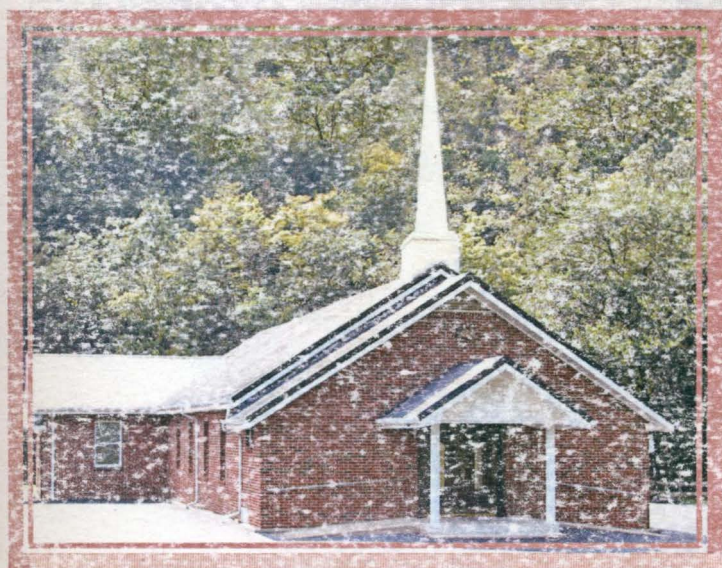


2010
Minutes of the
88TH Session
of the
John-Thomas Association
of Freewill Baptists
in
Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio & Virginia



Held with the

CANEY CREEK
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pikeville, KY
September 10th and 11th, 2010

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Gray & Harris
Marion W. Strouth



We The Ministers and Delegate of The 88Th Session of The
John-Thomas Association Dedicate this Session to the Memory

of

Rev. Ralph Edward Vicars

Rev. Ronald Keith May

Rev. Steve C. Childers

Rev. Dallas Conley

Rev. Herbert Goff

Elder Joe Slone

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 tiding of good things!

I 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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Stephen Harlan Buddy Kendrick Homer Lee Mullins

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Manie Strouth

Board of Trustees

Rodney Smith Thurman Reynolds Eddie Overstreet Levi Stewart Manie Strouth

Sunday School Literature Committee

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

Pulpit Committee

Kermit Wallace Jackie Charles Thurman Reynolds

Audit Committee

Matthew Fuller Franklin Hall Seibert Hillman

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

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

Remire Mullins Vester McKinney Jr. Tarney Mullins Lee Sutherland Ellis Leftwich
Wayne Mullins Manie W. Strouth Franklin Hall Matthew Fuller

Deacons

Dana Ratliff Lanis Kiser Kermit Wallace Seibert Hillman

Delegates

Anna Lee Bartley Ruth Mullins Andy Hall Beverly Wallace Beatrice Strouth
Patty Hillman Anne Barton Frank Powers

Hamilton County Ministers

Richard Layne David Phillips Leroy Reed James Wyatt Stephen Harlan

Deacons

Leslie Stewart

Delegates

Betty Wyatt Florence Reed Hazel Stewart Hazel Davidson Georgia A. Phillips
Levi Stewart Hubert Marcum

Letcher County Ministers

Homer Lee Mullins Rodney D. Smith

Deacon

Fred Young Gary Johnson Ronnie C. Rice Richard France

Delegates

James N. Jones Karen Smith Jackie Mullins

New Durham Ministers

Troy F. Harris Phillip Imel Ralph Dye Larry Robinson

Deacons

Thurman Reynolds

Delegates

Sandra Robinson Helen Harris Patricia Imel

Pike County Ministers

Robie Kendrick Eddie Overstreet Dennis Hinkle Darrell Wellman Edward Adkins
Velon Burgess Brian Hundley Greg Newsome John Vance Billy Maynard Larry Kendrick
Benny Carter Paul Coleman

Deacons

Jackie Charles Rolin T. Rutherford Dale Church Kevin Robinson Andy Roberts
Don Newsome Kenneth Robinson

Delegates

Bonnie Rutherford Verniece Overstreet Gaynelle Kendrick Roger Green Sue Charles
Billie Burgess Lema Hamilton Shirley Honaker Phyllis Coleman Amy Lyn
Blackburn Olvie Lee Adkins Larry Wheeler Clara Church

Visitors

Shirley C. Mullins Martha Stone Carl Prichard Mimo David Osborn Ashley Osborn
Michelle Grimes Daryl Grimes Barbara Smith Teresa France Donna Hinkle Sara
Blackburn Louis Barnes Betty Roberts Laver Tackett Tommie Branham Carolyn
Tackett Perry Antill Brenda Antill Collier Little Mary Joyce Tackett Mae Tackett
Ruby H Wright Gaynell Slone Pearlle Newsome Jeanetta Mullins Carlen Patrick
Ginger Robinson Daphne Newsome Cheryl Roberts Linda Hunt Anna Lou Trout Sue
Williamson Jimmy Newsome Willard Hamilton Enagile Tackett

Treasure Report 2010

CARRY OVER from 2009-2010	\$12,070.60
Dickenson County Conference	
Books	\$2,125.00
Obituaries	\$180.00
Membership Dues	\$1008.00
Pike County Conference	
Books	\$1,750.00
Obituaries	\$450.00
Membership Dues	\$815.00
Letcher County Conference	
Books	\$1,215.00
Obituaries	\$360.00
Membership Dues	\$557.50
New Durham Conference	
Books	\$625.00
Obituaries	\$160.00
Membership Dues	\$128.50
Hamilton County Conference	
Books	\$112.50
Obituaries	\$0.00
Membership Dues	\$50.00
Love Offering	
9/10/10	\$156.00
9/11/10	\$348.00
TOTAL	\$22,111.86
EXPENSES FOR YEAR 2010	
Clerk Fees	\$500.00
Treasurer Fees	\$500.00
Caney Creek FWB Church for hosting Association	\$500.00
Minute Books (Print & Shipping)	\$6957.50
TOTAL	\$13,654.36
Building Fund	\$1,128.87
Promotional Committee	\$11,071.44
Newsletter	\$6,020.99

Friday Morning 11:00 A.M.

The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist met for the eighty-eighth (88th) session at the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Pikeville, Kentucky on Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was September 10th, 2010.

Receptionists for this year, Kermit Wallace, Rolin T. Rutherford, Eddie and Verniece Overstreet and Leslie Stewart, they recorded all Ministers, Delegates and Visitors for the association by Conferences and Churches, also a list for the Pulpit Committee for selection, this was helpful since there was no interruption in the church by passing out and picking up of cards during the business session,

Friday Morning Worship Service:

Brother John Vance, pastor of the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church welcomed everyone to the church. Brother Roger Green led the congregational song, "Unclouded Day" Brother John Vance asked if anyone had a prayer request? After several requests were received, prayer was given by Brother Homer Lee Mullins.

Special singers, were Brother Darrell Wellman and Brother Roger Green who sang "The Old Country Church", "What a Day That Will Be" and "Shouting on the Hills". Brother Fred Young sang "Hid in the Rock". Brother Kenneth Robinson, Sister Ginger Robinson, Sister Carolyn Tackett, Sister Brenda Antill and Brother John Vance sang "The Ole Ship of Zion". Brother Franklin Hall sang "I'm Free". Brother Edward Adkins sang "I Wouldn't Miss It, Would you?" Sister Patty Hillman sang "There's a Bright Side Somewhere".

Moving to the message, Brother John Vance read from the book of Haggai Chapter 2, Verse 19. His topic: "Sowing the Seeds". Brother Darrell Wellman and Brother Roger Green sang the invitation song, "Amazing Grace". Brother Kenneth Robinson lead the closing prayer, and asked the blessing for the meal that was prepared for the Association.

Friday Afternoon Business Session 1:30 P.M.

The congregation was called back from lunch by the singing of "The Old Time Religion". Brother Remire Mullins clerk, called the Association to order. He asked Brother Eddie Overstreet to lead the opening prayer. Brother Remire Mullins read from 1st Timothy, Chapter 3, Verse 1. Brother Remire Mullins asked if he could omit the reading of the By-Laws in order to save time. Brother Kermit Wallace made a motion to omit the reading of the by-laws, seconded by Brother Darrell Wellman, motion carried.

Brother Remire Mullins asked for nominations for Moderator for the ensuing year. Brother Rodney Smith nominated Brother Robie (Buddy) Kendrick. Since there was no other nominations, Brother Robie (Buddy) Kendrick was elected by acclamation for the ensuing year. Brother Robie appointed Brother Rodney Smith as the assistant moderator.

Brother Levi Stewart made a motion, seconded by Brother Darrell Wellman to give the moderator the power to appoint all committees as needed for the Association and motion carried.

The moderator appointed Brother Kermit Wallace, Brother Jackie Charles and Brother Thurman Reynolds for the Pulpit Committee.

Brother Rolin T. Rutherford made a motion for Brother Remire Mullins to be retained as clerk. Brother Darrell Wellman seconded the motion. After the moderator called for further nominations, being none, Brother Remire Mullins was elected by acclamation. Brother Remire Mullins appointed Brother Levi Stewart, Rolin T. Rutherford and Brother Jackie Charles as the assistant clerks. The moderator appointed Brother Franklin Hall, Brother Seibert Hillman, and Brother Matthew Fuller for the Audit Committee. The moderator gave leave for the Pulpit Committee and the Audit Committee.

The moderator appointed the Executive Committee, one member from each of the five conferences present to serve on the committee. Buddy Kendrick from Pike Co., Stephen Harlan from Hamilton Co., Ralph Sproles from New Durham, Homer Lee Mullins from Letcher Co. and Siebert Hillman of Dickenson Co. 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 further nominations, being none, Brother Troy Harris was elected by acclamation. Brother Troy Harris retained Helen Harris as the assistant treasurer.

Sister Martha Stone gave a report on Harvest Home. Brother Manie Strouth made a motion to accept the report as given, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford vote carried. The moderator called for reports on committees. The Pulpit Committee returned reporting, that Brother Homer Lee Mullins would preach the message in the afternoon and Brother David Phillips to preach the evening message. The Audit Committee reported that the treasurer's report book in order. Brother Jackie Charles made a motion to accept the Audit Committee report, seconded by Brother Matthew Fuller, motion carried. The moderator asked for any old business, and none was reported. The moderator asked for any new business.

Brother Rodney Smith made a motion, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford that any proposals are to be sent by the clerk of the conference making the proposals to the clerks of the other conferences and their clerk are responsible for getting it to their Executive Board member two weeks before the John-Thomas Association meeting, and also a copy to the clerk of the John-Thomas Association. motion carried. Brother Rodney Smith stood and reported that he was resigning from the Promotional Committee. Brother Kermit Wallace made a motion to accept Brother Rodney's resignation, seconded by Brother Darrell Wellman, vote carried. Brother Homer Lee Mullins stood and reported that he was resigning from the Promotional Committee also. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion to accept Brother Homer Lee's resignation, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford, motion carried. Brother Remire Mullins made a motion for Brother Manie Strouth to be on the Promotional Committee, seconded by Brother Matthew Fuller, motion carried. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Leslie Stewart to go from business session to worship service and motion carried.

Friday Afternoon Worship Service

Brother Manie Strouth sang "What a Prayer Can Do", Brother Rolin T. Rutherford sang "Mercy". Brother Matthew Fuller sang "I'm No Longer An Orphan" Brother Darrell Wellman sang "The King of Glory". Brother Robie Kendrick gave a good testimony. Brother Homer Lee Mullins stood and said that he didn't leave the Promotional Committee for any other reason but that He wanted to devote more time to his ministry. Homer Lee delivered a spiritual and up-lifting sermon. He read from the book of Haggai Chapter 1. Brother Darrell Wellman sang "He Set Me Free" as an offering was received. Prayer for the offering was given by Brother Kermit Wallace. Brother Eddie Overstreet gave the closing prayer

Friday Night 7:00 P.M.

Brother Rodney Smith, assistant moderator asked the Caney Creek Singers to lead the congregational song "Meeting in the Air". He said, let us enter into the gates with fellowship and thanksgiving. The congregation stood and greeted each other by shaking hands. Brother Rodney Smith read from Psalms 27 verses 4-6 and asked for prayer requests, Brother Troy Harris lead the prayer. Brother Manic Strouth sang, "New Body Someday", Brother Rolin T. Rutherford sang, "Take Me Home". The Caney Creek Singers sang "Throw Up My Hands" and "That Same Spirit" and "Carlene Patrick sang "Two Much to Thank Him For".

Brother David Phillips came forward and delivered an up-lifting and spiritual message, reading Genesis Chapter 1, Verse 1 and from his topic: "To Know God". The invitation song that was sang, "In The Cross" The closing prayer was given by Brother Remire Mullins.

Saturday Morning 9:30 A.M.

The moderator, Robie (Buddy) Kendrick welcomed everyone and the congregation sang "Victory In Jesus". The moderator called for prayer requests Brother Bill Maynard led prayer. The moderator called the Association to order. The moderator asked if all delegates had signed in. The moderator called for the reading of the minutes of the last Association. Brother Levi Stewart made a motion, seconded by Sister Beverly Wallace to omit the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as printed in the 2009 minute books, with corrections and motion carried. The moderator then excused the Pulpit Committee. The clerk asked the congregation if they would assemble after lunch at the new Caney Creek church that was under construction, to have prayer and dedicate the church. The clerk was called to read the letters from all five conferences. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Larry Wheeler to omit the reading of the delegates since only the names of those present would be recorded in the minute books and vote carried. Brother Rolin T. Rutherford made a motion to accept the letters as read, Brother Darrell Wellman seconded the motion and vote carried.

A report was given from Daryl Grimes who with his wife are starting a Free-will Baptist Ministry in Erie, Penn., the project "Flag Ship". Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion to accept the report as given, Brother Matthew Fuller seconded the motion, vote carried. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford to dismiss the Executive Board for their meeting, motion carried. Brother Rodney, assistant moderator took charge while the Executive Board was excused. He called for Committees reports. Brother Remire Mullins gave a report on the Sunday School Literature. Remire also paid tribute to the committee who writes for the Sunday School books also for the members of the John-Thomas Association for their dedication and their works in the association. He then called for the committee to come forward and present the Five for Five Certificates to Brother Darrell Wellman, Brother Roger Green, Brother Troy and Sister Helen Harris, Sister Anna Lee Bartley, Sister Virginia Anne Barton, Brother Kermit and Sister Beverly Wallace, Brother Rolin T. and Sister Bonnie Rutherford, Brother Levi and Sister Hazel Stewart and Brother Ronald and Sister Shirley Mullins, Brother Seibert and Sister Patty Hillman, and Brother Larry and Sister Sandra Robinson for making all five conferences this past year. Brother Leslie Stewart made a motion to accept the reports as given, Brother Frank Powers seconded the motion, and vote carried.

The Promotional Committee presented "The Spirit of John-Thomas Award" to Manie and Bea Strouth. They also presented a wall plaque to Beverly and Kermit Wallace for taking photographs for the newsletters. Brother Rodney Smith gave a little history on the clerk, Brother Remire, for him being faithful and for his work, effort and contribution to John-Thomas. Brother Remire Mullins, the clerk got a standing ovation.

Brother Kermit gave a report for Steve Palmer for the Ivory Coast missionary work in Africa. Brother David Osborne, the assistant director-coordinator to Camp Jacob, gave a report on Camp Jacob. Brother Frank Powers made a motion seconded by Brother Jackie Charles to accept the reports, as given and motion carried. Sister Beverly Wallace also reminded the members when they send in obituaries and pictures to the clerk, to try and have recent color pictures as the quality is better when they are not scanned or copied. And obituaries are a lot easier to read when typed (see page 3 for instruction). The Pulpit Committee reported that Brother Brian Hurley would lead the prayer and that Brother Rodney Smith would preach the morning service. Brother Darrell Wellman made a motion, seconded by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford to accept the report of the Pulpit Committee, and motion carried.

The Executive Board returned and reported that they recommended the proposal from Dickenson County Conference be rejected. and that it would be laid it over for a year. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion to accept the Executive Board's decision and by accepting the Board decision, the proposal wouldn't have to lay over for a year, Brother Jack Vance second the motion. Sister Beverly Wallace asked for a standing vote. There was sixty-seven (67) in favor of rejection and six (6) opposed. vote carried. The Executive Board recommended that price of obituaries in the minute book would increase to \$25.00 for one half page (1/2) with picture and \$50.00 for a full page with a picture. Without a picture it's still \$15.00. Brother Kermit Wallace made a motion to accept the recommendation of the executive board, seconded by Brother Eddie Overstreet and vote carried.

Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion seconded by Brother Darrell Wellman to go from business session to worship service and motion carried.

Saturday Morning Worship Service

Brother Matthew Fuller sang "How does it feel". Sister Barbara Smith sang "Help Me Stand", and "Amazing Grace".

Brother Rodney Smith opened the service, reading from Acts chapter 16 verse 25. Jeremiah Chapter 06 verse 16 , Psalms Chapter 19 verse 105 and Psalms 16 verse 11. Brother Rodney Smith delivered a spiritual message. Invitation song "Some Body Touched Me". An offering was received. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion to go from business to the Minister's Conference, seconded by Brother Dennis Hinkle, vote carried.

Met back after lunch with the congregation assembled at the new Caney Creek Freewill Baptist church that was under construction. Brother John Vance welcomed everyone to the new site of the Caney Creek Church Freewill Baptist.

Brother Robie Kendrick about Jesus going to prepare us a place and until he returns we are building a new Caney Creek Church. Brother Robie also mention that Brother Rodney Smith was planning to build a new church at Happy. Brother Robie Kendrick dismissed with prayer.

