

**2008**

**Minutes of the**

**John-Thomas Association**

**Of Freewill Baptist**



**86TH SESSION**

*Held with the*

**PIPECREEK**

**FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Penntown, Indiana*

*September 12th and 13th, 2008*

## Church Covenant

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk in brotherly love. We, therefore, enter into this covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows, that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformities to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinance, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel. In keeping this solemn Covenant may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the great Head of the Church.

We The Ministers and Delegates of The 86th Session of The  
John-Thomas Association dedicate this Session to the memory  
of

Rev. Robert L. Matney

Rev. Tim Elkins

Rev. Howard Reynolds

Rev. Jimmy Skeens

Romans Chapter 10 verse 15

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written,  
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of  
peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

First Timothy Chapter 5 verse 17

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour,  
especially they who labour in word and doctrine.

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### Instructions:

The cost of the minute books is \$2.50. Obituaries are \$20.00 with original picture ( No news Paper Clipping "PLEASE" ) and \$15.00 without picture. The obituaries are to be "TYPEWRITTEN" before they are given to The Association Clerk. Quarterly Meeting Clerks "Please" try to get copies of all letters and pictures to the Association Clerk within 2 week, after your last meeting before the Association.

## Officers For 2008

### **Moderator**

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### **Clerk**

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### **Treasurer**

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### **Assistant Treasurer**

Helen Harris  
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## **Elected and Appointed Officers**

### **Executive Board**

Troy Harris, Phillip Imel, Manie Strouth, Seibert Hillman, Leroy Reed,  
Stephen Harlan, Buddy Kendrick, Homer Lee Mullins, and Charlie McKinley

### **Promotional Committee**

Rodney Smith (chairman), Remire Mullins (director),  
Rolin T. Rutherford, Levi Stewart, Troy Harris, and Homer Lee Mullins

### **Board of Trustees**

Rodney Smith, Thurman Reynolds, Eddie Overstreet, Levi Stewart, and Manie Strouth

### **Sunday School Literature Committee**

Phillip Imel (chairman), Levi Stewart, Manie Strouth, Dallas Cook, & Eddie Overstreet

### **Pulpit Committee**

Jackie Charles, Lanis Kiser, and A.C. Spurlock

### **Audit Committee**

Phillip Imel, Franklin Hall, and Stephen Harlan

## **John—Thomas Association Schedule**

Meeting of the Association will be in the Quarterly Conference listed below.

Beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September

Letcher—2009 Pike—2010 New Durham—2011 Dickenson—2012 Hamilton—2013

Letcher—2014 Pike—2015 New Durham—2016 Dickenson—2017

Schedule is now set to rotate

If any conference fails to report to the Association they will be dropped to the bottom of rotation, also if a new conference joins the association they will be added after one rotation of schedule

**Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Visitors Registering at The John-Thomas Association**

**Dickenson County Ministers**

Frank Hall, Manie W. Strouth, and Remire Mullins

**Deacons**

Seibert Hillman (delegate), Kermit Wallace, and Lanis Kiser (delegate)

**Delegates**

Ruth Mullins, Beverly Wallace, Patty Hillman, Anna Lee Bartley,  
and Virginia Anne Barton

**Hamilton County Ministers**

Richard Layne, Leroy Reed, Stephen Harlan, William D. Smith,  
Clarence Hubbard, Charles McKinley, and Clarence Lee

**Deacons**

Leslie Stewart (delegate), Josh Enders (delegate), Ivan J. Brown (delegate),  
and A.C. Spurlock

**Delegates**

Levi Stewart, Hazel Stewart, Lucinda Smith, Florence Reed, Mary Brown,  
Anita McKinley, Tommy Reed, Julie Reed and Letha Ball

**Visitors**

Ed Videtic, Margaret Stewart, Linda VanHart, Steve Stewart, Matt Stewart,  
Bobbie Calhoun, Ella Walter, Bonnie Davidson, Kristen Bell, Mike Stewart,  
Austin Ball, Hazel Davidson, and Tina McGinnis

**Letcher County Ministers**

Homer Lee Mullins and Rodney D. Smith

**Deacons**

Charles D. Smith (delegate) and Donald Maggard (delegate)

**Delegates**

Terry Smith, James Jones, and Karen Smith

**Visitor**

Jackie Mullins

**New Durham Ministers**

Troy F. Harris and Phillip Imel

**Deacon**

Thurman Reynolds

**Delegates**

Regina Reynolds, Helen Harris, and Patricia Imel

**Pike County Ministers**

Roy M. Coleman, Robie Kendrick, Eddie Overstreet, Kenneth Lowe, Darrell Wellman

**Deacons**

Jackie Charles (delegate), Rolin T. Rutherford (delegate), and Dale Church

**Delegates**

Bonnie Rutherford, Verniece Overstreet, Sue Charles, and Marsha Coleman

**Other Visitors**

James L. and Beulah Newberry, (Fredricktown Freewill Baptist Church),  
Rev. Steve Palmer (Missionary), Scott Davis, Rev. Greg McCarty, and  
Ronald E. Potter (Central Ind. Stone Association) Rev. Mike Parrott,  
Tammy Kellems, Georgia A. Phillip, Rev. Lonnie Phillips, Lena Phillips, (Tri-  
State Conference)

# Treasurer's Report 2008

|                                                   |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Amount received in letters for the year 2008      | \$9,303.00  |
| Dickenson County                                  | \$2,062.00  |
| For engraving                                     | \$220.00    |
| Membership Fee                                    | \$1057.50   |
| Letcher County                                    | \$1,042.50  |
| For engraving                                     | \$235.00    |
| Membership Fee                                    | \$591.00    |
| Pike County                                       | \$1,625.00  |
| For engraving                                     | \$535.00    |
| Membership Fee                                    | \$858.00    |
| New Durham                                        | \$500.00    |
| For engraving                                     | \$200.00    |
| Membership Fee                                    | \$136.50    |
| Hamilton County                                   | \$150.00    |
| For engraving                                     | \$20.00     |
| Membership Fee                                    | \$70.50     |
| Total received from Conferences year 2008         | \$9303.00   |
| Association love offering                         | \$221.00    |
| Association love offering                         | \$146.00    |
| Amount in Treasury Carried over                   | \$10,303.35 |
| Total                                             | \$19,975.35 |
| Expenses for the year 2008                        |             |
| Clerk's Fee                                       | \$500.00    |
| Treasure's Fee                                    | \$500.00    |
| Pipecreek (for hosting Association) love offering | \$220.00    |
| Steve Palmer (Missionary)                         | \$146.00    |
| Total Expenses for 2008                           | \$1,366.00  |
| Minutes, printing and shipping                    | \$5,610.00  |
| Total paid out                                    | \$6,976.00  |
| Balance in Treasure                               | \$12,999.35 |
| Promotional Committee                             | \$13,202.86 |
| News Letter                                       | \$ 3,411.80 |
| Building Fund                                     | \$ 1,108.86 |

## **Friday Morning 11:00 A.M.**

The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist met for the eighty-sixth (86th) session at the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church on Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was September 12th, 2008.

### **Worship Service:**

Brother Stephen Harlan, Pastor of the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church welcomed everyone present to the church and opened the service with prayer. Brother Darrell Wellman played the piano as Brother Stephen Harlan led the congregational songs, "Victory in Jesus" and "He Set Me Free".

Special singers, Brother Darrell Wellman sang "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In", Brother Stephen Harlan sang "Love of God", Brother Ivan Brown sang "What A Day That Will Be" and Brother Manie Strouth sang "What A Prayer Can Do".

Brother Kermit Wallace gave praise to the Lord and Brother Charles McKinley gave a good testimony. Sister Anna Lee Barkley came forward asking the Ministers to anoint her with oil and to pray for her. Brother Donald Maggard started the congregational song, "Beulah Land". Brother Manie Strouth gave a good testimony. Brother Rolin T. Rutherford sang, "Take Me Home" and Sister Regina Reynolds sang "Thank You Lord For The Blessing On Me."

Moving to the message, Brother Stephen Harlan read from second Peter Chapter 1, Verse 13 and from First John Chapter 4 Verse 19. His topic: "Remembrance." Brother Leroy Reed gave the closing prayer, also the blessing for the meal that was prepared for the Association.

## **Friday Afternoon Business Session 1:30 P.M.**

The congregation was call from lunch by the singing of "Heaven's Jubilee" and "Living by Faith". Brother Remire Mullins asked Brother Rodney Smith to offer up the opening prayer. Brother Remire Mullins read from Matthew, Chapter 28, and Verse 18. Brother Remire then read the By-Laws and the Constitution of the yearly meeting. Brother Remire asked if this year's Association meeting could be dedicated to the de- cease Ministers who passed on this past year. Brother Tim Elkins, Brother Howard Reynolds, Brother Robert L. Matney, and Brother Jimmy Skeens. The congregation agreed.

Brother Remire Mullins asked for the nominations for a moderator for the coming year. Brother Homer Lee Mullins nominated Brother Robie (Buddy) Kendrick. Brother Jackie Charles seconded his nomination. Brother Darrell Wellman nominated Brother Phillip Imel. Brother Leslie Stewart seconded his nomination. Since there were no other nominations, Brother Rodney Smith made a motion, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford to close the nominations and motion carried. The clerk called for a standing vote and Brother Robie (Buddy) Kendrick was elected the moderator for the coming year. Brother Robie appointed Brother Rodney Smith as the assistant modera- tor.

Receptionists for this year, Michael Stewart, Leslie Stewart, Steve Stewart, and Matthew Stewart recorded all Ministers, Delegates, and Visitors and also a list for The Pulpit Committee for the association by conferences and churches. This was help- ful since there was no interruption in the church by passing out and picking up cards during the business session,

The Moderator called for Brother Mike Parrott of Harvest Home to give a report, since Brother Parrott had to leave early for another appointment he had for Saturday. Brother Rodney Smith made a motion, seconded by Brother Leslie Stewart to accept Brother Parrott report, and motion carried.

Brother Darrell Wellman made a motion for Brother Remire Mullins to be retained as clerk. Brother Leslie Stewart seconded the motion. After the moderator called for any more nominations, being none, Brother Remire Mullins was elected by acclamation. Brother Remire Mullins stated that from now on so as to involve all the sister conferences, he would be appointing an assistance clerk from the Conference that host the Association. Brother Phillip Imel made a motion, seconded by Rolin T. Rutherford to give the moderator the power to appoint all committee as needed for the Association, and motion carried. The moderator appointed Brother Jackie Charles, Brother Lanis Kiser and Brother A.C. Spurlock for the Pulpit Committee. The moderator appointed Brother Phillip Imel, Franklin Hall and Brother Stephen Harlan for the Audit Committee. The moderator gave leave for the Pulpit Committee and the Audit Committee.

The moderator appointed members from the all five conferences present to serve on the Executive Committee. Brother Rolin T. Rutherford made a motion that Brother Troy Harris be retained as the treasurer. Brother Jackie Charles seconded the motion. After moderator called for more nominations, being none, Brother Troy Harris was elected by acclamation.

Brother Remire Mullins read a letter from the missionary from Mexico. He was unable to attend the association meeting but requested all of the county clerks addresses so he could get in touch with them. Brother Remire asked if it was ok with the Association. The Association agreed. Brother Remire Mullins read from the old minute books that the largest conferences were to host the Association twice while the two smaller one would host it once, and it would be laid over until Saturday afternoon.

The pulpit committee returned reporting, Brother Troy Harris would lead prayer and Brother Franklin Hall would bring the message in the afternoon and Brother Manie Strouth to lead the prayer and Brother Rodney Smith to preach the evening message. Sister Beverly Wallace made a motion, seconded by Brother Eddie Overstreet to accept the Pulpit Committee's report and motion carried.

The Audit Committee returned with a report that all finances were in order. Brother Jackie Charles made a motion, seconded by Brother Darrell Wellman to accept the Audit Committee's report, and motion carried.

The moderator asked for any old business, none was reported. He then asked for any new business. The clerk read the letters from the each conference since there was new business contained in them (things to be discussed) and he was concerned that the Executive Committee would not have enough time to study them. He read the letters from all the conferences and the proposals from Pike and Letcher counties. He also read the letter from Kermit Wallace. After he was finished, the moderator informed the clerk that the letters had to be read on Saturday and he would have to read them again on Saturday. After a discussion, Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Jackie Charles to go from the business session to worship service and motion carried.

## **Afternoon Worship Service**

Brother Eddie Overstreet sang "Wilt Thou Be Made Whole" and "It Will Be Worth It After All". Sister Patty Hillman sang "I Never Thanked You". Brother Rolin T. Rutherford and Brother Robie Kendrick also sang. Troy Harris gave a good testimony. Brother Franklin Hall came forward singing "Little Is Much" and then preached a great and spiritual message, reading Luke Chapter 8 Verse 14. Topic: "Accountable".

The invitation song was "Just As I Am" Brother Siebert Hillman gave the closing prayer.

## **Friday Night 7:00 P.M.**

With Darrell Wellman playing the piano, Brother Robie (Buddy) Kendrick, Rolin T. Rutherford and Brother Phillip Imel led the congregational songs "I Would Not Be Denied" and "I Can Tell You The Time". Brother Robie Kendrick asked for prayer requests, Brother Phillip Imel led the prayer. The congregational sang, "I'm Going That Way". Brother Darrell Wellman sang, "Look For Me". Brother Eddie Overstreet sang, "Let's Meet At The River" and Brother Donald Maggard sang "Two Robes".

Brother Rodney Smith came forward and delivered an uplifting and spiritual message, reading from Psalms Chapter 27, Verse 4 and Psalms Chapter 73, Verse 25. Topic: "Love for God's house". The invitation songs was sang, "Amazing Grace", and "Somebody Touched Me" The closing prayer was lead by Brother Homer Lee Mullins.

After the service, several members of the congregation stayed in the church, and sang songs of praise, and had a wonderful time in fellowship. The brothers and sisters that left missed a great blessing.

## **Saturday Morning 9:30 A.M.**

The moderator, Robie (Buddy) Kendrick welcomed everyone and led the congregational song "O I Want To See Him". He then took prayer request. The congregation sang "The Old Gospel Ship". Brother Eddie Overstreet led the opening prayer. The moderator, read from 1st John, Chapter 1 verses 1 thru 3. The moderator then declared the meeting open. The clerk, Remire Mullins read the roll of delegates. The moderator excused the Pulpit Committee to choose the minister who would be delivering the message. The clerk was prepared to read the minutes of the last meeting. It was mentioned to accept the minutes as written in the 2007-minute books, but the clerk informed the congregation that is according to the by-laws the minutes had to be read, so the clerk proceeded to read the minutes. Brother Darrell Wellman made a motion seconded by Brother Leslie Stewart to accept the minutes as read, and motion carried. The moderator started to acknowledge the visitors that were present, when Beverly Wallace stood and addressed the moderator and reminded him that the Treasurer's Report should follow the reading of the minutes. The treasurer then read the report, and Sister Beverly Wallace stood and questioned where the building fund originated. The treasurer then read from the date where the building fund started and the status of it at present day. Brother Leslie Stewart then stood and voiced his opinion that it was an embarrassment to belong to an Organization for over 50 years with no headquarters or an address for correspondence. There was further discussion and explanations concerning this matter. Brother Remire Mullins gave the address for the Association as Box 271 5442 Brush Creek Rd Clintwood, VA and made a motion seconded by Darrell Wellman to accept the Treasurer's Report and vote carried.

The moderator then recognized the visitors present.

Steve Palmer then came forward and gave a report on the mission he was associated with in Africa. Brother Jackie Charles made a motion seconded by Brother Leslie Stewart to accept the report and motion carried.

The clerk then read the letters from the five conferences. He also read the proposals from Pike County and Letcher County. He then read the letter of complaint from Kermit Wallace. Brother Frank Hall made a motion seconded by Brother Richard Layne to accept the letters as read.

Homer Lee Mullins, Rodney Smith, Levi Stewart, Rolin T. Rutherford, Troy Harris and Remire Mullins from The Promotional Committee came forward and presented certificates to Levi and Hazel Stewart, Rolin and Bonnie Rutherford, and Troy Harris, who made the five for five conferences.. Presentation of the "Spirit of the John Thomas" award went to Brother Franklin Hall, and Leslie and Margaret Stewart. The Committee presented a certificate to Phillip Imel and Darrell Wellman, Keith Dotson and Billy Maynard for their writing of the outstanding Sunday School Literature. Brother Manie Strouth made a motion seconded by Brother Roy Coleman to accept the Promotional Committee's Report, and motion carried. Brother Darrell Wellman came forward and gave the Sunday School Literature report. Eddie Overstreet then made a motion, seconded by Siebert Hillman to accept the report and motion carried. Phillip Imel stood and gave a report and addressed questions people had concerning the printing of the Sunday School Literature, which takes a lot of time and effort to accomplish. He explained they were trying to stay within The John-Thomas Freewill Baptist Doctrine. Brother Remire Mullins made a motion seconded by Leslie Stewart to accept the report and motion carried. Brother Remire Mullins made a motion seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford that the writing and printing of the Sunday School Literature be continued, and motion carried. The Executive Committee was given the proposals from Pike County and Letcher County and the letter from Kermit Wallace and was dismissed to examine them. The moderator, Robie (Buddy) Kendrick being on the Executive Committee turned the meeting over to his assistant Brother Rodney Smith. Brother Jackie Charles made a motion seconded by Eddie Overstreet to go from the business session to worship service and motion carried. Prayer was given for the offering. The congregation sang, "Where Could I Go"? while the offering was being taken. Brother Rodney Smith read from Psalms Chapter 122 verse 1. Brother Donald Maggard sang "Thank You Lord". Sister Terry Smith sang "Down On My Knees". Brother Kenneth Lowe led the prayer. Brother Roy Coleman came forward singing "Come Out of The Wilderness". He gave a wonderful message. It was very spiritual and moving. His text was from the book of Psalms Chapter 40, verse 3. His message: "Come Out of The Wilderness". Brother Thurman Reynolds led the closing prayer and asked the blessing for the meal.

The meeting was called back by singing, led by Brother Donald Maggard "I'll Live in Glory". The moderator took prayer request. The congregation sang "Just Over in The Glory Land". Brother Richard Layne led the opening prayer. Brother Dale Church came forward for the Ministers to pray for him and anoint him with oil. The moderator read from the book of Psalms, chapter 23.

Brother Phillip Imel, chairman of the Executive Board gave their report. Brother Rodney Smith addressed the moderator and reported that he had removed part of the proposal from the Letcher County letter. Brother Phillips reported that only one person from each conference will be on the Executive Board for the John- Thomas Association, plus one alternate from each conference.

Brother Franklin Hall made a motion, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford to accept the report, and motion carried. Brother Phillips reported that that there were no changes made in the constitution and that the proposal from Pike County was dropped. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Jackie Charles to accept the report as given and motion carried. Sister Verniece Overstreet stood and had questions on the membership fees. She stated that Velon Burgess said that he was Treasurer of Pike County Conference for quite some time and he didn't know about the membership fee. Brother Troy Harris, treasurer read from different minute books showing the membership fee recorded in past practice. After discussing the issues, it was dropped.

Brother Kermit Wallace suggested that the John- Thomas Association help the churches financially for hosting the association. Brother Remire Mullins made a motion, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford to turn the financial amount over to the executive board for what amount would be appropriate. Motion carried. Brother Phillip Imel made a report on the clerk and the treasurer, stated that their work is increasing and The Executive Committee recommend gave them a raise in pay. Brother Rolin T. Rutherford made a motion, seconded by Brother James Jones to accept the report. Motion carried. Brother Remire Mullins made a motion, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford to give the offering taken up to the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church for hosting the Association. \$220.00 was in the offering. Motion carried.

The Clerk spoke to the Association about the schedules as brought to the attention of the Association on Friday. The schedule had been changed in the year 2000. Before that it was the rule that the largest conferences would get the Association every five years and the smaller conferences would get the Association every seven years. The Association agreed to keep the schedule as it is now, which is with each conferences now getting it every five years. And the clerk was to write the others rules that still applies back on church schedules. Note: (see page 3 ,church schedule)

Brother Greg McCarty stood and gave a report on the Stone Association in which he was a member and invited some delegates from John-Thomas to their Association of Freewill Baptist. Brother Leslie Stewart made motion, seconded by Brother Jackie Charles to accept the report. Motion carried. The association agreed to give Steve Palmer an offering for the missions in Africa. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Jackie Charles to adjourn until Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 2009. Which will be on September 11 and September 12, 2009 At the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church.

