae Dean; 2 sons, Ronnie and Charles Brewer; 8 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, many friends and loved ones.

He was a good father and grandfather. His family and friends will miss him - they loved him dearly.

He was a member of Swan Creek Church.

- Written by the family

GRACIE WADE MANIS BURNS was born October 12, 1925 and went home to be with the Lord May 20, 2003, living 77 years, 7 months and 8 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, Sr.; parents, Riley and Fannie Wade and 3 brothers, Charlie, David and Melvin Wade.

She is survived by 2 sons, Robert, Jr. and Jerry Burns; 3 daughters, Judy Laster, Evelyn King and Brenda Burns; 8 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 5 step grandchildren; 6 step great grandchildren; 4 brothers, Tommy, Garland, Wright and Barney Wade and 1 sister, Mary Gulley.

She was a member of House Chapel Church, where she would request prayer for her children to be saved and kept in the arc of safety.

- Written by the family

EMMA LOU CAMPBELL was born December 8, 1929 and passed away May 2, 2003, being 73 years, 4 months and 24 days of age at the time of her passing. She was the daughter of Cassel and Beulah Caudill.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, George and Stewart Sigrest.

Surviving other than her parents are 1 son, John Campbell; 2 daughters, Susan Ware and Martha Wenning; 1 brother, Robert Caudill; 4 sisters, Thelma Ison, Janice Walod, Carolyn Gilliam and Susan Stamper; 7 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

She was a retired employee of the University of Kentucky, a member of Little Cowan Church, a Regent of D.A.R., and a member of the Whitesburg ARH Ladies Auxiliary.

- Written by the family

GENEVA GIBSON CAUDILL was born January 16, 1910 and passed away May 21, 2003 being 93 years, 4 months and 6 days of age at the time of her passing. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Hop and Minerva Adams Gibson.

Surviving are her husband, Edison Caudill; 2 sons, James and Edwin Caudill; 2 daughters, Minerva Jane Yonts and Ann Yonts; 3 sisters, Beulah Caudill, Mattie Vern Banks and Virginia Brown; 11 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Geneva was a member of Little Cowan Church.

- Written by the family

MATTHEW ROBERT "MATT" CLENDENIN, 18, went to be with the Lord on June 10, 2003. Born in Kingsport, TN, he was a lifelong resident of Blountville and a student at Sullivan Central High School where he enjoyed basketball, softball and hunting.

He is survived by his mother, Linda Allison; brother, Cody Allison; step brother, Bill Allison; grandparents, Dorothy and Robert Anderson; great grandmother, Janie Hensley; several cousins, aunts and uncles and a host of friends. He is greatly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him.

Matt was a member of Gardner's Memorial Church.

- Written by his family

OLLIE ESTELLE COLLINS was born November 1, 1919 and passed away January 16, 2003.

Surviving are 1 son, Kenneth Collins; 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Ollie was a true and faithful member of Edwin Holbrook Memorial Church as long as she was able. We miss her very much.

- Written by Pearl Noble

JEANETTE CORNETT, age 72, departed this life on July 22, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 children; 1 brother and 1 sister.

She is survived by her husband, Doyle Cornett, 2 grandsons; 1 brother and 2 sisters.

Jeanette joined Blair Chapel Church on August 1, 1971 where she was a faithful member all the way until the final days before the Lord came for her. She bore her sickness with great pride and she is at rest where she will never have to suffer any more.

She is missed by all who knew her.

- Written by the church clerk, Wesley Bailey

MABEL CORNETT departed this life on November 16, 2002.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Earnest Cornett.

She is survived by 2 daughters, 1 son and several grandchildren.

Mabel joined Blair Chapel Church on September 5, 1982. She is sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

- Written by the church clerk, Wesley Bailey

TERESA D. WARD DAVIDSON went to be with the Lord December 13, 2001 at the age of 46.

She was preceded in death by her granny, Minnie Minor.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Davidson; 1 son, Dustin Wilde; father, Darrell Ward and mother, Lillian Greene.

She was a member of House Chapel Church and also a member of New Life Church. She was a loving wife, sister and mother. She is sadly missed by her husband, son and all who knew her, but God called her away from her suffering and now she's with Him. I know in my heart I will see her again.

- Written by her husband, Rick Davidson

JOYCE ANN DODSON was born September 16, 1941. After a nine month struggle with cancer, she entered eternal life on May 17, 2003 at the age of 61.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Helen Royston, and 1 brother, Billy Carroll Royston.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Clarence; 2 daughters, Danita and Malisha; 2 grandchildren and a circle of beloved family and friends.