Moderator: *Robie Kendrick*

Clerk: *Remire Mullins*

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE OF

FREEWILL BAPTISTS

To the John Thomas Association yearly meeting when convened with the Caney Creek Church Pike County Conference on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 2010.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference convened with Clinchco Church on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July for our Conference. We elected for the following quarter: Moderator James 'Stubby' Holbrook and Assistant Moderator Joe Sluss

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brother Lynn Vanover
Brother Seibert Hillman
Brother Keith Dotson
Brother Manie Strouth
Brother Roy Mullins

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Brother Franklin Hall -Chairman
Brother Robie Hay
Brother Jerry Vitatoo

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 850 minutes books. Amount enclosed for the minutes is

We have chosen Brother Seibert Hillman to represent our conference on the Association Executive Committee with Brother Manie Strouth as alternate.

STATISTICS:

Churches	32	Sunday Schools	30
Church Membership	2017	Sunday School Membership	1134
Ladies Auxiliaries	10	Youth Leagues	13

Delegates for this Session of the John Thomas Association on September 10th and 11th, 2010 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 23rd and 24th of July 2010 with the Clinchco Church at Clinchco VA. Moderator: Brother James 'Stubby' Holbrook Assistant Moderator Joe Sluss
Brother Kermit Wallace, Clerk of Session.

**Hamilton County Conference
To
The John-Thomas Association**

Greetings,

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist when convened With the Pike County Conference at Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church At Pikeville, Kentucky on the 10th and 11th of September, 2010.

The Hamilton County Quarterly Conference met with the Milford Freewill Baptist Church at Greensburg, Indiana on August 7th, 2010. After prayer and a congregational song the Conference was declared open by Brother Leroy Reed, moderator. The business was conducted in an orderly manner.

The election of officers were as follows:

Clerk:

Levi Stewart
22311 Stewart Rd.
Milan, Indiana 47031
(812) 623-2112

Treasurer:

Hazel Davidson

Assistant Treasurer:

Hazel Stewart

Assistant Clerk:

Leslie Stewart
22252 Stewart Rd.
Milan, Indiana 47031
(812)623-2669

Ordaining Council:

Charles McKinley
Richard Layne
James Wyatt
Leroy Reed (Alternate)

Executive Committee:

Stephen Harlan
Leroy Reed
Richard Layne

Statistics:

Churches—4

Churches Membership—100

Ordained Ministers—9

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand August 2010 \$3,598.39

The Conference voted to buy (45) minute books. Amount enclosed for the minute books is \$112.50. Amount for membership fee \$50.00. Newsletter \$160.00.

The Hamilton County Conference meets on the first Saturday before the second Sunday in February, August, and November. In May, the Saturday before the third Sunday.

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Conference on August 7th, 2010.

Moderator:

Leroy Reed
7450 W. Co. Rd. 110 N.
Greensburg, Indiana 47240
(812) 663-8962

Clerk:

Levi Stewart
22311 Stewart Rd.
Milan, Indiana 47031
(812) 623-2112

NEW DURHAM CONFERENCE OF

FREEWILL BAPTISTS

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church Pikeville, KY on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2010

Greetings:

The New Durham Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church on August 6-7, 2010, for the Quarterly Conference. Conference opened with singing, prayer and special message by Bro. Larry Robinson. Clerk read Proverbs 16 and declared Conference open. The following officers were elected:

MODERATOR

Bro. Larry Robinson (3 months)

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Bro. Sonny Perkins (3 months)

CLERK

Ralph Sproles

P.O. Box 335

Dante, VA 24237

(276) 495-1410

TREASURER

Troy Harris

2295 Fletcher's Ridge Rd.

Vansant, VA 24646

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ASSISANT CLERK

Darnell Keith Jr.

480 Lower Bear Wallow

Dante, Va.24237

276-495 1382

EMERGENCY FUND TREASURER

Troy Harris

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brady Farmer, Chairman

Bro. Phillip Imel

Bro. Troy Harris

Bro. Ronald Johnson

Bro. Ralph Sproles

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Larry Robinson, Chairman

Bro. Troy Harris

Bro. Ralph Dye

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches 9

Church Membership 257

Ministers 20

Licentiate 1

Sunday Schools 8

Sunday School Membership 280

Conference voted to buy 250 minutes

Amount enclosed for minutes: \$625.00

Amount enclosed for obituaries: \$160.00

Membership Fund: \$128.00

Balance from August 2009 to July 31, 2010:

Quarterly Meeting Fund: \$4360.22

Emergency Fund: \$2815.04

All business was conducted in an orderly and Godly fashion. Done by the order of the New Durham Conference of Freewill Baptists this 7th day of August, 2010, while in regular session with the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church.

Moderator: Bro. Larry Robinson

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Sonny Perkins

Clerk: Bro. Ralph Sproles

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

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

Rodney Smith Moderator
P.O. Box 258
Happy, Ky. 41746

Gary Johnson, Treasurer
124 Kendrick Fork
Pikeville, KY 41501

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Pikeville, Ky. on September 10th and 11th, 2010

Greetings:

The Letcher County Conference met on August 14th, 2009 at the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church, Hylton, 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. Donnie Bryant

Pulpit Committee: Bro. Fred Young, Bro. Kenneth Childers, Bro. Don Maggard

Executive Committee: Bro. Kenneth Childers, Bro. Homer Lee Mullins (retained)
Bro. Fred Young (Chairman)

Arbitration Committee: Bro. Richard Gibson, Bro. Richard Gibson
Bro. Jody Maggard (Chairman)

**Ordination Council: Bro. Bennie McCall, Ireland Sexton, Bro. Randy Standifur
(Alt.) Bro. Ray Tackett

***Elected in Minister's Conference*

Our Fourth Quarter Statistics are as follows:

Membership	1,115	Quarterly Funds	\$2,225
Sunday School	17	Foreign Mission	\$-
Sunday School attendance	543	Home Mission	\$135
Auxiliaries members	137	Children's Home	\$100
Leagues	102	Youth Center	\$ -
Ministers	80	News Letter	\$120
Licencees	7	Minute Books	\$1,152.50
Deacons	65	Obituary	\$360
Deacon Under Watch care	5	Offering	\$91
		Total	\$4183.50

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

Please send 486 Minute, Enclosed is \$1.215 for minute copy and \$360 for eighteen obituaries with picture,

In addition, we have included \$578.50 for member dues to the John-Thomas Association (1,157) 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 Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church September 10th and 11th, 2010

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on August 28, 2010 The conference opened with singing and prayer. Brother Jacob West called the conference to order for business reading from 1st peter Chapel 3 verse 13 Officers elected were as follows:

MODERATOR

Rev Everette Mullins Jr.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev Darrell Wellman

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Robie Kendrick

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

Rev. Edward Adkins

Alternates

Rev. Gary Stewart .

Rev. Harold Brewer

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. Brad Williamson

Rev. Jimmy Williamson

Rev. Donnie Harris

CLERK Rev. Dennis Hinkle

TREASURER: Jackie Charles

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Rev. Brad Williamson

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

Rev. Velon Burgess

Rev. Robert (Robbie) Smith

Rev. Edward Adkins

Rev Jimmy Reed Adkins

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. Darrell Roberts

Rev. Lester Tibbs

Rev. John Vance

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Bro. Rolin T. Rutherford

Bro. Hubert Huston

Bro. Jerry Tackett

STATISTICS:

Churches—17

Church Membership—1631

Ministers—84

Sunday Schools—17

Sunday Schools Membership—654

Ladies Auxiliaries— 6

Master's Men---2

Auxiliaries Membership---119

Mid Week Services Attendance---455

TREASURER REPORT:

Amount in the treasury June 2009— 2,222.81

Receive August 2009 to June 2010 8,384.97

Expenses- August 2009 to June 2010— 8,593.03

Balance June 2010— 2,014.75

We are enclosing \$ 1,750.00 for minutes; \$430.00 for engraving and a \$815.00 Membership fee . We are requesting 700 minute books.

Rev. Robie Kendrick is to be on the Executive Committee for The Pike County Conference and Edward Adkins will be the alternate.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this the 22nd day of August 2009.

Moderator: Rev. Everette Mullins Jr.
2316 Mare Creek Rd.
Stainville, Ky. 41569
606-478-8281

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

Treasurer: Jackie Charles
273 Cedar Hills Dr.
Pikeville, Ky. 41501
606-432-5686

Ministers Conference

The Clerk, Brother Remire Mullins came forward to open the Minister conference calling on Bro. Leroy for prayer. The Clerk ask for a motion to elect the officers for the meeting. Bro Eddie Overstreet made motion to keep same officer as the Yearly Conference. This was seconded Bro. Darrell Wellman. The moderator, Brother Robie Kendrick, called for the reading of minutes. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Matthew Fuller to accept the minutes as printed in the 2009 minute books. This motion carried. The Clerk came forward to read the letters from each Ministers Conference. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion that the clerk omit the reading of the names of the ministers since there were so many, but to print them in the minute books, Bro Matthew Fuller seconded the motion. Bro. Eddie Overstreet made motion to accept letters as read from each of the five Ministers Conferences in The John-Thomas Association. This was Second by Franklin Hall. Matthew Fuller made a motion to adjourn Leroy Reed seconded his motion. Brother Buddy Kendrick dismissed us until we meet if it is the Lord's will at The Fletcher Ridge Freewill Baptist Church, Vansant Va . On Sat. Sept. 10th 2011.

Moderator:

Robie Kendrick

Clerk:

Remire Mullins

Dickenson County Ministers' Conference

Greeting:

To the John – Thomas Association while in regular session Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church on September 10 and 11, 2010.

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference met the Clinchco Freewill Baptist Church on Thursday, July 22, 2010. Officers elected for the following year are as follows:

Moderator

Leon Sykes
25562 Jomean Dr
Abingdon, VA 24211

Assistant Moderator

Robert C. Hay
1774 D C Caney Ridge Rd.
Clintwood, Va 24228

Clerk

Matthew Fuller
1774 Dc Caney Ridge Rd.
Clintwood, VA 24228

Assistant Clerk

Tarncey Mullins
3382 Ramey Flats Rd.
Clintwood, VA 24228

Ordaining Counsel

Robie Hay - **Chairman**
Franklin Hall
Jerry Vitatoe

Life Time Card Committee

Brother Richard Wayne Rose
Brother Robie Hay
Brother Mark Stallard

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) phone numbers are (276) area code unless otherwise noted

Ellis Leftwich	608 Buffalo Creek Rd.		
	Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo	835-8670
Remire Mullins	P.O. Box 271		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Buffalo	926-6862
Vester McKinney Jr.	2764 DC Caney Ridge Rd.		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Buffalo	835-9786
Leon Sykes	25562 Jomean Dr..		
	Abingdon VA 24211	Clinchco	835-9436
Harlan Lee Rose	15779 Bradford Rd.		
	Culpepper VA 22701	Clinchco	540 825-0240
John Turner	P.O. Box 174		
	Clinchco VA 24226	Clinchco	835-8853
James Holbrook	406 McCarty Rd.		
	Clinchco, VA 24226	Clinchco	835-1589
Clifford Bevins	P.O. Box 2094		
	Wise, VA 24293	Davis Chapel	328-3777
Eddie Rose	P.O Box 1543		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Davis Chapel	926-9002
David Kilgore	P.O. Box 193		
	Pound VA 24279	Duncan Gap	796-5014
Glenn A. Kilgore	P.O. Box 459		
	Wise VA 24293	Duncan Gap	328-2553
Robert C. Hay	4949 DC Caney Ridge Rd.		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Dyers Chapel	835-8307
Tim Neece	P.O. Box 301		
	Nora VA 24272	Dyers Chapel	835-1536
Allen Sutherland	1132 Sutherland Ridge Rd.		
	Clinchco VA 24226	Dyers Chapel	835-1731

Mike Stidham	153 Old Tower Lane. Clintwood, VA 24228	Dyers Chapel	835-1930
James D. Moore	P.O. Box 280 Clinchco VA 24226	Dyers Chapel	835-1389
Chris Strange	10047 Bold Camp Rd. Pound VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-5067
Ed Slemp	9701 Bold Camp Rd. Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie	796-9128
Lester Robinson	10146 Ferbie Rd. Pound VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-5370
Nyal B. Robinson	P.O. Box 46 Pound VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-4607
Glen Slemp	P.O Box 1222 Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-4479
Timothy Strange	Po. Box 1023 Pound VA24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-9103
Lester C. Mullins	245 Rockhouse Rd. Coeburn VA24230	Flemingtown	926-4387
Johnny Anderson	Rt. 2 Box 100B Clintwood VA 24228	Flemingtown	926- 6730
Freddie J. Boyd (Lighthouse)	P.O. Box 193. Clinchco VA 24226	Flemingtown	835-1992
Denver Kelly	139 Watague Cir. Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown	415-6059
Eddie Edwards	P.O. Box 1163 Abingdon, VA 24210	Fremont	608-0087
Michael Rasnick	445 Sharons Rd. Clinchco VA 24226	Fremont	835-8212
Harold Mullins	524 Skeetrock Rd. Clintwood VA 24228	George's Fork	926-2019
Anthony Burke	206 Bowles Park Dr. Pikeville, KY 41501	Georges Fork	606-437-6566
Gregory A. Stanley	2105 Bear Pen Creek Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork	926-5126
Mark Stallard	P/o. Box 454. Pound, VA24279	Gladly Fork	796-5468
Luther Belcher Jr.	9084 Dorton Rd. Pound VA 24279	Gladly Fork	796-5257
Troy Belcher	9407 Pen Hollow Rd. Pound VA 24279	Gladly Fork	796-5572
Mike Robinson	9442 Pen Hollow Rd. Rt. 1 Box 246	Gladly Fork	796-5091
Allen Gene Conley	Clintwood VA 24228	Hill Ridge	835-1319
Matthew Fuller	1774 D C Caney Ridge Rd. Clintwood VA 24228	Hill Ridge	835-1852
Matthew Deel	136 Mailboy Ln. Dante, VA 24237	Hill Ridge	835-1263
Palmer Rose Jr.	22197 Greenvillage Dr. Abingdon, VA 24210	Hill Ridge	608-3112

Willie C. Rose	4067 Rose Ridge Clintwood VA 24228	Hill Ridge	835-8067
David L. Mullins	P.O. Box 2002 Clintwood VA 24228	Honey Camp	926-6951
Tarney Mullins	3382 Ramey Flats Rd. Clintwood, VA 24293	Honey Camp	926-9113
Roy A. Mullins	275 Old Stone Dr. Clintwood VA 24228	Honey Camp	926-8955
Johnny McCowan	148 Dale Br. Coeburn, VA 2423	Honey Camp	835-1083
Lewis V. Mullins	3386 Ramey Flats Rd. Clintwood VA 24228	Honey Camp	926-4235
Charles Baker	8740 Dotson Creek Rd. Wise VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel	796-4519
Billy D. Hibbitts	7325 Hopkins Farm Rd. Wise VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel	328-5838
Allen Graham	Po. Box 2395 Wise VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel	328-0050
Steve Countiss	P.O. Box 1354 Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel	796-4460
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
Keith Dotson (Hill Ridge)	1560 Ventura Rd.275A Clintwood VA 24228	Lick Fork	926-4528
Allen Viers	20094 Dickenson Hwy. Clinchco VA 24226	Lick Fork	835-9625
Josh Dingus	193 Kayes Cove Clintwood VA 24228	Lick Fork	926-5446
Earl Lee	5186 Brushy Ridge Rd. Nora VA 24272	Lighthouse	495-1199
Jack W. Meade	9228 Ralph Stanley Hwy Coeburn, VA 24230	Meades Chapel	395-6166
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	926-4838
Michael Patrick	184 Rogers Cr. Castlewood VA 24224	Mills Chapel	762-9521
Joe Glenn Sluss	P.O Box 922 Clintwood VA 24228	Peuther Chapel	835-9774
James Holbrook	1411 Phillips Hollow Dante, VA, 24237	Peuther Chapel	495-8461

Randy Noonchester	P.O. Box 2273	Phillips Chapel	395-9346
Franklin Hall	Coeburn VA 24230		
	225 Hall Dr.		
Esley Ratliff	Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek	916=8189
	6801 Dickenson Hwy.		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Pine Creek	926-5341
Richard Wayne Rose	P.O. Box 2124		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Pine Creek	926-5337
Manie W. Strouth	P.O. Box 958		
	Pound VA 24279	Pine Creek	796-5084
Randolph Kendrick	P.O. Box	Pine Creek	926-8760
	Clintwood, VA 24228		
Doyle Gouge	P.O. Box 2280		
	Coeburn, VA 24239	Pine Grove	220-1620
Randall Carter	P.O. Box 1207		
	Pound VA 24279	Pyles Memorial	796-7448
Barney Paul Carty	9350 Pen Hollow Rd.		
	Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial	796-5133
Willie Stanley	P.O. Box 847		
	Coeburn VA 24230	Rachels Chapel	796-5362
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
Gary Stanley	261 Rachels Chapel Rd.		
(Yates Chapel)	Coeburn VA 24230	Rachel Chapel	835-8386
Greg Stanley	7342 DC Caney Ridge Rd.		
	Coeburn VA 24230	Rachel Chapel	835-9135
James D. Meade	151 Herald Lane		
	Coeburn, Va 24230	Rugsby	395-5206
Danny Sluss	7697 Big Ridge Rd.		
	Haysi VA 24256	Splashdam	865-4997
Danny C. Edwards	350 Turner Rd.		
	Clinchco VA 24226	Splashdam	835-1137
Terry Epling	134 Beachlovers Lane		
	Haysi, VA 24256	Splashdam	865-5575
Jesse Yates	7553 Helen Henderson Hwy		
	Honaker, VA 24260	Splashdam	859-0452
Bill Rose	51 Gypsy Ave.		
	Lebanon. VA 24266	Splashdam	889-5244
Jerry W. Robinson	6570 The Lake Rd.		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Tarpon	926-8730
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
Lynn Vanover	P.O. Box 1616		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Valley View	926-6328

Kelly Fleming	P.O. Box 1216 Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View	393-3926
Wayne Mullins	6836 North Fork Rd. Pound, VA 24279	Valley View	796-4478
Luke Wright	2004 The Lake Rd. Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View	926-6388
Jack Mullins	337 Crack Rock Rd. Clintwood VA 24228	Yates Chapel	835-8593
Charles W. Stanley	11927 Highway 119 Partridge KY 40862	Yates Chapel	606-632-1588

Ministers- 91 6 with Life Time Cards Total 98

Ministers With Life Time Cards

Eulis Lee Sutherland	Rt.3 Box 336T Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo Church	926-4706
Edison Boggs	P.O. Box 5 Pound VA 24279	Davis Chapel	796-4896
Ulis Sturgil	P.O. Box 1102 Pound VA 24279	Glady Fork	796-4533
Sam Slempp	30367 Ramblewood Dr. Meadowview VA 24361	Pugh Mt. Church	944-4259
Arnold Rose	131 Trinity Dr. Coeburn VA 24230	Rugby	835-9720
Clifford Phipps	1635 Bear Pen Rd. Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View	926-4246

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards: 92

Ministers with Lifetime Card :6

Ministers Deceased – Dallas Conley

Ministers excluded – Joe Bailey, Robbie Bailey, Avery Carty. Jack Johnson, Johnny McCown, Matthew Mullins, Michael. Rasnick. Donald Smith Jr.