Brother Eddie Overstreet sang "Wilt Thou Be Made Whole" as we dismissed.

Matthew Stewart of Custom Banner Lab .Com presented The Promotional Committee with the banner he had made for the John-Thomas Association Yearly Meeting. It will be displayed at our yearly meetings .

## **John-Thomas FWB Association Executive Board Meeting**

**Saturday September 13, 2008**

The following points were considered and the position of the Executive Board made known and voted on by the body:

### **The Letter from Letcher County Conference contained two points:**

The executive board reported back on point 1 and recommended that there should be an amendment to reflect that each conference would send the name of one male representative from their individual executive boards and one male alternate from their individual executive boards to serve on the yearly association executive board. The alternate can serve only in the absence of the representative.

### **The second point of the Letcher County Conference letter was withdrawn.**

The Pike County Conference and Kermit Wallace a member of the John-Thomas Association letters concerning the constitutionality of the fifty cent membership fee was decided in this fashion:

After reviewing several previous Association Minute books it was decided and recommended that the increasing of the membership fee was not a constitutional change thus it did not require a 4/5ths vote nor did it have to be laid over a year and should remain as voted on in the previous year. From 1945 on the membership fee was instituted and increased on several occasions with a simple majority vote at the same association meeting where it was initiated.

### **The Executive Board also recommended that the following fee structure be adopted:**

Association Treasurer Fee- \$500 per year

Association Secretary Fee- \$500 per year

The Executive Board recommended that the offering taken up today go to the Pipe Creek church.

Chairman: Robie Kendrick

Board Members: Homer Lee Mullins Troy Harris Phillip Imel Leroy Reed  
Charlie McKinley Stephen Harlan Manie Strouth Seibert Hillman

# DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS STATE OF VIRGINIA

To the John Thomas Association yearly meeting when convened with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church, Hamilton County Conference on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 2008.

## **Greetings:**

We the Dickenson County Conference convened with Light House Church on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July for our Conference. We elected for the following quarter: Moderator Gary Stanley and Assistant Moderator Brother Keith Dotson.

## **OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR:**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Brother Manie Strouth  
Brother Seibert Hillman  
Brother Keith Dotson  
Brother Andy Hall  
Brother Roy Mullins

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Brother Lester Mullins  
Brother Allen Viers  
Brother Robie Hay

### **CLERKS:**

Brother Kermit Wallace  
Brother Bob Hall  
Sister Beverly Wallace  
Brother Lloyd Hillman, Clerk  
Emeritus

### **TREASURERS:**

Quarterly Meeting Fund—Sister Patty Mullins  
Emergency Fund—Brother Keith Dotson  
Children's Home Fund—Sister Anna Lee Bartley  
Scholarship Fund—Sister Beverly Wallace

### **TRUSTEES:** Bob Hall and Keith Dotson

The Conference voted to buy 825 minutes books. Amount enclosed for the minutes is \$2,062.00. Enclosed For obituaries . \$180 Membership dues \$1057.50.

### **STATISTICS:**

|                    |      |                          |      |
|--------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Churches           | 33   | Sunday Schools           | 33   |
| Church Membership  | 2109 | Sunday School Membership | 1288 |
| Ladies Auxiliaries | 10   | Youth Leagues            | 15   |

Delegates for this Session of the John Thomas Association on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will be those present with appropriate identification.

The Dickenson County Conference meets on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

This business done by the order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2008 with the Light House Church at Nora VA.

Moderator: Brother Gary Stanley

Clerks: Brothers Lloyd Hillman, Kermit Wallace, Bob Hall and Sister Beverly Wallace

## HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

### Greetings:

To The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with Hamilton County Conference at Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church in Penntown IN., on Friday September 12th, 2008 and Saturday. September 13th, 2008.

The Hamilton County Quarterly Conference met at The Norristown Freewill Baptist Church at Flat Rock, State of Indiana on August 9, 2008. Brother Clarence Hubbard led a congregational song and prayer requests was brought forward, Brother Charles McKinley gave the opening prayer. Leroy Reed, the moderator declared the conference opened. Brother Clarence Hubbard was the assistant moderator. The conference conducted their business in a proper and orderly manner. Bro Richard Layne preached the morning message. There were visitors from Letcher County Conference, Brother Charles and Sister Terry Smith. The conference appreciates the sister conference. The annual elections of officers were as follows:

### Clerk

Levi Stewart  
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### Assistant Clerk

Leslie Stewart  
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### Treasurer

Hazel Davidson

### Assistant Treasurer

Hazel Stewart

### Ordaining Council

Richard Layne  
Clarence Hubbard  
Clarence J. Lee

### Executive Committee

Stephen Harlan  
Richard Layne  
William D. Smith  
James Wyatt

### Statistics

Churches 5  
Membership 141  
Ladies Auxiliaries  
Ordained Ministers 10

### Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand August 09,2008

**\$3,554.63**

The Conference voted to buy 60-minute books. Amount enclosed for the minute books is \$150.00 Membership Fee \$70.50. Amount enclosed for engraving fee is \$20.00  
Amount for news letter \$160

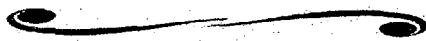
The Hamilton County Conference meets on the first Saturday before the second Sunday in November, February, May and August at 10:00 AM. .

### Moderator

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### Clerk

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# NEW DURHAM CONFERENCE OF

## FREEWILL BAPTISTS

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at Penntown IN on Friday and Saturday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in September, 2008

Greetings:

The New Durham Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Fletcher Ridge Freewill Baptist Church on August 8-9, 2008, for the Quarterly Conference. Conference opened with singing, prayer, and special message by Bro. Troy Harris. Clerk read Psalms 103 and declared Conference open. The following officers were elected:

### **MODERATOR**

Bro. Troy Harris (3 months)

### **ASSISTANT MODERATOR**

Bro. Phillip Imel (3 months)

### **CLERK**

Ralph Sproles

P.O. Box 336

Dante, VA 24237

(276) 495-1410

### **TREASURER**

Troy Harris

2295 Fletcher's Ridge Rd.

Vansant, VA 24646

(278) 859-2912

### **ASSISANT CLERK**

Philip Imel

P.O. Box 1402

Grundy, Va. 24614

(276)935-5894

### **EMERGENCY FUND TREASURER**

Troy Harris

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Brady Farmer, Chairman

Bro. Phillip Imel

Bro. Troy Harris

Bro. Ronald Johnson

Bro. Everett Rasnake, Jr.

### **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Bro. Larry Robinson, Chairman

Bro. Troy Harris

Bro. Ralph Dye

### **CHURCH STATISTICS**

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Churches          | 9   |
| Church Membership | 273 |
| Ministers         | 20  |

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Licentiate               | 1   |
| Sunday Schools           | 8   |
| Sunday School Membership | 271 |

Conference voted to buy 200 minutes

|                              |          |
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| Amount enclosed for minutes: | \$500.00 |
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| Amount enclosed for obituaries: | \$200.00 |
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| Membership Fund: | \$136.50 |
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Balance from August 2007 to July 31, 2008:

|                         |            |
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| Quarterly Meeting Fund: | \$ 3892.66 |
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| Emergency Fund: | \$1938.07 |
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All business was conducted in an orderly and Godly fashion. Done by the order of the New Durham Conference of Freewill Baptists this 9th day of August, 2008, while in regular session with the Fletcher Ridge Freewill Baptist Church.

**Moderator:** Bro. Troy Harris

**Assistant Moderator:** Bro. Phillip Imel

**Clerk:** Bro. Ralph Sproles

## LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Jody E. Maggard, **Clerk**  
144 Sumac St.  
Hazard, KY 41701

Gary Johnson, **Treasure**  
124 Kendrick Fork  
Pikeville, KY 41501

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church, Penntown IN on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Greetings:

The Letcher County Conference met on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Haymond Freewill Baptist Church, Haymond, KY. The Conference was opened in the customary manner with singing, prayer and scripture reading. Bro. Rodney Smith was the Conference Moderator, and made the following appointments:

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Millard Bates

Pulpit Committee: Bro. Joe Cantrell, Bro. Arcie Whitaker, Bro. Glenn Rose

\*Executive Committee: Bro. Kenneth Childers (Chairman) Bro. Homer Lee Mullins  
Bro. Bill Gibson

Arbitration Committee: Bro. Richard Gibson (Chairman) Bro. Teddy Tackett  
Bro. Tommy Tackett

\*\*Ordination Council: Bro. Edgar Sanders Bro. Richie Gibson, Ireland Sexton  
(Alt.) Bro. Randy Standifur

*\*\*Elected in Minister's Conference*

Bro. Chad Wells and Bro. Nick Baldrige delivered the morning sermons. There were a total number of 76 attending our conference.

Our Fourth Quarter Statistics are as follows:

|                         |       |                 |         |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------|
| Membership              | 1,182 | Quarterly Funds | \$2,330 |
| Sunday School           | 20    | Foreign Mission | \$96    |
| SS attendance           | 562   | Home Mission    | \$147   |
| Auxiliaries             | 159   | Children's Home | \$15    |
| Leagues                 | 57    | Youth Center    | \$-     |
| Ministers               | 77    | News Letter     | \$120   |
| Licencees               | 8     | Obituaries      | \$220   |
| Deacons                 | 66    | Minute Books    | \$980   |
| Deacon Under Watch care | 6     | Offering        | \$192   |

The Letcher County Conference as Delegates to the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association all ministers of the Letcher County Conference.

The Letcher County Conference meets on Sat. before the third Sunday in Nov. Feb. May and Aug. at 9:00) A.M.

Please send 417 Minute, Enclosed is \$1,042.50 for minute copy and \$235 for 11 obituaries with picture, 1 with no picture for a total of \$1,277.50

Done by order of Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptists

Jody E. Maggard, Clerk Letcher County Conference

## **Pike County Conference Of Freewill Baptist**

### **Greetings:**

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church September 12th and 13th, 2008

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Bluespring Free Will Baptist Church on August 23, 2008 The conference opened with singing and prayer. Brother Gary Stewart called the conference to order for business reading from the 15th chapter of Matthew, beginning with verse 13. Officers elected were as follows:

|                         |                                 |                                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b><u>MODERATOR</u></b> | <b><u>ORDAINING COUNCIL</u></b> | <b><u>ASSISTANT MODERATOR</u></b> |
| Rev. Emery Varney       | Rev. Robie ( Buddy ) Kendrick   | Rev. Larry Hubbard                |
|                         | Rev. Gerria Reynolds            |                                   |
|                         | Rev. Edward Adkins              | <b><u>BUSINESS COMMITTEE</u></b>  |
|                         | Alternates                      | Rev. Floyd Church Jr.             |
|                         | Rev. Mike Smith                 | Rev. Roger Bogar                  |
|                         | Rev. Harold Brewer              | Rev. Mike Smith                   |

**CLERK** Rev. Dennis Hinkle

**TREASURER:** Rev. Velon Burgess

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Robie ( Buddy ) Kendrick  
Rev. Homer Adkins  
Rev. Gerria Reynolds  
Rev. Velon Burgess  
Rev. Robert (Robbie) Smith  
Rev. Edward Adkins  
Rev Mike Smith

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Bro. William Smith  
Rev. Mike Reprogel  
Rev. Harold Brewer

### **PULPIT COMMITTEE**

Bro. Milford Lowe  
Bro. William Maynard  
Bro. Rolin T. Rutherford

### **STATISTICS:**

Churches—16  
Church Membership—1716  
Ministers—91  
Sunday Schools—16

Sunday Schools Membership—668  
Ladies Auxiliaries— 9  
Master's Men---4  
Auxiliaries Membership---188  
Mid Week Services Attendance---498

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Amount in the treasury June 2007— 2,764.27  
Receive August 2007 to June 2008—8,062.50  
Expenses- August 2007 to June 2008— 8,553.96  
Balance June 2008— 2,272.81

We are enclosing \$ 1,625.00 for minutes; \$455.00 for engraving and a \$858 Membership fee . We are requesting 650 minute books.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference received the following letter from the Owsley Free Will Baptist Church:

The Owsley Free Will Baptist Church opposes the .50 per member fee that was imposed on the conference at the '07 September association meeting. This money was for the purpose of printing the minute books; not a membership fee.

It was not presented to the association by a letter from a supporting conference and tabled for a year for review at the '08 association. Therefore, we feel this business was done out of order and should be set aside and not imposed on our members.

Signed by: Eddie Overstreet, Velon E. Burgess, and Jimmy Williamson Jr.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference submits the following proposal: That Article 9 of the yearly meeting constitution and by laws be discussed and if it is found that this business was done out of order, then Article 9 be removed from the yearly meeting constitution and by laws.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this the 23rd day of August 2008.

Moderator: Rev. Emery Varney  
105 Stanley Lane  
Canada, KY. 41519  
606-353-9257

Clerk: Rev. Dennis Hinkle  
2655 Pinsonfork Rd.  
McAndrews, KY 41543  
606-353-4571

### Ministers Conference

The Clerk, Brother Remire Mullins came forward to organize the 86<sup>th</sup> session of The John- Thomas Association Minister's Conference. The Clerk called on Brother Manie Strouth to open with prayer. The Clerk, Brother Remire Mullins asked for nomination for moderator. Brother Homer Lee Mullins made a motion, seconded by Brother Remire Mullins to keep the same officers as the Association, the motion carried., The Moderator, Brother Robie Kendrick called for the reading of letters , We omitted the reading of minister's names in each ministers conference's letters, but will print them in minute books, this carried. Brother Remire Mullins read the letters from all of the minister's conference in the association. Brother Rodney Smith made a motion, seconded by Brother Franklin Hall to accept the letters as read, the motion carried. Two Brothers was not listed as belonging to a church, The Clerk of their conference had informed the Association Clerk that the Moderator of their conference had given them till next conference to be attracted to a church this was accepted by conference. Motion to adjourn by Brother Richard Layne and seconded by Brother Darrell Wellman. Brother Rodney Smith dismissed us until we meet if it is the Lord's will at The Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church, Hellier Ky.. On Saturday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

## Dickenson County Ministers' Conference

Greeting:

To the John – Thomas Association while in regular session with the Pipe-creek freewill Baptist Church on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2008

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference met at the Light House Church on Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> 2008. Officers elected for the following year are as follows;

**Moderator**

Glen Sykes  
598 Travis Stanley Rd.  
Haysi VA 24256

**Assistant Moderator**

Clyde Hay  
P.O. Box 341  
Clintwood VA 24228

**Clerk**

Remire Mullins  
P.O. Box 271  
Clintwood, VA 24228

**Assistant Clerk**

Tarncy Mullins  
3382 Ramey Flats Rd.  
Clintwood, VA 24228

**Assistant Clerk**

Robbie Bailey  
Rt. 1 Box 640  
Clinchco, VA 24226

**Ordaining Counsel**

Lester Mullins-Chairman  
Allen Viers  
Robie Hay

**Life Time Card Committee**

Brother Jack Meade  
Brother Robie Hay  
Brother Manie W. Strouth

### Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

#### Pastor are in Bold

( Our ministers are listed at the church where they are a member, some are a member of one church and pastor at another church)

|                         |                                |                     |                 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Robbie Bailey</b>    | <b>178 Tiv Count Lane</b>      |                     |                 |
|                         | <b>Clinchco VA 24226</b>       | <b>Buffalo</b>      | <b>835-1261</b> |
| Remire Mullins          | P.O. Box 271                   |                     |                 |
|                         | Clintwood VA 24228             | Buffalo             | 926-6862        |
| Ellis Leftwich          | 608 Buffalo Creek Rd.          |                     |                 |
|                         | Nora. VA 24272                 | Buffalo             | 835-8670        |
| Dwayne Cooper           | 1211 Wakenva Hollow            |                     |                 |
|                         | Dante VA 24237                 | Buffalo             | 495-7670        |
| <b>Leon Sykes</b>       | <b>432 Travis Stanley Rd.</b>  |                     |                 |
|                         | <b>Haysi VA 24256</b>          | <b>Clinchco</b>     | <b>835-9436</b> |
| Harlan Lee Rose         | 15779 Bradford Rd.             |                     |                 |
|                         | Culpepper VA 22701             | Clinchco            | 825-0240        |
| John Turner             | P.O. Box 174                   |                     |                 |
|                         | Clinchco VA 24226              | Clinchco            | 835-8853        |
| James Holbrook          | 406 McCarty Rd.                |                     |                 |
|                         | Clinchco, VA 24226             | Clinchco            | 835-1589        |
| Eddie Rose              | P.O Box 1543                   |                     |                 |
|                         | Clintwood VA 24228             | Davis Chapel        | 926-9002        |
| <b>David Kilgore</b>    | <b>P.O. Box 193</b>            |                     |                 |
|                         | <b>Pound VA 24279</b>          | <b>Duncan Gap</b>   | <b>796-5014</b> |
| <b>Glenn A. Kilgore</b> | <b>P.O. Box 459</b>            |                     |                 |
|                         | <b>Wise VA 24293</b>           | <b>Duncan Gap</b>   | <b>328-2553</b> |
| <b>Robert C. Hay</b>    | <b>4949 DC Caney Ridge Rd.</b> |                     |                 |
|                         | <b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>      | <b>Dyers Chapel</b> | <b>835-8307</b> |

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| Tim Neece           | P.O. Box 301<br>Nora VA 24272                            | Dyers Chapel         | 835-1536            |
| Allen Sutherland    | 1132 Sutherland Ridge Rd.<br>Clinchco VA 24226           | Dyers Chapel         | 835-1731            |
| Mike Stidham        | 153 Old Tower Lane.<br>Clintwood, VA 24228               | Dyers Chapel         | 835-1930            |
| James D. Moore      | P.O. Box 280<br>Clinchco VA 24226                        | Dyers Chapel         | 835-1389            |
| Chris Strange       | 10047 Bold Camp Rd.<br>Pound VA 24279                    | Ferbie Chapel        | 796-5067            |
| Lester Robinson     | 10146 Ferbie Rd.<br>Pound VA 24279                       | Ferbie Chapel        | 796-5370            |
| Nyal B. Robinson    | P.O. Box 46<br>Pound VA 24279                            | Ferbie Chapel        | 796-4607            |
| Glen Slempe         | P.O. Box 1222<br>Pound, VA 24279                         | Ferbie Chapel        | 796-4479            |
| Timothy Strange     | Po. Box 1023<br>Pound VA 24279                           | Ferbie Chapel        | 796-9103            |
| Lester C. Mullins   | <b>245 Rockhouse Rd.</b><br><b>Coeburn VA 24230</b>      | <b>Flemingtown</b>   | <b>926-4387</b>     |
| Johnny Anderson     | Rt. 2 Box 100B<br>Clintwood VA 24228                     | Flemingtown          | 926- 6730           |
| Freddie J. Boyd     | <b>P.O. Box 193.</b><br><b>Clinchco VA 24226</b>         | <b>Flemingtown</b>   | <b>835-1992</b>     |
| Randy Noonchester   | P.O. Box 2273<br>Coeburn VA 24230                        | Fremont              | 395-9346            |
| Eddie Edwards       | <b>Po. Box 1163</b><br><b>Abington, VA 24210</b>         | <b>Fremont</b>       | <b>608-0087</b>     |
| Vester McKinney Jr. | 1329 DC Caney Ridge Rd.<br>Clintwood VA 24228            | Fremont              | 835-9786            |
| Michael Rasnick     | 445 Sharons Rd.<br>Clinchco VA 24226                     | Fremont              | 835-8212            |
| Harold Mullins      | <b>524 Skeetrock Rd.</b><br><b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>    | <b>George's Fork</b> | <b>926-4666</b>     |
| Mark Stallard       | <b>10153 Robinson Ck. Rd.</b><br><b>Virgie, KY 41572</b> | <b>Gladly Fork</b>   | <b>606-639-4930</b> |
| Luther Belcher Jr.  | 9084 Dorton Rd.<br>Pound VA 24279                        | Gladly Fork          | 796-5257            |
| Troy Belcher        | 9407 Pen Hollow Rd.<br>Pound VA 24279                    | Gladly Fork          | 796-5572            |
| Matthew Fuller      | 1774 D C Caney Ridge Rd.<br>Clintwood VA 24228           | Hill Ridge           | 835-1852            |
| Palmer Rose Jr.     | 22197 Greenvillage Dr.<br>Abingdon, VA 24210             | Hill Ridge           | 608-3112            |
| Willie C. Rose      | 4067 Rose Ridge<br>Clintwood VA 24228                    | Hill Ridge           | 835-8067            |
| Roy A. Mullins      | <b>275 Old Stone Dr.</b><br><b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>    | <b>Honey Camp</b>    | <b>926-8955</b>     |
| Tarney Mullins      | 3382 Ramey Flats Rd.<br>Clintwood, VA 24293              | Honey Camp           | 926-9113            |