Joyce professed faith in the Lord at an early age and joined Brewers Chapel. She later joined Swan Creek where she remained a very devoted member throughout her life.

Everyone who knew Joyce remembers well her generous, kind, humble, faithful nature. Always possessing the spark of life, "Joyce" honored her name by her immense joy and ability to rejoice. She was the "virtuous woman" that King Solomon described in Proverbs.

- Written by her daughter

LUDIE CREECH ELDRIDGE was born April 5, 1910 and departed this life January 6, 2003.

Ludie was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Eldridge; parents, Joe and Nancy Cloud Creech; 1 daughter, Roberta Eldridge; 1 son, Joe Eldridge; 4 sisters, Hannah Dixon, Vina Parsons, Juanita Creech and Ethel Saylor and 3 brothers, Willie, Roy and Lawrence Creech.

Survivors include 1 daughter, Letha Senters; 2 sisters, Sarah Crusenberry and Nettie Schmidt; 1 brother, Ray Creech; 6 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Zion Church for over 60 years. Sister Ludie was a soldier for her Lord. She was a pioneer; a follower of Christ. She loved her Lord and Savior. She is sadly missed by church and family. Her presence will always be with us. She enjoyed going to church and the association. Sister Ludie has touched all of our lives. The way she lived, and how she treated everyone. She was very special to us all. She was an inspiration to the church and family, but we know she is in a much better place. We look forward to seeing her again on that great reunion day when all God's children go home to part no more.

- Written by Elder Glenn Cornett

DONALD EDWARD FAWBUSH was born February 20, 1938 and departed this earth to his heavenly home January 17, 2003 at the age of 64.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otis (Speck) and Mary Beck Fawbush and 1 brother, Randy Fawbush.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Beulah Gulley Fawbush; 2 sons, Craig and Chris Fawbush; 3 grandchildren; 1 sister, Wanda Carter; 1 brother, Otis (Jack) Fawbush and several nieces and nephews.

Don joined Guthrie's Gap Church on May 5, 1968 and became a deacon December 1, 1968, serving the church faithfully until his death.

He retired from UPS in 2001 after 25 years of service. He is sadly missed by everyone who knew him, especially his family, friends at church and the boys at UPS. Our memories are sweet and plentiful. We will hold them in our hearts until we meet again. Rest in peace, Don, you deserve it. We miss you so much.

- Written by the family

WAYNE FIELDS was born July 29, 1949 and departed this life March 29, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Byrd O. and Mary Miller Fields; 2 brothers, Willis and Charles Fields and 2 sisters, Laranis June Fields and Helen Huff.

He is survived by 2 sisters, Grace E. Cornett and Evelyn Hilderbrand; 1 brother, David Fields and 17 nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Hurricane Valley Church and was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend.

He is at rest where he will never have to suffer anymore. The precious memories we have of him will be forever in our hearts. He is sadly missed by family and church. Rest in peace, dear brother, till we meet again.

- Written for the family by Elder Glenn Cornett

JOSIE BAKER FLEENOR was born March 14, 1910 and went to be with the Lord July 17, 2003 at the age of 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Baker; 1 daughter, Ruth Ann Baker and 2 sons, Lawrence and Raymond Baker.

She is survived by 2 sons, Dallas and Arthur Baker, 3 daughters, Lounette Daniels, Christine Messer and Barbara Bledsoe; 27 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 13 great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Low View Church, where she attended and supported the church regularly until failing health prevented her from doing so.

Her pain is gone and she is at rest. Let us cherish the memories and look to the time we will see her again in that eternal home.

- Written for the family by Evelyn Orick

VIOLA ANGELINE (PET) BLOOMER GILLIAM was born September 22, 1920 and passed away January 3, 2003. She was the daughter of Hiram P. and Maggie Weatherly Bloomer.

She joined Burke's Union Church in 1946

She was married to Lilbern Glen Gilliam. They were the parents of James David and Louise Gilliam who survive her, as well as 3 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter; 2 sisters, Edna Bledsoe and Eva Bloomer and a host of friends and relatives.

We are sure she is at rest and we will see her again.

