

Kermit Wallace, Clerk

2013

Minutes of the 91th Session

Of the

John-Thomas Association

Of Freewill Baptists

Of

Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio & Virginia

Kermit



Held at the

Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church

Sunman, IN.

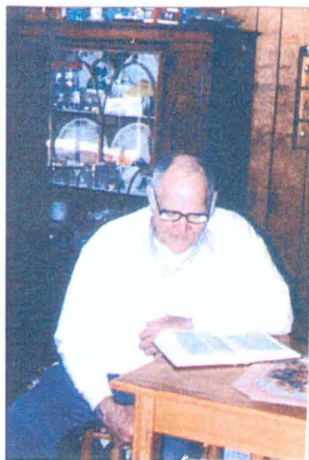
September 6 and 7th, 2013

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.

Preacher Gonan Kelly

Gonan Kelly age 95, better known as the old preacher man, went to be with his Lord on November 13th, 2012 at his home on Sandy Ridge. He loved his Lord, his wife, his children, and grandchildren. He was the oldest minister in the New Durham organization holding a lifetime minister's card. He was pastor of the Clinch View Freewill Baptist Church for many years. As a young man, he joined the CCC Camp, returning to raise his family as a coal miner. He never drove a car, walking many a mile to church. He was a blessed man going on many vacations with his family and friends. The preacher was a happy person, asking "I'm Happy", 'Are You Happy'? He loved life, his family and his friends. He was the son of Elsie Kelly and was raised by his aunt Sylvia and uncle Ben Owens, who loved him like a son. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, wife of seventy years, Fannie, sons Lawrence and Lewis Kelly, grandson Micheal Wesley Musick, Sister Eula May Kiser, and brother Bill Kelly. Survivors include sons Nelson Kelly and wife, Maxine, Roy Kelly and wife Meryl, Jack Kelly and wife Judy, daughters Dolly Musick and husband Sparker, Bethel Blevins and husband Bill. Grandchildren Kathy McConnell and husband Al, Ellen Blevins, David Couch and wife Melissa, Janice Musick and husband Leon, Carlos Kelly and wife Lucy, Sandra Large and husband Jack, Ricky Crabtree, Carolyn Windle and Husband Mike. Great grandchildren **Joshua and Jared** Musick, Joshua and Kristen Blevins, Kayla and Chloe Windle, Katie and Allison McConnell, Jorden, Samantha, and Shiann Couch, Zachary and Seth Large, Trevor, Tyson, Trenton, and Terry Crabtree. Great-Great Grandchildren Alyssa, Jacob, Jason and Ariel Blevins, two sisters, Arizona Breeding and husband Wilkerson, Mary Fleenor and husband Jackie. "We love you Daddy" "We miss you" "Your children and Grandchildren." "And all of your friends"



Gonan Kelly gone to be with
our Master but not forgotten.

We the ministers and delegates of The 91st Session of
The John-Thomas Association dedicate this session
to the memory
of

Clifford Bevins
Randolph Kendrick
R.L. Mullins
Luke Wright
Simmie C. Adkins
Robert McMullen
Clarence Lee

Romans Chapter 10 verse 15

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

I Timothy Chapter 5 verse 17

Let the Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double
honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine

Treasurer's Report 2013

CARRY OVER from 2012-2013	\$12,119.36
Dickenson County Conference	
Books	\$2,280.00
Obituaries	\$375.00
Membership Dues	\$953.50
Pike County Conference	
Books	\$1,680.00
Obituaries	\$565.00
Membership Dues	\$601.00
Letcher County Conference	
Books	\$1,080.00
Obituaries	\$215.00
Membership Dues	\$445.50
New Durham Conference	
Books	\$660.00
Obituaries	\$ 75.00
Membership Dues	\$124.00
Hamilton County Conference	
Books	\$138.00
Obituaries	\$ 25.00
Membership Dues	\$ 54.50
Love Offering 9/7/13	\$146.56
9/8/13	\$196.00
TOTAL	\$21,733.42

EXPENSES FOR YEAR 2013

Clerk Fees	\$500.00
Treasurer Fees	\$500.00
Pipecreek FWB Church for hosting Association	\$500.00
Single Side Photo ID Card System	\$ 2,043.00
Minute Books (Print & Shipping)	\$ 7,093.00
Balance	\$11,097.42
Building Fund	\$ 1,192.87
Promotional Committee	\$ 6,761.52
Newsletter	\$ 3,055.74

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The cost of the minute books is \$3.00 All obituaries are \$25.00 with Original Picture for one half page obituary and \$50.00 for a full page Obituary (No news Paper Clipping (PLEASE) and \$15.00 without Picture. The obituaries are to be typewritten before they are given to the Association Clerk. Quarterly Meeting Clerks are to get copies of all Letters and Pictures to the Association Clerk 2 weeks, before the Association meets if possible..

Officers For 2013

Moderator

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Assistant Clerk

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Treasurer

Troy Harris
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Assistant Treasurer

Helen Harris
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Elected and Appointed Executive Officers

Troy Harris, Kermit Wallace
Stephen Harlan, Rodney Smith, Eddie Overstreet

Promotional Committee

Troy Harris, (Chairman) Rolin T. Rutherford, Levi Stewart, Manie Strouth,
Joe Cantrell & Franklin Hall

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

Siebert Hillman, (Chairman) Walter Bryant, & Jackie Charles

Audit Committee

Estes Deel, (Chairman) Austin Ball, and Donald Maggard

John-Thomas Association Schedule

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

Beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September
Letcher—2014 Pike—2015 New Durham—2016 Dickenson—2017 Hamilton—2018
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, and Delegates Registering at The John-Thomas Association

Dickenson County Ministers

Franklin Hall

Deacons

Kermit Wallace, Seibert Hillman, Walter Bryant

Delegates

Patty Hillman, Anne Barton, Beverly Wallace, Rona Bryant, Anne Barton,
Anna Bartley

Hamilton County Ministers

Richard Layne, David Phillips, Stephen Harlan, James Wyatt, Leroy Reed,
Austin Ball, Charles McKinley, David Douglas

Deacons

Leslie Stewart, A.C. Spurlock, James Taylor

Delegates

Hazel Stewart, Levi Stewart, Hazel Davidson, Florence Reed,
Eileen Taylor, Letha Ball, Kim Douglas, Betty Wyatt, Julie Reed

Letcher County Ministers

Rodney D. Smith, Edgar Sanders, Tim Bailey

Deacon

Donald Maggard, Charlie Smith

Delegates

James N. Jones, Karen Smith, Irada Bailey, Terry Smith, Mary C. Sanders

New Durham Ministers

Troy F. Harris, Larry Robinson

Delegates

Estes Deel, Sandra Robinson, Helen Harris, Shelby Deel

Pike County Ministers

Eddie Overstreet, Dennis Hinkle

Deacons

Rolin T. Rutherford, Jackie Charles

Delegates

Bonnie Rutherford, Verniece Overstreet, Donna Hinkle

Visitors Registering at the John-Thomas Association

Margaret Stewart	Beverly Wallace	Anna Lee Bartley
Georgia Phillips	Whitney Wyatt	Brandy Wyatt
Betty Stewart	Linda VanHart	Steve Stewart
Sue Hacker	Margaret L. Lykins	Frances Davidson
Nolan England	Bonnie Davidson	Anita McKinley
Tom Spradlin (FWB Family Ministry)		

Friday Morning 11:00 A.M.

The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist met for the ninety-first (91st) session at the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church, in Sunman, Indiana on Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was September 6, & 7th, 2013.

Receptionists for this year, Brother Leslie Stewart, and Sister Margret Stewart, they recorded all ministers, delegates and visitors for the association by conferences and churches, also a list of ministers 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 David Phillips, pastor of the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church, welcomed everyone to the church. Brother Larry Robinson led the congregational song, "At the Cross". Brother David Phillips asked for prayer request. After several requests were received, prayer was given by Brother David Douglas. Special singers, were Brother Eddie Overstreet, who sang "It'll Be Worth It After All", and "I Can See Heaven on the Horizon". Sister Patty Hillman, sang "A Few Steps From Home". Brother Edgar Sanders sang "Come and Sup With Me" Brother Larry and Sister Sandra Robinson sang "There is a God" and Sister Frances Davidson sang "Teach Me Lord". Moving to the message, Brother David Phillips read from the book of Hebrews chapter 10 verse 19, and delivered a wonderful sermon. Brother Eddie Overstreet led the invitation song "Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?" Brother Leroy Reed led 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 Brother Eddie Overstreet singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Brother Levi Stewart, clerk, called the Association to order. He asked Brother Dennis Hinkle to lead the opening prayer. Brother Levi Stewart read from Ephesians, Chapter 5, verse 6-11. and Ecclesiastes Chapter 12 verses 13-14. Brother Levi Stewart asked if he could omit the reading of the By-Laws in order to save time. Brother Troy Harris made a motion to omit the reading of the by-laws, seconded by Leroy Reed, motion carried. The clerk, then proceeded to read the last minutes of the Association. Brother Troy Harris made a motion seconded by Brother Kermit Wallace to omit the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as printed in the 2012 minute books, with corrections, and motion carried. Then Brother Levi Stewart asked for nominations for moderator for the ensuing year. Brother Leslie Stewart, nominated Brother Troy Harris for moderator, seconded by Brother Kermit Wallace since there was no other nominations, Sister Beverly Wallace made a motion for the nominations to cease, seconded by Sister Anne Barton, motion carried. Brother Troy Harris was elected by acclamation for the ensuing year. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Leroy Reed to give the moderator the power to appoint all committees as needed for the Association and motion carried. Brother Troy Harris, moderator then appointed Brother Larry Robinson as the assistant moderator. The moderator appointed Brother Seibert Hillman, Brother Walter Bryant, and Brother Jackie Charles for the Pulpit Committee. For the Audit Committee, Brother Estes Deel, Austin Ball, and Brother Don Maggard. The moderator Troy Harris then called for nominations for clerk.

Brother Eddie Overstreet nominated Brother Levi Stewart seconded by Brother Leroy Reed for clerk. After the moderator called for further nominations, being none, Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion for nominations to cease, seconded by Brother Jackie Charles, motion carried Brother Levi Stewart was elected, clerk by acclamation. Brother Levi Stewart appointed Sister Hazel Stewart, as the assistant clerk. The moderator read the names of the Executive Committee; one member from each of the five conferences present who serve on the committee. Eddie Overstreet from Pike Co., Stephen Harlan from Hamilton Co., Troy Harris from New Durham, Rodney Smith from Letcher Co. and Kermit Wallace of Dickenson Co. Brother Kermit Wallace made a motion that Brother Troy Harris and his assistant Helen Harris be retained as the treasurer, Brother Rodney Smith seconded the motion, motion carried. Brother Troy Harris was elected treasurer and Sister Helen Harris as the assistant treasurer. The moderator gave leave for the Pulpit Committee and the Audit Committee. Brother Larry Robinson, assistant moderator resided over the conference while Brother Troy Harris went out with the Audit Committee. Brother Tom Spradlin from Family Ministries gave a report. Brother Leslie Stewart made a motion, seconded by Brother Eddie Overstreet to accept the report as given, motion carried. Brother Levi Stewart gave a report on the Promotional Committee. Brother Rodney Smith made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Brother Dennis Hinkle, motion carried. The moderator called for reports on the committees. The Pulpit Committee returned reporting, that Brother Larry Robinson would lead prayer and Brother Rodney Smith would preach the message in the afternoon and Brother Edgar Sanders to preach the evening message. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion to accept the Pulpit Committee's report, seconded by Brother Leslie Stewart, motion carried. The Audit Committee reported that the treasurer's report was in order as written in the 2012 minute book. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion to accept the Audit Committee's report, seconded by Brother Don Maggard, motion carried. The moderator asked for any old business, and none was reported. The moderator asked for any new business, being none at this time it was postponed till the afternoon. Brother Kermit Wallace made a motion, seconded by Brother Jackie Charles to close business session until tomorrow and go to worship service and motion carried.