Total Ministers: 98

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 Caney Creek Church . On Sept. 10th and 11th 2010 by order of the Dickenson County Ministers Conference.

Moderator

Leon Sykes
P25562 Jomean Dr.
Abingdon, VA 24211

Clerk

Matthew Fuller
1774 DC Caney Ridge Rd.
Clintwood VA 24228

Assistant Clerk

Tarney Mullins
3382 Ramey Flats Rd.
Clintwood. VA 24228

Greeting To the John-Thomas Association

The Hamilton County Ministers Conference met with the Milford Freewill Baptist Church at Greensburg, Indiana on August 7, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Leroy Reed. The opening prayer was giving by Brother Clarence Lee.

The following officers were elected.

Moderator: James Wyatt

Clerk: Richard Layne

Executive Committee:
Stephen Harlan
Leroy Reed
Richard Layne

Ordaining Council:

Charles McKinley
Clarence J. Lee
Richard Layne
Leroy Reed, Alternate

Ministers holding life time cards

Leroy Reed 4526 Co. Rd. 110 N, Greensburg, Indiana 47240	812-663-8962
Clarence Hubbard PO Box 414, St. Paul, Indiana 47272	765-525-6500
Charles McKinley 17629 Palmer Rd. Moores Hill, Indiana 47032	812-744-3734
Clarence J. Lee 788 East State Rd 44, Rushville, Indiana 46173	765-932-3195

Request for life time cards

James Wyatt 225 N. Main St, Woodstock, Ohio 43084	937-826-1082
David Phillips 6443 E. S.R. 350 Milan, Indiana 47031	812-654-1348

Ministers holding good standing cards

Richard Layne 7326 Sr. Rt. 19, Unit 0706, Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338	419-947-1478
Stephen Harlan 3006 s. 202 Lane, Buckeye, Arizona. 85326	602-568-7152
William D. Smith 7588 Church Lane, Brookville, Indiana 47012	

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Conference this 7th day of August, 2010

Leroy Reed, Moderator

James Wyatt, Clerk

NEW DURHAM MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Pikeville KY, on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2010

The New Durham Minister's Conference met with the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church on August 5, 2010. The following officers were elected:

MODERATOR

Bro. Sonny Perkins
P.O. Box 26
Oakwood, VA 24631

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Bro. Ralph Dye
7294 Old Drill Rd.
Honaker, VA 24260

CLERK

Ralph Sproles
P.O. Box 335
Dante, VA 24237
(276) 495-1410

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brady Farmer, Chairman
Rev. Troy Harris
Ronald Johnson
Phillip Imel
Ralph Sproles

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Larry Robinson, Chairman
Rev. Troy Harris
Rev. Ralph Dye

COMMITTEE ON LIFETIME CARDS

Name:	Address:
Thurman Reynolds	Rowe, Va.
Ronald Johnson	Council, Va.
Rev. Ralph Dye	Honaker, Va.

MINISTERS HOLDING LIFETIME CARDS

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Rev. Gonan Kelly	Cleveland, Va.	Clinch View
Rev. Giles Wilson	Council, Va. HC 4 Box 663 Council, VA 24260	Mt. View & Mt. Zion
Phone	276-859-2749	

Clerk: Ralph Sproles

MINISTERS TO RECEIVE GOOD STANDING CARDS

Rev. Mitchell Bailey	Po. Box 374 Lebanon VA. 24266	Phone 276-889-5176	Mt. View
Rev. Arlie Bowman	Po. Box 486 Vansant VA, 24656	276-597-2636	Guiding Light
Rev. Wayne Charles	P.O. Box 1283 Honaker, VA 24260	276-873-4214	Mt. Zion
Rev. Ralph Dye	7294 Old Drill Rd Honaker, VA 24260	276-873-4615	Drill Chapel
Rev. Troy Harris	2295 Fletcher Ridge Rd. Vansant, VA 24656	276-859-2912	Fletcher Ridge
Rev. Phillip Imel	P.O. Box 1402 Grundy, VA 24614	276-935-5894	Guiding Light
Rev. Darnell Keith, Jr.	480 Lower Bear Wallow Dante, VA 24237	276-495-1382	Straight Hollow
Rev. Terry Mitchell	1647 Sunset Rd. Rosedale, VA 24280	276-880-3146	Drill Chapel
Rev. Virgil Musick	Rt. 2 Box 51 C Castlewood, VA 24224	276-794-9211	Mt. Zion
Rev. Cecil Leon Musick	No. 7 Jesses's Mill Rd. Lebanon Va. 24266 .	276-794-9503	Clinch View
Rev. Eulas (Sonny) Perkins	P.O. Box 26 Oakwood, VA 24631	276-498-3054	Guiding Light
Rev. Willis Rasnake	1211 Deep Wood Rd. Honaker VA. 24260	276-859-0809	Mt. View
Rev. Larry Robinson	11721 Mt. Rd. Lebanon, VA 24266	276-880-1067	East Lebanon
Rev. Ralph Sproles	P.O. Box 335 Dante, VA 24237	276-495-1410	Straight Hollow
Rev. Shawn Street	303 Winding Way Rd. Bristol, VA 24201	276 - 550-5822	Guiding Light
Rev. Chester Ball	P.O. Box 1075 Honaker, VA 24260	276-873-758	Drill Chapel
Rev. Carl Dorton	3683 Fletcher Ridge Rd. Vansant VA. 24656	276-859-2739	Fletcher Ridge

BOLD Indicates Pastors

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS MINISTERS CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Pikeville, Ky. on September 10th and 11th, 2010

Greetings:

The Letcher County Ministers Conference met at the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church, Hylton, KY on Friday, August 13, 2010. 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. Rodney Smith
P.O. Box 258
Happy, KY 41746

Assistant Moderator

Bro. Homer Lee Mullins
P.O. Box 401
Happy, KY 41746

Ordaining Council:

Bro. Bennie McCall
Bro. Ireland Sexton
Bro. Randy Standfur

Clerk:

Jody E. Maggard
144 Sumac St.
Hazard. KY 41701

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards.....69
Ministers with Lifetime Cards.....11
Total Ministers..... 80

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

This report is given to the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church on September 10th and 11th, 2010 by order of the Letcher County Conference.

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

MINISTERS WITH LIFETIME CARDS

Tommy Tackett*	P.O. Box 16 Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-7050 Alleghany
James N. Tackett	P.O. Box 161 Hellier, KY 41542	606-754-5179 Alleghany
Pete Newsom Jr.*	1719 Alleghany Rd. Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-0135 Alleghany
Clyde Damron	22447 H 55th St. Phoenix, AZ 85054	480-699-7984 Hylton
Don McKnight	P.O. Box 284 Cumberland, KY 40823	606-589-2704 Cloverlick
Caleb Holbrook	264 Camden Rd. Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-4446 Pine Chapel
Myrda Hylton	P.O. Box 145 Adams Br. Elkhorn City, Ky	606-754-4087 Hylton
Julian Gibson	345 Alleghany Rd. Hellier, Ky. 41534	606-754-5028 Poorbottom
Charles Gallion	P.O. Box 228 Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-2909 Payne Gap
Jessie Hiller*	106 Cargo Lane Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-2454 Dunham

MINISTERS TO RECEIVE GOOD STANDING CARDS

John Paul Keen	1178 Harless Cr Rd. Regina, KY 41559	606-754-5497	Alleghany
Nicholas Baldridge	P.O. Box 21 Robinson Creek, KY 41522	606-754-7412	Alleghany
Oscar Damron	P.O. Box 3 Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-4074	Alleghany
Stanley Ray Tackett	P.O. Box 18 Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-7124	Alleghany
Billy Akers	20 Little Robinson Cr Rd. Virgie, KY	606-639-9601	Bethel
Butler Adkins	P.O. Box 213 Virgie, KY 41572	606-639-0623	Bethel
Arnold Coleman	905 Indian Cr Rd. Virgie, KY 41572	606-639-9801	Bethel
Randy Newsome	395 Anderson Fork Rd. Virgie, KY 41572	606-639-2808	Bethel
Scott Wright	6629 Robinson Creek Rd.		
Mike Dishman	P.O. Box 15 Burdine KY 41537	606-832-1287	Bethel
	Robinson Creek, KY 41537	606-639-0791	Bethel
Bennie McCall	P.O. Box 61 Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-9039	Burdine
Albert D. Smith	P.O. Box 695 Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-2963	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	P.O. Box 485 Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-4879	Burdine
Gary Kirby	134 Marshall Br. Jenkins, Ky. 41537	606-832-2974	Hylton
Joseph McKnight	1300 Kingdom Come Dr Cumberland, KY 40823	606-894-0042	Cloverlick
Teddy Tackett	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
Leon Tackett	854 Lick Fork Rd. Jenkins, Ky.	606-639-3128	Dorton
Dave Nichols	P.O. Box 3192 Pikeville, KY 41501	606-437-0671	Dorton
Calvin Bates	348 Wrights Hollow Circle Jenkins, Ky. 41537	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
Ireland Sexton	1915 Forg Mill Rd. Clay City, Ky	606-663-0073	Dunham
Edgar Sanders	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
Dale Senters	237 Blair-Adkins St. Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	606-744-9886	Glory Bound
Rodney D. Smith	P.O. Box 258 Happy, KY 41746	606-476-8454	Happy
Jody E. Maggard	144 Sumac St. Hazard, KY 41701	606-436-9637	Happy
Danny Mullins	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
James Johnson	720 Goose Cr. Rd. Neon, Ky 41840	606-855-4162	Haymond
Komas D Bryant	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 4153	606-832-2974	Hylton
Jimmy Moore	587 Anderson Branch Shelby Gap		Hylton
Darvin Belcher	P.O. Box 1206 Jenkins, KY 41537	606-832-0018	Hylton
Homer Lee Mullins	P.O. Box 401 Ashcamp, KY 41512	606-754-5453	Hylton

Roy G. Spears	5164 Toler Cr. Rd. Harold, KY	606-478-9285	Ligon
James Thacker	423 Pine Fork Shelbiana, KY 41562	606-433-9184	Ligon
Gabriel Burns	87 Ohio St.		
	Whiteburg, KY 41858	606-855-4295	Moore's Chapel
Hollis Bevins	P.O. Box 464 Pound, VA 24279	276-796-5576	Payne Gap
Russell Hall	P.O. Box 28 Cromona, KY 41810	606-855-0030	Pine Chapel
Richard Gibson	3791 Poorbottom Rd.		
	Elkhorn City, KY 41522	606-754-8171	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	Poorbottom
Timothy Tackett	139 Vine Lane Elkhorn City, KY 41524	606-754-3248	Poorbottom
Richie Gibson	3834 Poorbottom Rd. Elkhorn City, Ky 41522	606-754-5841	Poorbottom
Gary D. Adkins	401 West Carters Valley Rd Kingsport, TN 37665	432-288-3793	Poorbottom
Tim Coleman	868 Left Fork Rockhouse Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	606-754-4572	Poorbottom
Charles Hobb	22 Poorbottom Rd. Elkhorn City, Ky 41522	606-754-7782	Poorbottom
Rocky Craft	P.O. Box 87 Ermine, Ky 41815	606-633-1965	Seco
Derek McCall	PO Box 392 Neon, Ky 41840	606-855-4903	Seco
Lester Boggs	P.O. Box 13 Seco, KY 41849	606-855-4940	Seco
Tommy Phillips	339 Bill Moore Branch Rd. Whitesburg, KY 41858	606-855-476	Seco
David Hardin	Box 382 Neon, KY 41840	606-832-0239	Seco
Greg McCall	P.O. Box 232 Cromona, KY 41810	606-855-0354	Seco
Larry Tackett	P.O. Box 97 Beaver, KY 41604	606-587-2712	Tackett Fork
Mathew White	P.O. Box 162 Beaver, KY 41604 Beaver, KY 41604	606-587-2050 606-587-2724	Tackett Fork
Allen Osborne	5057 McDowell, KY 41647	606-377-2547	Tackett Fork
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Pastors in BOLD

Pike County Minister's Conference

Greeting:

To the John-Thomas Association, While in session with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church September 10th and 11th, 2010.

The Pike County Ministers' Conference met with the Belfry Free Will Baptist Church August 27, 2010. The Assistant Moderator, Bro. Roger Bogar took charge of the service, . We sung and took prayer request . Bro. Dwayne Yates led us in prayer. Bro. Roger Bogar called the conference to order for business reading from Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 1-4 . Bro. Jacob West was elected Moderator. for the next 12 months, and appointed Bro. Dwayne Yates assistant moderator. The moderator asked if anyone knew of any Minister walking disorderly or preaching unsound doctrine. There were none reported.

Bro. Brad Williamson spoke to the conference on distraction, reading from Hebrews, chapter 12 verses 1 and 2. The moderator asked if there was any new business. Bro Dwayne Yates made a motion to letter up to the John-Thomas Association; seconded by Bro Eddie Abbott. Motion carried by vote of the conference.

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

MODERATOR;

Rev. Jacob West

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Dwayne Yates

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COUNCIL

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Rev. Robert (Robbie) Smith Jr.

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

Rev. Velon Burgess

Rev. Edward Adkins

Rev. Jimmy Reed Adkins

Re. Brad Williamson

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Edward Adkins

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

ALTERNATES ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Harold Brewer

Rev. Gary Stewart

CLERK

Rev. Dennis Hinkle

TREASURER

Rev. Jackie Charles

Yearly meeting place and time

Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church

September 11th and 11th, 2010 Pikeville, Ky.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

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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
Barry Carter	495 Owls Branch Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Caney Creek	606- 639-8490
Brian Hurley	1141 Penny Hwy. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Caney Creek	606- 639-1144
Jason Beverly	791 Dorton Creek Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Caney Creek	606- 639-9273
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Edward Lee Abbott	606 Gabrial Branch Kimper, Ky 41539	Edo	606- 835-2357
Bobby Bowman	1407 Grapevine Rd. Phyllis, KY 41554	Edo	606- 432-8753
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Earsel Bowman	3311 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, Ky 41543	Octavia	606-353-0706
Larry Bowman	P.O. Box 122 McAndrews, Ky 41543	Octavia	606- 353-8626
Jeremy Walter Reynolds	3286 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, Ky 41543	Octavia	606- 353-9612
Ray Stanley	P.O. Box 44 McAndrews, Ky 41543	Octavia	606- 353-8416
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Ministers to receive life time card Larry Bowman			

Ministers holding life time card

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Curtis Wellman	P.O. Box 325 Hardy, Ky 41531	Bluespring	606- 353- 7764
Ray Leedy	700 Pond creek Rd. Stone, Ky 41567	Octavia	606- 353-9979
Burl Rogers	2373 Pinsonfork Rd McAndrews, Ky 41543	Octavia	606- 353-8019
Ray Williams	88 Road Br. Pikeville, Ky 41501	Sookey's Creek	606- 639-8676
Larry Bowman	P.O. Box 122 McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia	606-353-8626

Total number of ministers to receive good standing cards = 81

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 —92

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

Rev. Emery Varney, 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 superintendent 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. - 1 Tim. 6:10, 1 Thess. 5:22.

John-Thomas Executive Board

1. Each Quarterly Conference will 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 absence of the representative.
2. Questions or resolutions coming before the Associations Executive Board must be submitted in writing by the Clerk of the conference sending the Resolutions or Questions to the Clerk of the others conferences. The clerks of each of These Conference will give them to the Executive Board Member that is appointed to resents them at the Association. two weeks before the Association,
(A copy must be sent to the Association Clerk two weeks before the Association.)
3. Any items requiring the distribution of money must go through the Executive Board for their recommendation.
4. The Church holding the yearly association meeting is to be given \$500 by the association from today forward. This in no way alleviates the conference that the Church is a part of from helping this Church financially as well in support of the yearly Association meeting activities.
5. The Executive Board will decide how to split offerings received on Friday and Saturday of the Yearly Association meeting between the different charities requesting support.

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 that leave a Church in the John-Thomas Association and joins a church in another Conference that is not a member of The John-Thomas Association, if he desires to be reinstated in any conference in the John-Thomas Association, 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- Free-will 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 QUARTERY 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.

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. (Pastor of the host Church will preach at the 11 AM service), 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 impressive 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.