- Written by Edna Bledsoe

MATTIE G. GRIZZEL was born September 21, 1915 and departed this life June 5, 2003 at the age of 87.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W. A. J. Williams and Julie Hammonds Williams; husband, Roy Lee Grizzel; 3 sons, Jack, Jimmie and Darryl Grizzel; 7 sisters and 4 brothers.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Betty Browder and Shirley Bishop; 1 son, Sidney Grizzel; 7 grandsons, 3 granddaughters; 12 great grandsons; 2 great

granddaughters; 1 great-great granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

She was a loving wife, mother, mamaw and friend. She was a homemaker and a member of Walnut Chapel Church. She will be greatly missed. She's resting in the Savior's arms until that glorious day when we will meet to part no more.

- Written by the family

ELDER CHARLES HELTON was born January 2, 1949 and went to be with his heavenly father on August 19, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin and Lou Helton; 4 brothers, Ross, James, Jay and Coy Helton.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Helton; 1 daughter, Dorothy Collins; 2 sons, Calvin and Charles (Billy) Helton; 3 sisters, Rosemary Drinnon, Ollie Carson and Maggie Helton; 7 brothers, Thomas, Larry, Rick, Riley, Luther, Dennis and John Helton.

He was a member of Sulphur Springs Church, where he served as pastor for 5 years. God saw he was getting tired and wouldn't get much better, so He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come, go home." A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands would work no more. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best. He is sadly missed by friends and family, but we'll meet him again in heaven some day.

- Written by his wife and children

ANNA PEARL BERNARD HUFFMAN was born July 6, 1925 and departed this life to everlasting life with Christ on September 23, 2002.

She left behind 2 daughters, 4 sons, 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 2 sisters.

She was a member of Faithful Ministry Church for 37 years.

- Written by church members

NOKOMIS (NOKIE) JESSEE was born September 21, 1934 and departed this life on October 22, 2002.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R. J. Jessee; parents; 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Colleen Pittman; 1 grandson; 1 great grandson and 1 sister, Blanch Flanary.

Nokomis was a member of Fairview Church (VA). She is sadly missed by her family and friends, but I know one day I will see them all again.

- Written by her sister, Blanch Flanary

RUBY LOCKHART LAMBERT, was born December 19, 1910 and went to be with the Lord April 2, 2003 at the age of 92. She was the daughter of the late James and Flora Osborne Lockhart.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry W. Lambert; 1 son, Carson Lambert; 2 brothers, Olin and Coy Lockhart; 3

grandchildren and 9 sisters, Flora Hall, Zel Clausen, Mattie Gentry, Maime Suttles, Cleo Burton, Faye Newberry, Jeanette Pierson, Bonnie Childress, and Grace Lambert.

Ruby leaves behind 4 sons, Bill, Carl, Roy and Harold Lambert; 7 daughters, Carnell Hoskins, Maggie Lawson, Opal Muncy, Maudie Fields, Thelma Welch, Mary Woodard, and Doris Burke; 29 grandchildren; 50 great grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren; 1 sister, Mary Carroll; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She was a beloved member of Wallen's Creek Church and was a faithful member as long as she was able. As a young member, she promised to give the church all of the money for eggs gathered on Sunday. She kept this promise as long as she raised chickens.

She was a kind and gentle woman who loved to grow a garden. When she planted for herself, she always grew extra for her friends and neighbors.

She will be sadly missed by the church, her family, and her many friends. We will always remember her with a smile and with love. Rest in the arms of God, dear Mother, until we meet again.

- Written by her daughter, Doris Burke

ELDER LUCIAN LANE was born December 4, 1901 and departed this life February 7, 2003 at the age of 101 years, 2 months and 3 days. He was the son of the late William Henry "Bill" Lane and Luveney Elizabeth "Vina" Penley.

He married Ethel Locella Reed on September 16, 1922 and was married to her for 47 years until her death in 1969. They had 2 daughters, Helen McDavid and Selma Kerns, and 1 son, Willard Cecil. On June 8, 1975, he married Sara Baker and was married to her for 22 years until her death in 1997.

He was ordained as a Primitive Baptist minister April 7, 1945. During his ministry, he pastored several churches, 25 years with Oak Grove. He held numerous revivals and was blessed to see many souls saved. He was a talented singer, and prior to his ordination, he taught singing schools and continued to sing throughout his life. He was the oldest ordained minister in the Eastern District Association and was known and loved by thousands. At his death, he was a member of Ayers Chapel Church, which he had previously pastored. He retired from Tennessee Eastman Company with 23 years service as a millwright and spent the remaining 39 years of his life full time in the work of the Lord.