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| <b>Johnny McCowan</b>    | <b>148 Dale Br.</b>          |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Coeburn, VA 24230</b>     | <b>Honey Camp</b>      | <b>835-1083</b> |
| David L. Mullins         | P.O. Box 2002                |                        |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228           | Honey Camp             | 926-6951        |
| <b>Ralph Patterson</b>   | <b>Box 2003</b>              |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Clintwood, VA 24228</b>   | <b>Honey Camp</b>      | <b>926-5132</b> |
| Lewis V. Mullins         | 3386 Ramey Flats Rd.         |                        |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228           | Honey Camp             | 926-4235        |
| <b>Charles Baker</b>     | <b>8740 Dotson Creek Rd.</b> |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Wise VA 24293</b>         | <b>Hubbard Chapel</b>  | <b>796-4519</b> |
| <b>Billy D. Hibbitts</b> | <b>7325 Hopkins Farm Rd.</b> |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Wise VA 24293</b>         | <b>Hubbard Chapel</b>  | <b>328-5838</b> |
| Allen Graham             | Po. Box 2395                 |                        |                 |
|                          | Wise VA 24293                | Hubbard Chapel         | 328-0050        |
| R.L. Mullins             | P.O. Box 486                 |                        |                 |
|                          | Pound VA 24279               | Hubbard Chapel         | 796-7207        |
| Nolan M. Stanley         | P.O. Box 714                 |                        |                 |
|                          | Pound VA 24279               | Hubbard Chapel         | 796-5603        |
| Clyde Hay                | P.O. Box 341                 |                        |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228           | Lick Creek             | 926-6596        |
| Gary C. Willis           | 1970 Rock Lick Rd.           |                        |                 |
|                          | Birchleaf VA 24220           | Lick Creek             | 865-5056        |
| <b>Keith Dotson</b>      | <b>1560 Ventura Rd.275A</b>  |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>    | <b>Lick Fork</b>       | <b>926-4528</b> |
| Josh Dingus              | 193 Kayes Cove               |                        |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228           | Lick Fork              | 926-5446        |
| Earl Lee                 | 5186 Brushy Ridge Rd.        |                        |                 |
|                          | Nora VA 24272                | Lighthouse             | 495-1199        |
| Bill Knoskie             | 614 Smith Ridge Rd.          |                        |                 |
|                          | McClure VA 24269             | Martin Chapel          | 835-9669        |
| <b>Jack W. Meade</b>     | <b>10186 Bold Camp Rd.</b>   |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Pound VA 24279</b>        | <b>Meades Chapel</b>   | <b>796-9113</b> |
| <b>James D. Meade</b>    | <b>151 Herald Lane</b>       |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Coeburn VA 24230</b>      | <b>Meades Chapel</b>   | <b>395-5206</b> |
| Paul D. Moore            | 137 Tollie Lane              |                        |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228           | Mill Creek             | 926-4973        |
| Marvin C. Dockery        | 17945 Sandy Ridge Rd.        |                        |                 |
|                          | Nora VA 24272                | Mill Creek             | 495-1421        |
| Daniel Rose              | 175 Tollie Lane              |                        |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228           | Mill Creek             | 926-6509        |
| <b>Michael Patrick</b>   | <b>184 Rogers Cr.</b>        |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Castlewood VA 24224</b>   | <b>Mills Chapel</b>    | <b>762-9521</b> |
| <b>Joe Bailey</b>        | <b>9653 Dante Mt .Rd.</b>    |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Dante VA 24237</b>        | <b>Mills Chapel</b>    | <b>495-8768</b> |
| <b>Joe Glenn Sluss</b>   | <b>P.O Box 922</b>           |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>    | <b>Peuther Chapel</b>  | <b>835-9774</b> |
| Allen Gene Conley        | Rt. 1 Box 246                |                        |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228           | Peuther Chapel         | 835-1319        |
| <b>Ed Slemp</b>          | <b>9701 Bold Camp Rd.</b>    |                        |                 |
|                          | <b>Pound VA 24279</b>        | <b>Phillips Chapel</b> | <b>796-9128</b> |

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| <b>Franklin Hall</b>     | <b>225 Hall Dr.</b>           |                       |                 |
| 6801 Dickenson Hwy.      | <b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>     | <b>Pine Creek</b>     | <b>926-8189</b> |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228            | Pine Creek            | 926-5341        |
| Richard Wayne Rose       | P.O. Box 2124                 | Pine Creek            | 926-5337        |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228            | Pine Creek            | 926-5337        |
| Manie W. Strouth         | P.O. Box 958                  | Pine Creek            | 796-5084        |
|                          | Pound VA 24279                | Pine Creek            | 796-5084        |
| <b>Willie Stanley</b>    | <b>HC 05 Box 5515</b>         |                       |                 |
|                          | <b>Coeburn VA 24230</b>       | <b>Pine Grove</b>     | <b>796-5362</b> |
| <b>Jason Reynolds</b>    | <b>P.O. Box 1691</b>          | .                     |                 |
|                          | <b>Honaker VA 24260</b>       | <b>Pugh Mt.</b>       | <b>873-4074</b> |
| <b>Randall Carter</b>    | <b>P.O. Box 1207</b>          |                       |                 |
|                          | <b>Pound VA 24279</b>         | <b>Pyles Memorial</b> | <b>796-7448</b> |
| <b>Donald Smith Jr.</b>  | <b>P.O. Box 2074</b>          |                       |                 |
|                          | <b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>     | <b>Rachel Chapel</b>  | <b>926-4072</b> |
| Avery R. Carty           | 208 Paul Stanley Rd.          |                       |                 |
|                          | Coeburn VA 24230              | Rachel Chapel         | 835-8475        |
| Robert L. Phipps         | P.O. Box 768                  |                       |                 |
|                          | Riner VA 24219                | Rachel Chapel         | 540-721-2976    |
| <b>Gary Stanley</b>      | <b>261 Rachels Chapel Rd.</b> |                       |                 |
|                          | <b>Coeburn VA 24230</b>       | <b>Rachel Chapel</b>  | <b>835-8386</b> |
| Greg Stanley             | 7342 DC Caney Ridge Rd.       |                       |                 |
|                          | Coeburn VA 24230              | Rachel Chapel         | 835-9135        |
| <b>Danny Sluss</b>       | <b>7697 Big Ridge Rd.</b>     |                       |                 |
|                          | <b>Haysi VA 24256</b>         | <b>Splashdam</b>      | <b>865-4997</b> |
| Danny C. Edwards         | 350 Turner Rd.                |                       |                 |
|                          | Clinchco VA 24226             | Splashdam             | 835-1137        |
| Bill Rose                | 51 Gypsy Ave.                 |                       |                 |
|                          | Lebanon. VA 24266             | Splashdam             | 889-5244        |
| <b>Allen Viers</b>       | <b>20094 Dickenson Hwy.</b>   |                       |                 |
|                          | <b>Clinchco VA 24226</b>      | <b>Splashdam</b>      | <b>835-9625</b> |
| <b>Jerry W. Robinson</b> | <b>6570 The Lake Rd.</b>      |                       |                 |
|                          | <b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>     | <b>Tarpon</b>         | <b>926-8730</b> |
| Glen Sykes               | 598 Travis Stanley Rd         |                       |                 |
|                          | Haysi VA 24256                | Tarpon                | 835-1018        |
| Jerry Vitatoe            | Rt. 1 Box 486                 |                       |                 |
|                          | Clinchco VA 24226             | Tarpon                | 835-1167        |
| Bill Yates               | 107 DeLaney Lane              |                       |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228            | Tarpon                | 835-8732        |
| <b>Lynn Vanover</b>      | <b>P.O. Box 1616</b>          |                       |                 |
|                          | <b>Clintwood VA 24228</b>     | <b>Valley View</b>    | <b>926-6328</b> |
| Jack Johnson             | P.O. 1044                     |                       |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228            | Valley View           | 926-4523        |
| Wayne. Mullins           | 6836 North Fork Rd.           |                       |                 |
|                          | Pound VA 24279                | Valley View           | 796-4478        |
| Clifford Phipps          | 1635 Bear Pen Rd.             |                       |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228            | Valley View           | 926-4246        |
| Luke Wright              | 2004 The Lake Rd.             |                       |                 |
|                          | Clintwood VA 24228            | Valley View           | 926-6388        |

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|--------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Jack Mullins       | 337 Crack Rock Rd.<br>Clintwood VA 24228 | Yates Chapel | 835-8593 |
| Matthew Mullins    | 7136 Appletree Rd.<br>Wise VA 24293      | Yates Chapel | 835-8593 |
| Charles W. Stanley | 11927 Highway 119<br>Partridge KY 40862  | Yates Chapel | 632-1588 |

**Ministers- 91 7 with Life Time Cards Total 98**

**Ministers With Life Time Cards**

|                      |                                             |                 |          |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| J.T. Hartsock        | Rt. 3 Box 166<br>Castlewood VA 24224        | Bear Wallow     | 762-7510 |
| Eulis Lee Sutherland | Rt.3 Box 336T<br>Clintwood, VA 24228        | Buffalo Church  | 926-4706 |
| Edison Boggs         | P.O. Box 5<br>Pound VA 24279                | Davis Chapel    | 796-4896 |
| Ulis Sturgil         | P.O. Box 1102<br>Pound VA 24279             | Glady Fork      | 796-4533 |
| Dallas Conley        | 8133 S. Mountain Rd.<br>Pound VA 24279      | Hubbard Chapel  | 796-6002 |
| Sam Slemp            | 30367 Ramblewood Dr.<br>Meadowview VA 24361 | Pugh Mt. Church | 944-4259 |
| Arnold Rose          | 131 Trinity Dr.<br>Coeburn VA 24230         | Rugbsby         | 835-9720 |

Ministers Deceased – Tim Elkins (Lick Fork Church )

Ministers excluded – 1

We are requesting Life Time Cards for Sam Slemp and Arnold Rose Jr.

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference Meets on Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in Jan., April, July and Oct. at 7:30 p.m.

This report is given to the John – Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist while in regular session at the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church. On Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 by order of the Dickenson County Ministers Conference.

**Clerk**

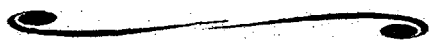
Remire Mullins  
Box 271  
Clintwood VA 24228

**Assistant Clerk**

Robbie Bailey  
Rt. 1 Box 640  
Clinchco VA 24226

**Assistant Clerk**

Tarney Mullins  
3382 Ramey Flats Rd.  
Clintwood. VA 24228



## Hamilton County Minister's Conference

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association. The Hamilton County Ministers Conference met with the Norristown Freewill Baptist Church at Flat Rock, Indiana on August 8, 2008. The meeting was called to order Clerk James Wyatt due to absence of Moderator Robert L. Matney. Opening prayer by Charles McKinley. Leroy Reed read scripture from Acts chapter 20. The following officers were elected.

Moderator :Leroy Reed

Assistant Moderator: Charles McKinley

Clerk: James Wyatt

### Ordaining Counsel

Clarence Hubbard  
Richard Layne  
Clarence J. Lee

### Executive Committee

Stephen Harlan  
Richard Layne  
William D. Smith  
James Wyatt

**Pastors are in Bold**

### Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

#### Norristown

|                  |                                          |              |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Leroy Reed       | 7450W. Co Rd 110 N, Greensburg, IN 47240 | 812-663-8962 |
| Clarence Hubbard | P O Box 414 St. Paul, IN 47272           | 765-525-6500 |

#### East Fork

|                  |                                       |              |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Charles McKinley | 17629 Palmer Rd Moores Hill, IN 47032 | 812-744-3734 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|

#### Milroy

|                 |                                    |              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Clarence J. Lee | 788 E St Rd 44 Rushville, IN 46173 | 765-932-3195 |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|

### Minister to Receive Good Standing Cards

#### Mt. Tabor

|               |                                               |              |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| James Wyatt   | 225 N. Main St Woodstock, Oh 43084            | 937-826-1082 |
| Richard Layne | 7326 St Rt. 19 Unit 0706 Mt. Gilead, Oh 43338 | 419-947-1478 |

#### Pipecreek

|                |                                         |              |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Stephen Harlan | 10258 Gilbert Rd Newton Falls, Oh 44444 | 303-872-7301 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|

#### East Fork

|                     |                                           |              |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| William D. Smith    | 7588 Church Lane. West Harrison, IN 47012 | 812-363-3766 |
| Gary Dale Davis Jr. | 12158 Westerly Dr Cincinnati, Oh 45231    | 513-825-8618 |

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Conference this 9th day of August 2007.

Leroy Reed Moderator      Assistant Moderator Charles McKinley

James Wyatt: Clerk

## NEW DURHAM MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at Penntown In, on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2008

### Greetings:

The New Durham Minister's Conference met with the Fletcher Ridge Freewill Baptist Church on August 7, 2008. Conference opened with singing and prayer. The following officers were elected:

#### MODERATOR

Bro. Willis Rasnake

#### ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Bro. Wayne Charles

#### CLERK

Ralph Sproles

P.O. Box 335

Dante, VA 24237

(276) 495-1410

#### ASSISTANT CLERK

Phillip Imel

P.O. Box 1402

Grundy, VA 24614

(276)-935-5894

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brady Farmer, Chairman

Bro. Troy Harris

Bro. Ronald Johnson

Bro. Everett Rasnake, Jr.

Bro. Phillip Imel

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Larry Robinson, Chairman

Bro. Troy Harris

Bro. Ralph Dye

#### COMMITTEE ON LIFETIME CARDS

Name:

Thurman Reynolds

Ronald Johnson

Rev. Ralph Dye

Address:

Rowe, Va.

Council, Va.

Honaker, Va.

#### MINISTERS HOLDING LIFETIME CARDS

Name

Rev. Edward Dye

\*Rev. Gonan Kelly

\*Rev. Giles Wilson

Address

Oakwood, Va.

Cleveland, Va.

HC 4 Box 663 Council, Va.

276-859-2749

Church

Guiding Light

Clinch View

Mt. View & Mt. Zion

Clerk: Ralph Sproles

# **MINISTERS TO RECEIVE GOOD STANDING CARDS**

|                                   |                                                |                       |                 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Rev. Mitchell Bailey              | Po. Box 374<br>Lebanon VA. 24266               | Phone<br>276-889-5176 | Mt. View        |
| Rev. Arlie Bowman                 | Po. Box 486<br>VansantVA,24656                 | 276-597-2636          | Guiding Light   |
| Rev. Wayne Charles                | P.O. Box 1283<br>Honaker, VA 24260             | 276-873-4214          | Tunnel Hill     |
| <b>Rev. Ralph Dye</b>             | 7294 Old Drill Rd<br>Honaker, VA 24260         | 276-873-4615          | Drill Chapel    |
| <b>Rev. Troy Harris</b>           | 2295 Fletcher Ridge Rd.<br>Vansant, VA 24656   | 276-859-2912          | Fletcher Ridge  |
| Rev. Phillip Imel                 | P.O. Box 1402<br>Grundy, VA 24614              | 276-935-5894          | Guiding Light   |
| Rev. Darnell Keith, Jr.           | 480 Lower Bear Wallow<br>Dante, VA 24237       | 276-495-1382          | Straight Hollow |
| Rev. Terry Mitchell               | 1647 Sunset Rd.<br>Rosedale, VA 24280          | 276-880-3146          | Drill Chapel    |
| Rev. Virgil Musick                | Rt. 2 Box 51 C<br>Castlewood, VA 24224         | 276-794-9211          | Mt. Zion        |
| Rev. Cecil Leon Musick            | No. 7 Jesses's Mill Rd.<br>Lebanon Va. 24266 . | 276-794-9503          | Clinch View     |
| <b>Rev. Eulas (Sonny) Perkins</b> | P.O. Box 26<br>Oakwood, VA 24631               | 276-498-3054          | Guiding Light   |
| Rev. Willis Rasnake               | 1211 Deep Wood Rd.<br>Honaker VA. 24260        | 276-859-0809          | Mt. View        |
| <b>Rev. Larry Robinson</b>        | 11721 Mt. Rd.<br>Lebanon, VA 24266             | 276-880-1067          | East Lebanon    |
| <b>Rev. Ralph Sproles</b>         | P.O. Box 335<br>Dante, VA 24237                | 276-495-1410          | Straight Hollow |
| Rev. Shawn Street                 | 303 Winding Way Rd.<br>Bristol, VA 24201       | 276 - 550-5822        | Guiding Light   |

**BOLD** *Indicates Pastors*

**LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE  
OF  
FREEWILL BAPTISTS MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at Penntown IN on September 12<sup>h</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Greetings:

The Letcher County Ministers Conference met at the Haymond Freewill Baptist Church, Haymond, KY on Friday, August 15, 2008. Bro Richard Gibson and Rodney Smith presided over the conference as Moderator and Asst. moderator. Officers for the coming year are as follows:

**Moderator:**

Bro. Richard Gibson  
3791 Poorbottom Road  
Elkhorn City, KY 41522

**Assistant Moderator**

Bro. Rodney D. Smith  
P.O. Box 258  
Happy, KY 41746

**Ordaining Council:**

Bro. Edgar Sanders  
Bro. Richie Gibson  
Bro. Ireland Sexton

**Clerk:**

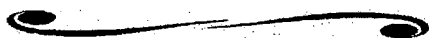
Jody E. Maggard  
P.O. Box 1114  
Hazard, KY 41702

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|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards..... | 69 |
| Ministers with Lifetime Cards.....            | 11 |
| Total Ministers.....                          | 78 |

The Letcher County Ministers Conference meets on the Friday before the third Sunday in November, February, May, and August at 7:00p.m.

This report is given to the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Pipecreek freewill Baptist Church on September 12th and 13th, 2008 by order of the Letcher County Conference.