Friday Afternoon Worship Service

The congregation sang "Glory Land Way" and "Farther Along" led by Brother Larry Robinson with Helen Harris, Hazel Stewart, Eddie and Verniece Overstreet, Patty Hillman and Beverly Wallace. Special singing from Sister Patty Hillman "Without Jesus, What Would I Do" Brother Austin and Sister Letha Ball, "Crystal Fountain" Sister Hazel Stewart "After All". Brother Larry Robinson led prayer". Brother Rodney Smith came and delivered a spiritual and up-lifting sermon. Brother Eddie Overstreet led the invitation song "High on the Mountain". There were several members came to the alter to be anointed with oil and had ministers and elders to pray for them. Brother Eddie Overstreet sang "Because He Lives". Brother Kermit Wallace gave a great testimony then gave a closing prayer and asked for a blessing over the meal. "Amazing Grace" was sung as the offering was received.

Friday Night Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

Brother Troy Harris, moderator welcomed everyone to the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church. Brother Jackie Charles led the opening prayer. Bro. Troy Harris read from Romans Chapter 8 verses 1-5. After several prayer requests, Brother Tim Bailey led prayer. Specials were sang by Brother Rolin T. Rutherford "That's Enough for Me", Sister Patty Hillman sang "Where Are The Children", Sister Hazel Stewart sang "He's In The Midst". Brother Tim Bailey sang "I Wouldn't Take Nothing For my Journey Now", and "The Old Man is Dead", Sister Shelby Deel sang "I Wasn't There" and Brother Franklin Hall sang "Little is Much". Brother Tom Spradlin led prayer for Brother Edgar Sanders as he came forward singing "A Land Beyond the Stars". He read from the book of Matthew, Chapter 8, Verses 23-26, topic "Wake the Master" and delivered a great message. Brother Larry and Sister Sandra Robinson led the invitation song "I Must tell Jesus". Brother Troy Harris, Brother Charles McKinley, Brother Franklin Hall, Brother Tom Spradlin, Brother Rolin T. Rutherford, Brother Dennis Hinkle and Brother Estes Deel all gave testimonies.

Saturday Morning Business Session 9:30 A.M.

The moderator, Troy Harris welcomed everyone and the congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On" and "Heaven's Jubilee" led by Brother Larry Robinson, with Bro. Eddie and Sis. Verniece Overstreet, Sis. Sandra Robinson, Sis. Beverly Wallace and Sis. Patty Hillman. The moderator read from 2 Thessalonians Chap 2 :1 thru 10 and called Sister Ann Bartley forward an anointed her with oil and Brother Rodney Smith led prayer. The moderator called the Association to order. The moderator excused the Pulpit Committee. The moderator asked if all delegates had signed in. Brother Larry Robinson, assistant moderator then resided over the meeting while Brother Troy Harris was excused with the Executive Committee. The assistant moderator called for the reading of the letters. Brother Franklin Hall made a motion to omit reading the names of the delegates since only those present would be printed in the minute book, seconded by Sister Beverly Wallace and vote carried. The clerk Levi Stewart then read the letters from all five of the Conferences. Bro. Dennis Hinkle made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Bro. Leroy Reed seconded the motion and vote carried. The assistant moderator asked for any reports at this time and Bro. Tom Spradlin came forward and gave a report on Family Ministries. Jackie Charles made a motion seconded by Charles McKinley to accept his report, and motion carried. The clerk announced that the 91st session of the John Thomas would be dedicated to the ministers who have gone on to be with the Lord. The Pulpit Committee returned and reported that Bro. Franklin Hall would lead prayer and Brother Tim Bailey would give the morning message. Brother Dennis Hinkle stood and thanked the people who had made the effort and bore the expense of visiting the Pike County Conference. The Executive Committee recommended: Sunday School Youth Literature that Brother Dennis McGlothlin had presented. Brother Leroy Reed made a motion to accept their recommendation, seconded by Eddie Overstreet and vote carried. They recommended keeping the one call system

Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion seconded by brother Leslie Stewart to retain it and vote carried. They recommended to have the John Thomas pay the insurance bill on the office trailer and Bro. Eddie Overstreet made a motion seconded by Rolin T. Rutherford to pay the premiums and vote carried. The Executive Board recommended to reimburse Bro. Levi Stewart for the price of the card printing machine he purchased for printing the professional looking Minister and Deacon cards, and Bro. Kermit Wallace made a motion seconded by Bro. Eddie Overstreet to reimburse him for the machine, motion carried. On the article 21 presented by Pike County Conference the Executive Committee recommended to add it to the Articles of Faith, number 21. Bro. Eddie Overstreet made a motion seconded by Bro. Jackie Charles to add it to the Articles of Faith, and motion carried. Sis Beverly questioned the motion, why it didn't have to be laid over for a year. Bro. Rodney Smith stood and explained why, referring to article 7 in the YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, in the minute book. On the amendment to article 9b, Page # 38 the executive board recommended to add these two words, trans-gender and gender-neutral in the article and that it be laid over for a year. Bro. Eddie Overstreet made a motion to accept the executive report, seconded by Bro. Jackie Charles. The vote needed a 4/5 majorities to accept. There was a standing vote, and all present stood and there was none against, and vote carried. The Promotional Committee came forward and presented the five of five certificates to Bro. Troy Harris, Bro. Siebert and Sis. Patty Hillman, Bro. Larry and Sis. Sandra Robinson, Bro. Levi and Sis Hazel Stewart. There were three absent, Bro. Dennis McGlothlin, Bro. Roger Green and Bro. Darrell Wellman. The Spirit Award was presented to Bro. Kermit and Sis Beverly Wallace for the extra mile and support in the John-Thomas Association. The Pipecreek Church gave a very small gift to those present, not for its monetary worth, but just a gift of appreciation for those who took the time and effort to travel so far. Bro. Eddie Overstreet Thanked the Pipecreek Church and all the efforts of the people that were involved in hosting the Association. Brother Davis Phillips, Pastor of the Pipecreek church thanked all for coming to Pipecreek. FWB Church. Since there was no other business, Bro. Eddie Overstreet made a motion to adjourn until we meet again at the Happy Freewill Baptist Church on the first Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 2014, which is Sept. 12th and 13th, seconded by Bro. Rodney Smith. Motion carried. A offering was received as the congregation sang "I LIKE TO TALK IT OVER WITH HIM" led By Bro. Larry Robinson, Bro. Franklin Hall, Sister Sandra Robinson and Sister Patty Hillman, assisting.

Saturday Morning Worship Service

Special singers Bro. Franklin Hall, "Little Is Much", Patty Hillman, "Holy City", Rolin T. Rutherford, "Take Me Home", Letha and Austin Ball, "God Leads Us along", Stephan Harlan, "The Love of God", Kim Douglas. "How Can I Ask for More?" and "Eagles Wings" Brother Franklin Hall led the prayer. Brother Tim Bailey came forward and reading from 1st Corinthians Chapter 1 verses 17-21, Topic: Power of God Brother Tim Bailey delivered a spiritual message. Several members came to the altar for prayer. Brother James Wyatt asked the blessing over the meal prepared and "Amazing Grace was sung as we had fellowship with the congregation. The Ministers Conference followed.

Moderator:
Troy Harris

Clerk:
Levi Stewart

Ministers Conference

September 7th, 2013

The clerk, Brother Levi Stewart came forward to organize the 91th session of The John-Thomas Association Minister's Conference. The clerk then called on Brother Eddie Overstreet to open with prayer. The clerk, Brother Levi Stewart asked for nominations for moderator. Brother Rodney Smith made a motion, seconded by Brother Eddie Overstreet to keep the same officers the association has, and the motion carried. The moderator, called for the reading of minutes. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Leroy Reed to accept the minutes as printed in the 2012 minute books with the amended corrections, and vote carried. It was time for the reading of the letters. Brother Rodney Smith made a motion for the clerk to omit the reading the names of the ministers since there were so many, but to print them in the minute books, this was seconded by Brother Franklin Hall and vote carried. Brother Levi Stewart read the letters from all of the minister's conferences in the association. Brother Eddie Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Brother Rodney Smith to accept the letters as read, the motion carried. The moderator, Troy Harris appointed Brother Dennis Hinkle to give a talk on points of doctrine and characters in the minister's conference next year. Brother Dennis Hinkle accepted the appointment. The Moderator asked for an alternate in case Dennis could not made the next meeting. Brother Franklin Hall would be the alternate. Brother Rodney Smith gave a good talk on having two preachers instead of one if the preachers would use their time wisely. Brother Franklin Hall suggested having another minister's retreat. The ministers in attendance liked the suggestion and the moderator appointed Brother Franklin Hall chairman, to find a time and place to hold the retreat, sometime in March. Brother Franklin Hall informed them he could use some help setting this retreat up. Brother Eddie Overstreet volunteered to help him. Brother Robinson came forward reading from 2nd Corinthians chapter 5 verse 20 and from chapter 6, verse 1-10. He gave a great spiritual details and educational speech on the charge. Brother Troy Harris gave a good report on the last retreat and on the Promotional Committee picnic. Motion to adjourn by Brother Leroy Reed and seconded by Brother Rodney Smith. Brother Troy Harris then dismissed us until we meet if it be the Lord's will at the Happy Freewill Baptist Church, at Happy, KY On Saturday, Sept.13th 2014, motion carried.

Moderator: *Troy Harris*

Clerk : *Levi Stewart*

**DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE
OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS State of Virginia**

To the John Thomas Association yearly meeting when convened with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church in the Hamilton County Conference on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 2013.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference while convened with the Pyles Memorial Freewill Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July for our conference. We elected for the following quarter: Moderator Brother Randy Carter and Assistant Moderator Brother Mike Strouth.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brother Lynn Vanover
Brother Manie Strouth
Brother Kermit Wallace
Brother Walter Bryant
Brother Andrew Mullins

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Brother Robert C. Hay
Brother Mark Stallard
Brother Willie Stanley
Brother David Kilgore, Alternate

We have chosen Brother Kermit Wallace to represent our conference on the Association Executive Committee with Brother Walter Bryant as alternate.

CLERKS:

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

TREASURERS:

Quarterly Meeting Fund—Brother Bob Hall
Emergency Fund—Brother Kermit Wallace
Children's Home Fund—Sister Anna Lee
Bartley
Scholarship Fund—Sister Beverly Wallace

TRUSTEES: Bob Hall and Keith Dotson

The Conference voted to buy 760 minutes books. Amount enclosed for the minutes is \$2,280.00 Enclosed For 14 obituaries \$375.00 Enclosed for membership dues \$953.50

STATISTICS:

Churches	30	Sunday Schools	30
Church Membership	1,907	Sunday School Membership	1,077
Ladies Auxiliaries	11	Youth Leagues	14

Delegates for this Session of the John Thomas Association on September 6th and 7th, 2013 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.

Done by the order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session on the 26th and 27th of July 2013 with the Pyles Memorial Church at Pound, VA

Brother Randy Carter Moderator Brother Kermit Wallace, Clerk of session
Assistant Moderator Brother Mike Strouth

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

Greetings,

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Hamilton County Conference at Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at 13147 N. Penntown Rd., Sunman, Indiana on the 6th and 7th of September, 2013. The Hamilton County Quarterly Conference met with the Milford Freewill Baptist Church at Greensburg, Indiana on August 11th 2013. 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:

Richard Layne
Leroy Reed
David Phillips
Austin Ball (Alternate)

Statistics:

Churches—————3
Churches Membership——106
Ordained Ministers————8
Licentiate————— 1

Executive Committee:

Stephen Harlan Chairman
Leroy Reed (Alt.)
Richard Layne (Alt.)

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand August 2011—————\$4,005.54

The Conference voted to buy (46) minute books. Amount enclosed for the minute books is \$138.00 Amount for membership fee \$54.50. Newsletter \$120.00. Obituary, Amount \$25.00. Total \$ 337.50

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 this day of August 11th, 2013.