The union meetings and the association gatherings were very important to him. He attended every association except one, that we are aware of, from the time of his ordination. He was proud to have been called to most union meetings and was very faithful to attend.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. No matter how hard the way looked, he always had a smile and a song to sing. We miss him so much, but we know he has gone to his new home in heaven.

- Written by the family

WILLIE KATE LAUGHLIN was born May 13, 1918 and departed this life November 26, 2002. She was the daughter of the late Isaac F. Ramey and Sarah P. Ramey.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Lindsey N. Laughlin, a grandson and a daughter-in-law.

Willie Kate and Lindsey were blessed with 5 children, Lou McMurray, Shirley McMurray, Jimmy, Lee Roy and Darrell Laughlin.

She was saved at an early age and was a charter member of Gardner's Chapel Church, where she attended until her illness. She loved and worked hard for her family, but Jesus Christ was always first in her life. Willie Kate was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She is greatly missed by her family and friends.

- Written by the family

MILAM LAWSON was born May 2, 1909 and departed this life July 12, 2003. He was the son of the late Wine and Florence Osborne Lawson.

He was married to Maudie Johnson and to this union was born one daughter, Lorraine.

He was preceded in death by his wife and 3 sisters, Pearly Lawson, Liza Lawson and Elizabeth Cole and 1 brother, Anderson Lawson.

He is survived by his daughter; 5 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Milam professed faith in Christ at an early age and loved to go to church. He attended Morris Hill Baptist Church while he was able. When he became unable to attend church, he listened to preachers on television and radio. He also listened to tapes of gospel music and recordings of the August meetings held each year at Blackwater.

Milam was also looking for a city not made with the hands of man, but eternal in the heavens, the city Abraham of old looked for. How wonderful to know if we know the God Milam knew, that on that great day, the day of all days, that we can meet him and Maudie and all of God's children, never to part again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written for the family by Elder Coy Willis

WILLIE ETHEL ASHLEY LAWSON was born March 16, 1938 and went to be with the Lord December 23, 2002.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Huce Lawson; parents, Ballard Ashley and Pearl Warren; 2 infant children, Freedia and Troy Lawson, and 2 infant great grandchildren.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Reba and Nancy; 4 sons, Lester, Kenny, David and Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 2 brothers and 3 sisters.

She was a member of House Chapel Church where she enjoyed the friendship and love of family and friends. She will be missed so much, our dear Mother.

- Written by the family

EVELYN F. LINDSEY passed away August 12, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Eileen Thacker and 1 brother, James Earl Thacker.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph; 2 sons, Mark and Chad Lindsey; 1 granddaughter; 2 sisters, Molly and Betty Jean; 1 brother, Chester, 3 nieces; 2 nephews and a host of friends.

She was a member of Long Hollow Church. The moment you died, our hearts split. One side filled with memories and the other died with you. We often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon our face. Remembering you is easy, but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. We love you and miss you.

- Written by Ralph and the boys

WILMER (SLICK) MADDEN was born August 3, 1931 and departed this earth February 8, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Ginny Madden and 1 sister, Christine Browning.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Madden; children, Doug, John, Stanley and Brenda; stepchildren, Eugene, Shirley, Janice and Joyce; 2 brothers, Elmer and J. A.; 4 sisters, Opal, Evelyn, Ilene and Lorene; grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of other family members, friends and loved ones.

He was a member of Hurricane Valley Church.

He was a wonderful companion, husband and friend to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed but some day we can join him.

- Written by his stepdaughter, Shirley Young

ETHEL LOIS MAGGARD was born November 11, 1949 and went home to be with the Lord April 25, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hiram and Dora Raleigh and 3 brothers.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Maggard; 3 daughters, Angie Blakely, Jennifer Beach and Lora McNabb; 2 grandchildren; 1 brother and 5 sisters.

Ethel fought a long courageous battle with cancer, but continued to come to church and do for her Lord as long as she was able. She always had a request for her lost brothers and sisters, to recognize their need for Christ and the church in their lives. She joined Blair Chapel Church on April 29, 1962 where she was a faithful member. She has left a great void that will never be filled, but she is resting in the Savior's arms waiting for the great homecoming day when we can tell her how much we love her and where we'll be together for eternity. We have the blessed assurance of our Lord.

- Written by the church clerk, Wesley Bailey

DOYLE HOWARD (BUTCH) MARCUM was born August 20, 1943 and departed this life March 13, 2003 at the age of 59.