Jody E. Maggard, Clerk  
144 Sumac Street  
Hazard, KY 41701  
606-436-9637



# **MINISTERS TO RECEIVE GOOD STANDING CARDS**

|                      |                                                  |                     |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Tommy Tackett</b> | <b>P.O. Box 16 Hellier, KY 41534</b>             | <b>606-754-7050</b> | <b>Alleghany</b>   |
| James N. Tackett     | P.O. Box 161 Lookout, KY 41542                   | 606-754-5179        | Alleghany          |
| John Paul Keen       | 1178 Harless Cr Rd/Regina, KY 41559              | 606-754-5497        | Alleghany          |
| Nicholas Baldrige    | 1259 Bowling Fork Rd/Elkhorn City, KY 41522      | 606-754-7412        | Alleghany          |
| Oscar Damron         | P.O. Box 3/ Hellier, KY 41534                    | 606-754-4924        | Alleghany          |
| Pete Newsom Jr.      | 1719 Allegahany Rd/ Hellier, KY 41534            | 606-754-0135        | Alleghany          |
| Stanley Ray Tackett  | P.O. Box 18/ Hellier, KY 41534                   | 606-754-7124        | Alleghany          |
| <b>Billy Akers</b>   | <b>20 Little Robinson Cr Rd/Virgie, KY 41572</b> | <b>606-639-9601</b> | <b>Bethel</b>      |
| Butler Adkins        | P.O. Box 213/Virgie, KY                          | 606-639-0623        | Bethel             |
| Arnold Coleman       | 905 Indian Cr Rd/Virgie, KY 41572                | 606-639-9801        | Bethel             |
| Leon Bolden          | 275 Lickfork/Pikeville, KY 41501                 | 606-639-4432        | Bethel             |
| Mike Dishman         | P.O. Box 15/Burdine, KY 41537                    | 606-832-1527        | Bethel             |
| <b>Bennie McCall</b> | P.O. Box 61/Jenkins, KY 41537                    | 606-832-9039        | Burdine            |
| Albert D. Smith      | P.O. Box 695/Jenkins, KY 41537                   | 606-832-2906        | Burdine            |
| Bobby Fleming        | P.O. Box 485/Jenkins, KY 41537                   | 606-832-4879        | Burdine            |
| Joseph McKnight      | 1300 Kingdom Come Dr/ Cumberland, KY 40823       | 606-589-6576        | Cloverlick         |
| <b>Richie Gibson</b> | <b>P.O. Box 52/Lookout, KY 41542</b>             | <b>606-754-5841</b> | <b>Cornerstone</b> |
| Turman Dorton        | 7059 Millard Hwy/Pikeville, KY 41501             | 606-437-9418        | Cornerstone        |
| Kennith Mullins      | 199 Left Fork of Blue Pond Fork/41513            | 606-754-8993        | Cornerstone        |
| Kermit McPeek        | P.O. Box 712 Dandridge, Tn. 37725                | 606-434-2103        | Conerstone         |
| <b>Teddy Tackett</b> | 923 Blaze Br Rd/Jenkins, KY 41537                | 606-639-6214        | Dorton             |
| Clyde Bentley        | 6202 Dorton Jenkins Hwy/Jenkins, KY 41537        | 606-639-4776        | Dorton             |
| David Nichols        | P.O. Box 3192/Pikeville, KY 41501                | 606-437-0671        | Dorton             |
| Gerald Wright        | P.O. Box 415 Owl Br Rd/Jenkins, KY 41537         | 606-639-4766        | Dorton             |
| McCoy Tackett        | 11788 Bent Br Rd/Pikeville, KY 41501             | 606-631-1631        | Dorton             |
| Van Blackburn        | 282 Road Br./Pikeville, KY 41501                 | 606-639-8843        | Dorton             |
| <b>Jessie Miller</b> | <b>106 Cargo Lane/Jenkins, KY 41537</b>          | <b>606-832-2454</b> | <b>Dunham</b>      |
| Calvin Bates         | 348 Wrights Hollow Circle                        | 606-832-1568        | Dunham             |
| Fred Bartley         | 168 Williams Circle, Jenkins, KY 41537           | 606-832-4070        | Dunham             |
| Garland Ratliff Jr.  | 101 Barn Hill/Jenkins, KY 41537                  | 606-832-2463        | Dunham             |

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Edgar Sanders</b>   | 790 Sycamore Rd/Ashcamp, KY 41512         | 606-754-5386      | GloryBound     |
| Larry Kendrick         | 1054 Red Cr Rd/Pikeville, KY 41501        | 606-432-7614      | GloryBound     |
| Phillip Rife           | P.O. Box 132/Ashcamp, KY 41512            | 606-754-7946      | GloryBound     |
| Randy Standifur        | 131 Ratliff Bottom/Elkorn City, KY 41522  | 606-754-7139      | GloryBound     |
| <b>Rodney D. Smith</b> | P.O. Box 258/Happy, KY 41746              | 606-476-8454      | Happy          |
| <b>Jody E. Maggard</b> | 144 Sumac St/Hazard, KY 41701             | 606-476-2191      | Happy          |
| <b>Danny Mullins</b>   | P.O. Box 243/Cromona, KY 41818            | 606-855-4662      | Haymond        |
| Earl Combs             | P.O. Box 192/Happy, KY 41746              | 606-476-8640      | Haymond        |
| Millard Bates          | 46 Maryland Drive, Whitesburg, KY         | 606-633-5715      | Haymond        |
| <b>Komas D Bryant</b>  | P.O. Box 14711/Shelby Gap, KY 41563       | 606-639-6802      | Hylton         |
| Dolph Kelly            | P.O. Box 177/Jonancy, KY 41538            | 606-639-2619      | Hylton         |
| Gary Kirby             | 134 Marshalls Branch/Jenkins, KY 41537    | 606-832-2974      | Hylton         |
| Jimmy Moore            | 587 Anderson Branch/Shelby Gap            |                   | Hylton         |
| <b>John Coleman</b>    | P.O. Box 536/Weeksbury, KY 41667          | 606-452-9403      | Ligon          |
| Mathew White           | 14121 KY rt. 979/Beaver, KY 41604         | 606-587-2050      | Ligon          |
| <b>Gabriel Burns</b>   | 72 Tea Road Isom, KY 41824                | 606-633-4942      | Moore's Chapel |
| Burdell Gilley         | 114 Tom Biggs Rd./McRoberts, KY           | 606-832-6291      | Moore's Chapel |
| <b>Hollis Bevins</b>   | P.O. Box 464 Pound, VA 24279              | 276-796-5576      | Payne Gap      |
| <b>Russell Hall</b>    | P.O. Box 28 Cromona, KY 41810             | 606-855-8212      | Pine Chapel    |
| <b>Richard Gibson</b>  | 3791 Poorbottom Rd/Elkhorn City, KY 41522 | 606-754-8171      | Poorbottom     |
| Homer Lee Mullins      | P.O. Box 401/Ashcamp, KY 41512            | 606-754-5453      | Poorbottom     |
| James Kilgore          | P.O. Box 238/Lick Creek, KY               | 606-835-1980      | Poorbottom     |
| Allen Gibson           | PO Box 1216/Elkhorn City, KY 41522        | 606-202-8491-7469 | Poorbottom     |
| Timothy Tackett        | 139 Vine Lane/Elkhorn City, KY 41524      | 606-754-3248      | Poorbottom     |
| <b>James Johnson</b>   | 720 Goose Cr Rd/Neon, KY 41840            | 606-855-4162      | Seco           |
| David Hardin           | Box 382/Neon, KY 41840                    | 606-832-0239      | Seco           |
| Derek McCall           | PO Box 392/Neon, Ky 41840                 | 606-855-4903      | Seco           |
| Greg McCall            | P.O. Box 232/Cromona, KY 41810            | 606-855-0354      | Seco           |

|                       |                                                   |              |              |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lester Boggs          | P.O. Box 13/Seco, KY 41849                        | 606-855-4940 | Seco         |
| Tommy Phillips        | 339 Bill Moore Branch Rd/<br>Whitesburg, KY 41858 | 606-855-4769 | Seco         |
| Rocky Craft           | P.O. Box 87/Ermine.Ky 41815                       | 606-633-1965 | Seco         |
| <b>Larry Tackett</b>  | P.O. Box 97/Beaver, KY 41604                      | 606-587-2712 | Tackett Fork |
| Allen Osbourne        | 5057 McDowell, KY41647                            | 606-377-2547 | Tackett Fork |
| Eric Tucker           | P.O. Box 42/Teaberry, KY 41660                    | 606-587-2724 | Tackett Fork |
| <b>Levi Akers</b>     | 323 Melissa Branch Rd/Ary, KY<br>41712            | 606-378-5255 | Twin Oaks    |
| Brian T. Miller       | 280 Melissa Br Rd, Ary, KY 41712                  | 606-378-2238 | Twin Oaks    |
| <b>Ireland Sexton</b> | P.O. Box 586/Virgie, KY 41572                     | 606-855-9054 | Virgie       |
| <b>Gary D. Adkins</b> | 3404 Adaline St/Kingsport, TN 37660               | 432-288-3793 |              |
| <b>Kevin Wheeler</b>  | 271 Boone St Weber City, VA24290                  | 423-276-3811 |              |

### **MINISTERS WITH LIFETIME CARDS**

|                     |                                             |              |             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| John C. DePriest    | 3215 Dry Ridge Road/Versailles, KY<br>40383 | 606-589-2704 | Burdine     |
| <b>Ralph Vicars</b> | 8904 Red Maple Rd. Wise, VA 24293           | 606-832-2289 | Burdine     |
| <b>Don McKnight</b> | P.O. Box 284 Cumberland, KY 40823           | 606-589-2704 | Cloverlick  |
| Charles Gallion     | P.O. Box 228/Jenkins, KY 41537              | 606-832-2909 | Dunham      |
| Clyde Damron        | 22447 H 55th St/Phoenix, AZ 85054           | 480-699-7984 | Hylton      |
| James Thacker       | 423 Pine Fork/Shelbiana, KY 41562           | 606-433-9184 | Ligon       |
| Herman Bates Jr.    | P.O. Box 503/Jenkins, KY 41537              | 606-832-2881 | Payne Gap   |
| Steve Childers      | 6653 Steven Rd/Wise, VA                     | 540-328-5964 | Payne Gap   |
| Caleb Holbrook      | 264 Camden Rd/Jenkins, KY 41537             | 606-832-4446 | Pine Chapel |
| Julian Gibson       | 345 Alleghany Rd/Hellier, KY 41534          | 606-754-5028 | Poorbottom  |

*Pastors in **BOLD***

### **Pike County Minister's Conference**

To the John-Thomas Association, While in session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church September 12th and 13th, 2008.

The Pike County Ministers' Conference met with the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church August 24, 2007. The Moderator, Bro. Mike Smith, took charge of the service. We sung and shook bands and Bro. Roy Coleman led us in prayer. Bro. Mike Smith called the conference to order for business reading from 1st Timothy, chapter 2.. Bro. Gerria Reynolds was elected Moderator for the next 12 months. Bro. Gerria Reynolds appointed Bro. Harold Brewer Assistant Moderator. The moderator asked if anyone knew of any brother walking disorderly or preaching unsound doctrine. There were none reported. Bro Mike Smith spoke to the conference on Spiritual Fathers. The moderator asked if we had any new business. Bro Velon Burgess made a motion to letter up to the John-Thomas Association; seconded by Bro Robie Kendrick. Motion carried by vote of the conference.

The following is a list of Officers and Ministers to receive good standing cards.

#### **MODERATOR**

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

#### **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Edward Adkins

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

#### **ASSISTANT MODERATOR**

Rev. Harold Brewer

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Homer Akins

Rev. Robie (Buddy ) Kendrick

Rev. Robert (Robbie) Smith Jr.

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

Rev. Velon Burgess

Rev. Edward Adkins

Rev. Mike Smith

#### **Alternates Ordaining Council**

Rev. Harold Brewer

Rev. Mike Smith

#### **CLERK**

Rev. Dennis Hinkle

#### **TREASURER**

Rev. Velon Burgess

Yearly meeting place and time  
Pipecreek Baptist Church  
September 12th and 13th, 2008  
Penntown, IN

# Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

|                       |                                 |               |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Robie Kendrick</b> | <b>Box 147 Belfry, KY 41314</b> | <b>Belfry</b> | <b>606-353-7065</b> |
| Roger Blackburn       | Box 30 McAndrews, KY 41531      | Belfry        | 606-432-5250        |
| Bill Browning         | 512 Central Ave. So.            |               |                     |
|                       | Williamson, KY 255661           | Belfry        | 606- 237-7171       |
| Kenneth Lowe          | 722 Pond Creek Rd.              |               |                     |
|                       | Huddy, KY 41543                 | Belfry        | 606-353-9921        |
| Mike Smith            | Box 81 Hardy, KY 51531          | Belfry        | 606-353-1954        |
| Donald Varney         | 1521 Roadfork                   |               |                     |
|                       | Sidney, KY 41564                | Belfry        | 606-353-4847        |
| Roger Dale Bogar      | Box 246 Hardy, Ky 41531         | Bluesprings   | (606) 353-8001      |
| Floyd Church Jr.      | Box 435 McCarr, Ky 41544        | Bluespring    | (606) 427-7917      |
| Larry Hubbard         | S. Varney Hollow                |               |                     |
|                       | Canada, Ky 41519                | Bluespring    | (606) 353-7495      |
| Michael Reprogel      | P.O. Box 123                    |               |                     |
|                       | Newtown, W.VA 25686             | Bluespring    | (304) 426-6427      |
| Robert Smith Jr.      | 363 Dials Branch Rd.            |               |                     |
|                       | Ramson, Ky 41558                | Bluespring    | (606) 427-0410      |
| Wade Smith            | 1989 Pigeon Roost Rd            |               |                     |
|                       | Canada, Ky 41519                | Bluespring    | (606) 353-9190      |
| <b>Emery Varney</b>   | 105 Stanley Lane                |               |                     |
|                       | Canada, Ky 41519                | Bluesprings   | (606) 353-9257      |
| <b>Jackie Maynard</b> | 420 Peter St.                   |               |                     |
|                       | Williamson, WV 25661            | Canada        | (304)235-2983       |
| Ronald Blame May II   | Po. Box 242                     |               |                     |
|                       | 59 Burgraff Rd.                 |               |                     |
|                       | McAndrews, Ky 41543             | Canada        | (606) 353-4805      |
| Gary Stewart          | 2500 Pigeon Roost Rd.           |               |                     |
|                       | Canada, Ky 41519                | Canada        | (606) 353-9928      |
| Gary Thacker          | P.O. Box 153                    |               |                     |
|                       | Canada, Ky 41529                | Canada        | (606)353-7150       |
| Roger Williamson      | Po. Box 104                     |               |                     |
|                       | Huddy, Ky 41535                 | Canada        | (606) 353-1190      |
| Chuck May             | Box 177                         |               |                     |
|                       | Canada, KY 41519                | Canada        | (606)353-9451       |
| <b>John Vance</b>     | P.O. Box 16                     |               |                     |
|                       | Robinson Creek, Ky 41560        | Caney Creek   | (606) 639-6505      |
| Eric Fleming          | 1112 Turkey Pen. Rd.            |               |                     |
|                       |                                 | Caney Creek   | (606) 639-9808      |
| Otis Gibson Jr.       | 378 Right Frk.                  |               |                     |
|                       | Island Creek, Ky                | Caney Creek   | (606) 432-4558      |
| Dean Harold           | 8020 Us 23 South                |               |                     |
|                       | Pikeville, Ky 41501             | Caney Creek   | (606) 639-9849      |
| James Randall May     | 1180W Sookeys Creek Rd          |               |                     |
|                       | Pikeville, Ky 41501             | Caney Creek   | (606)939-9284       |
| Eddie Dean McCoy      | 145 McCoy Hollow                |               |                     |
|                       | Raccoon, Ky 41557               | Caney Creek   | (606) 433-0705      |
| Greg Newsome          | 165 Curt Tackett Rd.            |               |                     |
|                       | Virgie, Ky 41572                | Caney Creek   | (606) 639-2309      |

|                            |                          |              |                       |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Jerry F. Lewis</b>      | <b>Box 94</b>            |              |                       |
|                            | <b>Belfry KY 41314</b>   | <b>Edo</b>   | <b>(606) 631-1507</b> |
| Edward Lee Abbott          | 606 Gabrial Branch       |              |                       |
|                            | Kimper, Ky 41539         | Edo          | (606) 835-235         |
| Bobby Bowman               | 1407 Grapevine Rd.       |              |                       |
|                            | Phyllis, KY 41554        | Edo          | (606)432-8753         |
| Virgil Dean Hess           | 2373, Hurricane Creek Rd |              |                       |
|                            | Kimper, Ky 41539         | Edo          | (606) 631-4748        |
| Dennis E. Stilter          | 29 Hunt St.              |              |                       |
|                            | Kimper, KY 41529         | Edo          | (606)835-0536         |
| David G Varney             | 18 Shadow Cat Alley      |              |                       |
|                            | Prestonsburg, KY         | Edo          | (606) 794-0715        |
| <b>Brad Williamson</b>     | 80 Varney Hollow         |              |                       |
|                            | Canada, Ky 41519         | Grassy       | (606) 353-8137        |
| Douglas Larry Golf         | 291 Knob Fork Rd.        |              |                       |
|                            | Pikeville, Ky 41501      | Grassy       | (606) 437-6046        |
| Matthew May                | 5630 Raccoon Rd          |              |                       |
|                            | Raccoon, Ky 41557        | Grassy       | (606) 433- 1708       |
| Lester Tibbs               | 225 Dry Branch           |              |                       |
|                            | Pikeville, Ky 41501      | Grassy       | (606) 631-3654        |
| Dusty Varney               | Box 193                  |              |                       |
|                            | Canada, Ky               | Grassy       | (606) 353-4154        |
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|                            | Harold, Ky 41635         | Hope         | (606) 478-9285        |
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|                            | Pikeville, KY 41501      | Island Creek | (606)432-2533         |
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| Edward Lee Adkins      | 317 Elish Fork<br>Pikeville, Ky 41501         | Owsley      | (606) 478-5702  |
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| Jimmy Williamson       | 1423 Broad Bottom Rd.<br>Pikeville, KY 41501  | Owsley      | (606)432-2870   |
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| <b>Jamie L. Billiter</b>            | 489 Upper Coon Creek Rd.<br>Raccoon, Ky 41557   | Toler Creek    | (606) 432-5250 |
| <b>Harold Brewer</b>                | 2525 Collins Hwy<br>Pikeville, Ky 51501         | Sookey's Creek | (606) 639-8097 |
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| Darrell Roberts                     | P.O. Box 3382<br>Pikeville, Ky 41501            | Sookey's Creek | (606) 432-3269 |
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| Ministers to receive life time card |                                                 |                |                |
| Robie ( Buddy ) Kendrick            |                                                 |                |                |

#### **Ministers holding life time card**

|                |                                           |                |                 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Curtis Wellman | P.O. Box 325<br>Hardy, Ky 41531           | Bluespring     | (606) 353- 7764 |
| Herbert Goff   | 3004 Upper Coon Rd.<br>Raccoon, Ky 41557  | Grassy         | (606) 433-1702  |
| Ronald May     | 5634 Raccoon Rd.<br>Raccoon, Ky. 41557    | Grassy         | (606) 432-4511  |
| Ray Leedy      | 700 Pond creek Rd.<br>Stone, Ky 41567     | Octavia        | (606) 353-9979  |
| Burl Rogers    | 2373 Pinsonfork Rd<br>McAndrews, Ky 41543 | Octavia        | (606) 353-8019  |
| Homer Adkins   | 2939 Hurricane Rd.<br>Pikeville, Ky 41501 | Owsley         | (606) 478-5171  |
| Ray Williams   | 88 Road Br.<br>Pikeville, Ky 41501        | Sookey's Creek | (606) 639-8676  |

Total number of ministers to receive good standing cards = 82

Number of ministers with life time cards —7

Number of ministers to receive life time card— 1

Total number of ministers in the Pike County Conference —90

Done by order of the Pike County Ministers Conference August 22, 2008

Rev. Gerria Reynolds, Moderator

Rev. Dennis Hinkle, Clerk

*Pastors in **BOLD***

## **BY-LAWS AND ORGANIZATION**

### **THE ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH**

1. When any number of believers desire to be organized into a Freewill Baptist Church, they are examined by one or more regular ordained Freewill Baptist ministers from a conference in the John-Thomas Association in reference to their Christian character, doctrine and ability to sustain a church, and to determine if the members or ministers left another church to form this church, were they members in good standing. If the examination is satisfactory, the applicants are organized into the church as follow:

The Bible (Authorized King James 1611 version translated out of the original tongues with former translations diligently compared and revised) is presented as the only rule of faith and practice.

The John-Thomas Association Church covenant shall be adopted.

A prayer of consecration offered.

The hand of fellowship is given.

The officers are elected. (See officers and their duties).

2. There shall be male members enough to fill the public offices in the church except the clerk and treasurer, in order that a regular discipline is kept up.

3. After being thus constituted, they shall be at liberty, out of the number of ordained ministers, to choose a pastor who shall preside over them. We recommend that the church elect their pastor by secret ballot and this annually.

### **MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH**

The times of celebrating the Lord's Supper, washing feet, and of business meetings are arranged by each local church to suit its own convenience.

Each church is required to observe this ordinance. Feet washing follow the Lord's Supper.

Conference or business meetings are opened and closed with suitable devotional exercises. The pastor acts as moderator for business meetings of the church. In the absence of the pastor, the church may meet when necessary and attend to ordinary business; but no member is excluded in the absence of the pastor.

### **RECEPTION OF MEMBERS**

Any person who gives evidence of a change of heart, professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and has been immersed by a proper administrator, church covenant read, explained and accepted, is received into membership by a vote of the church. After members accept the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, then the right hand of fellowship shall be given, which is the door to the church.

From other churches immersed persons are received by letter. No one against whom any valid objection is made is received to membership. When any member objects to the reception of the applicant, the matter is deferred until the church can ascertain the nature of the objection. If in the opinion of the church, the objection is not a valid one, the applicant may be received. Excluded members are received again only when they confess their errors and give evidence of repentance. Persons excluded from other churches are not received; unless it is made evident they were excluded upon unjustifiable grounds. The right hand of fellowship is extended to all who are received into the membership of the church.

The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists or any Conference or Church belonging to the Association will not accept into its membership any known Homosexual.

## DISMISSION OF MEMBERS

Only members in good standing are dismissed from the church and this for no other reason than to unite with some other church. Such members are granted letters of honorable dismission and commendation, (to be mailed from the church which granted the letter to the receiving church) but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into another church. A withdrawal without such letter of recommendation is equivalent to excommunication, and treated as such by the church.

## OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of a church are a Board of Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, Deacons and Deaconess', Finance Committee and Pastor.