Moderator

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

Clerk

Levi Stewart
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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 Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at Sunman, IN on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2013

Greetings:

The New Durham Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church on August 9 & 10th, 2013, for the Quarterly Conference. Conference opened with singing, prayer. And a special message by Bro. Sonny Perkins. The clerk read from the book of Ecclesiastes chapter 11 and declared Conference open.

The following officers were elected:

Rev. Troy Harris was elected to represent the conference on the executive committee.

Rev. Phillip Imel as a alternate.

MODERATOR

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Sonny

Perkins (3 months) Rev.. Dennis McGlothlin (3 months)

CLERK

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EMERGENCY FUND TREASURER

Rev. Troy Harris

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

CHURCH STATISTICS

Churches	9	Licentiate	0
Church Membership	248	Sunday Schools	8
Ministers	18	Sunday School Membership	257
Conference voted to buy	220 minutes		
Amount enclosed for minutes:		\$660.00	
Amount enclosed fee :		\$124.00	
Amount enclosed for obituaries		\$ 75.00	
Balance from August 2012 to July 31, 2013			
Quarterly Meeting Fund:		\$5699.12	
Emergency Fund:		\$1453.35	

All business was conducted in an orderly and Godly fashion. Done by the order of the New Durham Conference of Freewill Baptists this 10th of August, 2013, while in regular session with the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church.

Moderator: Rev. Sonny Perkins

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Dennis McGlothlin

Clerk Rev. Ralph Sproles

**LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE
OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS**

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

Rodney Smith Moderator
P.O. Box 1581
Hazard, Ky. 41702

Gary Johnson, Treasurer
124 Kendrick Fork
Pikeville, KY 41501

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church, Sunman, IN. on September 6th and 7th, 2013

Greetings:

The Letcher County Conference met at the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church, Alleghany, KY. on August 17th, 2013 The conference was moderated by Brother Rodney Smith. The Conference business was conducted in customary manner followed by worship service and fellowship. The following officers were elected

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Tommy Tackett

Pulpit Committee: Bro. Fred Young Bro. Greg Standifur Bro. Ronnie Rice

Executive Committee: Bro. Fred Young, Bro. Darrell Smith Bro. Joe Depriest

Arbitration Committee: Bro. Jody Maggard Bro. Gary Johnson, Bro. Tommy Tackett

****Ordination Council:** Bro. Ray Tackett Bro. Nick Baldridge Bro. Richard Gibson

**Elected in Minister's Conference*

Clerk: Jody E. Maggard Treasurer: Gary Johnson

Our Fourth Quarter Statistics are as follows:

Membership	891
Sunday School	14
Sunday School attendance	422
Auxiliaries members	127
Leagues	54
Ministers	54
Licencees	12
Deacons	47
Deacon Under Watch care	1

The Letcher County Conference meets on Saturday before the third Sunday in November. February May and August. at 9:00) A.M.

Please send 360 copies of the minute, Enclosed is 1,080.00 for minutes copies and \$ 215.00 for eight obituaries with picture and one without picture, in addition we have included \$445.50 for member dues to the John-Thomas Association (891 members)

Done by order of Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptists

Jody E. Maggard, Clerk
Letcher County Conference

Pike County Conference Of Freewill Baptist

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church September 6th and 7th, 2013

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Caney Creek Free Will Baptist Church on August 24th, 2013. The conference opened with singing and prayer. Brother Brad Williamson called the conference to order for business reading from Revelation, Chapter, 1 verses 12-18

Officers elected were as follows:

MODERATOR

Rev. Matthew Bowman

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Robie Kendrick	Alternates
Rev. Gerria Reynolds	Rev. Gary Stewart
Rev. Edward Adkins	Rev. Roger Blackburn

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev Donnie Harris

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. Roger Blackburn
Rev. Everette Mullins Jr.
Rev. Larry Hubard

CLERK Rev. Dennis Hinkle

TREASURER: Bro. Darrell Wellman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick
Rev. Brad Williamson
Rev. Gerria Reynolds
Rev. Velon Burgess
Rev. Robert (Robbie) Smith
Rev Jimmy Reed Adkins
Rev. Edward Adkins
Rev. Eddie Overstreet (alt.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro Rolin T. Rutherford
Bro. John Justice
Bro. Larry Adkins

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Bro. William Maynard
Bro. Gary Moon
Bro. Dale Church

STATISTICS:

Churches—16	Sunday Schools Membership—587
Church Membership—1202	Ladies Auxiliaries— 7
Ministers—81	Master's Men—3
Sunday Schools—16	Auxiliaries Membership---137
	Mid Week Services Attendance---452

TREASURER REPORT:

Amount in the treasury June 2012— 2,179.56 Receive August 2012 to June 2013 8,804.77 Expenses- August 2012 to June 2013— 8,900.77 Balance June 2013— 2,083.56. We are enclosing \$ 1,680.00 for minutes; \$565.00 for obituaries and 601.00 Membership fee . We are requesting 560 minute books.

Rev. Eddie Overstreet to be Executive Committee for Pike County, Rev. Edward Adkins Alternate. Done by order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this 25th day of August 2013

Moderator:

Rev. Matthew Bowman
16170 Grapevine Rd.
Phyllis, KY 41554
606-835-7503

Treasurer:

Rev. Darrell Wellman
27359 US Hwy 119
Belfry, KY 41514
606-237-4406

Clerk:

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

Dickenson County Ministers' Conference

Greetings:

To the John -Thomas Association while in regular session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church on September 6 and 7, 2013.

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference met at the Pyles Memorial Freewill Baptist Church on Thursday, July 25, 2013. Officers elected for the following year are as follows:

<u>Moderator</u>	<u>Assistant Moderator</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
Randall Carter	Allen Gene Conley	Matthew Fuller
P.O. Box 1207	Rt 1 Box 246	1774 DC Caney Ridge Rd.
Pound, VA 24279	Clintwood, VA 24228	Clintwood VA 24228
<u>Assistant Clerk</u>	<u>Ordaining Council</u>	<u>Life Time Card Committee</u>
Tarncy Mullins	Robert C. Hay	Robert C. Hay
3382 Ramey Flats Rd.	Mark Stallard	Mark Stallard
Clintwood VA 24228	Willie Stanley	Matthew Fuller
	David Kilgore-Alternate	

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Pastors 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) (Area Codes are 276 unless otherwise noted)

Ellis Leftwich	608 Buffalo Creek Rd.		
	Nora. VA 24272	Buffalo	835-8670
Leon Sykes	25562 Jomean Dr.		
	Abingdon VA 24211	Clinchco	206-8093
James "Subby"	406 McCarty Rd.		
Holbrook	Clinchco VA 24226	Clinchco	835-1589
Harlan Lee Rose	15779 Bradford Rd.		
	Culpepper VA 22701	Clinchco	825-0240
Danny Stanley	2559 Dyers Chapel Rd.		
	Clinchco VA 24226	Clinchco	835-1960
John Turner	P.O. Box 174		
	Clinchco VA 24226	Clinchco	835-8853
Eddie Rose	P.O. Box 1543		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Davis Chapel	926-9002
Glenn A. Kilgore	P.O. Box 459		
	Wise VA 24293	Duncan Gap	328-2553
Denver Kelly	139 Watague Cit.		
	Clintwood, VA 24228	Dyers Chapel	415-6059
Robert C. Hay	4949 DC Caney Ridge Rd.		
	Clintwood VA 24228	Dyers Chapel	835-8307
James A. Moore	P.O. Box 280		
	Clinchco VA 24226	Dyers Chapel	835-1389
Tim Neece	P.O. Box 301		
	Nora VA 24272	Dyers Chapel	835-1536

Mike Stidham	153 Old Tower Lane Clintwood VA 24228	Dyers Chapel	835-1930
Chris Strange	10047 Bold Camp Rd. Pound VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-5067
Nyal B. Robinson	P.O. Box 46 Pound VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-4607
Michael Strouth	9989 Collins Hollow Rd. Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-4447
Glen Slempp (Georges Fork)	P.O. Box 1222 Pound VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-4479
Lester C. Mullins	245 Rockhouse Rd. Coeburn VA 24230	Flemingtown	926-4387
Johnny Anderson	Rt. 2 Box 100B Clintwood VA 24228	Flemingtown	926- 6730
Freddie J. Boyd	P.O. Box 193 Clinchco VA 24226	Flemingtown	835-1992
David Kilgore	P.O. Box 193 Pound, VA 24279	Flemingtown	796-5014
Eddie Edwards	5252 Mew Rd. Castlewood VA 24224	Fremont	608-0087
Michael Rasnick	445 Sharons Rd. Clinchco VA 24226	Fremont	835-8212
Harold Mullins ?	524 Skeetrock Rd. Clintwood VA 24228	Georges Fork	926-2019
Gregory A. Stanley	2105 Bear Pen Creek Clintwood VA 24228	Georges Fork	926-5126
Mark Stallard	P.O. Box 454 Pound VA 24279	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. Pound VA 24279	Gladly Fork	796-5091
Allen Gene Conley	Rt. 1 Box 246 Clintwood VA 24228	Hill Ridge	835-1319
Matthew Deel (Mill Creek)	136 Mailboy Ln. Dante VA 24237	Hill Ridge	835-1263
Matthew Fuller	1774 DC Caney Ridge Rd. Clintwood VA 24228	Hill Ridge	835-1852
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.	Honey Camp	926-9113
Lewis V. Mullins	Clintwood VA 24228		
	3386 Ramey Flats Rd.	Honey Camp	926-4235
Charles Baker	Clintwood VA 24228		
	8740 Dotson Creek Rd.	Hubbard Chapel	796-4519
Billy D. Hibbitts	Wise VA 24293		
	7325 Hopkins Farm Rd.	Hubbard Chapel	328-5838
Steve Countiss	Wise VA 24293		
	P.O. Box 1354	Hubbard Chapel	796-4460
Allen Graham	Pound VA 24279		
	P.O. Box 2395	Hubbard Chapel	328-0050
Nolan M. Stanley	Wise VA 24293		
	P.O. Box 714	Hubbard Chapel	796-5603
Gary C. Willis	Pound VA 24279		
	1970 Rock Lick Rd.	Lick Creek	865-5219
Allen Viers	Birchleaf VA 24220		
	20094 Dickenson Hwy.	Lick Fork	835-9625
Josh Dingus	Clinchco VA 24226		
	193 Kayes Cove	Lick Fork	926-5446
Keith Dotson	Clintwood VA 24228		
(Hill Ridge)	1560 Ventura Rd.	Lick Fork	926-4528
Earl Lee	Clintwood VA 24228		
	5186 Brushy Ridge Rd.	Lighthouse	495-1199
Jack W. Meade	Nora VA 24272		
	9228 Dr. Ralph Stanley Hwy	Meades Chapel	395-6166
Marvin C. Dockery	Coeburn VA 24230		
	17945 Sandy Ridge Rd.	Mill Creek	495-1421
Daniel Rose	Nora VA 24272		
	175 Tollie Lane	Mill Creek	926-4838
Michael Patrick	Clintwood VA 24228		
	184 Rogers Cr.	Mills Chapel	762-9521
Joe Glenn Sluss	Castlewood VA 24224		
	P.O. Box 922	Peuther Chapel	835-9774
James Holbrook	Clintwood VA 24228		
	1411 Phillips Hollow	Peuther Chapel	495-8461
Randy Noonchester	Dante VA, 24237		
	P.O. Box 2273	Phillips Chapel	395-9346
Franklin Hall	Coeburn VA 24230		
	225 Hall Dr.	Pine Creek	926-8189
	Clintwood, VA 24228		