He was a member of Ayers Chapel Church and enjoyed coming to church when he was able. He was preceded in death by his father, Willie Marcum.

Butch is survived by his wife, Wanda Marcum, 3 daughters, Kara Revilla, Maudena Neely and Kristy Marcum; mother, Maxie Marcum; 2 sisters, Marge Mullins and Sarah Clark; 3 brothers, Joe, Bob and Jerry Marcum; many friends and loved ones.

Butch will be greatly missed by everyone that knew and loved him.

- Written by his sister, Sarah Clark

TIMOTHY ALLEN MATLOCK was delivered into his mother's arms on July 26, 1959 and departed into sweet Jesus' arms on February 12, 2003.

He is survived by his parents, Wayne and Minnie Matlock; 2 brothers, Jerry and Tony Matlock; 1 sister, Sandra Justis; grandmother, Annie Jenkins; 3 children; 1 grandchild and 1 brother.

He was young when he left this world, but the Lord took him swiftly and painlessly. He lived life to the fullest, always the jokester, he loved to play sports, especially football at Surgoinsville High. He was a diesel mechanic for 23 years. People couldn't resist his alluring personality and he rarely met a stranger.

Tim was a member of Jenkins Chapel Church, where he is greatly missed by them and others in the community. Everyone that crossed his path will always have some memory of him to share during a conversation. Heaven is a wonderful place, and now we have even more reason to look forward to that wonderful day when Jesus takes our hand and leads us home. We'll see ya on the other side, Timbo.

- Written by "Sissy" Sandra Matlock Justis

BOBBIE MOLLETT passed away February 20, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nimrod and Cora Mollett and 2 sisters, Ruby Spence and Doshie Hensley.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene Mollett; 2 sons, Billy and Bruce Mollett; 3 daughters, Pam Norman, Connie Barton and Sherry Wallen; 7 brothers, 1 sister; 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Sister Bobbie was a faithful member of Richardson Chapel Church. She loved the Lord with all her heart and always had a testimony and a song to sing praises unto the Lord. Everywhere she went, she was a light to everyone. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace, dear sister, until we meet in heaven. We miss you and loved you so much.

- Written by Sarah Williamson

FOREST E. OSBORNE was born February 19, 1919 and went home to be with the Lord on December 6, 2002 at the age of 83. He was the son of the late Jesse and Louise Smith Osborne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Venice Scalf Osborne; 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

He is survived by 5 sons, Carl, Boyd, Dennis, Guy and Steve Osborne; 5 daughters, Mary, Barbara, Bessie, Teenie and Karen; 3 brothers, Irving, Anderson and Alfred; 29 grandchildren; 48 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Forest was a faithful member of Clear Springs Church where he served as a deacon from 1976 until his death. Dad loved to read the Bible and hear the word of the Lord preached. He was a loving father and always requested prayer for his children.

The church pew is empty now, but we can still feel his spirit around us. I miss your hugs dad. Sleep well until we meet again when this life is over. Heaven is truly blessed.

- Written by his daughter, Karen

GEORGIA OSBORNE was born June 12, 1924 and went home on the wings of angels on December 21, 2002 at the age of 78.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mack and Virgie Lawson; 1 son, Thomas Howard Osborne; 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband of 60 years, Ervin Howard Osborne; 1 daughter Anna Brown; 4 sons, Edward (Oz), Homer, Denver and Timothy Osborne; 11 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren; 2 sisters, Etta Osborne and Ruby Osborne; 2 brothers, Hobert and Null Lawson and a host of nieces, nephews and loving friends.

She was a homemaker and loved being with her family and grandchildren. She was a Christian lady who was saved and baptized at an early age. She attended Flower Gap Church, where she was a faithful member until sickness prevented her from attending.

- Written by the family

GARY EUGENE PRESLEY, age 47, was born December 27, 1955 and went to be with the Lord January 4, 2003. Born in Hawkins County, he lived his entire life there working as a brick and block mason and farmer.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Charlie (Stumpy) Presley; paternal grandparents, Arthur and Nellie Presley; maternal grandparents Ed and Emma Fields.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; 1 daughter, Tabitha; 1 son, Troy; mother, Janie Presley; 2 brothers, Otis and Dewayne Presley and 1 sister, Betty Presley.

Gary was a loving husband and father. We love and miss him dearly, but we know he has no more pain or sorrow. He was a member of Long Hollow Church. I thank God for the years we did spend together. I can't wait until we meet again, my darling, on heaven's bright shore and see that precious smile.