10. 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



Ramon Jean Branham

Ramona Jean Branham, age 50 of Rakes Ridge Road, was escorted into heaven by Jesus and his angels Thursday, April 1, 2010 at UVA Medical Center Palliative Care Unit in Charlottesville, VA. Born in Birchleaf, VA she attended Sandlick Elementary School, Haysi High School, Ohio University and graduated from Clinch Valley College in Wise, VA. She taught English and Sociology at Haysi High School for 17 years. She also taught Upward Bound and coached the football cheerleaders. She was devoted to her students and her job. Mona retired early due to health issues surrounding her disease which ultimately took her life. Mona had been diagnosed with a rare, genetic sun allergy called Erythropoietic Protoporphyrria (EPP) or Protoporphyrria. Even though she was born with this disease, she had suffered seriously over the last 16 months, when it started attacking her organs, completely destroying her liver. In the last two years of Mona's life, she authored a novel which she wants very much to be published, now even after her death. She said just recently that she had two more novels in her. The name of her book is "Misty Mountain". A story about her beloved Appalachian Mountains and its people. Mona joined Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church and was baptized in the McClure River with her mother Jean.

Mona was preceded in death by a sister, Deborah Sue Sawyers; a brother, David Jerryl Raines; maternal grandfathers, Ray Clinton Counts and Brice Arrington Sykes, paternal grandparents, Milton and Mary Ethel Mullins Branham; and a special uncle, R a y C h a r l e s C o u n t s .

Mona leaves behind a daughter, Ashley Suzanna Delaney of Haysi; two granddaughters, Gabriella Rain Delaney and Diamond DaVee Delaney of Birchleaf; a grandson, Jesse David Jerryl Fuller of Haysi; her parents, Jerryl and Jean Raines of Birchleaf and Raymond Branham of Ohio; grandmother, Allene Sykes of Birchleaf; a special niece, Shannon Marie Sawyers of Birchleaf and special friends Susan Stacy, Sandy Marshall and Alice Owens.



Clyde Sawyers



Clyde was born March 25, 1914 and departed this life on July 30, 1985, making his stay on earth 71 years four months and five days. He was the son of Robert Sawyers and Rachel Sawyers Salling. At the time of his passing he was survived by his wife Patsy Gillanwater Sawyers, his mother and two brothers. Also surviving were five children, Mary, Patty, Carroll, Johnny and Regina, (a son Bobby preceded him in data from) and eight grandchildren: Wesley, Kevin, Kenneth and David Hillman, Barry Tate, Brian and Bobby Trimmer and Scott Sawyers.

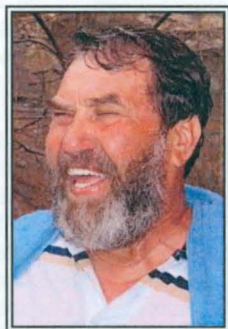
He was a retired miner. He worked and retired after 30 years with the Clinchfield Coal Company at Central Shop in McClure where he was employed as a welder.

He was a member of Dyers Chapel Church in Stratton. He accepted Christ and was baptized in May 1946 at Martin's Chapel Church. He was a faithful, dedicated member of the church and attended as long as his health permitted. He was laid to rest in Temple Hill Cemetery in Castlewood, Virginia.

Submitted in loving memory of our Daddy.

Jimmy C. Yates

Jimmy Clayton Yates, age 59, passed away Friday, June 25, 2010 at his home in Haysi Virginia. Born in Dickenson County, he was a son of the late Cecil and Rosie Hackney Yates. He was self-employed with Haysi Monument Co. and Yates Construction. Jimmy was previously employed with Haysi Funeral Home for 38 years, a former member of Haysi Rescue Squad and Haysi Volunteer Fire Department, a past member of Haysi Eagles Club, Haysi Moose Lodge and Haysi Lion's Club and was active in Dickenson County Kids Fishing Day. He was a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church.



Jim was an avid motorcyclist and a loving father, grandfather and loyal friend to people all over the United States. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Yates and a sister, Anna Lee Fields.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanie, two daughters, Marsha and husband Paul Viers of Abingdon, and Kristy Deel of Haysi; three grandsons, Nicholas A. Viers, Zachary R. Viers and Logan S. Deel (Papaw's boy); three brothers, Elder Earl Dean and wife Darlene Yates of Clintwood, Billy T. and wife Pinkie Yates of Haysi and Jeffrey and wife Diane Yates of Vansant and a sister, Shirley Yates of Haysi, several nieces and nephews; also special friend, Jack Rose and Darla Bostic whom he loved like a daughter.

Jimmy will be missed by his family, the community and all his many friends.



Emma Smith & Cheryl Clay

Emma Atrass Smith was born January 16, 1913 to Grover Cleveland "Cleve" and Jessee Green. She passed peacefully to her heavenly home on Good Friday, April 2, 2010 at Lee Regional Medical Center in Pennington Gap, VA.

Emma married Chester "Chet" Smith on September 27, 1927. They lived in various places in Dickenson County, VA. Chet worked as a logger, a miner and a carpenter while Emma kept house and took care of the children. In 1952 she and Chet were converted and

became founding members of the Freemont Freewill Baptist Church. Chet used his carpentry skills to help construct the church building. Both were faithful members of the church until the time of Chet's death. Emma continued to attend the church and used the mountain craft of quilting to support the church until her health failed her and she could no longer attend services at the church. Emma was known for her quilts; the vibrant colors, the patterns, and the hand quilting. She loved to sing the old hymns of the faith. She accompanied the singers to the nursing home to sing to the residents, and in her later years would hum along with the singers who sang to her.

There are many things to remember about Emma.....she sat in her spot in church and everyone knew where that was.... her hair was always white....she loved to read, her Bible and Harlequin Romance Novels....it was dangerous to sit beside her when she watched wrestling....she loved to walk....she raised the most beautiful African Violets and they seemed to bloom the year round....she loved to be outside....she grew the prettiest flowers....she loved to watch and feed the birds....she was always working on a quilt....she loved her family!

She was preceded in death by her husband Chester Smith, an infant son, Norman Celas and an infant daughter Irene. She is also preceded by her daughter Cheryl Clay of Clintwood. Cheryl was born September 27, 1944 in Dickenson County, VA and passed away on February 15, 2009 in Florida. Cheryl and Emma were faithful members of Freemont Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children: Bill and wife Brenda Smith of Clintwood; Eda Gay Patton of Clintwood; Patsy and husband Paul Bloodgood of Clinchco; Charlotte Blankenship of Hazel Park, MI; Sandra and husband Ray Barnes of Quebec, TN; Genoa and husband Mike Stewart of Canton, MI; and Joey and wife Sharon Smith of Fredericksburg, VA. She leaves behind 38 grandchildren, 79 great-grandchildren, and 36 great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves a host of nieces and nephews. She is buried beside her loving husband Chester, in the cemetery at Counts Chapel Church on Nealy Ridge.

Emma was a special person who will be missed by a lot of people. When family and friends visited her in the nursing home she would look at them and say "Well, look who's here". I know this is what she said when she got to heaven.

Nanny Lee Rasnick Yates



Nanny Lee Rasnick Yates 87 of Nealy Ridge went home to be with the Lord January 3, 2009.

She was born in Dickenson County on May 9, 1921 to Albert and Lettie Childress Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Tyler Rasnick in 1962 and her second husband Thomas at Yates in 1977. She was also preceded in death by three sisters Mae Fleming, Gaye Church and Faye Fletcher; three half-sisters, Mildred Smith, Agnes Caperton and Edith Vanover; three

half-brothers, Ron Keith Vanover, Lee Vanover and Alonzo Vanover; two stepchildren Carroll Yates and Jewell Robinson; and granddaughter Elizabeth Ann Rasnick Ferguson.

Left to mourn her passing are five sons, Joseph and wife Alice Rasnick of Wixom, Michigan; Arlie and wife Shirley Rasnick of Clintwood, Virginia; Tivis and wife Kathleen Rasnick; Ronnie and wife Shenita Rasnick; Fayne and wife Alice Rasnick of Clinchco, Virginia; one daughter Ida and husband Kenneth Branham of Clinchco; 25 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three stepsons James Yates, Kermit Yates and Gene Yates all of Clintwood Virginia; four stepdaughters Madge Fleming, Nancy Adkins, Doris Stanley, all of the Coeburn Virginia and Martha Stanley of Clintwood Virginia; 27 step-grandchildren; 61 step-great-grandchildren and 19 step-great-great-grandchildren; a half-sister Helen Mays of Florida and a half-brother Robert Thomas of Michigan.

Nanny was a devout Christian and a member of Fremont Freewill Baptist Church. She told us many times that the ice was broken to baptize her. She truly loved the Lord and enjoy going to church. Nanny loved to crochet, embroider, grow flowers, work puzzle books and cook for her many visitors. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was known by many names: to her children she was "Mom", to her grandchildren and friends she was Granny Nanny and her great-grandchildren, lovingly called her Granny-Granny. Granny's home was a welcoming place to all her children, grand-children, nieces and nephews, friends and all who knocked on her door. As soon as you entered her home she was ready to feed you a home-cooked meal. Many will be greatly missed by her family friends and neighbors and all who knew and loved her. She is now at peace in her heavenly home. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Patsy Pauline Sawyers

In loving memory of our precious mother who departed this life on May 3, 2000 and tea and. We were blessed to have her 89 years and not teen days. She was born April 14, 1921 to Logan and Nancy Gillenwater. Preceding her in death were her husband, parents, a son Bobby and two grandsons, Kevin and David Hillman. Surviving are one son Johnny, four daughters, Mary Tate, Patty Hillman, Carole Trimmer and Regina Burns; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She accepted Christ and was baptized at the early age of fourteen. She was a charter member of Dyers Chapel Church in Stratton,

and her greatest joy is in life was when she was surrounded by her children and seeing and talking with her church family. We are so thankful to have been blessed with wonderful godly parents.

Our mother is at rest alongside our daddy and brother in Temple Hills Cemetery in Castlewood Virginia.





Joyce "Nell" Smith

Joyce "Nell" Smith, age 72 of Edwards Ridge passed away Sunday, February 28, 2010 at Norton Community Hospital, Norton, VA. Born in Dickenson County, she was a daughter of the late Edna Wood Ramey and the widow of the late Joseph Virgil Smith. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lacy Wood and Earl Ramey, Jr. She was a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church. Nell is survived by two daughters,

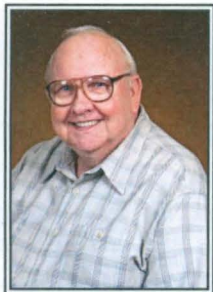
Roberta and husband Brian Stanley of Clinchco, VA and Susan and husband Jeff Tiller of Haysi, VA; three grandsons, Justin Stanley, Tyler Smith and Jake Tiller; two step-grandchildren, Ashley and Courtney Tiller; step-father, Earl Ramey; a brother, Mack and wife Carol Ramey; a sister, Linda and husband Charles Hay; sisters-in-law, Nina Wood, Doris Mabery and Etta Swiney; brother-in-law, Jack Smith; an uncle, Dorsie Wood, Sr. and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pamela Marie Mullins

Pamela Mage 46 of Driftwood Road, passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, KY. Born in Buchanan County, she was a daughter of the late George C. and Elsie Cline Mitchell. She was last employed as an assistant manager at Newberry Grocery. She was a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Mullins and brothers, Larry and Rocky.



Survivors include, a daughter, Kelia, two sisters, Linda (David) Yates of Haysi and Brenda Tiller of Abingdon, a brother, David Mitchell of Haysi, nieces and nephews, Amber Mullins, Aaron Yates, Billy Rash, Renee Presenda, Cheyenne Mitchell, Lindsey Mitchell and Lauren Lunsford, great-nieces and nephews, Kaleb Mullins, Abella Mullins, Josh Rash, Breanna Rash, Jacy Lunsford, Carmen Birvette and Andriux Zapata. arie Mullins,



Paul M. Anderson

Paul Mowbray Anderson 75 passed away on December 15, 2009, making you stay on earth 75 years 11 months and eight days. He was born January 9, 1934 in Sandlick, Virginia, to Victor and Verna Edwards Anderson, who preceded him in death.

He was a 1953 graduate of Haysi High School and worked at the Haysi Hardware and Furniture Company for 39 years. In 1954 he married Betty L. Mullins, daughter of the late Manis and Mahala

Mullins of Splashdam, Virginia; to this union was born a son Johnny Paul Anderson in September 1955 and a daughter Charlena Sue Anderson, in March 1958. The family had some hard times, but really happy times. Paul was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He always put me and the children first and made sure we were taken care of.

Paul had several major illnesses over the last few years off his life. But he never asked, "why me", he just humbly took things as they came.

In October 1999 Paul was baptized and became a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church, and he seemed to have more joy in his life. He loved going to church and hearing the preaching and singing, he loved his pastor and brothers and sisters in the church, but most of all he loved the Lord.

Monday morning the day of surgery he was so happy that he sang to everyone who came in the room. I truly believed he knew he was going to be with Jesus. About an hour before he passed away he tried to sing a song about Jesus. Jesus was the only word I could understand in his song.

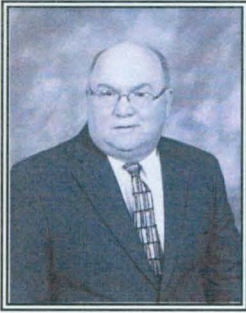
Paul and I had a wonderful marriage. We always tried to take care of each other. He left me as we had lived holding hands. He is passing seemed so easy: he just went to sleep in the arms of Jesus.

He leaves his wife of 55 years Betty M. Anderson of Birchleaf Virginia; one son Johnny Paul Anderson and wife Madeline of Clintwood and one daughter Charlena Sue Anderson, of Emory Virginia; two grandsons Christopher Paul Anderson and wife Angel and daughter Allison and Nathan Stewart Anderson and his fiancée Jalisa Gilmore all of Clintwood Virginia. One brother, Bill V. Anderson Senior and wife Desal of Birchleaf Virginia; two nephews Bill V. Anderson Junior and wife Rhonda, and David Anderson and wife Pat; two sisters-in-law Mary Counts, and Beulah Neece and her husband Mack; one brother-in-law Johnny Mullins and wife Simone; one aunt, Euna Hay and many cousins and friends.

My darling has gone to a much better place and that helps to ease my grief. One day I will join him, until then I will live for Jesus, as my beloved husband would want me to do.

Written by his loving wife Betty

LETCHER COUNTY OBITUARIES



Rev. Ralph Edward Vicars

The Rev. Ralph Edward Vicars, 63, died March 29 at Norton Community Hospital in Norton, Va.

A son of Marie Vicars of Burdine and the late Leonard 'Soupy' Vicars, he was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a former employee of the Bank of Whitesburg.

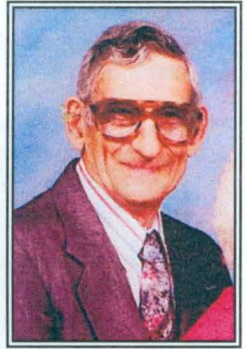
He was the pastor of the Burdine Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, Belinda Vicars; two sons, Ronald Vicars and wife Sonya of Wise, Va., and Anthony Vicars and wife Lindsay of Richmond; two brothers, Rodney Vicars of Charleston, S.C., and Richard Vicars and

wife Darlene of Burdine; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Eddie and Della Sturgill of Wise, Va.; sister -in-law, Teresa Sturgill of Wise, Va.; five grandchildren, Nathan Vicars, Abby Vicars, Cale Vicars, Jude Vicars and Benjamin Vicars; and nephew, Jeremy Vicars. Funeral services were held April 1 at the Burdine Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in Wise Cemetery at Wise, Va.

Steve C. Childers

Steve C. Childers, age 81 passed away Friday July 24, 2010 at the Wellmont Lonsome Pine Hospital, in Big Stone Gap, VA. Steve was a member of Payne Gap Freewill Baptist Church, and a lifetime ordained minister. Steve was also a retired employee of the Wise Appalachian Regional Hospital. Steve was the second of four sons born to the late Bivin and Mattie Sanders Childers. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Walter Rex , Adam and Vernon Childers and five sisters: Madonna Cantrell, Mable Ratliff, Lefty Damron, Laura Jean Kidd and Ruby Jeheniah Dobson. Surviving is his loving wife of 61 years Maxie Mullins Childers, Daughters: Linda Ellen (Larry) Weeks and Sharon Maxine Kelly. Three Grandchildren:



James Stephen Weeks, Michelle Ann (Michael) Pollard and Gregory Caro (Susan) Kelly. Seven great grandchildren: Logan James, Jaycee Lame, Taylor Lynn and Lauren Myn Weeks. Sydney Ann Pollock, Kayla and Kristin Kelly. He also leaves behind three loving sisters: Phyllis (Dallas) Cook, Eleanor Little and Vivian Gaye (John) Wallace. One very special niece Rita Moore, that helped to take very good care of him in his declining years. Steve had so many nieces, nephews and wonderful friends that it would be impossible to mention them all. Uncle Steve never saw a stranger, he would talk to anyone that would listen. Uncle Steve loved planting and caring for his flowers and vegetable garden, he planted such a big vegetable garden that he gave more away than he could use himself. He also love picking berries with his with his brother-in-law, Dallas and his great nephew Aaron Scott Cook. The family would like to thank Rev. Hollis Bevins, Hylton Freewill Baptist Church and the Sturgill Funeral Home from the bottom of their broken hearts for the loving support and comfort that was shown to them. Uncle Steve will be missed, but our loss is Heaven's gain for Uncle Steve has finally got his wish "He has crossed the bar."

Written by nieces ,Rita L. Moore and Michiyo C. Newsome



Joe Cook

Joe Cook 89 years of age died on March 17, 2007. He was born March 23, 1917 the son of the late William and Mary Castle Cook. He was also preceded in death by 5 brothers and 9 sisters.