**Board of Trustees** - The duty of the Trustees shall be to hold title to all property, either in fee or gift, and to maintain all rights to the same, to convey said property in the discretion of a four-fifths majority of those present at a regular business meeting, being announced at said church three months prior to said meeting.

**Clerk** - It is the duty of the Clerk to keep a church book and in it record the church covenant, the names of the members, and all the proceedings of the church in the exercise of its doctrine and management of its temporal affairs. The clerk also signs all the letters and other communications made by the authority of the church.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church, and it shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a regular account of all monies received, and from whom and make a report of the same annually to the church or more often if necessary, which funds shall be drawn on the treasury only by the order of the church..

**Deacons** - The Deacons are elected for life or during good behavior. They should be men distinguished among their brethren for piety and benevolence. Before entering upon the duties of their office, they are ordained by the pastor or other regular minister, ordination consisting of the charge, laying on of hands and prayer. It is their duty to serve at the Lord's Table, to distribute the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting attendance upon the church, and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor. A church belonging to the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists will not:

Ordain any woman as a deacon.

Ordain any known homosexual as a deacon.

**Deaconess** - They assist the deacons and finance committee, in visiting the sick, in collecting funds and distributing among the needy members, and enforcing proper discipline among the female members.

**Finance Committee** - These have the general management of the finances of the church, subject to the church's control.

**Pastor** - Each church elects its own pastor out of the regular ordained ministers upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties themselves. It is the pastor's duty to faithfully preach the Word, to have the general superintendence of the church; to be himself an example to the flock, to visit the members, especially the sick, as he has the opportunity, and to do all within his power to promote the religious interest of the church which he serves and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

Before a minister can pastor a church in the John-Thomas Association, he must belong to the John-Thomas Association.

## GAMBLING

We not wishing to conform to the practice of gambling pledge to abstain from the sale or use of all devices constructed for the purpose of gambling...a lottery, games of chance, or any numbered system for which there are odds given for gain or loss, whether it be associated with a person, place, or thing, spoken or unspoken. - I Tim. 6:10, I Thess. 5:22.

## THE MINISTRY

1. No member of our connection shall be at liberty to take upon himself the public ministry of the Word, unless he feels divinely called, and makes report of the same to the church to which he belongs, and if the church shall be satisfied with his qualifications, and call of such person, then the church may grant said person the liberty to preach twelve months. He shall be listed as a licentiate minister by his church.
  - a. When he feels he is divinely called, he is given a license by the Pastor of the Church to which he belongs.
  - b. If, after attending and being under the watch care of his church for 12 months, he proves satisfactory to the church, they will grant a letter of recommendation, signed by the Pastor and Clerk to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting. (Recommendation shall consist of his attendance at church, Sunday school, conference and knowledge of the John-Thomas Association by-laws)
  - c. If satisfactory to same, the quarterly meeting may recommend him to the Ordaining Council.
  - d. He shall be ordained if proven satisfactory to the Council, if not he will be laid over by the ordaining council until a later date.
2. The Ordaining Council, consisting of three ordained ministers, must be elected by each quarterly conference according to its rules...and shall serve for a period of twelve months.
3. When a minister of another denomination wishes to unite with a Freewill Baptist Church of the John-Thomas Association, he must first become a member of the church, and then the proceedings are the same as with licentiates.
4. Any minister leaving the Freewill Baptist Church and desires to be reinstated shall be dealt with as though they had never belonged to the Church.
5. If an ordained minister becomes disorderly, or preaches a doctrine contrary to the John-Thomas Association Freewill Baptist faith, the minister shall be called to question by the church offended. He shall be given a fair and impartial trial, by evidence mainly by the Freewill Baptist members; if the charges shall be sustained, he shall be reported to the ministers conference; Each ministers' conference shall deal with him according to their rules. (See by-laws of the ministers' conference number 3)
6. If the charges are against a licentiate, the church where he belongs has the exclusive right to deal with him. (He is under the watch care of the church and not the quarterly conference.)
7. Any ordained minister of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists may serve the church in the absence of the pastor, in every Gospel order required of him by the church.
8. Ministers from another Freewill Baptist conference elected to pastor a church in a conference in the John-Thomas Association will be required to join the conference. (He will be examined by the ordaining council as to the John-Thomas Association doctrine and if in agreement he will be issued a license by the conference accepting him.)
9. The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists or any conference or church belonging to the Association will not:
  - a. Ordain any woman into the ministry .
  - b. Ordain any known homosexual into the ministry
  - c. No John-Thomas Association minister shall at anytime, now or in the indefinite future, be required or allowed to perform same sex marriages (male to male or female to female) according to our biblical and religious belief. (Articles of Faith number 8)

10. The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists or any Conference or Church belonging to the Association for clarification of the term "BIBLE" as our rule of faith and practice will use only the Authorized King James Version of the Scripture of the 1611 translation (translated out of the original tongues, with former translations diligently compared and revised) to read, preach, teach, marry, baptize, bury the dead, present to our Ministers when ordained, and to carry out any Gospel instructions.
11. When a new church wishes to unite with a conference in the John-Thomas Association, all their ordained ministers are examined by the ordaining council of the receiving conference as to the doctrine of The John-Thomas Association and if such are in agreement with them, those ministers are then issued a license by the conference, If any ministers are under the watch care of said church, his time under the watch care will be counted.

### **ORGANIZATION OF A QUARTERLY MEETING**

Two or more churches wishing to organize a Quarterly Meeting shall appoint three delegates for that purpose and request, of an adjoining Quarterly Meeting; a council of not less than five members and one ordained minister which will meet with the delegates and proceed:

1. To examine the delegates respecting the Christian character and doctrines of their respective churches, and the right reason for such an organization as desired.
2. To offer the right hand of fellowship and consecrating prayer.
3. The election of a moderator, clerk and treasurer, and then proceed with such business as may come before it.
4. Delegates are elected to some Yearly Meeting or Association of the Freewill Baptists, and instructed for membership in one body.

### **BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

1. There shall be a Minister's Conference held annually in connection with the Yearly Meeting.
2. The object of the Ministerial Conference is to discuss points of doctrine and examine the Christian character of the ministers.
3. All ministers in the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting are required to attach themselves to the Minister's Conference and must be governed by the rules and regulations of the Minister's Conference.
4. All ministers belonging to the Conference are required to report themselves to the Conference annually, either in person or by letter or both.
5. Any minister failing to report for a period of one year, either in person or by letter, or both, shall automatically exclude himself from the Conference.
6. All ministers moving to another Quarterly Meeting shall be granted a letter of dismission and recommendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Quarterly Meeting where they move. (See Dismission of members section) Since ministers are members, same rule applies.
7. All Freewill Baptists using our church houses must hold a card of good standing with their conference or otherwise be in good standing with their Freewill Baptist Conference.
  - a. That Pastors, Deacons and Trustees must approve all appointments of non- Freewill Baptist Ministers.
  - b. All funeral services are to be exempt from these resolutions.
  - c. All church clerks are to be notified of these resolutions.
8. Our older Ministers, who would be approved by an appointed committee are to be issued good standing cards for life.

## **ASSOCIATION and QUARTERLY MEETING BY-LAWS**

1. No conference shall be held with less than three Ordained Ministers and four Delegates belonging to the Yearly Meeting.
2. At the opening of each conference, the clerk's books shall be presented and the proceedings of the last conference read.
3. This conference may at each regular meeting elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each Quarterly Meeting of the conference.
4. The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.
5. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.
6. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the Moderator.
7. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.
8. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to the conference.
9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.
10. Any motion must be made by one member, seconded by another, and afterwards stated by the Moderator, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover or at the demand of any one member.
11. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.
12. A motion or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment by the conference.
13. Any motion or resolution containing more than one distinct proposition shall be divided, provided the call for a decision be sustained by the majority.
14. When a member speaks or offers a motion he should rise and respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question under consideration, avoid all personalities or unkind or disrespectful language.
15. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.
16. When a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him except to call him to order, ask leave to explain or to make explanation. The one allowed to explain shall confine himself strictly to an actual misunderstanding or language which may need explanation.
17. No member shall speak more than twice or longer than five minutes at each time on any question without leave of the Moderator, which leave shall be granted without debate.
18. All committees shall be named by the Moderator, by request of the conference.
19. The member first named on a committee shall be its chairman to call the committee together, but after it is convened the committee may elect its own chairman and secretary.
20. Voting shall be done by standing when a vote is close, or when it becomes necessary to count the affirmative and negative and in special cases by ballot.
21. The Moderator, in case of a tie, may cast the deciding vote.
22. All members should vote on one side or the other, unless excused by the Moderator.
23. No motion, discussion, or other business shall be admitted while the vote is being taken.
24. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.
25. Each Quarterly Meeting shall ask its respective churches to deal with its members when necessary, according to Matthew 18: 15, 17.

26. If a minority of a Quarterly Meeting be grieved over the ruling of the majority, they have the right to appeal to the Yearly Meeting, and its decision shall be final.

27 No minister shall have a vote in the conference unless he is a member in good standing with his church and conference.

28 Any Freewill Baptist Church belonging to the John-Thomas Association that reports to the Quarterly Conference three consecutive conferences without a pastor will be automatically dropped from the conference.

*The Committee Members Listed Below were appointed to revise the By-Laws. The Association Voted in 1931 to accept them and to for ever abide by them. By-Law No. 28 was voted on in 1979 and approved.:*

**Emory A. Reedy**

**Dan L. Smith**

**Jonah C. Rasnake,**

**Stewart M. McFall,**

**Arthur Casteel**

**William R. Stallard**

### **YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

We, the members of the Freewill Baptist Church, in order to form a more perfect union and promote Christ's kingdom do ordain and establish this Constitution for the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting.

**Article 1.** This Yearly Meeting shall be called the John-Thomas Meeting, and shall be composed of such regularly ordained and well disciplined Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under the Constitution.

**Article 2.** The Conference of this Yearly Meeting shall be composed of ministers and delegates who are members of the Quarterly Meetings, each Quarterly Meeting being entitled to three delegates from each church.

**Article 3.** The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a clerk, treasurer and moderator, and shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting, with such assistants as may be found necessary.

**Article 4.** Any well-organized and well-regulated Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrines of the Freewill Baptist denomination, as published in the minutes of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting, and are in favor of the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at the time, on application, by vote of the Yearly Meeting, become a member thereof.

**Article 5.** This Yearly Meeting shall have the power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly work if their labor proves unsuccessful.

**Article 6.** Each session of this Yearly Meeting shall convene on Friday before the second Sunday in September at 11:00 a.m., at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which the Yearly Meeting is composed to represent themselves by delegates, and report their standing, prospects and statistics by letter; at which time, the Yearly Meeting shall act on such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor the usages of the denominations, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Yearly Meetings.

**Article 7.** The Yearly Meeting shall have the power to adopt any regulation or by-law not inconsistent with the Constitution which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of the sessions.

**Article 8.** This Conference shall not recognize any minister or delegate unless they comply with the constitution and by-laws thereof.

**Article 9.** Each Quarterly Conference shall send to the Yearly Meeting \$2.50 for each minute book ordered, and Fifty cents per members annually from each Quarterly Conference this money will be used for expense of the Yearly Meeting.

**Article 10.** The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of four-fifths of the ministers and delegates present at any session, if notice of such intended alterations was given and recorded at the last session.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God the Father, of whom all things from everlasting to everlasting glorious and immutable in all His attributes. -I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.
2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things are; the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, who God freely sent into this world because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last Day to judge both the quick and the dead.-1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:9; John 3:16; Rev. 1: 7; Acts 24:15; 1 John 2:2.
3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through his dear Son, unto the World, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.- John 16:7-8, Acts 2:2; Eph. 2:1, Eph. 4:4-6.
4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression fell and by means brought on himself a miserable and moral state subject to death. - Gen-2:17; 3:19.
5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commended the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.-Mk. 16:15; Luke 24:27; John 3:15-17; Tim. 2:4.
6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that brought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or another are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. - Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1 John 5:1, 10.
7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability must be born again. Then by trusting His promise and keeping His commandments until the end of life we shall be saved. II Tim. 4:7; John 3:3.
8. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16-17.
9. We believe in the doctrine of General provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe in the gospel. -Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.
10. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father, of the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family so as they might be happy; would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impress of His Spirit, shall at a future day, own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. - Matt. 11:17, John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 12:29
11. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God. - Jude 1:14; II Peter 2:1; II Thess. 2:11; Rom. 2:10-21.

- 12 We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the Law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and that none of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for "of such is the kingdom of God." - 1 Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9: 36-37; Matt. 19:14.
- 13 We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men. Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34-35
14. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. - Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20- 2 1; Eph. 2:8-9.
15. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice, further that He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death. - Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-3 1; Matt. 25:31-46.
16. We believe as teaching Gospel ordinances, in believer's baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and the fruit of the vine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise of God and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.- Mark: 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-7; James 5:14; Eph. 2:8-9.
17. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion in the name of the FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST, and that believers are the only subjects for Baptism. Matthew 28:19, Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:9-10, Acts 2:38-39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.
18. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.-John 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10.
19. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. - Matt. 25:46.
20. Freewill Baptists understand the Bible teaches the following fact: on the Day of Pentecost believers spoke in distinct foreign languages which were readily understood by the nationalities present. Acts 2:4, 8, 11. Tongues were given as a special gift to the early church as only one sign which confirms the witness of the Gospel to believers. I Cor. 14:14; Heb. 2:4. While tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God on some believers, all did not speak with tongues. I Cor. 12:10, 30. When this gift was abused, it became a source of disturbance in the congregational meetings. To eliminate confusion and correct the error, Paul set aside particular guidelines for the Christian church to follow. (I Cor. 14:18, 19, 23, 33). My gift of tongues was neither an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, nor does it bring about sanctification. I Cor. 12:13. We believe that speaking in tongues as a visible sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an erroneous doctrine to be rejected. Any implication of a "second work of grace" has never been tolerated in our fellowship of churches, and will not be permitted. We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed the scriptural admonition, "Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:8-20.

## **DICKENSON COUNTY OBITUARIES**

### **Rev. Timothy Garret Elkins**

Rev. Timothy G. Elkins, Reverend Timothy Garret Elkins, 48, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on April 7, 2008. He was a loving husband to his beloved wife of 29 years. Jill Elkins of Pound, Va. He was a loving father to Amanda Dawn and her husband Joe Jackson of Gate City, Va. and Crystal Rene and her husband Lee Kirby of Murfreesboro, TN. He was also a beloved grandfather to Kaylee Kirby.

Tim was a lifelong resident of Pound, VA. and a member of the Lick Fork Freewill Baptist Church. After graduating from Pound High School in 1978 he was employed by Westmoreland Coal Company. After 11 years of volunteering, he became the director of Camp Jacob Ministries in 1999. Camp Jacob held a special place in his heart and even after resigning, he was a member of the promotional board. Tim was a very active participant in his daughter's lives, volunteering in the sports programs at Pound High School for many years. He was a Dickenson County School bus driver of bus #51 as well as a substitute bus driver for Wise County Schools. In October of 2007, Tim became an ordained Minister of the Gospel in the Dickenson County Conference. He will always be remembered for his Godly example and the impact he had on the youth and adults of this community.

Tim is survived by his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law; one granddaughter; his parents, Donnie and Barbara Elkins of Pound, Va.; his brother and sister-in-law Mike and Karen Elkins of Pound, VA.; his sister and brother-in-law, Donna and David Coxé of Starke, Fla.; his grandmother, Margery Dotson of Duffield, Va. several nieces and nephews, his Church family and host of friends and loved ones

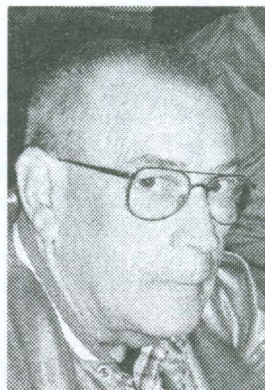


### **HAROLD MURPHY**

Harold Murphy, born May 30, 1939 age 68 of Splashdam Road, Haysi, VA departed this life for a home in Glory on September 24, 2007, the son of the late Lonzo and Vida Childress Murphy. Harold was a member of the Splashdam Free Will Baptist Church since February 22, 1987 and was faithful to his God and the church until his death.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers; Virgil Childress, Franklin Murphy and John L. Murphy; he is survived by his wife Juanita Murphy; one daughter Karen (Danny) Harris, one granddaughter Jama Harris; four sisters Helen(Freddie) Clevinger, Alice Duty, Ruth Wallace, Nell Murphy and one brother Bobbie Murphy. Harold had a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing and now has laid aside all his earthly trials and sickness.

I know he is happy and enjoying the good things that God has reserved for him. All his family and friends miss him and look forward to being reunited in heaven where we'll separate never again.



## **TOLBY MOONEY.**



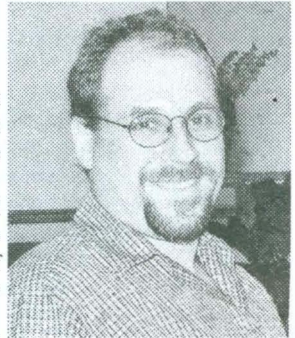
Tolby Mooney, 86, died at Johnson City Medical Center after a brief illness. Born in Dickenson County, he was the son of George and Ethel Mooney, who preceded him in death, along with his wives; Nell Artrip Mooney and Agnes Grizzle Mooney and several brothers and sisters.

Tolby was a chef at the CC Camp in Clintwood, a veteran of WWII, US Army, member Of Big Red One First Infantry Division Tolby was injured on D-Day and received a Purple Heart and received honors from France. He was a member of VFW Post 9600 in Pound, a volunteer at Dickenson County Medical Center and sang with the Spiritual Family Singers. Tolby was a member of Valley View Freewill

Baptist Church and a faithful supporter of Foxtown Community Church. Survivors include his sons, Edmund Mooney Jr. (Pee Wee) and wife Paula of Clintwood, Clyde Lee Mooney of: Clintwood and, Larry Mooney and wife Cheryl of Louisville, Ky.; step-son, Worley Grizzle and wife Susan of North Carolina two daughters, Patsy Priddy and husband Billy of Richmond and Jo Ann Williams and husband Charlie of Roanoke; one brother, Amos Mooney and wife Betty of Kentucky, June Lilly of Cleveland, Ohio, Maggie Lee Vanover and Ruth Lilly of Clintwood; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

## **BUFORD WALLACE HILL, JR.**

Buford Wallace Hill, Jr., age 46 of Bartlick Road passed away Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Born in Portsmouth, he was the son of JoAnn Humphries and the late Buford Hill, Sr. He attended Mountain Empire Community College where he received his PI license. Buford served in the US Army, was a member of the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department and was also a former member of the Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club. He was employed by A&A Enterprises;



Buford was baptized on March 25, 2001 and became a member of the Splashdam Free Will Baptist Church.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Bertha Hill who raised him. I

He is survived by his mother, JoAnn ; his wife, Karen Edwards Hill; three sons, Steven, Conner and Buford (Wallie) Hill III and a daughter Bernice Vance; one sister Eileen Hill; parents-in-law Danny and Loretta Edwards and three grand daughters Ollie Jo, Gracie and Patience. Sleep on Buford, your suffering is ended and your rest with Jesus is begun.



## Kelly J. Owens

Kelly Joe Owens, age 55, passed away May 12, 2008. He was a life long resident of Dickenson County, except for the past four years he spent at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in wise where he was loved by all.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Troy Owens; two sisters Betty Darlene Owens and Shirley Irene Owens; two brothers, Mitchell Dean Owens and Bobby Kenneth Owens.

Survivors include his mother, Hattie Faye Owens; two brothers, Dewey Owens and Dennis Owens; four sisters, Brenda Davis, Joyce Garcia, Pauline Wampler and Gail Mullins; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Kelly gave his life to God in May of 1996. He was a thankful Christian who loved his Savior and knew where his strength came from. His life was praising God, shining his light for all to see. He left us with his faith, strength, humor and love for everybody. Kelly stayed strong to the end and he remembered God's promise that his reward is eternal life in heaven.

## Kelsie Mae Sykes

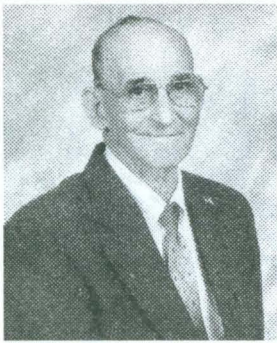
Keslie Mae Sykes was born October 21, 1940 and passed away August 17, 2008. A lifelong resident of Dickenson County, she was the daughter of the late Curtis and Sarah Frances Bartley Silcox. Kelsie was a cook in the Dickenson County School system for 18 years and later the owner/operator of the Downtown Family Restaurant in Haysi. She was baptized August 11, 1974 and later became a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church.