- Written by his wife and children

HENRY DAVID REED, age 45, passed away suddenly March 10, 2003.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. John Reed; mother, Mary Nell Dyer and 1 brother, Lowell M. Reed.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; 4 sisters, Joyce Anderson, Marilyn Bates, Sue Ferrell and Rosemary Stubblefield; 1 brother, Andrew J. Reed; half brother, John Reed, Jr.; 2 half sisters, Iva-Dell Rosenbalm and Dorothy Hopkins; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of many friends.

He was saved and baptized at an early age and joined Slate Hill Church.

He was employed at Twin Islands, Best Western Motel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Henry was a great person who loved everyone and always had a smile on his face. He said he remembered the day he got saved, so we know he is in heaven. We will always miss his beautiful blue eyes and sweet smile. Dear brother, rest in peace till we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the family

FRANK EARNEST REEVES age 80, went to be with the Lord November 29, 2002.

He was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Ruby Reeves.

He is survived by his wife, Lorene West Reeves; 5 daughters, Gloria Ramey, Brenda Jenkins, Tracey Reeves, Scottie Reeves and Greta Cantrell; 2 stepchildren, Pamela Collins and Sandra Smith; 16 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 2 sisters.

He was in the U.S. Army for 4 years, serving during WWII in the European Theater, where he received many medals.

Frank was a wonderful member of Long Hollow Church who would do anything for the church. He and his wife were there every time the church doors were open. He always had a smile on his face and we all look forward to seeing that same smile on heaven's shore.

- Written by the church clerk

THOMAS WAYNE RUSSELL was born October 2, 1941 and entered into eternal rest September 7, 2003 at the age of 61.

He was preceded in death by his father, John B. Russell and 1 sister, Carmenia Russell Osborne.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Moody Russell, 2 daughters, Kimberly Carico and Kristy Lingerfelt, 5 grandchildren and 1 nephew.

Wayne was of the Baptist faith. He served his country in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. He will always be remembered as a good, kind, loving son, husband, father and grandfather who was a jolly, fun-loving person who enjoyed life. He is sadly missed by family and friends, but he will be waiting to join them in heaven.

- Written by the family

WALTER MCKINNLEY SELF was born August 17, 1916 and went to be with Jesus January 8, 2003 at the age of 86.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry J. and Millie B. Self; 1 daughter, Mary Sue Statzer; 1 son, Ruddy Self and 3 sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Anna Self; 1 son; 3 daughters; 2 sisters; 21 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

He was a member of Oak Grove Church and faithful deacon until his health hindered him.

He was a loving husband and daddy, always in our hearts and minds. So sadly missed till we meet again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by his wife and family

VIDA A. SHEBACK age 72, entered eternal life on January 13, 2003 following a long illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Sheback; 2 sons, Jimmy Jackson and Thomas Sheback; 2 daughters, Robbie Madden and Mary Chapman; 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

She was a member of Blair Chapel Church, where she enjoyed coming as long as she was able to attend. Her family and friends will always miss her; however, there is no more pain or suffering for her now. Sleep on, dear one, until we meet again.

- Written by the church clerk, Wesley Bailey

ELDER BURLEY SLOAN was born on April 2, 1923 and departed this life on October 25, 2002. He was the son of the late Rev. Mitchell and Alice Sloan.

He is survived by his wife, Ofa; 2 sons, Marlin and Lewis Sloan; 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild; 3 brothers, Olen, Howard and Glen Sloan; 6 sisters, Opal McClain, Mary Arnold, Virginia Clendenin, Wilma Jones, Shirley Shelton and Juanita Gilliam; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Burley was a WWII veteran having served in the U.S. Army. Many times he spoke of being on the shores of Normandy and promising the Lord if He would let him come home, he would serve Him. Burley was a very faithful member of Roller's Chapel Church. He was ordained as a Primitive Baptist minister on January 6, 2001. He announced his calling late in life and when he told his wife about the call to preach, he said her reply was "you've been preaching for years." He was our Sunday School teacher and was very knowledgeable in the Bible and had much wisdom to offer those that would listen. He couldn't wait for Sunday to come so he could share with us the thoughts the Lord had given him the week before. Burley was very proud of the country in which we live, but more importantly he spoke so often of that "other country." What a great hope we have of meeting him there one day.

- Written by the church clerk, Kim Robinette

DANIEL JOE SORRELL, JR. was born September 12, 1962 and went home to be with Jesus December 17, 2002 at the age of 40.