Joe worked in the coal mines until he moved to VA. to work in construction. There he met and married Ruby Polly and to this union was born a son William, he also adopted Ruby's first born son James.

Other survivors include his first wife Jeheniah Childers Cook Dobson and their Sons: Ralph (Francis), Eldon (June), Ray (Jean), Randall (Peggy), Frank (Freida) and one daughter Deanna Cantrell One sister Lexie (Oscar) Derossett. 30 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren.

While living in Pike county Uncle Joe was a member of the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church and served as Sunday School Supertendent. Uncle Joe's faith in the Lord never swayed. His body was laid to rest at the Cook Family Cemetery at Ashcamp, KY.

Written by Michiyo C. Newsome, Niece

BELVA RATUFF "GRANNY"

It is with many precious memories and great love we will attempt to write the obituary of our Granny and beloved friend Belva Ratliff. She was born February 17, 1919 to Hawkins and Ida Coleman who preceded her in death.

Granny passed from this life to a better home June 10, 2010. Making her stay here 91 years. Granny married Robert Cantrell of Rockhouse, Ky. He was killed in a mining accident at the age of 27. With determination use of her talents and inter strength granny raised her three children



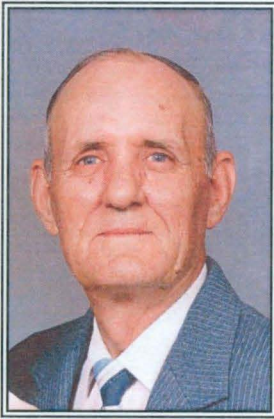
alone. She loved to work her garden, preserving the food, sewing, quilting and cooking many meals for any one that stopped by. I loved to hear the stories she would tell about digging coal with a pick to make a fire to stay warm .she would give shelter to strangers in time of a storm, bikers she made stay with her all night because of a flood. Granny's three children were, Cecil Cantrell, Glema Pavuk, both of Columbus, Ohio and Willa Robinson who preceded her in death on march 22,2002. Later in life she married Hertaux Ratliff Who preceded her in death. Granny always wanted to go home before she died. She went home to be with her Lord June 10,2010. Leaving her grandchildren, who took care of her and looked up to her as a mother. The most important things in her life was, the lord, her family and her friends. my best memories of Granny is when the church would come to visit her and pray with her. she would start shouting with her little hands raised in the air praising The lord. When they would start to leave she would say" how about another song." She was a member of the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church for many years. Rest in peace Granny, i will see you again some day.

Written by your loving friend Karen

I am a better person for having you as a grandmother and a mother.

Love you Tommie Jo Bartley, Lisa Chaney and Johnny Robinson

John H. Smith



In loving memory of our Dad, John H. Smith
He was a member of the Happy Freewill Baptist Church for 48 years. He was saved and baptized in 1962. He became a Deacon in 1964 and served until his death. He loved the Lord and doing His work. He was a substitute Sunday school teacher for all classes except the small children. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Greva M. Smith. She served the lord as a Sunday school teacher and singer for over 20 years.

He leaves behind his three daughters, Vicky Broomall, Donna Pierce, and Wendy Smith and their husbands, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren who miss him so much, but know how blessed he is to be at rest in Heaven with Jesus.

Margaret Ann Jones

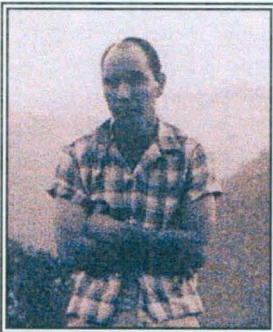
Margaret, 62 of Scuddy, KY went home to be with the Lord, April 1, 2010. She was born February 4, 1948, a daughter of the late James Ellis and Ora Mae Johnson. Margaret was a member of the Happy Freewill Baptist Church from June 13, 1999 until her passing, a period of 11 years. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Jones.



She is survived by one brother James Ellis Johnson, Jr. ; two sisters Omi Jo Johnson and Linda Houston; five sons Scott Jones, Donnie Jones, Douglas Jones, Mike Johnson, and Ronnie Johnson; two grandchildren Aaron Jones and Makayla Jones.

Margaret will be missed greatly by her family and church family.

Ernest (Toby) Baldridge



Ernest Baldridge of Ashcamp, KY. departed this life February 3, 1962 as a result of an auto-train mishap in Nolan, WV.

Ernest, a coal miner, was born in Pike County on December 3, 1924 and was a son of John and Maggie (Spivey) Baldridge. lie was a Deacon of the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church at Ashcamp, KY.

Ernest was united in marriage to Galdys Ratliff Potter, to this union three children were born.

Survivors are two sons, Ernest Granade Baldridge, La-Grange, GA.; John William Baldridge, Kendallville, IN; a

daughter, Kathy Sue Coleman, Ashcamp, KY.; two stepsons Goebel Dale Potter, Avergaard, AZ. and Kearie Ennis Potter, White GA.; a stepdaughter, Avis June Cook, Rogersville, TN.; one brother, Melvie Baldridge, Danville, VA; three sisters, Helen Music, Columbus, OH; Patsy Jean Drosos, Worthington, OH. and Rosemay Jermakowicz, Lenore, TN.



JIMMY E. JUSTICE

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my loving Husband Jimmy E. Justice, 45 of Lookout Ky. Born 1-02-1963

Passed away on 6-23 ~2009, Jim was a loving Husband, Father, grandfather, and Brother, He was such a wonderful man. He was a member of the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon,

Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher and Youth Group Teacher. For many years ,He loved working with kids, He was also a great singer. And had many talents with instruments, He loved playing the piano. He was survived by his wife Marlene Renee Justice, one son Jimmy Justice Jr.. (Brittany), Jonah Bentley that was like a son, and one Daughter Phyllis Justice (Jerry) and six Grandchildren Tyler, Leland, Aidan, Madison Justice ,Payten and Skyleir Mullins. He really loved spending time with his grandkids, They were very special to him. He was also survived by his Mother Lorine Damron, Two brothers Denville Justice (Julie) Benny Justice(Shirley) Four sister Draxie McGregor (LESS), Gloria Gibson, Mary Lozier (Mike) and Diana Riley (Mike). He was preceded in death by his father Reffer Justice and one sister Maxine Shoe. Also a host of family and friends to mourn his passing. He will always be in our hearts

Written by his Wife Marlene 'Renee' Justice

Ann Leigh Boggs

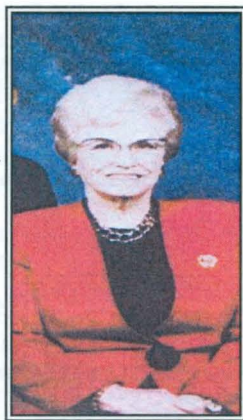
Ann Leigh Boggs, 90, of Ashcamp, died Sunday, June 27, 2010, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Wayne Ratcliffe of Kernersville, N.C.

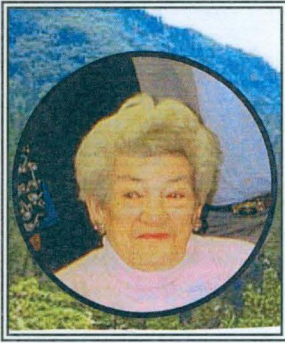
She was born in Pike County, Dec. 3, 1919, the daughter of the late John Wess and Parthenia Moore Sanders.

She was a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier and the longest-standing member of the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church, having helped found it in October, 1956.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, William Russell Boggs; three brothers, Ralph Sanders, Ray Sanders and Edwin Sanders; and one sister, Mable Sanders Ratliff. She is survived by two sons, Doug Boggs (Shelia) of Dandridge, Tenn., and Jack Boggs (Ella) of

Woodbridge, Va.; one daughter, Sue Boggs Ratcliffe (Wayne) of Kernersville; one sister, Pauline Sanders Boyce of Manassas, Va.; two grandchildren, Deana Lester McMillan (Wesley) of Leesburg, Va., and Tim Ratcliffe (Lori) of Stokesdale, N.C.; two great-grandchildren, Kennell Rose and Kaylie Alisabeth Ratcliffe; and numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.





Ruby Jeheniah Childers Cook Dobson

Ruby, also know by many as "Jay" was born April 6, 1921 at Hylton, KY. and went to her new home in Heaven on November 16, 2009. Aunt Jay was a Christian for many years and read her Bible daily until her eyes began to fail her; she was also a Sunday School teacher at the "Old Hylton Freewill Baptist Church" before moving to VA.

She was one of the 13 children born to the late Bivin and Mattie Sanders Childers. Preceding her in death was her second husband William (Bill) Dobson, whom she married on March 17, 1967; Bill went to his Heavenly home on

November 26, 1977. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Joe Cook, five sisters: Madonna Cantrell, Mable Ratliff, Letty Damron, Cynthia Ramey, and Laura Jean Kidd, three brothers: Adam, Vernon, and Walter Rex Childers. She married Joe Cook on July 11, 1936 and to this union were born five sons: Ralph (Francis), Eldon (June), Ray (Jean), Randall (Peggy), and Frank (Freida) Cook, and one daughter, Deanna Cantrell. Aunt Jay had 14 Grandchildren, 25 Great Grandchildren, and eight Great-Great Grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother Steve (Maxie) Childers, and three sisters : Phyllis ~Daltasj Cook, Eleanor Little, Vivian Gaye (John) Wallace

Written by Niece Michiyo C. Newsome,

Mable Ratliff

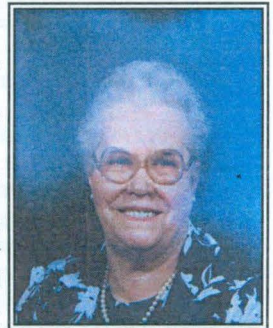
Mable Irene Sanders Ratliff departed this life on October 12, 1994 at the home of her only son, Jeny W.

Ratliff. Mable was born 76 years earlier on April 16, 1918, to John Wess and Parthenia Moore Sanders.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Marvin Ratliff and two brothers; Ralph Hillard

Sanders and Ray Wess Sanders. She was survived by her son; Jerry W. Ratliff (Judy), and two daughters; Linda Potter (Everett), and Chyrell Baker (Gary), five grandsons; Ronald W. Ratliff, James M. Potter, Michael-John Potter, Brady D. Baker, and Bradley W. Baker, two granddaughters; Carol

Cordle (James R. II) and Brandy Leigh Baker; and two great-grandchildren; Megan Collins and Shaun Mikal Potter. She was also survived by one brother; Hiram Edwin Sanders (Dottie) of Edison, New Jersey, and two sisters; Ann Leigh Boggs (Russell) of Ashcamp, Ky., and Pauline Boyce (Bill) of Manassas, Va. Mable was employed for many years by the Pike County Board of Education as a cook at Sycamore Elementary School (where she was working when she retired), and for a while at Elkhorn City Elementary School. She was a member of Hylton Chapel Freewill Baptist Church from Oct. 1956 until her death in October 1994, a term of 38 years. She held the office of clerk for several years, was active in the choir until her death, and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed keeping a clean house and singing gospel songs while she did so. Mommy is missed by her family and neighbors. Our loss was heaven's gain.



Submitted by daughter Linda Potter



In Memory of Tommy Newsom

With a sense of great loss and with many precious memories we write this obituary of Tommy Newsom.

Born December 14 1950 to the late Tuell and Macy Newsom, Tommy Newsom entered from life unto death on February 18, 2008. HE is survived by his wife Betty Roberts and was blessed with five children Tommy Newsom, Erica Hall, Tuell Mock, Ruben Newsom, and Eve Sievers. All five children grew up and made good lives for themselves thanks for the rearing of their parents of hard work. He is also survived by one brother, Sam Newsom and Three other sisters, Tootie (Nellie) Bliss, Stella Hampton and Marie Bolling. He was last employed by the Pike County Road Department. He gave his life unto the Lord in

1970 at the Virgie Freewill Baptist Church, where he was a deacon for many years. He also held other offices in the church. He left behind his testimonies of his Lord and Savior about all that God had given and done for him. He enjoyed life! With a hug, handshake, and a smile, his warmth and love was expressed to friends and relatives. We, his family, were left with confidence and assurance that if we lived by the light he lived before us, we too will go see our savior when this life is over. He said, and we know, he made a happy exchange. Our lives are so much Richer from having a wonderful father and brother like Tommy. He was the youngest of five children, but he was the one that we shared our inner thoughts and troubles to. As we close we can say to those left behind, "Dad, life is hard here on earth. Without you there is no worth. Brother, you are in our thoughts every day, and we pray to God to show us the way. There will never be another to take the place of our little brother."

Children, Brothers, and sisters

Hurley Mullins

It is with a sad heart that we write the obituary of our loving husband, father and grandfather, Hurley Mullins passed away on April 09, 2010 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington Ky. Hurley was born on July 06, 1940 to the late Tyson "Ty" Mullins and Millie Jane Mullins~ He was preceded~in death by two brothers Bobby Mullins and Douglas Mullins ; one sister Glacie Wagner. He was married to Wanda



Faye Bentley Mullins he was also survived by four sons Hurley Duane Mullins of Marrowbone, Ricky Ratliff of Shelbiana, Ronnie Ratliff and Donnie Ratliff of Lookout~ three daughters; Fontina Gibson of Lookout~ Sandy Belcher of Caney and Rhonda Mullins of Elkhorn City; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren~ Hurley was retired from the Pike Co, Board of Education, a U~S, Army Veteran and a member of the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church He loved spending time with his family, he also loved hunting when he was able to go~ Funeral was held at the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church at 1 pm, with Richard Gibson Terry Gibson and Ritchie Gibson officiating, burial was in the Mullins Family Cemetery, Brushy Fork, He will be sadly missed but will always be in our hearts, 53



Walter Colon Parker
(1927-20 10)

1 shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

2 Samuel 12:23

In most admirable admirations and having the honor to do this in the most loving memory of my father in law, Walter Colon Parker:

Walter Colon Parker of Clay City Kentucky was born May 9, 1927 at Johnson County Kentucky. He passed from this life unto death on January 10, 2010 making his time on this earth

82 years, 8 months, and one day. He is the son of the late William 'Bill' Parker and Goldie Skaggs Parker of McDowell Kentucky. Taken under his Grandmother's wing Marget Marcella Skaggs raised Walter from a young child.

He is survived by his wife Gracie Parker of Clay City Kentucky, One daughter Madge Ray (Homer) of Lexington KY, Two sons Mitchell Parker of Clay City KY, Richard Parker (Samantha) of Clay City KY.. Also surviving are two grand children and me great grandchild. Surviving brothers and sisters; Vernie Nolan of Dayton OH. Half Brothers and sisters; Donald Parker of McDowell KY, Billie Jeffery Cincinnati OH, Jane Clifton IN Frank Parker Louisville KY, Pat Conn Louisville KY, and a host of family and friends. He is proceeded in death by his late wife Emaline Tackett Parker, one brother Earnest Parker. Other half brothers and sisters, John Henry Parker, Floyd Parker, Christopher Columbus Parker, Hazel Parker, Sarah Tackett, Maudie Harris, Ethel Pack, William Parker, Dorothy Parker, and other family and friends.

He was a loving father whom raise wonderful children. He was a hard worker and most of all he loved Christ with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. He also loved his neighbors, and it seemed as though he done so more than he did his own self. He left behind a great moral, value, and testimony, he knew where he was going and he wanted us to go where he would be and that was to make Heaven our home. Singing was one of his passions and singing everywhere he went, "Oh Lord I'm In Your Care" and "Preaching By The Roadside."

Being a deacon at the Virgie Freewill Baptist church where my dad Ireland Pete sexton pastured and then he and my dad opened a church in Stanton Kentucky and he continued his deaconship there. A Christian for many years, and we believed he enjoyed it more than anything in his life. A man who taught me that if we are going to make it we have to live the life and not just speak it.

Earsel "Mutt" Cantrell

Earsel "Mutt" Cantrell was born on December 26, 1926. He departed this life on May 9, 2010, at the age years. He was the son of the late Jeff and Edna Baker Cantrell. He was a member of Hylton will Baptist Church for 38 years and served as a deacon for several years.

Earsel is survived by one son, Jerry, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and one daughter, Dorothy Holbrooks, Gallatin, Tennessee.





EVERETT LEE BLACKBURN

It is with much sorrow and many sad and wonderful memories that we will attempt to write the obituary of our dear beloved husband, daddy, and papaw, Everett Lee Blackburn.

Everett was born on June 20, 1926, to the late Albert Blackburn and Betty (Thacker) Blackburn, and he returned to his Heavenly Father on June 3, 2010.

Daddy was married to Avonell Thacker on May 8, 1950, and during their union of over 60 years, seven children were born: three sons, Jimmy, Everett Jr. (Boby) and Tommy, and four daughters, Joyce, Edith Sue, JoAnn, and Patsy.

Our daddy worked in and around coal mines for many years in order to provide a good life for his wife and children until he was injured in a mining accident and became disabled. Mommy and Daddy loved each other very much and always showed us children how much they loved us too. Our precious daddy was baptized and placed his membership at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church and was a faithful member for about 45 years. Mommy and Daddy would take us children to church with them and tried to teach us how to live our lives serving God. Daddy was a good, kind and loving man who would do anything he could to help someone, and he was liked by everyone he met. Daddy enjoyed life. He loved going fishing and going to the flea markets. He enjoyed spending time with Mommy and us kids and grandkids, and all of us loved every minute we got to spend with him, whether it was spending time at home or going camping or vacationing in Tennessee or trips to see the ocean. He seemed to enjoy every day, even when we knew he was hurting so badly. His smile would light up his face every time any of the grandchildren or great-grandchildren would come to see him.