Esley Ratliff	6801 Dickenson Hwy. Clintwood VA 24228	Pine Creek	926-5341
Manie W. Strouth	P.O. Box 958 Pound VA 24279	Pine Creek	796-5084
Doyle Gouge	P.O. Box 2280 Coeburn VA 24230	Pine Grove	395-0334
Randall Carter	P.O. Box 1207 Pound VA 24279	Pyles Memorial	796-5790
Barney Paul Carter	9350 Pen Hollow Rd. Pound VA 24279	Pyles Memorial	796-5133
Timothy Strange	P.O. Box 1023 Pound VA 24279	Pyles Memorial	796-9103
Willie Stanley	P.O. Box 847 Coeburn VA 24230	Rachels Chapel	395-2405
Robert L. Phipps	P.O. Box 768 Riner VA 24219	Rachels Chapel	763-4755
Gary Stanley (Yates Chapel)	261 Rachels Chapel Rd. Coeburn VA 24230	Rachels Chapel	835-8386
Greg Stanley	7342 DC Caney Ridge Rd. Coeburn VA 24230	Rachels 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 R. Epling	134 Beachlovers Lane Haysi VA 24256	Splashdam	865-5575
Bill Rose ?	8652 Bean Gap Rd. Pound VA 24279	Splashdam	796-1097
Jerry W. Robinson	6570 The Lake Rd. Clintwood VA 24228	Tarpon	926-8730
Glen Sykes	598 Travis Stanley Rd Haysi VA 24256	Tarpon	220-2425
Jerry Vitatoc	P.O. Box 486 Clinchco VA 24226	Tarpon	835-1167
Bill Yates	107 Delaney Lane Clintwood VA 24228	Tarpon	835-1308
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
Charles W. Stanley	10521 Right Fork Pound VA 24279	Yates Chapel	796-1036

Ministers With Life Time Cards

Eulis Lee Sutherland	Rt.3 Box 336T Clintwood VA 24228	Buffalo	926-4706
Edison Boggs	P.O. Box 5 Pound VA 24279	Davis Chapel	796-4896
Allen Sutherland	1132 Sutherland Ridge Rd. Clinchco VA 24226	Dyers Chapel	835-1731
Lester Robinson	10146 Ferbie Rd. Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel	796-5370
Sam Slemp	30367 Ramblewood Dr. Meadowview VA 24361	Ferbie Chapel	944-4259
Ulis Sturgil	P.O. Box 1102 Pound VA 24279	Glady Fork	796-6160
Clyde Hay <i>died 4/15/14</i>	P.O. Box 341 Clintwood VA 24228	Lick Creek	926-6596
Arnold Rose	131 Trinity Dr. Coeburn VA 24230	Rugsby	835-9720
Paul D. Moore	137 Tollie Lane Clintwood 24228	Mill Creek	926-4973

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards—78

Ministers with Lifetime Card—9

Ministers Deceased – Clifford Bevins, Randolph Kendrick, R.L. Mullins and Luke Wright

Ministers Excluded – Jack Mullins, Roy Mullins and Jesse Yates

Total Ministers—87

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference Meets on Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM.

This report is given to the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in regular session at the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church on September 6th and 7th, 2013 by order of the Dickenson County Ministers Conference.

Moderator

Randall Carter
P.O. Box 1207
Pound VA 24279

Clerk

Matthew Fuller
1774 DC Caney Ridge Rd.
Clintwood VA 24228
24228

Assistant Clerk

Tarney Mullins
3382 Ramey Flats Rd.
Clintwood VA

Greeting to the John-Thomas Association

The Hamilton County Ministers Conference met with the Milford Freewill Baptist Church at Greensburg, IN on August 10th 2013.

An opening prayer was given. The meeting was then called to order by the Moderator Rev. Leroy Reed. Brother Leroy Reed put Brother George Erlewien under the watch care of the Milford Freewill Baptist Church in Greensburg, In. for a period of one year, and gave him a certificate of license for that church. We had (6) ministers present and (1) licensee present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year,

Moderator: Leroy Reed

Clerk: Richard Layne

Ordaining Council:

Richard Layne

Leroy Reed

David Phillips

Austin Ball, **Alternate**

Executive Committee:

Stephen Harlan

Leroy Reed

Richard Layne

Ministers holding life time cards:

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

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

David Phillips 6443 E. S.R. 350 Milan IN 47031 812-654-2947

James Wyatt 225 N. Main St. Woodstock, OH 43084 937-826-1082

Austin Ball 2013 N. Dogwood Ct. Greensburg IN 24240 812-560-4270

Ministers holding good standing cards

Stephen Harlan 737S. S. Bath Springs Rd Liberty, IN 47353 765-580-9483

Richard Layne 7326 S.R.19 Unit 0706 Mt. Gilead, OH 43338 419-947-1478

David Douglas 1339 McGabe Rd. Shelbyville, In 46176 317-642-9823

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Conference this 10th day of August 2013

Moderator: *Leroy Reed*

Clerk: *Richard Layne*

Pastors are in Bold

NEW DURHAM MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at Sunman, IN on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 2013

The New Durham Minister's Conference met with the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church on August 8th, 2013. Service was open with song and prayer. The following officers were elected:

MODERATOR

Bro. Larry Robinson

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Bro. Sonny Perkins

CLERK

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

Assistant Clerk

Darnell Keith Jr.
Dante, VA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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. Giles Wilson	HC 4 Box 663, Council, VA 24260	Mt. View

We ordained two ministers, Rev. Dennis McGlothlin and Rev. Darren Ratiff. We voted to give Rev. Arlie Bowman a Lifetime Card. Rev. Leon Musick is pastor at Clinch View, Rev. Darnell Jr, pastor at Straight Hollow and Rev. Dennis McGlothlin is co-pastor at Mt. View. Rev Ralph Dye is pastor at Tunnel Hill and at Mt. Zion.

Clerk : Ralph Sporles

MINISTERS TO RECEIVE GOOD STANDING CARDS

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	Straight Hollow
Rev. Ralph Dye	7294 Old Drill Rd Honaker, VA 24260	276-873-4615	Mt Zion & Tunnel Hill
Rev. Darren Ratliff	P.O. Box 113 Pilgrims Knob VA. 24634 276-259-7734		Tunnel Hill
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. Cecil Leon Musick	No. 7 Jesse's Mill Rd. Lebanon Va. 24266	276-794-9503	Clinch View
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 Mountain 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. Dennis McGlothlin	4838 Combs Ridge Rd. Honaker, VA 24260	276-859-24260	Mt. View
Rev. Chester Ball	P.O. Box 1075 Honaker, VA 24260	276-873-4758	Drill Chapel
Rev. Carl Dorton	3683 Fletcher Ridge Rd. Vansant VA. 24656	276-859-2739	Drill Chapel
Rev. James Sims	276 Halland Sub Rd Cedar Bluff, VA 24609	276-880-9068	East Lebanon

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS MINISTERS CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Association while in session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church at Sunman, IN on September 6th and 7th, 2013

Greetings:

The Letcher County Ministers Conference met at the Allegheny Freewill Baptist Church, Hellier, KY on August 16, 2013. Bro Edgar Sanders presided over the conference as Moderator . Officers for the coming year are as follows:

Moderator:

Edgar Sanders
790 Sycamore Rd.
Ashcamp, Kentucky 41512

Assistant Moderator

Bro. Randy Standifur
131 Ratliff Bottom
Elkhorn City, KY 41522

Ordaining Council:

Bro. Ray Tackett (Chair)
Bro. Nick Baldridge
Bro. Richard Gibson

Clerk:

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

Other business of the Minister's Conference was conducted in orderly and customary manner.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards.....	47
Ministers with Lifetime Cards.....	7
Total Ministers.....	54

The Letcher County Ministers Conference currently meets on Friday before the third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

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

MINISTERS TO RECEIVE GOOD STANDING CARDS

Tommy Tackett (P) (LT)	P.O. Box 16 Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-7050	Allegheny
James N. Tackett	P.O. Box 161 Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-5179	Allegheny
Stanley Ray Tackett	P.O. Box 18 Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-7124	Allegheny
Oscar Damron	P.O. Box 3 Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-4924	Alleghany
Pete Newsom Jr. (LT)	1719 Allegheny Rd. Hellier, KY 41534	606-754-0135	Allegheny
Nicholas Baldridge	1145 Long Fork. Rd. Virgie, KY 41752	606-639-4074	Alleghany
Jimmy Dean Looney	405 Jackson Branch Rd. Elkhorn City Ky. 41522		
606-754-4709	Alleghany		
Billy Akers (P)	20 Little Robinson Cr Rd. Virgie, KY 41572		
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		
Albert D. Smith	P.O. Box 695 Jenkins, KY 41537		
606-832-2963	Burdine		
Gary Kirby	134 Marshall Br. Jenkins, Ky. 41537		
606-832-2974	Burdine		
Joseph McKnight(P)	1300 Kingdom Come Dr. Cumberland, KY 40823		
606-894-0042	Cloverlick		
Chad McKnight	P.O. Box 655 Cumberland KY 40823		
606-589-5519	Cloverlick		
Don McKnight (P) (LT)	P.O. Box 284 Cumberland, KY 40823		
606-589-2904	Cloverlick		
Calvin Bates (P)	348 Wrights Hollow Circle, Jenkins, Ky. 41537		
606-832-1568	Dunham		
Jessie Miller (LT)	106 Cargo Lane Jenkins, KY 41537		
606-832-2454	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 (P)	790 Sycamore Rd. Ashcamp, KY 41512		
606-754-5386	GloryBound		
Phillip Rife	P.O. Box 132 Ashcamp, KY 41512		
606-754-7946	GloryBound		
Randy Standifur	131 Ratliff Bottom Elkhorn City, KY 41522		
606-754-7139	GloryBound		
Dale Senters	237 Blair-Adkins St. Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522		
606-754-9886	GloryBound		
Tracy Wells	70 Red Bud Lane, Elkhorn City, KY. 41522		
606-754-7029	GloryBound		
Rodney D. Smith (P)	P.O. Box 1581 Hazard,, KY 41702		
606-476-8454	Happy		
Jody E. Maggard (AP)	144 Sumac St. Hazard, KY 41701		
606-436-9637	Happy		
Danny Mullins (P)	P.O. Box 243. Cromona, KY 41818		
606-855-4662	Haymond		
Earl Combs	P.O. Box 192 Happy, KY 41746		
606-476-8640	Haymond		
James Johnson	720 Goose Cr. Rd. Neon, KY 41840		
606-855-4162	Haymond		
Clayton Van Swindoll (P)	11591 Elkhorn Creek Rd. Ashcamp, KY 41512		
606-639-6042	Hylton		

Jimmy Moore 587 Anderson Branch Shelby Gap
 Hylton
 Homer Lee Mullins P.O. Box 401 Ashcamp, KY 41512
 Hylton
 606-754-5453
 Robert Bartley 33 Dove Hollow Rd. Elkhorn City, KY 41522
 606-754-5408 Hylton
 Clyde Damron (LT) 22447 H 55th St Phoenix, AZ 85054
 480-699-7984 Hylton
 Gary Collins 4259 Hwy 343 McRoberts, KY 41835
 606-832-6053 Hylton
 Roy G. Spears (P) 5164 Toler Cr. Rd. Harold, KY 41635
 606-478-9285 Ligon
 James Thacker (LT) 423 Pine Fork Shelbyana, KY 41562
 606-433-9184 Ligon
 Douglas Tackett 166 Tackett Fork, Beaver, KY 41604
 606-587-2128 Ligon
 Gabriel Burns (P) 87 Ohio St. Whitesburg, KY 41858
 606-633-7276 Moores Chapel
 Bobby Fleming P.O. Box 485 Jenkins KY. 41537
 606-832-4879 Moores Chapel
 Will Hall Moores Chapel
 Hollis Bevins (P) 8314 N. River Rd. Pound, VA 24279
 276-796-5576 Payne Gap
 Charles Gallon (LT) P.O. Box 228 Jenkins, KY 41537
 606-832-2909 Payne Gap
 Russell Hall (P) P.O. Box 28 Cromona, KY 41810
 606-855-0030 Pine Chapel
 Richard Gibson (P) 3791 Poorbottom Rd. Elkhorn City, KY 41522
 606-754-8171 Poorbottom
 James Kilgore P.O. Box 238 Lick Creek, KY
 606-835-1980 Poorbottom
 Richie Gibson 3834 Poorbottom Rd. Elkhorn City, KY 41522
 606-754-5841 Poorbottom
 Rocky Craft (P) P.O. Box 87 Ermine, KY 41815
 606-633-1965 Seco
 Derek McCall P.O. Box 392 Neon, KY 41840
 606-855-4903 Seco
 Greg Polly 175 Animal Drive Whitesburg KY 41858
 606-855-4831 Seco
 Larry Tackett (P) P.O. Box 97 Beaver, KY 41604
 606-587-2712 Tackett Fork
 Mathew White P.O. Box 245 High Hat, KY 41604
 606-587-2050 Tackett Fork

Ministers to receive Good Standing Cards.....47
 Ministers with Lifetime Cards.....07
 Total ministers.....54

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 144 Sumac Street
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Pike County Minister's Conference

Greeting:

To the John-Thomas Association, while in session with the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church September 6^h and 7th, 2013.