In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Nadine Smith, Verneal Hill and Pamela Jean Kender; two brothers, J.R. Silcox and Bobby Silcox.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Giles Sykes; a son, James and wife Nanette Sykes; a daughter Vivian and husband Robert Wynn; two grandsons, Justin and wife Susan Sykes and Tommy and wife Sheila Kiser; a granddaughter, Samantha Sykes; three brothers Gleason Silcox, Andy Paul Silcox and Willard Silcox; a sister Justine Mullins and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Farewell, sweet Sister, until we meet again, your trials are over and now you can rest. THE BEST IS YET TO COME.



### Wilburn Barton

Wilburn Cephus Barton, 80, entered his heavenly home on November 17, 2007, in the loving embrace of his family. He was a US Army Veteran and a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon since 1983. He had been employed as a mine foreman by Pittston Coal Group and South Hollow Coal Company prior to retirement.

He was born in Dickenson County, Va., son of the late Willard "Bill" Barton and Edith Baker Barton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ema Jean Gilbert Barton; one son, Harold Curtis Barton; four sisters, Buelene Woods, Effie Jean Deel, Delphene Stevens Smith, Mathalee Fuller Edwards; two grandsons, Harold Curtis Barton Jr., and Franklin Shane Mullins.

He is survived by four children, Sunny Barton and wife Patricia, Charlotte Mullins and husband Franklin, Keith Barton and wife Charlene, and Debbie Vanover. Daughter-in-law Anne Barton, eight Grandchildren Stephanie (Greg) Wampler, Larry (Amber) Barton, Lori (Robert) McElroy, Derek Ratliff, Brenda Barton, Kethena Barton, Adrienne Ratliff, Tresa Renee Wolford, Granddaughter-in-law Pamela Barton; Four Great Grandchildren, Eric McElroy, Kimberly McElroy, Jacob Wampler and Emily Wampler; Step-great grandson, Ben Parker; Four Brothers, Frank Barton, Stacy Barton, Alvis Barton, and Von Barton; Three sisters, Linda Rowe, Ruby Smith, Helen Barton and several nieces and nephews.

### Sadie Ann Baker Turner

Sadie Ann Baker Turner, age 76, of Backbone Ridge, passed away Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport.

Born in Dickenson County, she was a daughter of the late Cleve and Lucy Woods Baker. She was a homemaker and a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Denver F. Turner.

Survivors include a son, David F. (Debbie) Turner of Bluff City; two daughters, Teresa (Bob) Greene of Nickelsville, Va., and Lola (Gary) Hale of Clinchco; a brother, Otis R. Baker of Clinchco; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and also several nieces and nephews.





### **Leona B Mullins**

In loving memory of Leona B. Mullins. She left this life to be with the Lord on February 29, 2008. Leona was born September 25, 1925, the eldest daughter of Emory and Mary Ringley Hamon. A life long resident of Dickenson County, Leona was baptized September 18, 1983 and joined Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church on October 23, 1983.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Johnie Mullins; one son Johnny Lee Mullins and one daughter Cindy Mullins Boyd. The passing of her husband left her to raise her children with the help of the Lord. She never got over losing her husband and children

and grieved for them every day. She was also preceded in by three sisters: Vergie Wright, Ruth Dearman and June Hill.

Leona is survived by two sons, Dennis Jack Mullins and Rickey D. Mullins; three daughters, Diana Dixon, Vanita Stanley and Lisa Campbell; one sister, Janice Artrip. She also adopted and raised her grandson, Bobby Len Mullins. The last ten years of her life, she lived with her daughter. Bobby helped take care of her the last year when she was so sick.

Mom loved Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church and missed being able to attend the last years of her life due to her health. She loved her church family and missed them very much. It grieved her heart every Homecoming that she was unable to attend. She was a very loving mother, grandmother and a great friend to many. It was her hearts desire to see her children and grandchildren come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior.

### **Thadeus Oakley Mullins**

March 26, 1926—March 12, 2008

Thadeus Oakley Mullins age 81 was born March 26, 1926 in the Caney Ridge Section of Dickenson. He died March 12, 2008, having resided in the Caney Ridge community his entire life. Oak served in the U.S. Army during WW II, stationed in Germany. He retired from Pittston Coal Company in 1984 after 36 years of service. He was a 50 year member of the Clintwood Masonic Lodge and a member of Rugsby Freewill Baptist Church for over 50 years.

Oak was preceded in death by his parents Gillie & Pearl Mullins. He was also preceded in death by brothers Webb, William Gip, Parkis (Chief), Ersle, Kay and Eck Mullins.

Oak, is survived by his wife of 56 years Seader L. Mullins; sons Norman Mullins, Doug & wife Michelle Mullins; daughters Rebecca & husband Jerry Artrip and Mary Ann and husband Pokey Stanley; two special grandsons, Caleb Mullins and Oakley Kerns Stanly; sisters Nita Ratliff and Vona Mullins; also surviving are several special loving nieces and nephews.





### William Richard Turner

It is with a heart full of sorrow at our great loss that I will try to write an obituary for our precious Husband, dad, brother and uncle, William Richard "Bill" Turner.

William was born on June 16<sup>th</sup> 1953. He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Sarah Charles Turner and one brother Casby Turner. He joined the army right out of high school and served his country for 22 years. After retiring from the army he returned home where he met Linda Church Viers. William and Linda were joined in marriage on Feb 22, 2002. William accepted and gave his life to the Lord as his Savior on Feb 3, 2002 and became a member of

Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Linda. He is also survived by one Son Brian Turner; three daughters, Jessica Turner, Brandi Burnham and husband Josh, and Shasta Rose and husband Bill; three grandson Elias Rose, Abram Rose and Noah Burnham. Also surviving are three brothers, Canary Turner, Johnny Turner and Gurty Turner; three sisters Farris Woods, Julia Arnold and Loraine Bartley and several nieces and nephews.

William is a great testimony of how we all should be. He had a tender and humble love not only for his family but for everyone. His faith and love for the Lord never wavered even at the end, although he suffered greatly in his physical body. That kind of love is indeed rare in this world, but it is the love that the bible teaches: True love that endures all things. He saw the beauty in all that God has created. He loved to share the Lord with whoever would listen and he certainly was not ashamed to testify and shout praises to his and our Lord. He was a kind and loving husband and was greatly blessed with a wife that stood by him with so much care, love and strength. We say farewell for now but soon we shall be reunited in the arms of our Lord. You will be greatly missed but you are only a thought away.



## HAMILTON COUNTY OBITUARIES



### **Rev Robert L. Matney**

Rev. Robert L. Matney 83 of Galion, Ohio went to be with the Lord Who he faithfully served for 43 years on August 13 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Brother Matney was born in Dickenson County Va. On October 21 1924 to the late Bert C. Matney and Ida B. Fletcher Matney. He married Bernice Brown on March 21 1946. He is survived by his wife Bernice Three sons, Bob L. (Linda) Matney of Mt Gilead, Larry B. (Patty) Matney of Galion and Douglas D. Matney of Galion. Two daughters, Wanda S. (Steven) Massey of Ontario, Linda G. (John) Russell of Greensboro NC. 15 Grand-children and twenty-one great grandchildren. One brother Charles W.

(Wilma) Matney of Lakeland FL one sister Loretta (Paul) Wilson of Winston-Salem NC brother-in-law John L. (Hazel) Bostic of Sword Creek VA. Ten nieces and nephews. His brother William E. Matney preceded him in 1994. He was founder and life-time pastor of Mount Tabor Freewill Baptist Church, Mt. Gilead Ohio, chairman of the Ordaining Council of the Hamilton, Hamilton County Executive Board Member and Ministerial Member of The John-Thomas Association. Robert retired from GM after 34 years. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. 226 Antiaircraft Artillery Searchlight Battalion Battery. He served European Theater of Operations Normandy D2. He received a Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European and African Middle Eastern Ribbon and WWII Victory Ribbon. He was a member of local UAW#549 Ontario He enjoyed Church activities, his family singing and playing gospel music, hunting and gardening.

Robert will be missed by so many family and friend.



## LETCHER COUNTY OBITUARIES



### **David Trimble McCarty**

David Trimble "Big Dave" McCarty, 64, of McCarty Road, Ashcamp, Kentucky died Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at Norton Community Hospital, Norton, Va. David was born November 29, 1942 in Pike County, Ky. A son of the late John Leroy and Draxie June Sanders McCarty. He as a mine engineer, a member of Hylton Freewill Baptist Church and a member of Sycamore re Dept. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Baker McCarty, one son, David Trimble "Dutton" McCarty Jr. of Ashcamp, three daughters; Deborah Jean Chaney, Tammy Lynn Phipps and Kimberly Elaine McCarty all of Ashcamp. Six Grandchildren, Four Great-Grandchildren, Two sisters; Nana

Jane Rucker and Gwenda Allene Butler both of Grayson, Ky. . Burial was in the McCarty Family Cemetery, Ashcamp.

### **Dorothy Jane Tackett Rose Mullins**

Dorothy Jane Tackett Rose Mullins, age 82, was born in Pike County, Ky on May 11, 1926 to the late Elihu and Lottie Potter Tackett. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ray Clifford Rose and by her second husband, Earlist Mullins. She was also preceded in death by one son, Dallas Ray Rose and one Grandson, Daniel Ray Rose, two brothers, Donald and Kermit Tackett and one sister, Mary Meadows. She is survived by four sons; Wilson Elihu (Mary) Rose and Michael Dale (Shelia) Rose both of Effcott City, Maryland, Donald Gene (Dorothy) Rose of Pounding Mill, Va., and (iregoiy (Vina) Rose of Mt. Sterling, Ky. Two daughters; Reidia (Ed) Shouse of Elkhom City, Ky. And Vivian "Anita" (Lester) Cantrell of Shelby Gap, Ky. She is also survived by 18 Grandchildren and 9 Gread-Grandchildren. She has one surviving sister, Bonnie Beighel of Stanton, Ky., one niece Jewel Mullins and one nephew, Gary Tackett.



Dorothy was a homemaker and a member of the Hylton Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. If you knew our mother, you loved her, because she loved you With all Her Heart "**We love you Mom....**"



### **Paul Randall Bartley, Sr.**

Paul Randall Bartley, Sr. was born March 29, 1937 in Pike County, KY. He was the son of Vernis and Zetta Phipps Bartley. He was married to Sue Rowe Bartley. They had four children: Chyrel Bartley Wright (Dean), La Donna Bartley Epling (John), and Paul Randall Bartley, Jr. (Paige). One son, Vernis Warren Bartley preceded him in death. Paul and Sue had eight grandchildren: James Leslie Bartley, Caleb Epling MaKyla Epling, Elijah Epling Holy Wright, Lindsey Wright, Krstin Banks -Bartley and Hannah Banks-Bartley.

Paul also had two sisters: Myrba Bartley Potter (deceased) and Shelma Ann Bartley Stone.

Paul has been gone for many years, but he is still sorely missed by his wife, Sue, his children, Chyrel, LaDonna, and P.J. He only had two grandchildren when he passed away and they also miss him. Sister Shelma still talks of him. often. He is also missed by his. many friends.

He was a member of Hylton Chapel Freewill Baptist Church and was a dedicated Christian. Because of the testimony that he left, we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. He cannot come back here, but by the grace of God, we can go to him.

Written by his loving wife, Sue Rowe Bartley

### **Abbeygayle Raine Stewart**

You may never experience the pain I have experienced until you hear your baby cry for the first time and then hold her in your arms a few hours later while she takes her last breath.

She was everything I ever wanted. She was beautiful and she was mine. She was so tiny and so fragile, she looked just like a little angel. She may have only lived for a few hours but she grew, lived and breathed inside of me for six whole months. I felt her move and I watched her little heartbeat in every ultrasound.

My little angel will be a part of me forever. She will hold her own special place in my heart always. She will always be my first beautiful baby girl, all I and 1/2 pounds of her. I will never forget the sound of her sweet, soft cry or the way I felt when I saw her little sweet precious face. These are memories I will never forget.

Abbeygayle Raine Stewart born November 29th 2007 at 11:40 am lived until 3:00 pm. Here in our hearts forever and always--never to be forgotten.

Love,  
Your Mommy



### Betty Jo Osborn Hamilton

Betty Jo Osborn Hamilton, 75 of Jonancy, KY passed away Wednesday Feb. 6, 2008 at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was born in Pike County, KY on December 1, 1932 a daughter of the late Troy Lee Osborne and Sarah Margaret Caudill Osborne. She was a member of the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for 22 years. She is preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Elbert Eugene Hamilton. In addition by three brothers Bruce, Junior and Charles "Fats" Osborne and two sisters Hazel Osborne and

Bobbie Jane Acree. She is survived by six children, one daughter and her family whom she lived with, Jo Ellen and Perry Mullins, Jordan and Casey. Troy Hamilton, Vonda Evans, Reba Newsome, Sharon Ramey and Carolyn Sanders. She is also survived by one sister, Mary Alice Hampton of Newark, Ohio and two brothers, Vester Osborne of Caney, KY and Ellis Osborne of Grundy, Va. She also has 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grand children. She will be missed and loved by everyone.

### Sarah Faye Akers Basham

Daughter of the late David Akers and Oma Newsome Akers was born October 3, 1946 passed from this life July 26, 2008 making her stay on Earth 61 years 9 months 2 weeks and 2 days.

She was one of 10 children, being preceded in death by two brothers McKinley Akers and David Akers Jr. She left behind to mourn her Levi of Hazard, Robert Lee of Lower Pigeon, Billy of Little Robinson, Jay Lee and Joseph Edgar both of Virgie, Susie of Raccoon, and Artie of Staunton, VA. Sarah married Joe Kenneth Basham on July 19, 1969. Being married for 39 years. To this union was born no children. But as the Bible says a barren woman will be a mother to many, and she was. She was baptized on March 11, 1978 and was a faithful member in Church from then on.

Sarah was the founder of God's Helper's. She desired and enjoyed helping anyone with a need. Whether this need was food, clothing, furniture, or just a shoulder to lean on. She ministered to many that came to know the Lord. Her light was always shining and always came to the Lord in prayer with the needs of others.

Besides her Husband and siblings, Sarah left behind two aunts, Lou Anna Damron and Spicy Mcpeek, a host of nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. She will be missed by many, but our loss is Heaven's gain.





### Claude S Potter

My father, Claude S. Potter was born July 12, 1914, to John C. Potter and Mary Sykes Potter at Praise (now Elkhorn City), KY. He died, serving his country in World War II, on January 12, 1945. He was thirty-one years and six months old. He married Rachel Ratliff Potter. Four children were born to them: Donald Gene Potter, Kirby S. Potter, and Claudia Ann Potter. One son preceded him in death. The youngest child, Claudia was only six months of age at the time of his death.

One brother preceded him in death. He left one brother, Mack H. Potter, and four sisters, Myrtle Potter

Bartley and Lestil Potter Cantrell of Ashcamp, KY, Flo Potter Swiney and Trudy Potter Childress of Elkhorn City, KY to mourn his loss.

I never knew my dad. I just know what other people have told me. They have told my brothers and me that he was a good man and that he feared the Lord. They say that he was of the Baptist faith.

Our dad could have gotten out of going to war, but he said that it was his duty to go. He died for his country and my brothers and I can stand and say that we are very proud of our dad, even though we didn't get a chance to know him. We have always loved Dad dearly and I firmly believe that we will meet him in heaven someday and we will have eternity to get to know our dad.

I love you, Dad. Written by your loving daughter, Claudia Ann Potter

### Tammy Louise Coleman

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me," and with his help I will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend.

Tammy Louise Coleman was born on August 12, 1966, a daughter of Billy and the late Juanita Tackett Bentley.

She was a faithful member of the Rockhouse Unity Freewill Baptist church. On July 14, 1984, Tammy married Timothy Brian Coleman the love of her life.

On January 20, 1987 to this union was born Timothy Jordan Coleman, and Brittany Morgan Coleman. Tim and Tammy adopted Robert Douglas Spears. She is preceded in death by her mother Juanita Tackett Bentley. Tammy is survived by her loving husband of 24 years, Timothy Brian Coleman, two sons; Timothy Jordan Coleman and Robert Douglas Spears II, one daughter; Brittany Morgan Coleman, all of Rockhouse, Ky. Her loving father; Billy Edward Bentley of Little Creek, Ky., Her Father-in-law; Carl Leman Coleman, her mother-in-law; Mary Ethel Coleman, both of Rockhouse. One sister; Carolyn Kaye Kent of Johnson City TN, Tammy entered the arms of her loving Lord and savior on January 22, 2008 at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, Ky.





### Billie Lois "Sissy" Mullins

Sissy was born November 13, 1947 in Pike County, KY. She was the only daughter of the late J. T. Mullins and Atlas Mullins. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, David Mullins and Paul Edmond Johnson. She is survived by two brothers, Noah Lee Mullins of Pound, VA. and Jimmy Dale Mullins of Ashcamp, KY. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

On Saturday, December 1, 2007, Sissy joined Glory Bound Freewill Baptist Church. She loved to attend church. Her favorite song was "I'll Fly Away". She loved all her brothers and sisters in the Lord, but she especially loved her pastor, Brother Edgar Sanders, and she was his favorite little "Sissy".

Her favorite hobby was playing with her baby dolls and folding her baby clothes. This was a big part of her life.

Sissy was a very special, loving person. She loved everyone and everyone loved her. Her presence here on this earth will be greatly missed at home and at her church. We know that our loss is heaven's gain.

#### The Butterfly

Spread your wings and fly, Butterfly!  
Your beauty has touched us all.  
Your wings so very delicate,  
But your spirit conquers all.

You've given us so much on earth,  
But God now reclaims his prize  
Spread your wings and fly, Butterfly!  
Let your colors brighten the sky.

We will miss you dearly, but  
Your transition is complete  
Your wings are now an angel's  
So your Savior now to meet  
Spread your wings and fly, Butterfly.

Written by her sister-in-law and caregiver,





### **Charlie Beldon (Buck) Hamilton**

With love and deep regret I'm writing this obituary of my husband Charlie Beldon Hamilton, known to most as "buck". Charlie was born April 24, 1950, the son of Luther and Allene Kilgore Hamilton. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, one brother; Clarence Hamilton of Jackson's Branch and one sister, Mae Hamilton Silcox of Ashcamp, Ky. He leaves behind his wife of over 40 years, Coleen Gibson Hamilton of Sycamore, four sons; Charlie Beldon Hamilton II (Nuck) of Sycamore,

Jonathan Paul Hamilton of Ashcamp, Arnold Ray Hamilton of Shelby Gap and Darren Dwayne Hamilton of Hazard, Ky., six grandchildren, two step grandchildren, two sisters; Mary Jane Sanders of Sycamore and Mary Lou Killabrew of Kingsport, TN., a very, very special friend, Randall Heath Sanders of Sycamore, and a host of family and friends to mourn his passing. There is one thing I want to say to my children and grandchildren; Buck and Papaw can't come back to us, but we can go to him. My final prayer is when that time comes we can hold hands, look back and see our children and grandchildren coming to meet Jesus and us one by one so our family will be together again forever in the lord's presence. Written with tears and love by your grieving wife, Coleen Hamilton.

### **Reed D Potter Senior,**

Reed D. Potter age 83, passed away June 18th 2008. Born Oct. 3rd 1924 to Spicy Damron and John Morgan Potter, Reed Dennis Potter was one of sixteen children, In 1944 Uncle Sam called and Reed left the family to defend his country, He served proudly in the 87nd Airborne as a paratrooper. He was a demolition and explosives expert. He receiving two Purple Heart, five bronze stars and other medals. He jumped into Normandy as part of the D-Day invasion as a replacement on the second wave. He was heavily involved in the taking of the Nijmegen Bridge in operation "Market Garden". Also Reed was part of the US forces that stopped the German breakout during the "Battle of the Bulge".



He met and married his wife of 61 years Lorene Wynn on May 17th 1947. Their children Shawna Rene (Jimmy) Crum Jill Susan (Terry) Morgan and Reed Dennis (Misty) Potter, Jr.

He was baptized July 6, 1968 and became an active member of the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church. Reed served as Sunday School Superintendent for 15 years. Most recently he was serving his church as a trustee.