During the last month, Daddy seemed like a happy child again, always smiling, singing songs for us, and telling us about things he saw that we couldn't see. He spoke often about going home, about a train he was on and that Mommy and us children were on too but it stopped and we had to get off and he had to stay

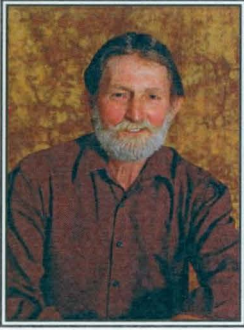
on. He talked with Mommy about a white robe and about a man whose face he couldn't see that had touched his foot and made all his pain go away. We feel that God was just giving him a little glimpse of that home he was headed to and to give us the faith that we needed to carry on until we can all meet again.

On that last heartbreaking night, God answered our many prayers by taking away Daddy's pain and suffering and letting Mommy and all of us seven children and some of his grandchildren be there with him at the hospital to hold his hand, hug him and kiss him, and tell him goodbye and that we would always remember him and love him and give thanks to God that he had been and will always be a part of our lives.

We will never forget Daddy and we pray that we will all meet again where there will be no more pain or suffering. Daddy was in a lot of pain during the last three years of his earthly life because of that terrible disease cancer, but we know he is not hurting anymore. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. Even though we miss him more each day, we know his suffering is over and we can have comfort in knowing he's happy now in his eternal home.

Daddy, we want you to rest in peace, knowing that we will always love you and that we will take care of Mommy and each other, and our prayers will be that we can all meet again over on Heaven's bright shore.

WRITTEN BY HIS LOVING WIFE AND FAMILY



Thomas T Ratliff

Thomas T Ratliff was born March 11, 1937 in Pike County Ky. He was the son of Thaddeus "T" Ratliff and Sarah Elizabeth Gunnells Ratliff. He went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2009. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Sarah and T Ratliff, his brother William Burns Ratliff, two sisters, Elsie Lou "Boe" Massey and Mary Ann Mullins, and his stepmother, Mable Childers Ratliff.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret S. Ratliff, three Sons Thomas T Ratliff, Jr. (Lisa), Charles Alvin Ratliff (Pam), and Kennard Allen Ratliff (Betty), and one daughter, Laurel Ratliff Looney (Dave). He also left nine grandchildren, Sara R. Willis

(Zak), Sheena R. Mullins (Dwayne), Melinda R. Goodson (Big J), Kendra Allison Ratliff, Mariah Looney Mullins (Nathan), Kaitlyn R. Thacker (Nathan), Dwight D. "Bubber" Looney, Jr., Kelli~ Brooke Ratliff and "the boy", Thomas Charles Allen Looney. He also left five precious great-grandchildren, Zaky Willis, Ethan Hunter Mullins, Gabriel Heath Mullins, Reagan Heath Willis, and Zoey Shayde Mullins.

He is also survived by eight sisters: Kathleen R. Cantrell, Lena Mae R. Cantrell, Mazie June R. Hylton (Myrda), Lois R. Cantrell (E.J.), Barbara R. Potter (Jimmy), Naomi R. Moore, Bessie R. Alexander (Bernie), and Paula Lee Ratliff, three brothers, Thadis C. Ratliff (Martha), Timmy B. Ratliff (Tina), and Radford Ratliff (Ginia). Tom was saved on March 21, 1981 at Hylton Freewill Baptist Church during a revival. He was baptized the same night. In 1982, we moved our membership to Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church where he was ordained as a deacon. He became chairman of the deacon board. In April 2001, we joined with Brother Edgar Sanders and Sister Mary to found Glory Bound Freewill Baptist Church. Here he became Brother Edgar's "#1 Deacon".

For 28 years Tom walked the old path. He never veered to the right or the left. He never preached to his children, but his prayer was that his children would see Jesus in him and walk the same path. He was a light to his family, his community and his church. He was a man of great faith and a prayer warrior. We sat together in church all those years. It is lonely in "our pew" now. In 2006 Tom was diagnosed with bladder cancer. In March, 2008 he was diagnosed with a variety of cancers. He went through chemo and we thought he was fine. It came back in Dec. 2008. He fought a good fight and he kept the faith and he will receive a crown of righteousness. We went to our daughters house in mid Dec. and her husband Dave who is a Registered Nurse took care of Tom. Our children came to see him every night. Tom trusted Dave to give him his medicine and loved him like a son. If he had been a baby, David couldn't have been gentler with his care. Our sons will never forget the care David gave their dad. We love you Dave. Tom would want me to tell our children and grandchildren to "search out the old path and when you find it, walk there in".

We want to thank Glory Bound Freewill Baptist Church for the love and respect shown Tom as a brother and the love you have shown me since he has been with the Lord. We love you all.

Written by his family.



Stella Hampton

Stella Hampton of Georgetown Kentucky, formerly of Virgie Kentucky, entered into the gates of heaven November 28, 2009. She was born January 16, 1945 to the late Tuell and Macy Newsom.

She is survived by two sons, Bobby and wife Angie Hampton of Wilmore Kentucky and Kendall Hampton of a Mt. Sterling Kentucky; five grandchildren: Robby, Brett, Bryan, Kendra and Shannon; one great grandchild, Chloe; one brother, Sam Newsom of Georgetown Kentucky; two sisters, Nellie and husband Ken Bliss of Rochester New York, and Marie and husband Ed Bolling of Brockport, New York.

She was a member of Great Crossing Baptist Church, a Sunday school teacher, and a choir member of Georgetown Kentucky. She was a retired nurse formally employed by Pikeville Methodist Hospital and a member of the Virgie Freewill Baptist Church for 22 years before moving to Georgetown.

Stella "Missing You"

If love could have saved you, you never would have died,
but Jesus loved you more and he stood by your side.
You're in our thoughts and care,
your faithful life we all share.

You left us in the early hours of the morning,
Jesus came and spoke to you without any warning.
"Come with me, my dear child
We must pray and talk for a while.
Your journey on earth has come to an end."
She closed her weary eyes and said
"I'm going away with a friend."

Love from your family and friends.

Ratliff Potter Baldridge

Ratliff Potter Baldridge of Shelby Gap, KY., entered into „February 9, 1988 at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, KY. at the age of 72 years, 1 month, and 13 days.

She was born December 26, 1915 in Pike County, KY. and was the daughter of William and Mazie Senter Ratliff. Gladys was united in marriage to Alvin Potter, and to this union four children were born. Alvin preceded her in death in September 1951 and a son, Hertaux Douglas Potter, is also deceased. Later she was united in marriage to Ernest Baldridge; to this union three children were born. Ernest preceded her in death in February 1962. Gladys retired from teaching after 22 years. She was saved in September 1955 and joined the Allegheny Freewill Baptist Church. On October 27, 1956 she had her letter moved to the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church. Surviving her are six children, Goebel Potter, Averaard, AZ.; June Cook, Rogersville, TN.; Kearie Potter, White, GA.; Granade Baldridge, LaGrange, GA.; Kathy Coleman, Ashcamp, KY.; and William Baldridge, Kendallville, IN.; 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

NEW DURHAM OBITUARIES



Lula Bell McGlothlin

Mrs. Lula Bell McGlothlin, age 68, of Honaker, Virginia, passed away Saturday (June 19, 2010) in a Johnson City, Tennessee hospital. Born May 12, 1942 in Buchanan County, Virginia, she was a daughter of the late Roby and Zella Mae Street Keen. A lifelong resident of the area, she attended Drill Chapel Church. She had formerly been employed at Honaker Mills and Russell Manufacturing and was a member of Ladies Friendship Circle and Rowe Senior Citizens. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Dollie Wilson, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elder Drew and Pearl McGlothlin, and sisters-in-law, Joyce and Vinnie McGlothlin.

Survivors include her husband of forty-seven years, Carlis McGlothlin of the home; two sons, Scott McGlothlin and wife, Alicia of Honaker and Shawn McGlothlin and wife, Cindy of Swords Creek; two daughters, Bridgett McFarlane and husband, Anthony of Chilhowie and Cathy Meade of the home; five grandchildren, Ashlee McGlothlin, Dustin McGlothlin, Logan McGlothlin, Colton McFarlane and Brecona McFarlane; three sisters, Dorothy McGlothlin and husband, Clinton and Georgia Johnson all of Honaker, and Mary Hylton and special brother-in-law, Rondeau of Ashland, Ohio; one brother, Don Keen and wife, Violet of Gainesville, Virginia; brother-in-law, Frank Wilson of Mississippi; step-mother, Leona Keen of Vansant; special friend, Terri Honaker; special caregivers, Bev Fuller and Gaynelle Bostic; several nieces and nephew also survive.

Earnest Lee Jackson, Sr.



Earnest Lee Jackson, Sr., 91 of Belfast, departed the life for his heavenly home on Saturday, March 6 at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, Va. He was born June 5, 1918 at Doran, Va, and was a son of the late Paris and Frances Whited Jackson. He was a lifelong resident of Russell Co., and a member of the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, having served in the European Theater. He was a retired, self-employed building contractor. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters Lucy E. Jackson, Hattie Shelton, Mary Ann Sargent, and Ethel Gillespie; brothers Joe, Rufus, and Arthur Jackson. Survivors are his loving wife of 64 years, Christine Williams Jackson; daughter Doris Sword and husband Robert of Belfast; sons Earnest Lee Jackson, Jr. and wife Phyllis of Belfast, and Joe Jackson and wife Linda of Pounding Mill, Va. Also surviving are five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; one step-grandson, two sisters Martha Jackson of Cedar Bluff and Pearl Steele of Claypool Hill; several nieces and nephews also survive.



Fannie Kelly

Mrs Fannie Kelly, age 93 ,Beloved wife, mother and grandmother fell asleep in the arms of Jesus on January 10th. 2010 at her home on Sandy Ridge. She was born March 24th. 1916 in Russell County. She was the daughter of the late Sylvester and Henrietta Osborne Rasnake. She loved the Lord, her husband, children and grandchildren; she loved to make beautiful quilts for her children and grandchildren. She was A member of Clinch View Freewill Baptist Church on Sandy Ridge.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two Sons Lawrence Kelly in 1967, and infant son Lewis in 1940, A grandson Michael Musick in 2002, six sisters, Ellen, Ada, Myrtle, Lizzie, Laura, and Delphia, and six brothers, Rit, John, Harmon, Clarence, Campbell, and infant Benjamin.

Survivors include her husband of seventy years, Rev. Gonan Kelly, three sons, Nelson Kelly and wife Maxine, Roy Kelly and wife Myrle, all of Cleveland, Jack Kelly and Wife Judy of Atkins Va. two daughters Dolly Musick and husband Sparker of Abingdon Va. and Bethel Blevins and husband Bill of Castlewood Va. eight grandchildren Kathy McConnell and husband Al., Ellen Bevins and husband Vicent, David Couch and wife Melissa, Janice Musick and husband Leon, Sandra Large and husband Jack, Carlos Kelly and wife Lucy, Ricky Crabtree, Carolyn Windell and husband and Mike; great-grandchildren Kayla, and Chloe Windell,, Katie McConnell~ Joshua and Kristen Blevins, Jordan Samantha, and Shiann Couch, Joshua and Jared Musick, Zachary and Seth Large, Trevor, Tyson, Trenton and Terry Crabtree, great-great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Jacob. and Jason Blevins; one brother, Carl Rasnake. one sister Thelma Musick and a host of nephews, nieces, and friends. She will be deeply missed by all whose lives were touched by her presence.

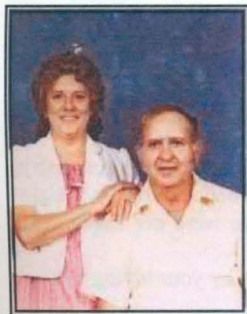
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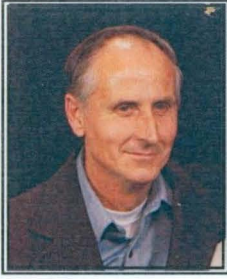
Evelyn Wallace Dye, passed away April 30 2010. She was born Aug. 10 1935. She was married for fifty five to Rev. Ralph Dye. They had three sons, one daughter and eighteen grandchildren. Evelyn was a member of Tunnel Hill Freewill Baptist Church



Betty Vance and husband James Vance

Betty Vance, passed away Nov. 10 2007. She was born In Sword Creek Va. She was preceded by her husband James Vance on April 21 1996. She was a member of Mt. Zion Free-will Baptist Church She is survived by one brother Hurley Perkins and one sister Shelby Richardson who miss and love her She is greatly missed.





Mr. James "Elmer" Lambert,

Mr. James "Elmer" Lambert, age 83, of Rosedale, Virginia, passed away Tuesday (August 3, 2010) in a Lebanon, Virginia hospital. Born May 21, 1927 in Buchanan County, Virginia, he was a son of the late Marion and Maudie Fletcher Lambert. He had spent his early life in the area, moving to the Sterling, Virginia, where he resided for forty-five years before moving back to Rosedale ten years ago. He was retired from Bowmans Company and was a member of Fletchers Ridge Freewill Baptist

Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one infant son, James Henry Lambert, three brothers, Clyde Lambert, Bill Lambert, and George Lambert, and four sisters, Ruth Coleman, Pearl Cook, Helen Boyd, and Bonnie Lambert.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-one years, Ruby Arlene Ratliff Lambert of the home; two sons, Jerry Lambert and wife, Debbie of Statesville, North Carolina and Danny Lambert and wife, Patricia of Leesburg, Virginia; two brothers, Clinton Lambert and wife, Joyce of Rosedale and Wayne Lambert of Fletchers Ridge; one sister, Blanche Ratliff of Vansant; grandchildren, Trevor Lambert and wife, Lesley, Tracey Lambert and wife, Tam, Jason Lambert and wife, Blair, Jessica Lambert, and Adam Lambert; step-grandchildren, Jason Collins and wife, Mackenzie, Brian Collins and wife, Angie, and Amanda Sullivan and husband, Kevin; great-grandchildren, Emily Lambert, Tristan Lambert, and Troy Lambert; step-great-grandchildren, Scott Collins, Ethan Collins, Delaney Collins, and Derik Sullivan; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services was conducted by Rev. Troy Harris, Rev. Kyle Ratliff, and Rev. Carl Burmeier officiating. Interment will follow in the Lambert Cemetery on Fletchers Ridge.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Rachel Nicat Johnson

In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother.

Rachel Johnson age 88 of Combs Ridge section of Council, Va. Went to be with the Lord, Jan.16 2009. She was born April 1920 at Berwind West Va. To Joseph Harman and Nicati Mariah Brewster Wise. Where she spent her early life. She was a member and attended the Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church, before moving to Va. in 1958, where she became a member of the Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church. She served for many years as a Sunday School Teacher and Treasurer. She was a homemaker and wife to Hubbart Johnson who preceded her in death in 1975. She was also preceded in death by two infant children and eight siblings. Left to morn our loss are two sons and wives, Larry and Joyce Johnson, Ronnie and Lois Johnson, one daughter Sheila Stump and eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren. The love of her life were her family, her church and Savior.



Written by your loving family



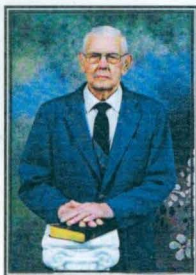
Everette Rasnake, Jr.

Everette Rasnake, Jr. (June), age 81, of Council, VA, passed away Thursday, July 1, 2010, in an Abingdon, VA hospital. Born June 7, 1929, in Russell County, VA, he was the son of the late Everett Rasnake, Sr. and Mertie Ball Rasnake. A lifelong resident of Buchanan County, he was retired from Clinchfield Coal Company. He was a Member and Deacon of Mt. View Freewill Baptist Church and a member of the New Durham Conference Executive Board. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his

brother, Clinton Rasnake, and a sister, Marie Gillespie.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife, Marcella Perkins Rasnake, two daughters, Brenda Compton, Abingdon, VA, and Judy Rasnake of Prosperity, SC; two sisters, Bernice Lockhart, Honaker, VA, and Delphia Stevens, Rosedale, VA; one sister-in-law, Frances Rasnake, Springfield, MO; grandson, at heart, Jason Worley; several nieces, nephews and friends also survive.

PIKE COUNTY OBITUARIES



Herbert Goff

Herbert (Bro. Hub) was born Dec. 24, 1917 in Pike Co., KY to George and Minnie Layne Goff.

Herbert went home to be with the Lord, who he loved and served many years, on July 6th at his home. He served in the CCC's in Idaho for one year before serving in the Navy during WWII for 6 years. He worked in the coal mines of Virginia and Eastern Kentucky for a number of years. In 1975, Brother Herbert became a small business owner when he started Goff Auto Repair and was a mechanic and machinist for several years.

Herbert became a Christian on Feb. 22, 1953. He joined the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church and started teaching Sunday School in the Fall of 1953. He served as the church clerk for a short time and became a licensed minister in June 1965. He was ordained to preach in 1966. His first pastorship was at Grassy Freewill Baptist from 1974 to 1978, and later from 1985 to 1998. He also served as pastor of Greasy Creek Freewill Baptist Church, and as assistant pastor of Edo Freewill Baptist Church. His joy was visiting the hospital, nursing home, and other churches. He preached in many churches in Pike County.

Herbert was a lifetime member of Johns Creek DAV Chapter 166. On August 28, 2009, Herbert was humbled and honored by having the Grassy Branch Bridge on Raccoon officially named the Herbert "Herb" Goff Bridge.

He was preceded in death by six (6) brothers: Freeman Goff, Roy Goff, Ralph Goff, John Jr. Goff, George Goff, Hershel Goff, and two (2) sisters, Dollie Goff Brown Salisbury and Stella Goff.