Surviving are his wife, Penny; 1 daughter, Kaity; 2 sons, Dustin and Ryan; mother, Linda Baker; stepfather, Tommy Baker; and 2 brothers, Stephen and Tommy.

He was saved at the age of 10 and joined Chestnut Flats Church when he was 14. We miss him, but we know he's at rest with the Lord and free from all pain and suffering.

- Written for the family by Tommy Baker

LARRY D. STAPLETON departed this life on April 17, 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Dean Stapleton; 1 daughter, Becky Carter; 1 son, Josh Stapleton; 1 granddaughter; 2 step grandchildren; mother, Daphne Stapleton; 5 sisters, JoAnn Palmer, Nell Kendrick, Marie Addington,

Flo Minton and Carol Keith; 2 brothers, John and Roy Stapleton; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was born and spent his early life in the Addington Frame community near the church. He joined Copper Creek Church in 1963. Larry was a kind and loving person, always willing to lend a helping hand to others. He is sorely missed by the family and friends. May he rest in sweet peace until that great reunion day.

- Written for the family by his sister, Flo Minton

OSA MAE STEWART was born November 8, 1911 and went to be with the Lord June 1, 2003 at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Stewart, 1 daughter, Marie Robinette, 1 son, Denzell Stewart, her parents, Ernest and Rebecca Barnette Glass, 2 sisters, Rebah Bishop and Maxie Maness.

Surviving are 1 son, James Stewart; 3 daughters, Juanita Payne, Virginia Scammahorn and Jewell Obrian; 16 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, 22 great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She was a member of Osborne's Chapel Church.

We miss her presence, but one day we will join her again to be together forevermore.

- Written by the family

EDITH GILES STURGILL, age 89 years, 7 months and 14 days went home to glory on November 27, 2002. She was the widow of Ray Sturgill and the daughter of the late H. O. Giles and Clara Giles.

She was predeceased by 1 daughter, Charlotte Sturgill East.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Nancy Paye Sturgill; 2 sons, Phil and Greg Sturgill; 1 brother, Herman Giles; 1 sister, Marjorie Jones; several nieces nephews, cousins and friends.

Edith professed her faith in Christ at an early age and was one of the charter members of Ayers Chapel, where she remained a faithful member until her health began to fail.

Mother's memory and health had failed her in the last four years, but her hope and faith in Christ never waned. She entertained all visitors with Amazing Grace and never forgot a word. Through the loss of so many loved ones before her, she kept the faith and fought the good fight. What a joyous reunion one day when we'll see "Mother" and all of our loved ones again.

- Written by her son, Greg Sturgill

RUBY EILEEN THACKER went home to be with the Lord on March 2, 2003 at the age of 74.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ben and Mae Barrett; 1 son, James Earl Thacker; and 3 sisters, Margie Helton, Ruth Fields and Nannie Penley.

She leaves 3 children, Molly Thacker, Chester Thacker and Evelyn Lindsey; 6 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of Long Hollow Church and retired from Alladin Plastics. She liked to farm and sit in her swing and watch the world go by, as she would say. She was a wonderful person who would do anything for anyone. She is greatly missed and we all look forward to seeing her on heaven's golden shores. We love you, mom.

- Written by the family

BILL VANOVER was born January 20, 1924 and departed this life on November 18, 2002.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Berneda; parents, Tom and Goldie Vanover and 2 sisters, Jackie Brown and Joann Mounts.

He is survived by 1 daughter, Robin Kozak; 1 son, Bryan Vanover; 5 grandchildren; 3 sisters, June Lamb, Ethel Morgan and Betty Silva; 3 brothers, Paul, Bob and Tommy Vanover and 2 nephews.

Dad professed his faith in Christ at an early age and was a member of Fairview Church (OH) for many years. He served as a faithful deacon and also sang in a quartet with his wife and her sister for a long time. Through his Alzheimer's sickness, he would still sing and praise the Lord. We believe his testimony to each of us would be to live each day for the Lord and love one another until we all meet again in heaven.

- Written by his children, Bryan and Robin

JOE LLOYD WALLEN was born February 11, 1919 and entered into eternal rest on December 14, 2002 at the age of 83.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Garfield and Paralee Willis Wallen; 4 brothers, Roy, Fred, Phillip and Jim Wallen and 1 sister, Mary Johnson.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mildred Robinette Wallen; 1 daughter, Debbie McAfee; 2 grandchildren; 1 sister, Flora Ann James; 1 brother, Evan Wallen and several nieces and nephews.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, great uncle, neighbor, community member and friend who was always ready to help those in need. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Germany during WWII and was retired from TRW Company as an electrician.