His greatest pride was in his family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His grandchildren include: Dr. James Brandon Crum, Dr. Joshua Reed Crum, Jeremy Dean Morgan, Dr. Christi Morgan Ratliff, Dustin Reed Potter, Ethan Garrett Potter, and Michael Joseph Potter. His great-grandchildren include: Jeremy Clay Morgan, Gabriel Madison Cram, Zachary James Crum, Gavin Cole Crum, Reagan Nicole Morgan, Kaden Joshua Crum, Nathan Connor Ratliff and Hannah Miller.



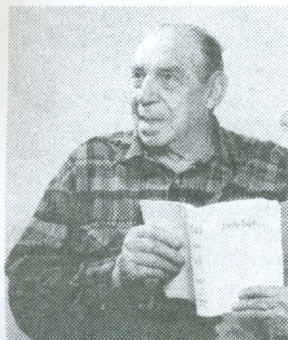
# **Harold Edwin and Janice Jewell Caudill**

(June 20, 1945-Oct. 26, 2004) (Dec. 21, 1948-Nov. 29, 2007)

Harold Edwin Caudill was born June 20, 1945 in Knott County to the late Ada and Melvin Caudill. He married Janice Jewel! Scott on January 14, 1967. She was born December 21, 1948 to the late Boyd and Fannie Scott. Into this union they brought three loving children Melissa Carol Ratliff, Tina Jewel! Williams and Melvin Harold Caudill. They also had one loving daughter-in-law Michelle Caudill. They were a loving Papaw and Granny to eight grandchildren Robbie Harold and his wife Jessie Branham, Christin Carol

Branham, Justin Gregory Ratliff, Maranda Nicole Ratliff~ Michael Edwin Caudill, Makayla Dawn Caudill, Madison Renee' Caudill, and McKenna Faith Caudill. Janice was saved and became a member of Dorton Freewill Baptist Church in May of 1997. It was not long until her loving husband as good as he was realized he lacked one thing to accept Jesus into his life and be baptized and he was on July of 1999 at which time he took up membership with the Dorton Freewill Baptist Church. Early on October 26, 2004, God sent an angel and called Harold home. This was a very sad day for us all. Harold was a wonderful husband, father, papaw, brother, and friend. He was always there for whoever needed him. He put God first, then everyone else, and his self last. He would have gave you the shirt of his own back if you needed it. I miss his special hugs, our talks, his smile and I know you made me the person I am. Harold touched anyone who meet him. He left behind his wife, children, grandchildren, three brothers and sister-in-laws (Larry and Ruth Caudill, Glen and Phyllis Caudill, Kirby and Martha Caudill) and one sister and brother-in-law (Patsy and Guy Parks) a host of friends and family. Janice spent three long years mourning the death of her beloved husband and sadly on November 29, 2007 in a car accident God took her home. We greatly miss our unique Mom, Granny and friend. She could always put a smile on you face. We spent many happy hours seeing her laugh as she told a joke. She loved her grandchildren and they'll miss their times together. She left behind her children, grandchildren, three sisters and two brother-in-laws (Jeanette and Tom Jent, Ruth and Larry Caudill, Irene Mullins), and a host of friends and family. With the passing of Harold and Janice Caudill our family has lost a huge link in our family chain but if we hold to God's Strong hand and press forward then I know in heaven once again our chain shall be relinked. We love and miss you both not one day goes by that you are not thought of

## NEW DURHAM OBITUARIES



### **Rev. Howard Reynolds**

Rev. Howard Reynolds age 82 departed this life to be with his Lord on Dec. 19 2007. A loving husband, father and grandfather who dedicated his whole life to the Lord. A simple man who loved going to church and preaching God's word and when pain overtook his body he still pushed and made his way to God's house. He wasn't a man of wealth or riches just a poor hard working farmer who was content with what the Lord had gave him. He worked hard to raise and provide for his family and trusted the Lord to supply all of his needs. He traveled

many miles visiting many churches to preach God's word and win lost souls to the Lord. Left behind to miss and morn their loss was his wife of 29 years Betty, 2 daughters Kathy Whitt and Deborah Reynolds Four sons, Donald, Ken, Darrell and Johnny. His step children who he loved as his own Karen Honaker, Wayne, Rick and Bryan Hess. Many grand children and great-grand children. I know that our loss was heavens gain. His work on earth was done so God called him home. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. His family, preaching brothers, church family and all the people who's life he touched. There will always be a void place in our hearts. We know that we will be reunited again if we trust in God and keep God in our hearts.

### **Ernest Dishman**

Ernest Dishman, 67, died Thursday, June 19, 2008 at Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee.

He was born in Dante, Virginia; son of the late Everett and Ruby Atkins Dishman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Dishman; two brothers, Paul "Poochie" Dishman and Everett Diddle" Dishman., Jr.

He is survived by one daughter, Nina Home and husband, Greg of Castlewood, Virginia; two sons, Lee Dishman and wife, Kathy of Rockford, Illinois and Louie Dishman of Rockford, Illinois; two brothers, Fines Dishman and wife, Henrietta of Castlewood, Virginia and Roger Dishman and wife, Tern of Castlewood, Virginia; eight grandchildren, one great grandchild; several nieces and nephews.



## Christina Faye Sproles Ervin



Christina Faye Sproles Ervin, 69, [led home to be with the Lord on Monday, May 26 in Wellmont - Mountainview Regional Medical Norton, Virginia. She was born in Dante, Virginia; daughter of the late Thurman and Mary Casteel Sproles. She was a member of Straight Hollow Freewill Baptist Church, Dante, Virginia. She is survived by her husband of Fifty years, Fred Lee Ervin; one son, Larry Shane Ervin and wife, Stephanie of Elgin, South Carolina; two sisters, Mary Ruth Sproles of Dante, Virginia and Shirley Ann Sproles of Dante, Virginia; three grandchildren, Hunter Ervin, Tayler Ervin and Madison Ervin of Elgin, South Carolina; several

nieces and nephews.

## Fannie Nuckles Fletcher

Fannie Nuckles Fletcher died September 30 2007. Fannie was born August 26, 1909 in Buchanan County, VA. To G.W. "Doc" and Clercy Ray Nuckles. Fannie is survives by, sons Arnold (Eva) Fletcher and Jerry (Brenda) Fletcher. Daughters Irene (Herman) Compton, Peggy (E.G.) Keen, Joann (Benny) Keen, Betty (G.B.) Fletcher Shirley Compton Darlene (Henry (Tim) Ratliff. Brothers Arthur Nuckles and Rev. Ellis Nuckles. Sisters Juanita Farmer, Edna Childress, Ada Farmer, Marie Nuckles, and Alice Farmer. 14 Grandchildren and 26 Great-Grandchildren.



### Fannie

THE SWEET MOUNTAIN ROSE

*The Beginning* — August 26, 1999

*A little white house high on a hill Children were playing I can hear them still.  
Sewing and cooking doing all that she could Giving her best to the whole neighborhood  
Rocking her babies in an old straight back chair Raising her children on clean mountain air.  
Family was her life, she had the best of all worlds Raising two little boys and six baby girls  
Each found a partner and then flew away Some went far, some chose to stay.  
The in-laws were welcome as time went along Treating each one like we were her own.  
Some things stand out as clear as a bell — She could talk to the neighbor with a half-a-mile yell.  
She was always giving never asking anything back — I would love to have a We like that. She  
stood her ground each and every day Thank God for a Mom that did it her way! Lucky one, that  
tear in my eye, You see — It is not only for you, but also for me.*

*The New Beginning* — September 30, 2007

*P.S. Backward, turn backward o' time in your flight Give me that feeling, just for a night.*

### Mary Tompa Harris



Mary Tompa Harris, 89, died July 8, 2008 at Russell County Medical Lebanon, Virginia. She was born in Cleveland, Virginia; daughter of the late John, Sr. and Mary Tompa. She was a member of Castlewood Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Harris; and one nephew, Bobby Tompa. She is survived by six nieces, Julie Cook of Castlewood, Virginia, Betty Castle and husband, Pete of Dante, Virginia, Jane Phillips and husband, Tom of Dante, Virginia, Peggy Renfro and husband, Gerald of Kingsport, Tennessee, Judy Cody of Kingsport, Tennessee, and Mary Jones and husband, Gary of Kingsport, Tennessee; and two nephews, Frank Tompa, Jr. of Coeburn, Virginia and John Tompa of Tazewell, Virginia.



### Larry Dawson Ray

Our hearts are heavy and our lives empty, but with the help of the Lord above, we will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved brother. Larry was born May 22 1949 to the late Dawson Earnest and Ethel Herndon Ray. Larry was one of six children. On March 11, 2008 the Lord called him to his Heavenly Home. Making his stay on earth 58 years nine month and eighteen days. He leaves behind four sisters: Faye Brown, Gaye Matney, Glenda Sizemore and Carol Sizemore. One brother Jimmy Ray. Larry was a true and faithful Christian and looked forward to going to church. He was a member of Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church. We love and miss you but someday we will meet again. So rest in peace dear one.

Written by your loving family



## ROBERT "BOOZER" ROBINSON



Robert "Boozer" Robinson, 80, died Sunday, June 22, 2008 at Johnston Memorial Hospital. Abingdon, Virginia. He was born in Nickelsville, Virginia; son of the late McCoy Robinson and Maggie Hawkins Maxfield. He was preceded in death by his step father, Cecil Maxfield; one son, Robert Randall Robinson; one sister, Betty Greer; and one brother, Harold Robinson. He was a retired miner and a member of the U.M.W.A. He was a great Dad. He is survived by his wife, Mamie "Mae" Robinson; one daughter, Gail Casteel and husband, David of Castlewood, Virginia; two sons, Mike Robinson and wife, Addrienne of Castlewood, Virginia

and Terry Robinson and wife Becky, of Castlewood, Virginia; five sisters, Doris Hall of Dante, Virginia, Glenna Jones of Dante, Virginia, Ruth Fields of Dante, Virginia, Judy Porter and husband, Harold of Castlewood, Virginia, and Joyce Greer of Castlewood, Virginia; one brother, Eugene Maxfield and wife, Diane of Castlewood, Virginia; seven grandchildren, Craig Casteel, Shannon Casteel Franklin, Brianne Casteel, Zachary Robinson, Lindsey Robinson, Caitlin Robinson, and Ethan Robinson; three great grandchildren, Faith, Jade and Gabriel several nieces and nephews

## Eliza "Dude" Shoemaker

Proverb 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above Rubies. Eliza "Dude" Shoemaker, went to be with the Lord on July 14, 2008 at Russell County Medical Center, Lebanon, Virginia, making her stay here on earth 96 years.

She was born in Scott County, Virginia, daughter of the late Henry and Lucy Castle. She was a resident of Dante, Virginia since 1941. Many friends will miss the friendly face and welcoming smile as she bid them to come in for a visit. Everybody enjoyed the love she showed, and the generous way she gave of herself and all she had to anyone in need. Let us pray we all keep holding on till we meet her again in heaven. She loved going to Straight Hollow Church when she was able and loved the fellowship of God's people. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest "Crack" Shoemaker; and one son, Ernie Shoemaker

She is survived by one daughter, Judy Mays and husband, Hobart, Jr. of St. Paul, Virginia; seven grandchildren, Mike Patrick, Rhonda Patrick, Buford Patrick, Jr., Stephen Patrick, Chad Patrick, Gary Shoemaker, and Richard Shoemaker, one step granddaughter Melba Fields; twenty-three great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild, Kira Patrick; several nieces and nephews.



### **Ruth Ward Verbal**



Ruth Ward Verbal, 77, Friday, June 1, 2008 at Russell County Medical Lebanon, Virginia. She was born in Dante, Virginia; daughter of the late Claude and Goldie Fritts Ward. She was preceded in death by a son, Jackie Lynn Verbal; and one sister, Doris Jean Ward Tarr. She is survived by her husband, James D. Verbal; one son, Larry Verbal and girlfriend, Libby Reynolds of Abingdon, Virginia; one sister, Hazel Bea and husband, Jerry of Rockford, Illinois; one nephew, David Bea of Wheaton, Illinois; one niece, Jennifer Sullins and husband, Bobby of Elizabethton, Tennessee; one great niece, Carlee Sullins of Elizabethton, Tennessee; two aunts, Leona Summerville and Pat Johnson both of Michigan; several cousins, and some very close and special friends.

### **Earnest Nuckles**

Earnest Nuckles age 71 of Big A Mountain section of Honaker Va. Passed away Wed. June 25 2008 in a Richland Hospital .Born in Buchanan Co. Sept 29 1936 son of the late Dewey and Oma Tiller Nuckles . He spent most of his life in Buchanan and Russell County. He was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church. He served as Deacon, Trustee and Sunday School Superintendent. He loved to go to church but had to miss some at last due to sickness. He was a Carpenter and took pride in his work. He loved life so good and tried so hard to get well. He fought a courageous battle with cancer. He will never suffer again. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Eva Jean Sprouse. Survivors his wife of 43 years Lois Ellen Smith Nuckles. One son and daughter-in-law Bradley and Jennifer Nuckles of Honaker, two grandchildren Brandon Nuckles and Lexi Nuckles Two sister Ivanell Tilter and Sandy (Rob) Wilson.. Three brothers:Harley Nuckles Ervin (Wilma) Nuckles and J.D. (Loretta) Nuckles and several Nieces and Nephews



## **PIKE COUNTY OBITUARIES**



### **Rev. Jimmy Skeens**

Rev. Jimmy Skeens age 70, of Pikeville passed away Sat. Sept. 8 2007

Jimmy Skeens was a carpenter a member of the Free-will Baptist Church at Stone Coal, and a minister for over 35 years.

He was also a Marine Veteran.

Jimmy Skeens was born in Pike County, Kentucky on October 9, 1936 the son of the late John Skeens and Ruby Childers. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother Joim Skeens, Jr. and a

sister Billie Charles.

Jimmy Skeens is survived by his wife Erma Ratliff Skeens.

He is also survived by three sons James Skeens of Salyersville, Kentucky, Robert Skeens and Sherman Skeens and his wife Patty all of Marion, NC. Jimmy Skeens is survived by two daughters Tammy Rumfelt her husband Keith of Marion, NC and Sandra Dixon her husband Dennis of Pikeville, Kentucky. Jimmy Skeens is also survived by two brothers Fon Skeens of Dearborne Heights, MI, Curtis Skeens of Morganton, NC and two sisters Ollie Smith of Reynoldsburg, OH and Betty Clayton of Marion, NC.

Also survived by six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Jimmy Skeens will be sadly missed by his family, loved one and many friends.

DAVE Rites will be held at the Cemetery by DAV Chapter 166.

### **James T. Hatfield 1920-2008**

James T. Hatfield went home to be with the Lord on May 17, 2008 at his home in Hardy, KY, surrounded by his loving family as he fought a courageous battle with cancer.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Smith and Minnie (Stacy) Hatfield and one Grandson, Gregory Shawn Hatfield.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Ruby Hatfield and four sons, Paul (Debby) Hatfield, Terry (Colleen) Hatfield, Greg (Debbie) Hatfield and Eddie Bruce (Connie) Hatfield.; six grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and a Host of family, friends And his loving church family at the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church.





### **Fannie Justice Hatcher**

Fannie Justice Hatcher of Jacksonville, Florida passed away May 20, 2007. She was born in Harold, Ky., the daughter of the late James M. and Rissie Adkins Justice on May 24, 1922 and was the widow of Bernard B. Hatcher. She was saved 2003 and became a member of the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church. She will be long missed by her family and friends.

### **Jordan Michael Newsome**

It is with sad heart that we try to write the obituary of Jordan Michael Newsome. He was born on July 13, 2008 and was called home July 15, 2008.

He was the son of Willis Newsome & Cr stat Roberts.

He is survived by one brother, Peyton. He is also survived by material grandparents, Lawrence & Shirley Roberts, paternal Grandparents, Paul & Julie Belle Newsome, maternal great Grandmother Virginia Newsome and paternal Great grandmother Louise Newsome

He will be sadly missed by a host of Uncles, Aunts, Cousins and Friends

It comforts us to know that he is resting in our LORD.



### **Arley M. Smith Jr.**

Sept. 24, 1966 —June 18, 2007

My Love

We little knew that morning God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories. Your love is still our guide, and though we can not see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I would walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.

I will love you forever, your wife, Loretta Smith

I miss you Daddy, your Baby girl, Jenny Leigh Smith





### Jean Gray Anderson

Jean Gray Anderson, age 74, of Shelby Gap, passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the Parkview Health Care Center. She was born on April 11, 1934, the daughter of the late Arville and Cynthia Mullins Belcher. She was also preceded in death by one grandson, Travis Ratliff. Jean was a homemaker and a member of the Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Delbert Anderson, by one son, Larry Anderson of Shelby Gap, by two daughters, Joe Dale Anderson of Louisville, KY. and Tangie Chaney of Pompey, by five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, and a host of loving family and friends that will miss her dearly.

Written by the family

### Jill Jude

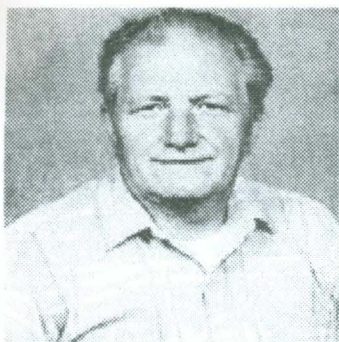
Beloved wife and mother, Jill E Jude, 52, of Canada Ky., fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to awaken in glory from her home on Saturday, May 10, 2008 with her family at her side, following a valiant and faith-filled battle with cancer.

Born April 22, 1956 in Akron, Ohio, she was the daughter of Robert F. and the late Patricia K. Garnon. In addition to her father, she is survived by her husband of 29 years, Mark S Jude Sr.; sons, Mark S. (Kayla) Jude Jr., of Hardy, Ky. and Robert Michael Jude of home; daughter, Jennifer Hamilton of Tenn.; sister, Joan ( Marty ) Allen; brothers, Lee and Larry Garnon of Gahanna, Ohio, along with several nieces and nephews and a host of young children whom she claimed as her own. She was eagerly awaiting the birth of her first grandchild in November.

Jill grew up in Whitehall, Ohio and graduated from Whitehall Yearling High School in 1974. She was a homemaker and previously served as a nurse's aid in the United States Armed Forces. She lived a joyful Christian life for 18 years, 15 of which she was a dedicated Sunday School teacher and member of the Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church; having worshipped for the past three years at the Octavia Free Will Baptist Church.

She was a blessing to all who knew her. She will be deeply missed and never forgotten by her family, church and community





### **Herman Edward ( Doodle) Williamson**

Herman was born April 10, 1936 at Stone, KY, the son of Emery and Arlene (Grizzel) Williamson. He departed this life Dec. 15, 2007.

Herman was nicknamed Doodle by his younger brother, James. It was a name that would stay with him throughout his life.

He was married to Mary (Woods) Williamson, who passed away in 1984 and the father to three living children. He was preceded in death by one son, David Lee, who was dead at birth and daughter, Madena Thacker who went to be with

the Lord Sept 27, 1985.

Surviving Doodle are sons Emery Harold ( Butch) Williamson, Paul Randall Williamson, daughter, Pamela Suzanne Hunt and 8 grandchildren.

Doodle was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for many years . He is surely missed in his little corner where he always sat at every church service. Doodle was loved by all who knew him.

### **Jimmy Vaughn Smith** 1939-2007

It is with much sadness that I write this obituary of my beloved son, Jimmy Vaughn Smith

Jimmy Vaughn was born on January 10, 1939 and went home to be with the Lord on October 19, 2007.

He was the son of Sidney and Lynchia Smith of Toler, Kentucky. He leaves behind a brother, Douglas Smith, and two sons, Jimmy Vaughn, Jr. and Sidney Glen Smith.

Jimmy Vaughn was the proud grandfather of Zane, Zachary, Zanna, J.B., Megan and Caitlin Smith.

Jimmy Vaughn was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church, being baptized on the 13th day of May, 1996.

He is sadly missed and will never be forgotten by all his family and friends.

Jimmy Vaughn was a special son and a friend to all who knew him.

Written by his Mother;  
Lynchia Smith



## **Bobby Billiter**



Bobby Billiter, 68, of Williamson, passed away Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Ky..

Born July 30, 1939 at Goody, Ky., he was the son of the late Jonah C and Ella Blackburn Billiter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister: Marietta Coleman and brother: James Billiter.