Herbert is survived by his wife, Christine Brown Goff, his two (2) sons Larry (Sherry Coleman) Goff and Herb (Rhoda Cinnamon) Goff, and four (4) grandsons: Brian (Anita) Goff, Christopher (Angela) Goff, Kahn Goff, and Austin Goff, and five (5) great grandchildren: Victoria, Isabella, and Gabriella Goff, and Holden and Carrington Goff~ as well as many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends and Brothers and Sisters in the Lord.

Dad will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and the lives that he touched.

Written by his son,
Larry Goff



RONALD KEITH MAY

Ronald Keith May was born January 11, 1940 in Welch, West Virginia. His parents were Tilden May and Maggie Alice Stiltner. He was raised by his Grandparents, Louisa and Cleveland May at McAndrews, Kentucky. Around 1960 he moved to Columbus, Ohio where he met Jeanette Slone. On May 8, 1965 they were married. Ronald and Jeanette were married for 44 years and 9

months. They were members and cofounders of the Happy Home Freewill Baptist Church where Ronald was a minister. While living in Columbus, Ronald worked at Murray City Coal and Ice for 15 years. Ronald and Jeanette lived in Ohio until 1975 when they moved to Kentucky. After moving to Kentucky, Ronald was employed at the Board of Education. Shortly after this he became employed as a coal miner until he became disabled. Around 1980 they took membership at Grassy Freewill Baptist Church where Ronald continued his ministry. Ronald and Jeanette had 3 children, Paul Edward May of Millers Creek, Kimberly Lynn Pinson (Danny Pinson, Husband) of Raccoon and Rev. Matthew Keith May (Christina May, Wife) of Raccoon. They also had 5 grandchildren living Paul Bret May and Robert Kyle May (Paul's sons) Brian Keith Walters, Jr. (Kim's son) Christionna Paige Call May and Matthew Tyler May (Matthew's children). They had 1 deceased grandchild Shawn Keith May (Paul's son). Ronald has one brother Okey Lee May (Lassie May, Wife) of Raccoon. Ronald had many nieces and nephews. He had 3 special aunts Estie May, Lora Ramey, and Francis Ramey of McAndrews, Kentucky. Ronald also had an uncle Everette and aunt Carrie of Columbus, Ohio. Ronald went on to be with Jesus February 27, 2010 at Pikeville Medical Center. Ron was a wonderful husband.

He loved his children and grandchildren dearly. He was so proud of them, most of all because his children were Christians. Someday we will be together again in Heaven as long as we live for Jesus.

Written by his loving wife, Jeanette

Elizabeth Dye

Elizabeth Dye, 92, of Williamson, passed away on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at Williamson Memorial Hospital.

Born July 5, 1917, in Williamson, she was the daughter of the late Kenis F. Dye and Ella Jane Canada Dye.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by three brothers, Burgess, Carl and Carlos Dye and four sisters, Mary Patterson, Mabel Ratliff, Doris Dye and Jennette Dye.

Elizabeth was formerly employed by Fairchild/One Hour Martinizing and she was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church.

Elizabeth is survived by two brothers, Homer Dye of Williamson and Clifford Dye of Ocean Springs, Mississippi and a host of nieces and nephews.



Elder Joe Slone of Island Creek Pikeville, Ky

It is with much sadness that I try with the help of my Lord above to write this Obituary of my Dear Husband Elder Joe Slone, Born January 20th 1941 to the Late John M. Slone and Stella (Thacker) Slone On August 24th 2009, God seen that Joe was getting tired his feeble body was wearing out and knew time to pick another Beautiful Rose for his Heavenly Garden. So he reaches down his healing hand said come home Joe my true and faithful son, your work here on earth is done.

Making his stay here on earth 68 years and 7 months. Joe was a coal miner, a Veteran, a Member of the Johns Creek DAV Chapter # 166, a Ordain Minister of God, and a member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church. All Though Joe had his membership at Owsley Freewill Baptist he always went to all of Gods Churches and Fellowshiped with them the way did when he walked this earth, it didn't matter what the name over the door was, In Joe's you were his Brother and Sister in Christ. Joe was a very humble man and would do anything to help anyone. He was a faithful servant and worker of the Lord when Joe was able to go he was in church every Sunday he would go where ever God put upon his mind, and after church you would find Joe at the nursing homes or hospitals singing and praying for your family and comforting the sick and feeble he would even come to your homes if he knew you were sick to try to cheer you up he was all time trying to make you laugh that was the kind of man My Lord blessed me with for 19 years and 3 months Joe and I were Married on May 21st 1990 and on May 8th 1991 God Blessed Joe and I with a son Joseph Michael Slone whom He loved Dearly when Joseph was born the first thing I remember Joe saying was it took me 50 years to get my Son. He was so proud of his Son not only his son Joe was proud of all his children and Grandchildren.. Joe is preceded in death not only by his parents but by his first wife Ruby (Fuller) Slone and 2 Brothers Nathaniel Slone and Ellis Slone also 3 Sisters Ada Slone, Edith Slone, and Lurey (Slone) Kendrick. survived by 2 Sisters his twin sister Sarah (Slone) Bryant of Pemberville Ohio (who he said was always older than him by 30 min.) and May (Slone) Howard of Asheboro N.C. Also survived by his wife Brenda Slone, one Son Joseph Michael Slone of Island Creek 4 daughters Stella (Slone) Murphy Of Meta, Ky. Tammy (Slone) Ratliff and Jennifer Potter of Island (Matilda Spears of Hurricane Creek Ky. He also has 3 Wonderful Grandchildren Larissa Faith Ratliff, Allison Hope Spears and Laura Grace Spears who Love and Miss Their Papaw Dearly. Joe also had other Wonderful children and grandchildren with the marriage of his first wife Ruby (Fuller) Slone, I would List these children by name but I am not sure who all they are but God knows you are. I do want to say to all of you. Joe Loved all of his children and grandchildren it didn't matter to Joe if you were Blood or not in his heart you belonged to him he loved you all dearly ..(I want to say I am sorry I didn't mention you children at the time of Joe's death Please forgive me?) All though we lost our Husband, Dad, Papaw, Brother, Uncle and Best Friend, God gained a true and faithful soldier who not only served in the army while here on earth but marched forward for many s in God's Army he was a Bright and Shinning Star a Light to everyone who knew him. Joe Loved every one. All though he didn't get to go to church very much while he was sick, Joe didn't give up he always prayed for every mother's child each night before he laid his head on his pillow. So we say to our precious Companion and Loved One, Go Rest High On That Mountain. We LOVE you Joe and you will sadly be missed by all, so sleep on in the arms of Jesus' till we meet again.

Written by His Broken Hearty Family, Wife Brenda Slone and Family



Tony Curtis Hatfield

It is with a sad and broken heart I write this obituary of my loving husband Tony Curtis Hatfield a wonderful grandfather, son, and brother.

Tony was born Oct.3. 1963 to Curtis and Chelsea Hatfield Tony was 46 years old when. He left us to go and be with the Lord. Tony passed away Jan.5, 2010 Survivors include. His wife Melinda (Linda) Hatfield, his parent's Curtis and Chelsea Hatfield. He had one very special daughter Tonya Lynn (Brad)

Smith, two wonderful grandson's Bradyn and Blake Smith. Two special Nieces Maranda (Randa) and Katie (Katie Bird) Ford one brother Perry (Cathy) Hatfield one sister Malinda Ford. Tony was a member of The Leckieville FreeWill Baptist Church, a coal miner, truck driver. I would like to give wonderful thanks to Bro. Lonnie Francis and Bro. Lee Dotson Jr. and all the Leckieville FreeWill Baptist Church for being so kind and thoughtful to my husband. Everyone was so wonderful and good to Tony. He really loved the church, and just wanted to hear the Word of God.

Tony was a really wonderful person, and tried to be a good to everyone. I miss him so much, everyone who knew Tony misses him but we know he in God's hands, where he will never suffer any more. Tony may be gone but he will never be forgotten, he will always be in our hearts. We will always love him,

I would also like to thank everyone was there in our loss and sorrow.

Written by his wife Linda Hatfield

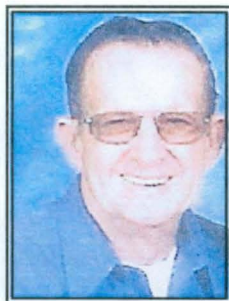
Cecal Hunt

Cecal Hunt, 77 of Pikeville, Ky., passed away on March 10, 2010 at Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born January 6, 1933 at Pikeville, Ky. to the late Charlie and Exie Adkins Hunt. He is also preceded in death by his son; Henry Hurl Hunt, brothers; Chester Hunt, Billy James Hunt, Harrell Kimble Hunt, Donnie Ray Hunt and Charlie Hunt, Jr., Sisters; Ruby Hunt and Pauline Hunt and his stepmother; Margie Stiltner Hunt. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the U.M.W.A. and a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; Linda Renfro Hunt, daughters;

Lorvella Slone of Columbus, Ohio and Judy Spencer of Columbus, Ohio, son; Kermit Cecal Hunt of Dewey, Arizona, brothers; Glen Dean Hunt of Kimper, Ky. Ritchie Hunt of Kennerdale, PA, and James T. Hunt of Frankfort, KY. sisters; Patty Sue Houpi of Chicago, ill. Betty Jane Smith of Chicago, Ill. Shelby Jean Taylor of Meta, Ky and Kathy Taylor of Raccoon, Ky and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.





Willie Lee Howell

It is with much sadness that we will write the obituary of a husband, daddy, & popaw Willie Lee Howell was born on April 20th 1941 the son of the late Sterling & Flara Howell. He departed this life on May 13th 2010 and was preceded in death by his parents and 5 brothers, Eskell Howell, Randall Howell, Glendale Howell and two infant brothers. He leaves behind a devoted loving wife of forty

three years Paulette Spears Howell and three wonderful daughters Teressa Howell Compton(husband Leonard) Crystal Howell (Rick Johnson) Paula Howell Akers (husband Dennis Akers) and one very special granddaughter Laken Compton the light of his life. sisters Genieve Velky (Rick), Eva Dee Newell, Lona Hensley (Joe) Naomi Gilliam and brothers, Luther Howell ,Robert Ray Howell (Juanita) Tommy Howell & Rick Howll (Sandy) and a host of family members, friends & loved ones. He was a retired mining blaster for Load Star Coal and Costain Coal and a member of the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church. He spent most of his time working to provide for his family. On weekends and holidays he spent his time taking the girls to the lake, fishing, cooking out, playing at the park or camping at Cave Run which he loved to do. As the girls got older he became Mr. Taxi driving them to school and to college and also teaching them to drive themselves. When his only grandchild Laken came along he made her his world. Some of our fondest memories are of him and Laken together and how he spent every Christmas morning from her 1st to her 9th Christmas at her house waking her up to open her gifts from Santa. Its moments like this that we will miss the most. He had 2 wonderful son-in-laws Leonard & Dennis who he thought of as the sons he never had always trying to teach then to fix things and do things the right way (HIS WAY). The past few years of his life was a struggle as his illnesses progresses he lost the ability to do the things that he loved like driving, hunting, working on cars, gardening and just walking without help But he was a fighter and he fought til the very end He will be greatly missed and has left a huge emptiness in all our lives the will never be filled by anyone.

written by his loving family

Willie Edward Ward Smith, Sr.

Willie Edward Smith, Sr. age 74 died July23, 2010 at the VA Hospital in Huntington WV. He was the son of the late Ballard and Beulah Smith He was also preceded in death by a sister, Betty Lou Guglechuck and a grandson, Andrew He was retired from Eastern Coal Company and a member of the V.M.WA and a veteran of the Korean War having served with the U.S. Army

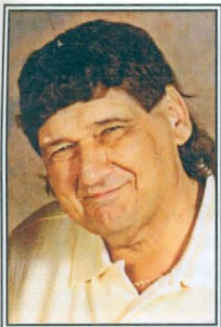
He is survived by his Wife, Frieda Holt Smith, a son; Willie Ed Ward Smith III and his wife Shari, and a daughter; Leigh Ann Smith Clime. He is also survived by three brothers; Albert Smith of Turkey Creek Ky, Dannie Smith of Illinois and Ballard Smith Jr. of Florida~

He leaves behind five Grandchildren Willie Edward Smith ,III Melanie Smith, Corissa Blair Cline Myranda Leah Cline, and Christopher Allen Clime II.

May God Bless each and everyone

Written by the family of Willie E. Smith Jr. Frieda Willie and Shari, Leigh Ann and grandchildren

James Author "Bear" Clevinger



James Author "Bear" Clevinger passed from this world on October 10, 2009, after an extended illness. James was 54 years old. He was the beloved husband of Lorraine and father of Jamie Clevinger. James was a family man and his family treasures the memories he left them. He was preceded in death by his parents, Merlin Green and Margaret Etta Clevinger, his sister Netta Lea Clevinger, and one brother, Rodney Gene Clevinger, all of Pikeville. He is survived by two sisters, Elaine Burns and Margaret Stiltner, of Pikeville, Kentucky, one brother, Merlin Green Clevinger II of Indiana. He is also Survived by four nephews, Christopher Clevinger, Timmy Clevinger, Bryant Clevinger, and Derrick Clevinger of Pikeville, and one niece, Lindsey Clevinger of Indiana.

James was a deacon at the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church, and loved going to church and serving his Lord. He worked many years with the Mull ins Community Little League Program, where he served as Vice President, and with Mullins School. He loved working with and coaching children. He was also a member of the Williamson Rotary Club. He had an amazing personality that made others feel wanted and special. He was a "people person" and loved being involved and getting things done.

James loved fishing and playing golf, and Was a member of the Beaver Valley Golf Course. He will be missed by family and friends.

In loving memory of Edith Marie Damron

Born Sept. 1 4th 1931 Went home to be with Jesus Oct. 24th 2008

Wife of James David Damron Mother of Brother Phillip-Damron, who passed away July 16th 2002

Grandmother to Sonya Lynn and Joshua C.J. Damron

Great grandmother to Bryce, J.B., Milla. Xander, and Carly Jo Damron

She was a member of The Hope Freewill Baptist Church.

She had a heart so full of love Her smile would brighten each day

The world is not the same since she went away

The thought that eases my mind along with the memory I'll forever keep is that she is in the loving arms of Jesus where she fell fast asleep. We love and miss you, mamaw. The Family.





MILDRED VARNEY

SISTER MILDRED VARNEY went home to be with the Lord on the morning of Nov. 10, 2009.

Mother was the daughter of the late Boyd W. and Louisa (Runyon) Hatfield. She was born on January 15, 1928.

She was preceded in death by our and wonderful dad, Bro. Bobby Varney and a precious brother, David. Also preceding her in death were four brother and two sisters.

Mother is survived by one son, Emerson Varney and one stepson, Mike Large. She had three wonderful daughters. Kathy Kendrick, Lita Bender, and Teresa Lightburn.

Mother was a most wonderful and sweet mother, so full of love for her family and everyone she met. She was just so kind to everyone she ever met. We never knew her to talk about people.

She was saved and baptized and joined the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church in the winter of 1950 and for the last 30 some years, she was a very faithful member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church. She loved to attend church services and Sunday School.

She left us so many wonderful memories behind to cherish and for us to enjoy. We truly miss Mother so much, but we all know that our great loss of a wonderful Mother and a wonderful person and a true friend is also a gain for Heaven.

So sadly missed by her family and friends.

Mitzi Thompson

Mitzi Jolene (Turner) Thompson, age 37, of Frozen Creek, Raccoon, Ky., passed from this early life on Thursday September 3, 2009 at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was born Wednesday, April 5, 1972, daughter of Jimmy L. and Jeweline (Harris) Turner of Ratliff's Creek Road, Pikeville, Ky. Mitiz worked for Cobra Petroleum and C.D. Roberts Enterprise before her illness.

Mitiz was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather Bert. A. Harris; two aunts, Janice Carol (Harris) Zienkiewicz and Dewanna (Turner) Smallwood.

Other than Mitiz's parents she is survived by her loving husband Jimmy (Buttons) Thompson; one daughter, Kennedy Jolene Coleman of the home; one step daughter, Bailey Arnold of Canada, Ky.; one sister, Jami (Turner) Blackwell and her husband Joe of Columbia of South Carolina; her maternal grandmother, Maggie (Justice) Harris of Raccoon, Ky. And her paternal grandmother, Marie "Chick" (Rowe) Corner of Pikeville, Ky. Mitiz also leaves three aunts and uncles, Lemonia Gail Kingsley and her husband Paul of Floyd County, KY., Brenda Sue Gilliam and her husband James of Michigan, and James Michael Harris and his wife Loma of Harold, Ky.; her mother-in law, Barbara Gail Thompson of Raccoon, Ky; a brother-in-law, Tim Thompson and his wife Christy of Raccoon, Ky; a sister-in-law, Pam Fields and her husband Don of Raccoon, Ky.; one Nephew, Chanston Osborne, and two Nieces, Lauren Maggie Osborne and Mckinley Blackwell

Mitzi also leaves behind a host of other family and friends to mourn her passing. She will be sadly missed by all of those who knew and loved her.



Ellis Slone



Ellis Slone, 64, of 2417 Stuttz Road, Asheboro, NC, It is with much sadness that I try with the help of my Lord above to write this Obituary of my Dear Husband Ellis Slone Ellis Slone was born to John and Stella Thacker Slone on September 17, 1945. on his father's birthday, He lost his mother at the tender age of eighteen months. His father raised him and his siblings at their home near Fishtrap, Kentucky. Ellis attending school at Grapevine and graduated from Feds Creek in 1963. He spent some time in Chicago and North Carolina before being drafted into the Army where he served in Turkey during the

Vietnam War.

Ellis returned to North Carolina and married Johnnie Ward on November 2, 1969. They lived in Asheboro, NC, and were blessed with two daughters, Cheryl Lynn Slone and Julia Slone

In 1985 Ellis retired from Burlington Industries, where he was a transportation supervisor, with 20 years of service. His last twenty years he worked as a carpenter. He built our house in 1980 while still working for Burlington Industries. He put in long, hard hours of work on it, but never complained. Everything he did had to be just right and he would not take short cuts. He was teased because he always carried a small tape measure in his pocket.