Joe was saved at an early age and joined Osborne's Chapel Church on May 13, 1933 where he remained a devoted, supportive member until his death. He was a wonderful Christian example for everyone and we thank God for the life he lived before us. We relied on his sound advice, and our lives will always be touched by his good works, kind deeds and genuine care for his fellow man. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. Rest now in the arms of Jesus from all your labors, we love you and miss you deeply.

- Written by his niece, Mary Ruth Davidson

RUTH O. WALLEN was born November 24, 1915 and went home to be with the Lord March 6, 2003 at the age of 87.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hiram and Pearl Mahan; 1 daughter, Norma Wallen Sanders and 1 sister, Leola Mahan.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Lewis C. Wallen; 2 sons, L. C. and Steve Wallen; 1 daughter, Elaine Livesay; 1 sister, Sue Carter; 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was a devoted member of Osborne's Chapel Church where she taught Sunday School for many years. She greatly enjoyed her church fellowship and trips with her family. She is missed by family and friends, but she is where there is no pain. We'll meet her again on heaven's bright shore.

- Written by the family

ELDER CHARLES WHITE was born May 22, 1928 and went to be with the Lord May 12, 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline and 2 step daughters, JoAnn McCamey and Dorthy Brown.

Charles loved to go to church and was a faithful member of Little Redeemed Church. He is sadly missed by the church, his family and friends.

- Written by the family

ADDIE OSBORNE WILLIAMS was born July 8, 1913 and went to be with her Lord and Savior October 16, 2002. She was the daughter of the late Samuel Robinette Osborne and Naomi Tomlinson Osborne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Ward Williams; 1 brother, Crockett F. Osborne; 4 sisters, Maggie Pridemore, Bessie Copeland, Elizabeth Osborne and Mary Rose Osborne.

Survivors include 1 sister, Ollie Livesay and several nieces and nephews.

Addie was baptized at Blackwater Lick in September, 1932 where her membership remained. She professed her faith in Christ all the days of her life. She loved her church and as long as her health allowed, she attended. She read her Bible daily and loved to talk about the Lord.

A trip to Maryland to visit her sister gave her an opportunity for training as an LPN at Springfield State Hospital, where she worked until her retirement. She was a hard worker all her life.

Addie was a loving, caring sister and aunt. We all miss her very much, but are comforted knowing she now has a new body with no pain, no tears of sorrow anymore and one day we will see her again.

- Written by her niece, Judy Buchanan

DANA WITT was born April 6, 1952 and departed this life on August 16, 2002.

He was preceded in death by twin brothers, Larry and Garry Witt, 1 niece; grandparents, Mintor and Ollie Witt, and Charlie and Rosa Carter.

He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Judy; parents, Campbell and Minnie Witt; 1 stepson, Phillip Alsup; 3 daughters, Shelia, Dawn and Rhonda; 5 grandchildren; 1 brother; 8 sisters, one of which was his twin; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends that loved him dearly.

Dana was a member of Fairview Church (VA) where from just a little boy he walked behind daddy, mommy, sisters and brother to Sunday School. His

loving heart stopped beating and his hard working hands are now at rest so sleep on dear brother till we meet again.

- Written by his sister, Dena Rowe

RAYMOND HAROLD YOUNG was born March 13, 1944 and went to be with the Lord April 14, 2003, living 59 years, 1 month and 1 day.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Nellie Davidson Young.

Raymond often testified that in 1996 he began his battle with lung cancer, facing surgery, he realized he was lost and alone. Kneeling down in his living room, he asked the Lord to save him. When earthly doctors had no hope to give, his faith was in a Heavenly Physician that could do all things. Given any opportunity, he was found in church, playing his guitar with "his young people band." He loved Bible School and helping with the crafts. Raymond's request was for his lost family to be saved.

Once, our Sunday School lesson was to share our favorite Bible verse and Raymond read Psalm 41:1. Raymond was considerate, blessed, and has been delivered out of this troubled world, eternally. As our hearts often ache and we wonder how our life can go on without our beloved, we close our eyes and ask the Lord for help. He sends that comforting peace with our consideration of his blessed assurance that we, too, shall be delivered from this troubled world, to live together in heaven forever.

- Written by Sister Sam Thomason

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