He was a veteran serving in Germany with the U.S. Army. He was a past Worshipful Master at the Myrtle Masonic Lodge in Ypsilanti, Mich. and a member of the Moose Lodge and a member of the Leckieville

FreeWill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his sisters; Brenda Maynard of Sidney, Ky. and Claudia (David) Clay of Leckieville, Ky., brother-in-law: Don Coleman of Springfield, Fla., sister-in-law; Betty Billiter of Belleville, Mich. Also surviving are five nephews, six nieces, and a special cousin: Deanna McGuire along with a host of other cousins.

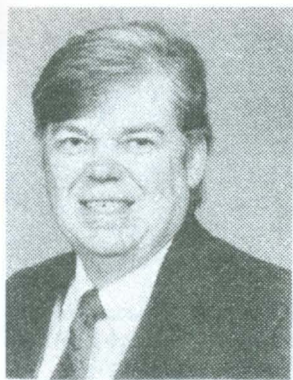
## **James Earl Collins**

As I try to write this obituary of my beloved Uncle James Collins, born March 11, 1945- died Oct. 24, 2007, of the late Edward and Ethel Collins, I think of how small he was in stature, but how big he was in spirit and love. I think of how much love he had for the Lord, and all of God's people. I guess if James could speak to us, this is what he would say.

Welcome to my world, won't you come on in, music is playing all the time, step into my heart and leave your cares behind, Welcome to my world with you in mind, knock and the door will open. Seek and you will find it, ask and you will be given, the keys to this world of mine. I'll be waiting here with my arms uncurled. Welcome to my World!

Sadly missed by all who knew him, Tommy, Cathy, Lillie, Paul and everyone at Stone Coal Church.





### Jimmy Wellman

My dad was born December 10 , 1935 , a gift sent from God , and on December 8 , 2007 , passed into the loving arms of Jesus . In my mind , I remember my dad as being a great husband , father , and friend . It wasn't easy to deal with the news of his loss because he meant so much to me , but I know God knew best , and daddy is in a place of unimaginable joy and peace . I still remember the time we got saved . I went forward , and I didn't realize daddy had came also until I saw him with me ! We started on the journey with the Lord together . Now he is ahead of me . He is already enjoying what I can attain someday if I hold on to Jesus .

My dad didn't have the call to preach or of being a deacon , but he had an amazing ability to build and fix things . God gave him this ability , and dad was a real blessing to churches for his abilities . I feel he'll be well remembered as a great musician and singer . I believe he touched many lives through this ministry . I don't remember dad as being a very forward or outspoken person , but his ministry spoke loudly as a witness for God . I felt that when God called me into the ministry , He called daddy too , for we were partners in the work . Daddy was so good to mom's family , and took care of his mother and showed kindness to her family . Daddy was so special in that way . I know that I'll miss him throughout the rest of my life . No one will ever take his place in my heart . Daddy left here as a true Christian who loved the Lord with all his heart . I am inspired to go on for God and to try to live it to the fullest for Jesus , because I know that's what daddy would have wanted me to do . I am truly looking forward to the day that I can walk together with daddy and Jesus with all the saints by the sweet river of God that will never run dry !

Brother Darrell Wellman





## Harvey Hess

Brother Harvey Hess was born June 24, 1922 and died May 6, 2007. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy "Thacker" Hess, one daughter -Elsie Marcum, and one son - Donald Hess. Brother Harvey was survived by four daughters, Emogene Craig, Josephine Stiltner, Patricia Cole and Ruth Marcum; and two sons - James Otis Hess and Eddie Dean Hess.

Brother Harvey was a member of the Canada Freewill Baptist. He visited many churches in the area and was

loved by all that knew him He is greatly missed by us but we know that our loss is Heavens' gain.

Written by Church Family

## Estel E Lovell

Estel E. Woody Love!!, well known residence of West Williamson, died suddenly at his residence on Tuesday, January 1, 2008. He was 78. Born at Freeburn, Ky., on May 21, 1929, he was the son of the late Alexander C. Lovell and Dixie Smith Lovell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a beloved daughter, Irene Lovell Roddy; six brothers, Hubert, Norris, Howard, Chester, Clifford and Riland Lovell; and three sisters Blanche Hatfield, Eugenia Charles and Irene Harmon.

Woody was employed in the mining industry for over 40 years. He was employed as a foreman with U. S. Steel Company for many years and later retired from Sprouse Creek Processing, where he had 15 years of service. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served during the Korean Conflict. He was a Kentucky Colonel and a member of the UMWA, Local #1440. He was a former member of the Williamson Board of Parks. He was a member of the Leckieville FreeWill Baptist Church.

Woody had a keen interest in politics and formerly served as a democratic committeeman for six years. He enjoyed talking politics, and was looking forward to the local, state and national '08 elections.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lorraine McCoy Love!!; one son, A. C. Love!! of Williamson; one grandson, Michael Todd (Dawnyell) Roddy, of Belfry, Ky., two sisters, Tessie Phillips of Williamson, and Susie Mae Brown of Portsmouth, Va. He was also the loving great- grandfather of Michael Jakob and Joshua Todd Roddy. Woody is also survived by several nieces, nephews and many good friends who will miss him very much.





## TOMMY RANDALL COLLINS

With broken and thankful heart we attempt to write the obituary of our son, Tommy Collins - broken for his having left us so soon, but thankful for all the precious memories

Made during his brief life. Tommy was born on Aug. 11, 1961, to Janis and Elsie Collins of Grassy Creek, loving - -parents who, from the beginning instilled in him the importance of family and morality. He married Sandy Sep. 3rd 1982. They were very happy

together. Tommy gave his life to the Lord and was baptized at the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church on Jan. 1, 2006. Our Lord called him to heaven on Jan 17 2008. A special outpouring of love was expressed by the community at his funeral Tommy was the baby of the family and was so loved and respected by his sister Patty and brothers Clayton and Danny. He had a wonderful smile for everyone he met. He also had a sensitive loving nature and it was a joy to be his friend.

Tommy especially loved children and he had a wonderful relationship with Tyler and Taylor Anderson, children from the community. They loved to tell him about things that was happening in their young life and he was always anxious to hear about them. Tommy was always willing to help others. and would go out of his way to do so. He leaves a legacy of love to his family, friends and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and nephews.. To know him was to love him.

WITTEN BY Annetta Stanley

## Ersal "Buddy Son" Varney

In loving memory of Ersal "Buddy Son" Varney Born Friday May 24 1935 at Kimper, The son of the late Whetsel and Frankie Varney. He was a coal miner for 44 years before retiring, and a member of the Edo Freewill Baptist church. Ersal died Friday October 19-2007, at Pikeville Medical Center.

He is survive by his wife, Ruby Ann Leedy Varney, and Three Daughters, Wanda Carol Chapman, Connie Loretta Barker, Tina Charlene Varney, all of Kimper. Two Brother Orville Varney, of Phyllis, and Richard Dean Harris, of Mouthcard, three sisters, Zerlie Charles of Scottsburg IN Glenna May Varney, Jean Harris, both of Mouthcard, Three Grandchildren: Brian Ersal Lee Chapman, Amy Barker, And Andrea Barker.





### Brian Keith Matlock

With deepest sorrow we will write this obituary for Brian Keith Matlock. He was born Tuesday July 21, 1987 to Jimmy Dale Matlock and the late Linda Marie (Mullins) Johnson. He was called home to be with our LORD Friday June 6, 2008. He is survived by his father; foster parents James "Bo" and Valerie Keene; grandparents, J.B. and Louise Matlock and Nellie Goade, foster grandparents, Dempsey and Marlene Adkins, Ruby and the late Everett Keene; siblings, Jimmy, Mike, Brandon, and

Tessa; foster siblings, Michael and Bethany Keene, Felisha Trent, and Barbara Hicks; uncle MacArthur; aunt Marie Ann; nephew, Curtis; numerous cousins; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones. He was a 2008 graduate of Shelby Valley High School and a faithful member of Hope Freewill Baptist Church. He is remembered for the many and generous contributions he made to his family, friends, and community. Brian Keith Matlock will be deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by his remarkable presence.

### Thomas Keen "Toe" Thacker

With a broken heart and loving memories and with the help of our Savior, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Thomas Keen "Toe" Thacker. Toe was born December 24, 1964 in Pikeville, Kentucky to Alta Lee Chaney Thacker and the late Keen Jr. Thacker. Toe departed this life on November 4, 2007.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Willard Thacker.

He is survived by his wife Romona (Susie) Thacker; two brothers and two sisters: Ricky Dean Thacker of Raccoon, Dan L Thacker of Raccoon, Melissa Tackett of Floyd County, and Loretta Taylor of Johns Creek. He is also survived by three children: Rachel Bevins of Phelps, Thomas Dillon Thacker of Raccoon, and Daisy NaShae Thacker and one granddaughter, Stormie Bevins. Toe also leaves behind several nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

On July 31, 2005 Toe gave his heart the Lord and became a loyal and faithful member of the Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church. He loved his brothers and sisters in church and loved going to church. Toe and I married on December 4, 2001 but spent almost 10 years together. Even though our time together was short, I loved him dearly and hope to see him one day soon when the good Lord calls us home. Toe wasn't just my loving husband, he was my best friend. Toe enjoyed going to church and spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed coon hunting and going fishing. He was a loving father and grandfather. Toe, you will be forever missed by family and friends. I will always love you and one day soon I will see you again. You are forever in my heart and always on my mind. (Written by his wife Susie)





**Ray Slone**  
1934-2008

Ray Slone, of Kimper, passed away on Friday February 1, 2008 at his residence. He was born September 19, 1934 to the late Bogar and Ollie (Chapman) Slone. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Edo Freewill Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Chester, Freeman, Luther, Lonnie, and Bogar Jr. Slone and by three sisters, Jude Reynolds, Trudy Roop, and Jettie Ward. He was also preceded in death by one son, Kevin Slone.

Ray is survived by his wife, Phyllis Slone, one son, William Garland (Patty) Slone of Kimper; two daughters, Sondra (Darrell) Thacker of Kimper, and Bonnie (Jeff) Kendrick of Nicholasville, KY; One step son David Varney of Kimper and four Step Daughters, Diana Caines, Norma Jean May, and Tabitha Maynard, all of Kimper, and Tammy Lynn Moore of Martin. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, ten step grandchildren, and a host of great grandchildren. He also leaves many other loving relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

#### **Alice H Mowles**

It is with great sadness that I write this obituary of my loving mother, Alice H Mowles, 90. She was born Sept. 5, 1917 at Big Rock 16. She passed away Monday, July 7, 2008. Alice was born to late John H. and Katherine Elizabeth Siltner Blair. She was a homemaker and a member of the Leckieville FreeWill Baptist Church.

Survivors include daughter, Elizabeth Ann McCoy of South Williamson, Ky., Brothers Willard Blair of Baltimore, Md. And William Roberts of Bluefield, WV. : sisters Rosetta Shelton of Bradshaw and Mary Muncy of Peters-town ,WV. Grandchildren, Ikey Lee McCoy of South Williamson,Ky., Ted Dwane McCoy of South Williamson, Ky. and Dewey Lee McCoy II of Charlotte, N.C.. She was buried at Williamson's Fairview cemetery. In my heart I know Mother was ready to meet her Lord.

Written by: Daughter, Elizabeth McCoy





### Calvin "Peanut" Ray

It is with a sad heart we write the obituary of our dear beloved dad, Calvin "Peanut" Ray. He was born April 2, 1946, to Calvin and Mary Ray. He departed this life on June 18, 2008, being 62 years of age. He was a member of the Meathouse Freewill Baptist Church, where he served as a Christian for over three years, a retired coal miner and was married to Ruth "Pinkie" Slone Ray. They had three children: Michael Ray, Tommy Sue Ray Williams, and James Calvin Ray; five grandchildren, four sis-

ters and two brothers. Dad loved the Lord, the church and his family and although we miss him, we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written in loving memory by his family.

### Marsha Lynn Cox Beavers

I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of our loving daughter Marsha. She was born in California on June 14, 1960 to William and Ruby Chaney Cox. Marsha was the oldest of six children, and she always helped me with the younger children. She gave her heart to the Lord when she was only 13. Marsha had a hard life raise 4 children as a single mom in the latter years, but she would have laid down her life for her children. They meant so very much to her. When she got so very sick and the children could not take care of her, we took her into our home and cared for her the last 3 month of her life. I wish we could have done more for her, but her faith in God made it more real that she was ready to go to her heavenly home. I pray that her children can see what their mom had was very real, and they will want to go to Heaven to be with her. I know that if we all seek his will we can meet her again on Heavens bright shore. We will never quit loving you and we keep your smiling face in our hearts always.



Written by Carolyn Sue Cox

## Fannie "Blue" White

Fannie White, affectionately known as Blue to family and friends was born to Ellis and Dora White of Turkey Creek KY. She was one of four children born in this family. Blue departed this life on October 01, 2007, exactly one year from the date and with the same diagnosis as her twin Annie Bond also of Turkey Creek, KY. She was preceded in death by her brother Eugene White of Savannah, GA December 2006, approximately 2 months from the time their sister Annie Bond had departed this life. Left to mourn the passing of three siblings in a 12 month period was her beloved brother Danny White and his wife Bobbie of Harriman, TN and her sister-in-law Mary Lou White of Savannah, GA.

Blue is also survived by 5 nephews and 1 niece which she claimed as her own children, 3 great nephews, 3 great nieces and 2 great great nieces.

Affectionately known as Aunt Blue to 4 special children she loved dearly and claimed them for her own: Brandon and wife Jessica White of Corvallis OR, Kayla White and Holly White of Turkey Creek, KY, children of Sandy White Cline.

Blue was retired from Appalachian Regional Hospital South Williamson KY. Blue stayed at home and cared for both of her parents until they departed this life before getting a job. God will greatly reward her for this, being so dedicated to her parents and siblings.

Blue was a faithful member of Belfry Freewill Baptist Church and dearly loved her pastor, Bro. Buddy and Sister Gay Kendrick. When meeting Blue, it would not take long for her to tell you she was proud to be a "Freewill" and attend church at Belfry FWB and of her wonderful church family.

Blue left behind many good memories for her family, friends, and church family. She will always be remembered for her great sense of humor, wittiness, and always having a good time. If you were around Blue, there was always a good time of laughter and never a dull moment.

Blue was a very good cook, baking unique pies, cakes, cookies, and salads that no one else could make or knew how to make. Memories of these will never be forgotten with her family, friends, and church family.

Blue loved the Lord and loved attending church and was always there except in times of sickness for her or her family. She was saved at a young age and would often walk to church in her community, just so she could be in church.

Blue is greatly missed by her family, friends, and church family. I loved her as if she were my own family, and felt as if I was. She was always there for me with raising my family, or if I needed her any hour as she was there for me or for anyone in the community. There are not enough words or right words to describe Sister Blue. She was kind to everyone and always present in a time of need. Although our hearts are lonely for Blue, and we miss her daily, often picking up the phone to call and check on her, have a chat or a good laugh, we feel our loss is Heavens gain. If we want to see Blue again we must strive and walk the narrow path so we can make Heaven our home and see her again.

Written in Loving Memory of My Dear Friend and Sister in Christ, Sandy White Chine



### Sara Elizabeth Colley

Sara Elizabeth Colley, 12. of Shelby Gap passed from this earthly life Sunday, May 25, 2008 due to injuries sustained in an ATV accident. She was born November 6, 1995 at the Pikeville Medical Center to David Colley and Katrina Colley Maynard. She was a 6th grade student at Elkhorn City Elementary. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Peggy Maynard and her paternal grandmother, Shirley Colley.

In addition to her parents she is survived by one brother, Kyle Colley; her step-mother, Selena Colley; and one step brother, Logan Spears all of the home; her maternal grandfather, William Maynard of Hurricane Creek, Pikeville, and her paternal grandfather, Joe Colley and his wife Molly of Shelby Gap.

In the end it's not the years in your life, it's the life in your years. Sleep safely in God's arms, our angel.

### Maxine Marian

February 4, 1935- May 1, 2008

#### Survivors

Husband: Franklin Marian Son: Benjamin (Paula ) Marion  
 Daughter: Adline (Kenneth ) Bowling Sisters: Delores Jean  
 Hylton, Lorraine Woods and Pauline Richardson  
 Special Friend: Minnie Goins  
 Grandchildren: Mary Elizabeth Arnold, Kenneth Leslie Bow-  
 ling II, Joshua Marian, Corey Marian, Brandon Goins and Britt-  
 ney Goins  
 Five Great Grandchildren



#### "Miss Me-But Let Me Go"

When I come to the end of the road And the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a  
 gloom filled room Why cry for a soul set free. Miss me a little- but not too long And  
 not with head bowed low. Remember the love that was once shared Miss me but let  
 me go

For this is a journey we must all take And each must go along It is all a part of the  
 Master's plan A step on the road to home When you are lonely and sick of heart Go  
 to friends we know And bury your sorrows in Doing good deeds Miss me - But let

## RUBY BLACKBURN



Ruby Lois (Bevins) Blackburn, 79, went home to be with JESUS surrounded by her family and caregivers, Sunday November 04, 2007, at her residence in Forest Hills, Ky. She was born April 24, 1928, daughter of the late Clyde and Zetta (Morris) Bevins. In addition to her parents, she was also, preceded In death by her husband of 56 years, Admiral D. Blackburn; one brother, Calvin Bevins; one sister, Rowena Nickels.

She was a member of Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Larry (Pat) Blackburn of South Williamson, Ky. and Randy (Linda) Blackburn of Sidney, Ky.; one sister Priscilla (Bill) Pendleton of Gate City, Va.; one brother Kenneth (Jen) Bevins of Roanoke, Va. and sister-in-law, Fairlene (Alan) Justice of DeLand, Fla.

She is also, survived by a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, caregivers and a host of friends who loved her dearly.

Friends and family served as pallbearers



## Peggy Shannon Maynard

Peggy S. Maynard, age 63 of Pikeville, passed away Thursday October 25, 2007. She had been a retired store clerk and had been a member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church for 46 years. She was born in Pikeville, Ky. on October 4, 1944 a daughter of the late Winfred Lee "Doc" Hunt and Vessie Mae (Keathley) Hunt. She was preceded in death by her father, Winfred on December 8, 1989 and her mother, Vessie on August 2, 1990, by two brothers, Roy Hunt and Cledis Riley and four sisters, Dollie Hunter, Mollie Phillips, Bernice Hunt. She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, William Harold Maynard and three daughters, Sherry (Barry) Parsons, of Little Mud, KY; Diann Lislie (Thomas) Hollyfield of Pikeville, Ky. And Katrina Maynard of Pikeville, Ky. Three brothers, Clinton Hunt of Harrodsburg, Ky., Linzie Hunt of Taylor, Michigan and John D. Hunt of Cave Run, Ky. And two sisters, Mattie Carter of North Carolina and Carolyn Sue Patton of Pikeville, Ky. She is also survived by five Grandchildren, T.J. Hollyfield, Amanda Hollyfield, Zack Parson and Kyle Colley and Sara Colley. Peggy will be sadly missed by all of those who knew and loved her



The John-Thomas Association Will convene With the Letcher County Conference at the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church in Heller KY on Friday and Sat. Sept. 11-12th 2009. Direction to Alleghany Church.

From Pikeville, KY

Take US HWY 23 South approximately 15 miles to KY HWY 611. Turn left onto Hwy 611 and travel for 6 miles to the intersection of RTE 195. Turn right on RTE 195 and travel 2 miles. Turn right onto Hellier Alleghany Road. Travel 1.4 miles. The Church is on the right.

From Pound, VA

Take US HWY 23 North. Travel approximately 15 miles north of Jenkins, KY to KY HWY 611. Turn right onto HWY 611 and travel for 6 miles to the intersection of RTE 195. Turn right on RTE 195 and travel 2 miles. Turn right onto Hellier Alleghany Road. Travel 1.4 miles. The Church is on the right.

From Shelby Gap, KY:

Take RTE 197 10 miles to RTE 195. Turn left onto RTE 195 for 3.1 miles. Turn left onto Hellier Alleghany Road. Travel 1.4 miles. The Church is on the right.

From Hazard, KY:

Take KY 15 South to Whitesburg, KY. Turn Right at the second traffic light. Travel 3 miles to the Junction of KY HWY 15 and US 119. Take US 119 North. Travel 10 miles to US 119 and US 23 Junction. Take US HWY 23 North. Travel approximately 15 miles to KY HWY 611. Turn right on HWY 611 and travel for 6 miles to RTE 195. Turn right on RTE 195 and travel for 2 miles. Turn right onto Hellier Alleghany Road. Travel 1.4 miles. The Church is on the right.