I was told that as a small boy he would play outside in the cold without shoes or a coat. In the forty years that we were married he never bought a coat to wear. In the coldest days of winter he worked outside wearing a short-sleeved t-shirt. He hardly ever missed work because of sickness. He was a quiet and reserved man who respected others and he was well-respected by his co-workers, friends and family. He worked hard to raise and take care of his family and helped to put his girls through school and college.

On December 2008 Ellis was blessed with his first grandson Noah Slone Tarlton he was the light of his papaw's life .He loved his grandson dearly.

His health began to fail in the last couple of years. He never wanted to see a doctor and could not be talked into going. He never complained or asked for anything for himself. He always put other people first. He was not a churchgoing man, but he accepted the Lord before he passed away. He died June 8, 2010.

Ellis is preceded in death not Only by his parents but by his 2 Brothers Nathaniel Slone and Joe Slone also 3 Sisters Ada Slone, Edith Slone, and Lurey (Slone) Kendrick.

Surviving is his wife, Johnnie Ward Slone; daughters, Cheryl Slone, of Charlotte, Julia Tarlton and husband, Justin, of Asheboro; grandson, Noah Slone Tarlton; of Asheboro; 2 sisters, Sarah Bryant of Pemberville, OH, May Howard, of Asheboro NC;.

He lived a good life for almost 65 years. He loved and cared for his family. We will miss him forever, but we have precious memories to help us carry on.

Written by his wife, Johnnie Ward Slone,
August 2010



Nathaniel Slone
Born June 1st 1937
Died November 2nd 2009

With the help of my God and a lot of sad emotions I will try to write the obituary of my beloved rand Nathaniel Slone. He was Born June 1st 1937 to the Late John M. Slone and Stella (Tacker) Slone, He worked for the Whole Sale' Company for the first part of his life then he Ked for Moores Potatoes Chip Company

was a member of the Buckfield Freewill Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Treasure for many years..

On December 2nd 2009, God seen that Nathaniel was getting tired his feeble body was ring out and knew it was time to pick another Beautiful Rose for his Heavenly Garden. So he reaches down his healing hand and said come home my true and faithful son, your work e on earth is done. Making his stay here on earth 72 years and 4 months.

is preceded in death not only by his parents, but by his 2 Brothers Joe Stone and Ellis Slone also 3 Sisters Ada Stone, Edith Stone, and Lurcy (Stone) Kendrick.

Thaniel is survived by his wife Jeanette (Taylor) Stone, on February 13, 1959 God Blessed us to be Married we were married for 50 good years. God Blessed us with 2 Beautiful children, a Eddie Slone, and a daughter Connie (Slone) Chapman who he loved dearly, also 2 very special Grand Children Britney and Chancey Chapman, 2 Sisters, Sarah (Slone) Bryant of Pemberville Ohio and May (Stone) Howard of Asheville N.C. Thaniel as everyone called him was a beautiful and loving person he loved his Lord and his family dearly and was friends to everyone he met he was always ready to talk to anyone at any time he loved talking about the lord.

Friends and Neighbor of our community will miss him dearly as our granddaughter Britney said Mama there will never be another man like my Papaw he was the Greatest. Thaniel loved his grandchildren dearly he loved them like they were his own kids he was always bragging to everyone about his babies they were the tight of his life. Britney ask me if she could have something special of her Papaws and he had 2 gold wedding rings so I gave her his ring id to this day she wears it around her neck. also our grandson Chancey is severely handy cap

and Thaniel was always holding him and comforting him while he was able to do so Chancey would settle right down and the biggest smile would come on his face when he would here his papaws voice he loves his papaw and missy's him dearly. Now when Chancey gets upset I start telling him about his papaw how God took him home to be with him in heaven. I tell him that papaw is still watching over him and that papaw is not suffering anymore and that some sweet lay we will see him again, as I am talking to Chancey he seem to relax and settle right down as if he knows his papaw is right there with him. it has been so lonely here since God has took my precious Husband home I miss him dearly but I know he is in a better place now and that he

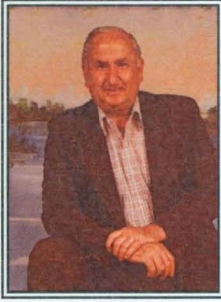
has no more suffering our lost is heaven's gain. Written By His Broken Hearty Family
Wife Jeanette Stone & Family



Oma Joyce Justice

Oma Joyce Justice of Raccoon, Ky. was called home to her heavenly Father on the morning of December 1, 2009 following a lingering illness at the Pikeville Medical Center. Mother who has the sweetest name, but mommy or grandma is the name we all called her, one of the greatest ladies we've known. Oma was born August 7, 1930 to the late

Ellison and Rebecca Slone Goff, of Raccoon, Ky. Her funeral was at Grassy Creek Freewill Baptist Church where she was a member. Her final resting place is the Maynard Family Cemetery next to her husband and granddaughter. She married Quint Lincoln Justice on June 18, 1949. Quint died as a result of injuries sustained in a mining accident on November 26, 1962, leaving Mom to raise their eight children alone. She is survived by her children :Joyce Ann Stepp, of Raccoon, Phillips Jean Justice of Lynchburg Va, Carolyn Sue Justice(Collins) of Zebulon Ky, Raymond Leon (Jerldine) of Kimper, Keith Lincoln (Connie) of Elk Fork, Ky, Connie Ruth (Earl Chapman Jr.) of Raccoon, James Douglas (Irene) of Raccoon, and Phillip Mark (Dixie) of Kimper,. Eight Grand children: Billie Turnmire, Kimper, Phillip Anthony Gannon, Linchburg, Va., Shannon Ruth Chapman ,Pikeville, Quienten Earl Chapman, Raccoon, Olivia Nicole Gannon, DMD, Linchburg, Va., Malinda Chaney, Lexington, Gloria Bishop, Mt. Sterling, and James Donald (Paige) Justice of Pikeville,. Three step-grandchildren, Seventeen great grandchildren, one sister, Alta May of Raccoon, Ky., and a host of nephews, nieces and friends who miss her. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter(Rebecca Sue Collins), six sisters: Bertha Kendrick, Edna Goff, Zettie Kendrick, Fern Goff, Falva Marie Goff, and Lola Mae Goff, and four brothers, Cecil Goff, Sidney Goff, Auxier Goff and Curtis Goff, Mommy was a gifted story teller and spun tales of Mrs. Carrot and Mr. Cabbage, she made up stories of exciting things and told stories so that you could really see the man in the moon and thought you were on that tropical island. She had a way of easing your pain with her soft voice. Even her grandchildren and great grandchildren loved hearing her stories and playing with her. She would find time in her busy day to play ball with her boys or whatever games we played, She would play with us. The Lord helped her through her many health issues, from a brain hemorrhage, heart attack, stroke,... She prayed and stayed strong for her children and trusted in her savior and he bought her through many things. Mommy lived for her children and in the end her body just couldn't keep her here any longer so the good Lord eased her suffering and called her home. Although it broke our hearts, we know mommy is in a better place she is with our Lord Jesus Christ! Mommy had a big heart and adopted many neighbors and friends into our family. Brother Hub Goff nicknamed Hazel Goff and mommy the Sunshine twins and mommy adopted Hazel's girls into our family, and they adopted her as mom. Paul Dean Justice was another person who was adopted into our family as a son. As young boys he was known as daddy to Mark and Douglas and ate many meals at mommy's table. Mom enjoyed going to the Senior Citizen's Center while she was healthy enough to go. Mom enjoyed having the people from church come to her home and have church services when she couldn't go to church, Mommy loved her sisters and brothers in Christ. Mommy is missed and will be missed forever. Her faith kept her strong. We wait for the time we will be reunited. Written with tear filled eyes and broken hearts. By: Her family



Bilton Maynard
1926 — 2009

Bilton Maynard, age 83 of Zebulon, passed from this earth on October 22, 09 at his home. Bilton was born June 19, 1926, the son of the late Mel and Susie (Keene) Allen and the late Jim and Gannie Maynard, his aunt and uncle who had raised him. In addition to his parents, Bilton was preceded in death by one brother, Spencer Maynard, and one sister Polly Allen Keene Maynard.

On November 25, 1944, Bilton enlisted in the United States Army and World War II. He served in the 187th Glider Infantry Division as a surgical technician in the Philippines and Japan. Upon completion of his tour of duty, Bilton returned home to the Johnstown community of Meta where he'd spent his childhood. There he met and later married his sweetheart in 1958.

In 1967, Bilton began a successful career as the sole proprietor of General Used Truck Parts at Zebulon Highway which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1991.

On July 7th, 1968, Bilton began another "tour of duty" when he gave his life to the Lord and took membership at Grassy Freewill Baptist Church. He held such positions as Sunday School Treasurer and church bus driver through the years. Bilton was not shy about witnessing for the Lord. On many occasions he stood before the congregation to testify and sing one of his favorite songs, "Had It Not Been". He continued in faith believing until his death.

Bilton is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Marie Maynard; two sons, James Kym (Janet Darlene) Maynard and Larry Dale Maynard, all of Pikeville, Ky.;

seven grandchildren: LeaAnn Maynard, Larry David Maynard, Jesse (Amanda) Maynard, Brianna Dawn Maynard, Katelyn Sierra Preece, Mindy (Kyle) Turner, and Curtis King; five great-grandchildren: Sky, Audrey Mae, and Regan Elizabeth Turner; Madalynn Grace King; and Xavier Andrew Bilton Maynard.

Bilton left behind a host of other family and friends to mourn his passing and remember him fondly. He is missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ethel Katholine Hunt

Kathy was born July 7, 1963 to Billy and Margie Alice Hunt. The Lord called her home April 7, 2010. She fought a long battle with diabetes, losing her kidney and both legs and several fingers. She had to have open heart surgery but cancer finally was her last battle. She was an inspiration to everyone she came in contact with. She lost her best friend, her brother Billy Ronald, in a car wreck just one year before. She leaves behind other than her parents, one brother, Donald Ray Hunt and two special sisters-in-laws who loved her and helped take care of her till the end; Paternal Grandmother, Ethel Coleman, several aunts and uncles and cousins that loved her dearly. She was a member of the Meathouse FreeWill Baptist Church.





Darlene Weddington LeMay

With a sad heart, we the members of the Stone Coal Freewill Baptist Church will try to write the obituary of a very special lady, Darlene Weddington LeMay, born January 15th~, 1936, she passed from this earth December 24thi, 2008. Her final resting place was the Bluegrass Memorial Gardens, Harrodsburg Road, Nicholasville, KY. She was a very special person, who helped many people. We especially miss her during the times

we would have dinners at ~ something special like the Christmas play, she was always willing to help just be a part of the play. She was always willing to lend a helping hand. Some of our fondest memories of her were, you never stirred her green beans when they were cooking, the times spent at yard sales for the church, the visits at the nursing homes, the many things that she did for our church, we always counted on her to have everything in place and have it ready, she never let us down. We miss her deeply and she made an impact in everyone's heart that met her. We have the assurance to believe that she is with Jesus, waiting on us to get there.

Written by:

Members of Stone Coal Freewill Baptist Church

James Andrew Hamilton
'Jim'



Born in Pike County on Feb. 3, 1960 to Lucian and Alpha Hamilton. He leaves behind his wife of 32 years Chandra Branham Hamilton; two daughters Angel Hamilton of Pikeville, Andrea (Sean) Boyd of Lexington, and one grandson Ashton Hall. His maternal grandmother Luevicie Gibson. 3 brothers Clinton Hamilton of Warrenton, Va. Danny Hamilton of Island Creek. Donald Hamilton of Jimmy's Creek. 2 sisters Sharon Skeens and Vivian May of Island Creek.

Jim was a disabled coal miner. He loved his job operating a continuous miner. He had no desire to do anything else, he had a passion for the mines. He sacrificed his life to provide for his family.

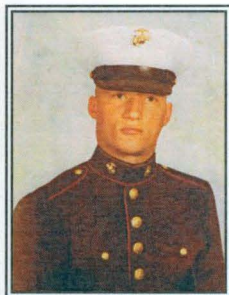
Jim was a wonderful husband and the love of my life. He was not just a Father, but a 'Daddy' to his daughters and grandson. Anyone that came in contact with him, loved him. He was always cheerful and smiling and had a positive attitude about everything.

Jim was very sick the last few years of his life with the disease of Black Lung. It was so hard to watch him struggle to breathe but he never complained.

He went home to be with the Lord January 26, 2010 He will be sadly missed by family and many friends.

"Always on my mind, Forever in My Heart"

Your loving and Heartbroken Wife, Chandra



Jerry B. Hackney

Jerry B. Hackney, 52 of Pecco Hollow, Belfry, Kentucky, was carried home to be with the Lord on the wings of angels, Sunday, October 4, 2009. Born December 30, 1956 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. He was a beloved son to Pauline Pecco Hackney and the late Rev. Joe Hackney Jr. of Belfry. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Jill Hackney of Tn.



Jerry, a retired member of the U.S. Marine Corp. was a disabled veteran who proudly served his country, he completed basic training at Paris Island, S.C. and while stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. he served in Okinawa, Japan. He was a member of Belfry Chapter #141 Disabled American Veterans.

Jerry was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church and he loved the Lord with all his heart. He is at peace now and walking on the streets of glory with Jesus.

He is survived by his loving wife, Glenna Sue Hackney of Belfry, loving Mother; Pauline Pecco Hackney, two sisters, Judy Hackney Rollins, his twin sister and whom he called his Guardian "Harks' Angel, and Linda (George) Brown of Daytona Beach, FL; two brothers, Jack (Carol) Hackney of Belfry, Kentucky and Gary (Sonya) Hackney, of Williamson, West Virginia; four children, Jerry B. Hackney Jr., Jerry Joseph Hackney, Cory Hackney Coleman and Timmy Hackney Thacker and one beautiful granddaughter, Jayla Hackney and a host of friends who will sadly miss him.

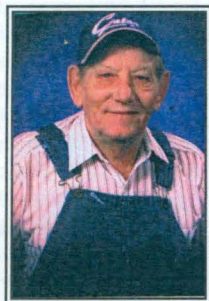
Ance Varney Jr.

Ance (William Anderson) Varney Jr., 81, of Canada, Ky., died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at his residence.

Born Oct. 16, 1928, at Kimper, Ky., a son of the late John Wallace and Lily Rose (Bostic) Varney. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years, GayZola Leedy Varney; one infant daughter, Carol Lee Varney; one infant great-grandson, Christopher Kolby Varney; sisters, Jenell Turnmire and Jeanette Owens; brothers, Ernest, Henry, Rora, Sid, Armon and Ralph Varney.

He was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church and was a retired coal miner, last working for himself at the Varney and Thacker Coal Company.

He is survived by five sons, Larry Chris (Loretta) Varney of Canada, Ky., Garry Dennis (Marie) Varney of Racoon, Ky., Barry Dale (Norma) Varney of Woodlawn, Tn., Anthony Dean (Peggy) Varney of Canada and Dusty Ance (Lisa) Varney of Pikeville, Ky., two brothers, Jesse (Jean) Varney and Lester Varney of Kimper, Ky., 13 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and a host of loving friends.





Genevieve Reynolds Rutherford

Genevieve Reynolds Rutherford of Huddy, KY passed away June 8, 2010 at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Genevieve was born at Pikeville, KY on August 17, 1931 to Walter and Octavia Stanley Reynolds, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Link Rutherford; her brother, Stallard Reynolds; and her stepmother, Hazel Reynolds.

Genevieve was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church where she was active in Sunday School, church and Vacation

Bible School. Genevieve is survived by her children: Walter (Luana) Rutherford; Timothy (Mildred) Rutherford and Michael (Elaine) Rutherford, all of Huddy, KY; grandchildren: Elizabeth (Marion) Longacre of Kennesaw, GA; Melissa (Gregory) Metzger of Louisville, Ky; Lea (James) Alley of Huddy Ky; and Michael Calan Rutherford of Huddy, KY; great-grandchildren Todd, Jacob and Matthew Longacre of Kennesaw, GA; Benjamin, Sarah and Maggie Metzger of Louisville, KY; Grade Alley of Huddy, KY. Services will be held at Rogers Funeral Home on Friday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Mikey Smith and Bro Buddy Kendrick. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 11 at 11:00 with Bro. Buddy Kendrick and Bro. Roger Blackburn officiating. Special singing will be performed by the church family and friends..

Danny Darrell Williamson

Danny went to be with the Lord August 11, 2010. He was 67 years old. Born at Dix Fork, Ky. July 14, 1943. He suffered a heart attack and had many medical problems. Danny passed away at his residence.

He is survived by his wife Gloria Williamson, (wife of 41 years) . One Brother, Larry Williamson and Pam Williamson, and a Special Sis-in-Law Eloise Sparks. On Daughter Danita Leonard, two Grandchildren Jessica Leonard and Tyler Leonard. One Niece Kim Bostic, and two nephews Cody and Wesley Bostic (whom he loved dearly). Two special girls who called him Pa-Pa Destiny and Krista Hammond of Virgie Ky.

He was the son of the late James Williamson and Ocie Thornsby Williamson Varney, and a wonderful step father Vergess Doc Varney and a Son Vergess Barry Dean Williamson.

Danny was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church. He loved to just go to church and sometime by himself he would go and do work around the church, he always said just me and~the Lord. Danny was a very Bold person and was not afraid to testify and witness for the Lord.

I know he was Welcomed Home by his heavenly father and many friends and loved ones who has gone on before. Some day soon we will meet again.



Sadly Missed by his wife Gloria Williamson

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.