The Pike County Ministers' Conference met with the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church August 23, 2013. The Moderator, Bro. Gary Stewart welcome every one to the conference. We sung and prayer request was given, and we had prayer. Bro. Gary Stewart called the conference to order for business reading from Psalms, chapter 21, verse 3. Bro. Bobby Bowman was elected Moderator. for the next 12 months, and appointed Bro. Eddie Abbott Assistant Moderator. The moderator asked if anyone knew of any Minister walking disorderly or preaching unsound doctrine. There were none reported. Bro. Jimmy Reed was the speaker for the evening. The moderator asked if we had any new business. Bro Gerria Reynolds made a motion to letter up to the John-Thomas Association; seconded by Bro Robie Kendrick. Motion carried by vote of the conference.

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

MODERATOR;

Rev. Bobby Bowman

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Eddie Abbott

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Jimmy Reed Adkins

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Rev. Robert (Robbie) Smith Jr.

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Rev. Brad Williamson

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Rev. Gary Stewart

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Rev. Eddie Overstreet

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Rev. Dennis Hinkle

Life Time Card Committee

Rev. Velon Burgess

Rev. Lonnie Francis

Rev. Michael Reprogel

Treasurer : Rev. Darrell Wellman

Yearly meeting place and time

Pipercreek Freewill Baptist Church September 6th and 7th, 2013 Sunman, IN.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Roger Blackburn	Box 38 McAndrews, KY, 41543	Belfry	606-353-4977
Donald Varney	1521 Roadfork Sidney, KY 41564	Belfry	606-353-4847
Ronald Blane May II	P.O. Box 242 52 Burgraff Rd. McAndrews, KY 41543	Belfry	606-353-4805
Eddie Dean McCoy	145 McCoy Hollow Raccoon, KY 41557	Belfry	606-433-0705
Roger Dale Bogar	Box 246 Hardy, KY 41531	Bluesprings	606-353-8001
Floyd Church Jr. Larry Hubbard	Box 435 McCarr, KY 41544 S. Varney Hollow Canada, KY 41519	Bluesprings	606-427-7917 Bluesprings 606-353-7495
Michael Reprogl	P.O. Box 123 Newtown, W.V. 25686	Bluesprings	304-426-6427
Robert Smith Jr.	363 Dials Branch Rd. Ramson, KY 41558	Bluesprings	606-427-0410
Wade Smith	1989 Pigeon Roost Rd Canada, KY 41519	Bluesprings	606-353-9190
Gary Stewart	P.O. Box 88 Canada, KY 41519	Canada	606-353-9928
Gary Thacker	P.O. Box 153 Canada, KY 41519	Canada	606-353-7150
Roger Williamson	P.O. Box 104 Huddy, KY 41535	Canada	606-353-1190
Chris Varney	Box 184 Sidney, KY. 41564	Canada	606-353-7334
Adam Chapman	1072 Sunshine Lane Kimper, KY 41539	Canada	606-631-6581
Paul Coleman	903 Peyton Cr. Rd. Pikeville. KY 41501	Caney Creek	606-432-1618
Eric Fleming	1939 Turkey Pen. Rd. Virgie, KY. 41572	Caney Creek	606-639-9808
Otis Gibson Jr.	378 Right Fork. Island Creek, Pikeville, KY 41501	Caney Creek	606-432-4558
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
Adam Akers	P.O. Box 1288 Pikeville, KY 40501	Caney Creek	606-432-6777

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
Matthew Bowman	16170 Grapevine Rd. Phyllis, KY. 41554	Edo	606-835-7503
Lance Bowman	87 Long Branch Kimper KY 41539	Edo	606-631-8876
David G. Varney	343 Rush Fork Road Compton, KY. 41301	Edo	606-794-0715
Brad Williamson	80 Varney Hollow Canada, KY 41519	Grassy	606- 353-8137
Douglas Larry Golf	291 Knob Fork Rd. Pikeville, KY 41501	Grassy	606 437-6046
Lester Tibbs	225 Dry Branch Pikeville, KY 41501	Grassy	606- 631-3654
Dusty Varney	Box 193 Canada, KY	Grassy	606- 353-4154
Lester Morris	7219 Raccoon Rd. Raccoon, KY 41557	Grassy	606-433-1836
Ronnie Webb	198 Fifty Eight Branch Raccoon, KY 41557	Grassy	606-433-9977
James Robert Charles	Robinson Creek Rd. Robinson, KY 41560	Grassy	606-639-2132
Jimmy Jack Adkins	2847 Shelby Dry Fork Shelbiana, KY 41562	Greasy Creek	606-437-7185
Jimmy Reed Adkins	5575 Greasy Creek Shelbiana, KY 41562	Greasy Creek	606- 432-7008
Norman Charles	3379 E. Shelbiana Rd. lot 7 Pikeville, KY 41501	Greasy Creek	606-437-0538
Donnie R. Harris	547 Town Mountain Rd. Pikeville, KY 41501	Island Creek	606-433-0522
Frank Bryant	522 Billy Compton Rd. Pikeville, KY 41501	Island Creek	606-432-2533
Merion Wright	P.O. Box 2265 Pikeville, KY 41502	Island Creek	606- 432-0766
Thomas Dillon Thacker	4460 Raccoon Rd. Raccoon, KY 41557	Island Creek	606-432-2583
Everette Mullins Jr.	2316 Mare Creek Rd. Stainville, KY. 41569	Island Creek	606-478-8281
Lee Dotson	PO. Box 471 McCarr, KY 41544	Leckieville	606-427-9041
Adam Dotson	9180 Croppen Rd. Pleasureville, KY 40057	Leckieville	606- 353-1246
Bill Moseley	759 New Camp Rd. S. Williamson, KY 41558	Leckieville	606- 237-4749

Darrell Wellman	27359 U S Hwy 119 Belfry, KY 41514	Leckieville	606- 237-4406
Blake Layne	P.O. Box 57 Kimper, KY 41539	Meathouse	606- 509-1070
Dolph Kelly	P.O. Box 391 Virgie, KY, 41572	Meathouse	606-639-2128
Virgil Dean Hess AP	2373, Hurricane Creek Rd Kimper, KY 41539	Meathouse	606- 631-6196
Gerria Reynolds	3286 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, KY41543	Octavia	606-353-9612
Dennis Hinkle	2655 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, KY 41543	Octavia	606-353-4571
Clyde Bowman Jr.	247 Nettly Branch McAndrews, KY 41543	Octavia	606-353-8101
Earsel Bowman	3311 Pinsonfork Rd. McAndrews, KY41543	Octavia	606-353-0706
Donald Ray Hinkle	2622 Pinsonfork Rd McAndrews, KY 41543	Octavia	606- 353-4570
Ray Stanley	P.O. Box 44 McAndrews, KY 41543	Octavia	606- 353-8416
Estil Dwayne Yates	3304 Dix Fork Rd Sidney, KY 41564	Octavia	606- 353-4144
Velon Burgess	4112 Hurricane Rd Pikeville, KY41501	Owsley	606- 478- 5144
Billy Maynard	4597 KY.Rd.1326 Dana, KY 41616	Owsley	606- 478-4105
Edward Lee Adkins	317 Elish Fork Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley	606- 478-5702
Jimmy Williamson	1423 Broad Bottom Rd. Pikeville, KY 41501	Owsley	606-432-2970
Eddie Overstreet	P.O. Box 423 Pikeville, KY 41502	Owsley	606- 478-2990
Jeff Crum	P.O. Box 1265 Martin,Ky4 1649	Sookey's Creek	606- 847-5500
Dwight Buckley	338 Keathly Fork Rd Pikeville, KY 41501	Stone Coal	606- 478-5032
Leslie Tackett	P.O. Box 74 Kemper, KY 41539	Stone Coal	606- 631-4359
Tommy Webb	479 Red Creek Rd. Pikeville, KY41501	Stone Coal	(606)-432-2297
Larry Kendrick	1054 Read Creek Rd. Pikeville, KY 41501	Toler Creek	606-432-7614
Jamie L. Billiter	5208 Raccoon Rd. Raccoon, KY 41557	Toler Creek	606- 432-5250
James Newman	332 Spears Branch Harold, KY. 41635	Toler Creek	606-478-5020
Donnie Feltner	12583 Brownsford Rd. Fountain Run, KY 42133	Toler Creek	270- 434-3398
David Bowling	3157 South Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY. 41653	Trimble Chapel	606-263-4077

Ministers to receive life time card

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	McAndrews, KY 41543		606- 353-7867
Jackie Maynard	420 Peter St.	Canada	
	Williamson, WV 25661		304-235-2983

Ministers holding life time card

Robie (Buddy) Kendrick Box 147	Belfry, KY 41514	Belfry	606- 353-7065
Curtis Wellman	206 Bowles Park		
	Pikeville, KY 41501	Bluesprings	606- 437- 6097
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
Emery Varney	105 Stanley Lane		
	Canada, KY 41549	Bluesprings	606-353-9257
Lonnie Francis	215 Yeager Dr.		
	Williamsons, WV 25661	Leckieville	304-235-2907
John Vance	1060 Kiawah Place		
	Lexington, KY. 40515	Caney Creek	859-317-8684

Total number of ministers to receive good standing cards -71

Number of ministers with life time cards —9

Number of ministers to receive life time card- 2

Total number of ministers in the Pike County Conference -82

Done by order of the Pike County Ministers Conference August 23, 2013

Rev. Bobby Bowman, Moderator

Rev. Dennis Hinkle, Clerk

Pastors in BOLD

Pike County Proposal

We, the members of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church, Pike County Conference, John -Thomas Association propose a new article of faith being # 21 to read as follows:

“Both scripture and nature as designed by God affirm the life-long, covenantal union of one man, being male as created by God, and one woman, being female as created by God, in a one-flesh relation. This one-flesh relation is emblematic of the union of Christ and His church. It is the sole and beautiful context of the divine plan for the marital relation of man and woman as image-bearers of God, as well as the foundation for the family as the basic, divinely ordained unit of human society. Violations of this one-flesh union, whether heterosexual or homosexual, premarital or extramarital, contravene the divine plan for the family and for the conception and rearing of children bringing spiritual despair, guilt, and death to individuals and cultures.”

References: Genesis 1:26-28, 20-25; Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18; Matthew 19: 4-6; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7: 1-5; Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; Hebrews 13:4**

**Excerpted from “A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Free Will Baptist, Inc.”

We also propose to amend Article 9 b of the Ministry By-laws to read as follows:

Ordain any known gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans-gender, or gender neutral person into the ministry. The Pike County Conference voted to submit this letter to the John-Thomas Association.

Done by the order of the Pike County Conference this the 24th, day of August 2013.

Executive Board Recommendations

That Dennis McGlothlin could write the "Youth Sunday School Books".

That we keep the one call system, we now have.

That John-Thomas Association would pay the insurance on the John-Thomas office trailer.

That the John-Thomas would reimburse Levi Stewart for the ID Photo Card Printer for the Ministers and Deacons cards.

That they recommend that article 21 be put in the ARTICLES OF FAITH in the minute book.

That they would recommend on article 9b of the MINISTRY BY-LAWS, to add these two words, "trans-gender and gender neutral" to the article 9b and that it is to be laid over for one year.

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:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) The John-Thomas Association Church covenant shall be adopted.
 - (c) A prayer of consecration offered.
 - (d) The hand of fellowship is given.
 - (e) 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.

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 dismissal and recommendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Quarterly Meeting where they move. (See Dismission of members section) Since ministers are members, same rule applies.
7. All Freewill Baptists using our church houses must hold a card of good standing with their conference or otherwise be in good standing with their Freewill Baptist Conference.
 - a. That Pastors, Deacons and Trustees must approve all appointments of non- Freewill Baptist Ministers.
 - b. All funeral services are to be exempt from these resolutions.
 - c. All church clerks are to be notified of these resolutions.
8. Our older Ministers, who would be approved by an appointed committee are to be issued good standing cards for life.

ASSOCIATION and 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 \$3.00 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. -1 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
7. 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. 22:29
11. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God. - Jude 1:14; II Peter 2:1; II Thess. 2:11; Rom. 2:10-21.

- 12 We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and that none of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for "of such is the kingdom of God." - 1 Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9: 36-37; Matt. 19:14.
- 13 We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men. Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34-35
14. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. - Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20-21; 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. 8:22-31; 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.

21 "Both Scripture and nature as designed by GOD affirm the life-long, convenantal union of one man, being male created by GOD, and one woman, being female as created by God, in one flesh relation. This one-flesh relation is emblematic of the union of Christ and His church. It is the sole and beautiful context of the divine plan for the family as the basic, divinely ordained unit of human society. Violations of this one-flesh union, whether heterosexual or homosexual, premarital or extra marital, contravene the divine plan for the conception and rearing of children, bring spiritual despair, guilt, and death to individuals and cultures."

References: Genesis 1:26-28, 20-25; Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1: 18-32 1st Corinthians 7: 1-5; Ephesians 5: 21-33; 1st Thessalonians 4: 3-5; Hebrews 13:4**

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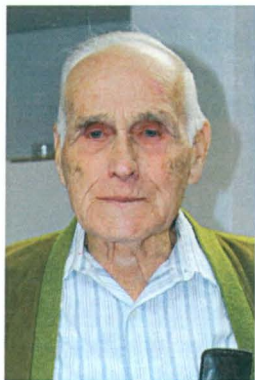


Cassie Marie Yates Owens

Cassie Marie Yates Owens, age 26 of Edwards Ridge, passed away Friday, May 31, 2013 at Albert B. Chandler University of Kentucky Medical Hospital in Lexington. Born April 10, 1987 in Richlands, VA, she was the daughter of Jessie and Valerie Rasnake Yates of Council, VA.

A 2005 graduate of Haysi High School, she attended UVA-Wise, Mountain Empire Community College, and was last employed at BB&T Bank. She was baptized June 22, 2003 and became a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church on July 27, 2003.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Garmon Rasnake and Uncles Jamie Yates and Jeff Counts. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her brother, Corie Matthew Yates of Council, grandparents, Phyllistene Rasnake and Jerry and Ellen Yates all of Bee, VA, housemate and best friend ever, Sedina Yates of Haysi, several aunts, uncles, great aunts, great uncles, cousins and a host of friends who loved her very much.



Caudle Ernest "Bud" Deel

Born February 18, 1921

Died December 28, 2012

Bud was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County, VA. He spent most of his working life in the coal mines of Southwest Virginia and was a member of the UMWA for more than 70 years. In 1961 Bud opened up a small Kawasaki motorcycle dealership on the mountain top of Tarpon, VA. He ran his business in rural Appalachia for roughly 30 years as the owner and operator of Bud's Cycle Shop.

Aside from his work ethic, Bud was a devout Christian and was an active member of Tarpon Freewill Baptist Church for more than 60 years. He gave generously of both his time and his resources to serving God, building the church and helping those who needed it. Though he wouldn't have told it, he witnessed to many through his years of dealing with customers in his motorcycle shop and throughout his many years in the coal mines. He also worked tirelessly to instill that same belief system in his children, grand-children and great grand-children.

In line with his faith, Bud had an unwavering dedication and devotion to his family. On December 14, 1940, he married Ruby Mullins and he remained a loyal and loving husband to her for 72 years. During that time he was a loving and devoted father, grand-father and great grandfather. Whether he was taking his wife to Acapulco or driving his grand-children to school, he always made time for his family and always made sure they were taken care of.

Bud Deel used the life that he was given to benefit those around him most. He didn't leave this world rich or famous, but he left an indelible mark on the lives that he touched and there is little chance that his life or legacy will ever be forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his parents Cleveland and Waulcey Deel, infant son Rodney Deel and infant daughter Patricia Deel; two brothers Morris Deel and Emory Deel; three sisters Oma Davis, Snoda Damron and Cara Deel.

He is survived his wife of 72 years, Ruby Deel; son Duane and wife Sue Deel of Mooreburg, Tennessee; daughter Dianna and husband Vaughn Fuller of Tarpon, Virginia; sister Minne B. Wolford; five grandsons Eric Deel, Brad Deel, Matthew Marshall, Jason Marshall and Cody Ireson.; several great grand-children as well as nieces and nephews and a host of friends.



Garnett Mullins

Garnett Mullins, age 97, passed away, Monday, April 29, 2013 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Norton, Virginia. Born March 16, 1916, the daughter of Hobart and Mary Ball Kennedy, she was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County, a loving mother and grandmother. She helped many with genealogy, enjoyed outdoor gardening and was a friend to all. Mrs. Mullins was of the Christian faith and a member of Rachel Chapel Church. Mrs. Mullins was preceded in death by her husband, Brownlow Mullins; her parents, Hobart and Mary Ball Kennedy; one sister and two brothers. Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Mullins and wife Brenda of Tavares, Florida, Thurl Mullins and wife Joyce of Crossville, Tennessee, and Doug Mullins and wife Lisa of Coeburn, Virginia; one daughter, Judy Hamilton of Roanoke, VA; one brother, Clint Kennedy of Richmond, VA; her sister, Mae Hargrove of Panama City, Florida; six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives.



Gerald G. Large

Gerald G. Large, age 79, passed away Monday, February 11, 2013 at the Christian Care Center of Johnson City in Tennessee. Mr. Large was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County, a retired coal miner and a member of the Lick Fork Freewill Baptist Church. Mr. Large was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Ratliff Large; parents, William and Priscilla Yates Large; two sisters, Madeline Keith and Ida Faye Sadler; one brother, Clarence Large and one brother-in-law, Kermit Rakes.

He is survived by three sisters; Jewell Rakes of Piney Flats, Tennessee; Joan Kiser and husband Landon of Sandusky, Ohio and Ada Jean Shepard and husband Bill of Crystal River, Florida; several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.



Granville Wayne O'Quinn

With trembling hands and broken hearts, we try to write this eulogy in honor of Granville Wayne O'Quinn, our precious Daddy, Grandpaw, and friend. He was born on June 7, 1937 to the late, Robert and Nellie Carrie O'Quinn. As a young boy, he spent his days working and playing outdoors where he learned many values that made him the man he was. He followed in his Dad's footsteps and continued on the family tradition of the love of music. He became very talented as a musician and singer. At the age of 16, after losing his Dad, he began working in the coal mines. A few years later, he met and married the love of his life, Patsy Rasnake. To this union, were born four children, Levearne, Alice, Anthony, and Randy. He was happy to work hard and provide for his family. As the years went by, our family grew in number and in love.

In 1988, Wayne and Patsy gave their souls to the Lord and was baptized together. As his relationship with God grew, he used his musical talents to worship and minister to many people over the years. He was able to reach so many through his songs, his testimonies, and his prayers.

His survivors include his wife of 54 years, Patsy.

One brother, Fred. Two sisters in law, Bonnie and Nellie. Children, Levearne, Alice, Cliff, Anthony, Jenny, Randy, and Karen. Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren include Jeremy, Danielle, Caitlin, Raven, Jacob, Whitney, Jason, Isaiah, Robert, Marsha, Joey, Colton, Ariana, Amanda, Lee, Tyler, Allie, Logan, Kayla, Adam, Ryan, Jared, Tiffanie, and Chris

Everything you really need to know in life, you could have learned from Wayne O'Quinn. He has taught us how to raise a garden, how to play a guitar, how to build a campfire, and how to pull a prank. He has taught us so many things that will stay with us forever. But the most important things he has taught us are how to trust, how to forgive, how to love, and how to heal. He simply taught us the word of God. He always said, "A man should never miss out on an opportunity to serve the Lord". His faith in God seemed to never waiver, even in the end. That same faith will stay in our hearts long after he is gone. We feel so blessed to have had him in our lives. He was such a kind hearted man who was loved by all who knew him. His humor never failed to bring a smile to your face. His courage and sacrifice for his family is a true inspiration. He gave everything he had to us and never asked for anything in return. It would be impossible to serve him justice in a simple eulogy like this. But we feel if he were to write his own, it would say, " My life here is over, my race is run. Lord, give me a home in heaven. It sure has been a good place for me to be".

Written by the family.



J.C. Phipps

It is with sad heart as I write this obituary of my husband. J.C. Phipps was born August 7, 1931 to Eurastus and Matilda Phipps at Clincho, Virginia. He passed this life on March 15, 2013 making his stay on earth 81 years, 7 months and 8 days.

He married Ruby H. Kelley on April 8, 1950 and with this union they had three daughters, Janice, Kay and Rita Jo, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren to mourn his death. J.C worked 27 ½ years in the coal mines. He retired on March 1, 1974 with heart surgery and black lung. In 1995 he had four bypass surgeries. He accepted the Lord January 2, 2009 and was baptized the same day. He became a member of Pine Creek Freewill Baptist church March 1, 2009. After recovering enough from more surgery January 9, 2013, he was faithful in attending his church every time he could. He worshiped the Lord daily and lived a Christian life until his passing. I know I will be with him again when my life here on earth is over. I miss hearing his voice and listening to his prayers every day and night.



Joyce Faye (Musick) Carroll

Joyce was born August 19, 1932 and God sent his angels to carry her home on September 11, 2012. She was the daughter of the late Estus and Dixie (Sluss) Musick. She was also preceded in death by her husband Robert Lee Carroll; three brothers Layton, Burl, and Glen Ellis Musick.

She is survived by three daughters Annette (Wilson) Rose of Manassas, Jennifer (Troy) Rose of Clintwood and Virginia Ramey Vanover of Clintwood; three grandchildren Allen Rose and Ashley Rose of Manassas and Vondra Ramey of Clintwood; four sisters Trulah Frazier, Joan Frazier and Betty Anderson all of Clintwood and Judy (Gary) Rose of Lenoir, North Carolina.

Mom was a member of the Tarpon Freewill Baptist Church. She loved her Lord and Savior and worked hard in the church as long as she was able. She was a faithful loving wife and a wonderful mother. Although we miss her so very much the Lord gives us comfort in knowing that she is with him. We could go on and on of what a kind loving person she was and all of her accomplishments but the greatest would be that she gave her life to the Lord many years ago and that she trusted in him and endured until the end of her life here on earth. Our loss is heavens gain.



Lorie Ann Hayes Edwards Conaway

Lorie Ann Hayes Edwards Conaway, age 40, passed away February 20, 2013. She had recently had open heart surgery and was doing wonderful but God had other plans for her. He called her home to be with her mommy, Della Arbutus Stanley Hayes who passed away in August 2010. She was a homemaker and attended Tarpon Freewill Baptist Church. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, James and Carrie Hayes and Carlas and Maxie Hamilton Stanley and her best friend, Mildred Montgomery.

Survivors include her husband, Scottie Conaway, her father, Sidney Doyt Hayes, two daughters, Whitney and McKenzie Edwards, two sons by heart, Dillon Lyall and Trevor Coleman, a brother, Jeff Hayes, two sisters, Carla Edwards and Stacy Gardner, mothers and father-in-laws, Willard and Hazel Conaway and Leo and Debbie Bailey, a brother-in-law, Larry Edwards, Best friend, Susie Montgomery, brother and sister-in-laws, Rocky and Regina Conaway and Anthony and Sherry Conaway, 6 nephews, Jamie, Justin, Jesse, Travis, Trevor and Christopher, a niece, Shae, a grandson by heart, Eli Clay Edwards and a host of aunts, uncles and friends.



Robert Lee Gilbert

Robert Lee Gilbert, age 77 born May 28, 1935 went to live in heaven Sunday, September 30, 2012. Robert was the son of Corbet and Hallie Helen (Fink) Mullins. Robert was a member of the Splashtam Freewill Baptist Church and a retired UMW member of Pittston Coal Company after thirty-eight years of service. He liked to deer hunt, trade and sell coins, and work with his farm equipment. He is preceded in death by his brother Jimmy Gilbert.

Robert is survived by his wife of 59 years, Phyllis Ann Gilbert. They have three daughters, Caroline Yvonne and husband Howard Smith of Suwanee, Georgia, Katherine Lee and husband Darrell Thomas of Bristol, Virginia and Rhonda Colleen and husband Kevin Deel of Clintwood, Virginia. He has six grandchildren: Alyson and Stacey Smith, Lucinda and Brandon Thomas and Trenton and Linden Deel. He has one Sister Bille Jean Lyczynski of Sterling Heights, Michigan, two half-brothers Johnny Gilbert of Herndon, Virginia and Don Gilbert of Penn Valley, California, two half-sisters Corbetta Childers of Tunnelton, West Virginia and Teresa Miller of Rollett, Texas and a special nephew Wesley Gilbert of New Bern, North Carolina and special Uncle Mack Fink of Haysi, Virginia.

Written by his three daughters...



Roy Ellis Owens

Roy Ellis Owens was born July 15th 1924, to Joe C. and Weltha Stiltner Owens. He passed away on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. He was retired from Harman Mining Co. and was a member of the UMWA and a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ruey S. Owens, a sister, Melba Clevinger and a grandchild, Marquitta Sluss.

Roy is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 68 years, Selma Colley Owens. Married on March 19, 1944 Their marriage was one based on mutual respect where he kept Selma on a pedestal and always knew that she was the boss. Other survivors include daughter Sandy Sluss and husband Danny, sons Roy Lee Owens and wife Gale, James Robert Colley and wife Debra; grandchildren Sunny Owens and wife Rita, Lisa Cantrell and husband Jared, Kasandra Ferland and husband Jay, Toisha Gary and husband Michael, Rob Colley and wife Kendal, and Jake Colley; eight great-grandchildren Shandi Owens, Indya Williamson, Marissa Ferland, Irelyn Cantrell, Eagan Gary, Mya Ferland, Jaylin Ferland, and Colton Ferland.

Roy worked for the Harmon Mining Company for 44 and a half years retiring in August of 1989. He was proud member of the United Mine Workers of America and always followed the issues that affected the miners. He was also an active member of the Dickenson County Democratic Party and was always informed of politics from the county level to the world level. Roy gave his heart to the Lord on July 15, 2012. He was baptized and became a member of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church on August 5, 2012. Many people knew Roy due to his outgoing and funny nature. He never met a stranger and if you talked to him you realized that he loved the outdoors and had a great sense of humor. He told more jokes than any joke book and never walked by without shaking your hand and talking to you. Roy was an amazing man who has provided a lot of people with many great memories. He will greatly missed.



Ruby Evelyn Dotson

Ruby Evelyn Dotson, age 93, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, with her family and friends at her bedside. Ruby was born October 24, 1919. She was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and a loving sister, aunt, and friend to all that knew her.

Ruby was a member of Lick Fork Freewill Baptist Church for 76 years. She taught Sunday School and was a member of the choir for many years. She sang with several gospel quartets throughout her lifetime.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, Jett and Hettie Dotson and two brothers, Donald and Paul Dotson. Survivors include two sisters: Ada Marshall and Lucille Mullins, both of Clintwood, Virginia; one brother Wayne Dotson of Clintwood, Virginia; nephews: Ronnie Dotson, Jerry Dotson, Randy Dotson, and Phil Dotson; nieces: Donna Dotson and Jamie Conley



Thomas L. Cox

Thomas Loyd Cox, age 72, passed away October 31, 2012 at his residence. Tom was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and a member of the Tarpon Freewill Baptist Church. He was a retired coal miner who loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He loved to talk to everyone. He enjoyed mowing grass and vacuuming. Mr.

Cox was preceded in death by his parents, Allen Henry and Sarepta Elkins Cox; his son, Douglas Allyn Cox; and three brothers, Herbert, Jimmy and Jonah Cox.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes Wall Cox of Haysi; one son, David Paul Cox and wife Angie of Clintwood; seven brothers, Wayne Cox and wife Evelyn, Jerry Cox and wife Alene, Neal Cox, Kirby Cox, Berton Cox and wife Benita, Jessie Cox and wife Linda and Joe Cox, all of Clintwood; two sisters, Barbara O'Quinn and husband Bobby of Haysi and Sharon Domjahn and husband Alfred of Tomball, Texas; five grandchildren, Nicholas Allen Cox, Andrea Grace Cox, Amber Graham, Brianna Baker, and Danielle Perkins; several nieces and nephews.



Tollie Eugene Robinson

Tollie Eugene Robinson, born February 22, 1932, and born again in Christ in April 1950, went to be with the Lord on February 6, 2013. Tollie was preceded in death by his parents, John and Clercie Robinson, and his brother, Jack Robinson.

Tollie is survived by his wife of 62 year Norma Robinson; daughter Brenda Price and husband Terry; son Daniel Robinson and wife Karen; grandsons Eric Price and wife Angie and Marcus Robinson and wife Mandi; sister Fontilla Hill; sister-in-law Johnnie Robinson; great-granddaughters Alyssa Price and Ashley Price; niece Paula English; nephew John Robinson and a host of relatives and friends.

Tollie was a member of Lick Fork FWB Church, where he served as Deacon for 43 years and on the Board of Trustees. He was an employee of Clinchfield Coal Company for 43 years. His hobbies were gardening except the task of weed eating and picking beans. He was always in search of the perfect weed eater. Tollie sang tenor with several gospel groups, and in the church choir for many years. His favorite quote from the Bible was Revelation 22:1, *"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb"*.

Vona Mullins



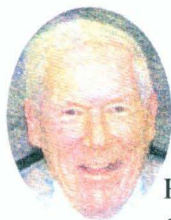
Vona Mullins, age 82, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2013 at Heritage Hall Health Care in Clintwood with her family at her bedside. She was the daughter of Gillie and Pearl Mullins and a lifelong resident of Dickenson County. Vona accepted the Lord when she was nine years old and attended Rugby Freewill Baptist Church. She joined Flemington Freewill Baptist Church on April 4, 1976. She taught school for one year in 1950 at Fair View, Long Ridge

in Dickenson County. She worked at Clinchfield Coal Company store and later worked with the Dickenson County School System in Clintwood.

Mrs. Mullins was preceded in death by her husband, Kelse Mullins; parents, Gillie and Pearl Mullins; seven brothers, Webb, William Gip, Parkis (Chief), Ersle, Kay, Eck and Thadeus Oak Mullins and one sister, Nita Ratliff.

Survivors are her son Charles Mullins and wife Leisa of Piney Flats, Tennessee; two grandchildren, Derrick Mullins and Sarah Mullins, both of Piney Flats, Tennessee; several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. She will be missed by all her many friends.

Hamilton County Obituary



Henry Alvin Brown "Brownie"

October 6, 1932– April 3, 2013

Henry A. (Brownie) 80 of Moores Hill, IN. passed away at the Ft. Thomas VA Facility at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky.

Brownie was born Thursday October 6, 1932 in Newtown, Ohio the son of Norman and Mary Brown. He married Josephine Marie (Bunn) Brown Saturday April 27, 1957 and she preceded him in death Thursday September 14, 2000. He served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Army, and he attended the Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church in Penntown. He was a farmer and had worked at Seagrams Distillery. Brownie is survived by sons Terry Brown of Greendale, Mitchell (Kim) Brown of Osgood, Robin (Michelle) Brown and Darin Brown both of Moores Hill, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brother Norman Brown and sisters Dorothy Bascom and Margie Stoll. Funeral services were Saturday April 6, 2013, 10AM at Laws-Carr-Moore Funeral Home, Milan, IN with Rev. Charles McKinley officiating. Burial followed in Wilmington Cemetery.

NEW DURHAM OBITUARIES



Janie Ward Sproles

July 12, 1951-August 22, 2013

Dante, Virginia-Janie Ward Fields Sproles, 62, died Thursday, August, 22, 2013 at Wellmont Hospice House, Bristol, Tennessee. She was born in Lebanon, VA: daughter of the late Nathan and Goldie McClellan Ward. She was preceded in death by one sister, Trula Fields: and one brother, David Ward. She was a member of Straight Hollow Freewill Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Sproles: one daughter, Lora Hall and husband, E.W. of Castlewood, VA., one son, Bracken Fields and wife, Jennifer of Castlewood, VA: eight grandchildren, E.W. Hall, 111, Morgan Collins, Paige Hall, Kaitlyn Fields, Kelsey Fields, Ethan Fields, and Kaylee Fields: five Great grand children, Gracie, Cali, Layla, Raylan, and Marley; one sister, Cathy Sproles and husband, Rev. Ralph of Dante, VA; three brothers, J.E. Ward of Rockford, ILL, Tim Ward and wife, Eve of Kingsport, Tenn. and Tony Ward and wife, Rita of St. Paul, VA, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Janie Ward Fields was conducted on Saturday, August 24, 2013 in Castlewood Funeral Home Chapel, Castlewood, VA with Rev. Darnell Keith and Rev. Troy Harris officiating. Committal was conducted at 11:00 AM., Sunday, August 25th 2013 in Temple Hill Memorial Park, Castlewood, VA. Pallbearers were Wayne Sproles, Michael Sproles, E.W. Hall 111, Alex Fields, Steven Sproles, and Wayne Fields. Honorary Pallbearer, Paul Ball.



Doris Ann Miller

It is with deep sadness that I say we lost our sweet mother, wife & grandmother on February 8th 2013, after a short illness. Doris Ann Miller was born June 23, 1940 in Raven VA., daughter of the late Clarence Edward and Anna Palmer McGhee. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Roberta Faye Miller, one brother Clarence Edward Jr, two sisters, Jettie and Nellie McGhee. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Edward M. Miller, one son, James Russell Miller, two daughters, Patricia Ann (Richard) Plaster, Dana Joyce Hess. Four sisters, Audrey Helbert, Betty Osburne, Shelby Perkins, Carol Byrd. And one brother, Gary McGhee and several nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all, But we have the promise of seeing her one day again. where we will never have to part again.

Letcher County Obituaries

Adam "Rank-E-Dank" Contrell



IN LOVING MEMORY

Adam "Rank-E-Dank" Contrell
Age 87
of Ashcamp, KY

Born: August, 30, 1925
Died: Mon., Jan. 28, 2013

Masonic Service
7:00PM, Thurs., Jan. 31, 2013
Masonic Graveside Service
Friday, Feb. 1, 2013
Jenkins Masonic Lodge #856

Funeral Services
11:00AM, Friday
February 1, 2013
Hylton Freewill Baptist Church
Ashcamp, KY

Ministers
Tommy England, Van Swindall
Jimmy Moore & Robert Bartley

Interment
Childers Cemetery
Shelby Gap, KY

Bailey Funeral Home, Inc.
Elkhorn City, Kentucky



Kenneth Bernard Osborne

Kenneth Bernard Osborne was the son of Daniel and Leona Green Osborne. Born August 23, 1931 Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Elmer Eugene Osborne. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Christine Baker Osborne, and seven children, William Osborne (Charlen), Donald Ray Osborne (Paula), Sean Pannell (Monica), Jeremy Pannell (Brandy), Anita Bryan, Vicky De Busk, and Jackie Osborne (Ryan). Kenneth is also survived by 23 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild to be born in December. Kenneth was sick for many years but the Lord always brought him through it.

Kenneth had so much faith and he knew the Lord had healed him many times, he always testified in church telling everyone what the Lord had done for him but, on December 4th, 2012 the Lord called him home to never have to suffer anymore.

Written by his loving wife, Christine.



William Edwin “Bill” Gibson

Mr. William Edwin Gibson, age 82, of Jenkins, KY, passed away Saturday April 27th 2013, at the Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville, KY. He was born on September 16th 1930, at Weeksbury, KY, later living in Virginia, West Virginia, and then

moving to Jenkins, KY in 1974, where he lived the rest of his life. He received a bachelor’s degree in mine engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and later worked for Bethlehem Energy, and later worked for the Virginia Iron Coal & Coke Company. Bill joined the Burdine Freewill Baptist Church in 1982, and became a deacon of the church, Bill was the church treasurer until he became sick and he taught men’s Sunday school class. He was also the treasurer of the Letcher County Conference. He was a member of the Free & Accepted Masons, and was also a Shriner. He was a son of the late Edwin Joseph Gibson & Irene Depew Gibson, and was also preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Click. Survivors include his wife, Gwenda Wicker Gibson of Jenkins; a son, James Edwin Gibson, of Lexington, KY, two daughters, Barbara Gibson Collins and Deborah Irene Anderson (Christopher), of Jenkins, four grandchildren, Corey, Stachia, Christopher Jr., and Allison, a sister, Alice Martin, of Pikeville, KY, and a hosts of other relatives and friends. Visitation was on April 28th, 2013 at the Burdine Freewill Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 19th, 2013 at the church with Joe DePriest and Albert “Bo” Smith officiating. Interment followed at the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Allen, KY.

Irene Goodson, April 19th, 1941-March 24, 2013

Irene Goodson, age 71, of Happy, KY passed away on March 24th, 2013 at the Greg and Noreen Wells Hospice Care Center. She was the daughter of the late, Tony Spencer and the late Maggie Feltner Spencer. She is also preceded in death by two brothers: Alger Spencer & Denny Spencer, and two sisters: Linda Combs & Emma Waddell. She is survived by her husband: Densmore Goodson Sr.; one son, Densmore Jr., (Sue) Goodson; three daughters: Jeanette (Roger) Grindstaff, Marie (Marty) Goins & Jennifer (James) Longworth; one sister: Juledine Spencer; two brothers: Taylor Spencer & Denzil Spencer; two aunts: Geneva Wooton & Georgia Luzader; one uncle: Mac Feltner; nine grandchildren: Megan Mullins, Colleen Lorraine Goodson, John Daniel Elkins, Jonathon Grindstaff, Chase Longworth, Andrea Longworth, Jason Longworth, Matt Goins, & Macie Goins; one great grandchild: Preston Davis and a host of family & friends.



Julian Harold "Groovy" Gibson

It is with a sad heart I write the obituary of my brother, Julian Harold "Groovy" Gibson. Julian passed away from this life on March 12th, 2013, after a life long illness of heart issues. Julian was born on February 23rd, 1950 to the late, Richard Cline and Jessie Mildred (Blackburn) Gibson. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Edith Sharon (Blackburn) Gibson. To this union was born one son, Julian Harold Gibson Jr., one daughter, Kimberly Sharon (Gibson) Branham and one son-in-law, Jackie Branham. Julian had two grandchildren whom he loved dearly, Jackie Branham Jr., and Nicholas Branham. He is also survived by his siblings of three sisters and three brothers. Julian was a minister with a lifetime preaching card with the Poor Bottom Freewill Baptist Church. He was a member there for over 25 years. He is sadly missed by all his family and friends. We feel our loss is truly Heaven's gain. Written by his sister, Rita Tackett, on behalf of all the family.

Isaiah Nixon

Oct. 13th, 1997-Aug. 3rd, 2013



Isaiah Nixon, the beloved son of Michael Edwin Nixon and Melinda Carol Bates was born in Oberlin, Ohio, on October 13th, 1997. On August 3rd, 2013 Jesus called Isaiah to his eternal home making his sudden passing a void in the lives of his parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends. Isaiah attended the Dunham Freewill Baptist Church where he will be dearly missed. Isaiah

was a friendly and well-liked child that can be attested to by the many friends that came to show their respects. He always had a smile on his face and laughter in his voice. He was quick to show politeness and gentleness in all he tried to do especially when he tried to help us around the church. Isaiah attended the Jenkins High School. He would have been a sophomore this year and had planned to play football. His hobbies included playing video games, riding four wheelers, and fishing. He was a fan, of the Jenkins High School Cavaliers and was an avid UK fan. Isaiah is survived by his mother, Melinda Bates of Jenkins, KY and his father Michael E. Nixon, of Loraine, OH, maternal grandparents, Calvin and Patricia Bates of Jenkins, KY and paternal grandparents, Thomas and Christine Nixon, of Elyria, OH, two brothers, Michael Nixon of Jenkins, and Bryan Stambaugh, of Duffield, VA, three sisters: Makala Chey-Anne Stambaugh of Jenkins, KY, Desire-e' Nixon, and Raven Laughfin of Elyria, OH, a special cousin, John Bullock of Jenkins, KY. Survivors also include aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives, and other friends along with his church family. Isaiah was preceded in death by his sister, Jessica Hall, a brother, Phillip Stambaugh; a great grandmother, Hazel Lawson, a step-father, Warren Stambaugh; and a special uncle, Calvin Bates. "But Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14. Isaiah, rest in peace, your race is done and we must now endureth to the end in order to walk upon streets of gold as God tells us in Matthew 18:3 we must be converted and become as little children in order to see the Kingdom of Heaven,

Written by: Sis Nancy Ratliff,

Kathy Denice Kelly



In loving memory of Kathy Denice Kelly,
June 4th, 1956-January 3rd, 2013

At 56 years Kathy left this world in hopes that we will all join her later. She left behind her parents, Joe and Fayette (Damron) Kelly, 5 siblings: Joanna Anderson, Patrick Kelly, Jeannie Hernandez, Mary Jackson, Joey Kelly

and many nieces and nephews who loved her big bear hugs. She chose Nancy Kelly as her sister also. Nancy was the one she would have many bible discussions with. Kathy had many, many friends but one very special one, Johnny Lasantsa Mercedes who brightened her days with their many talks. Kathy has such a giving hear and could brighten anyone's day with her smile. She loved going to Hylton Freewill Baptist Church, where she was a member. She also loved being with her church family and was a member of the prayer shawl ministry and had crocheted many shawls. Kathy always tried to leave a good attitude while attending the cancer center. She would arrive with a "well hello to everybody", and left with a ' hope you all have a good day and I'll see you next time.' One day she wore a head band with glittering antennas and said she was collecting smiles. The nurses said she must be overflowing with smiles then because she had everyone smiling. While sick Kathy touched so many lives. Before being sick I don't think we realized what a strong and special person we had in our midst. Kathy never wanted anyone to cry over her, she would tell us to leave the room. She said she had it covered either way. She was so fascinated by a vision she had of a hand reaching down to her as she laid in her bed, and her reaching up to touch that hand. Kathy will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. My big sister is now in god's hands but she will always be in our hearts.

Written by her broken hearted sister, Joanna

Margaret Honeycutt

Jenkins, KY



Sis. Margaret Honeycutt, age 67, of Jenkins, KY passed into eternal life on January 10th, 2013. Margaret had been a faithful member of the Dunham Freewill Baptist Church since March 5th, 1989. Margaret was a great worker and witness for the Lord while on this earth. She was always happy to work diligently on any project that the church was involved with. No matter what road she travelled down or how rocky it became she always witnessed for the Lord and invited others to come to church with her. Everyone who came into contact with Margaret knew she had a heart of gold. Although she lived on a small fixed income, it made her happy to give to the church like the widow in Mark 12:42-44. While as a member of the church, Margaret served the church, as Sunday school secretary, custodian, vice-president and president of the Ladies Auxiliary, most importantly she was a faithful prayer warrior and witness for our Lord and Savior. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Lee Honeycutt, her father, Alfred Lee Roberts and a sister, Cora Shepherd. Her survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Honeycutt, three sons: Alfred and Sandra Honeycutt, Eddie and Lynette Honeycutt, and Billy Joe Honeycutt; five grandchildren: Tina, Samantha, Ashley, Alfred, and Karasma, her mother; Mollie Roberts, two brothers: Orin Roberts and Willie Roberts, two special friends: Charlene as well as Nancy Ratliff along with many other friends, relatives, and her church family. Margaret is remembered by those of us that are left here to follow her footsteps, as one of the women portrayed in Proverbs 31:10-31. Our loss has surely been Heaven's gain as God tells us we will know them by the fruit they bear. In loving remembrance of my best friend and sister in Christ. Written by Sis. Nancy Ratliff (Dunham FWB Church)

Pike County Obituaries

William "Bob" Cox



With the help of Our LORD and MASTER I will Attempt to write the obituary of my beloved husband William "Bob" Cox. William died on December 6, 2012 at Pikeville Medical Center. He was a 24 year veteran of the USAF, and retired in 1972 to make his home on Grassy Creek of Raccoon for myself and 6 children. William loved the raccoon area and all the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church. He was a member of the Johns Creek DAV since the early 90's. He served as Senior Vice Commander under Robert Charles, and in 2010 he was honored as veteran of the year for the state of Kentucky. William was a kind of man that would do anything he could for one and all. He especially loved to do things for the needy children in this country and abroad, I know that William will be Sadly missed by all who knew him. Our family has experienced a great void since his passing. We know that he is in a better place while resting in the arms of our SAVOR. My prayer is that all our family and loved ones would prepare to meet him In HEAVEN some sweet day. William's favorite song on this earth was "HOW GREAT THOU ART", and I feel that he will know in the Rapture.

Written by Carolyn Sue Cox, and his loving children

Vada Ann Dingess



Vada Ann Dingess, loving daughter of Curtis and Betty Dingess of Slaters Brance, Kentucky passed away on December 13, 2012. She was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Curtis Dingess, who passed away on September 22, 2010. Vada leaves behind one son, Joshua Curtis SESCO, who was her pride and joy. Vada was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church. Vada was a special person, loved by everyone she met. She always had a job that was to help abused and neglected children. Vada is sadly missed by family and friends.



James Earl McCoy

The Lord loaned a great and wonderful man to this world on February 26, 1934 named James Earl McCoy. He departed his earthly home to enter the golden gates of Heaven to be with his Lord on May 3, 2013. He was a devoted Christian who attended Toler Freewill

Baptist Church. His passing is mourned by his beloved and devoted wife Clarine Varney McCoy of 57 years of marriage. He leaves behind the joys of his life, four children, James Junior (Teresa) McCoy of Princeton, North Carolina, Derek (Denise) McCoy of Princeton North Carolina, Larry Bruce (Lori) McCoy of Princeton North Carolina, and Kirk Moe (Donna) McCoy of Burnwell, KY. Also, he leaves behind six grandchildren, who were the joys of his life and rays of sunshine, Brandon, Kirk Douglas, Andrew, Grey, Hannah, and Whitley McCoy. James also leaves behind a loving sister, Delphia Bragg of Burnwell, KY. He was preceded in death by his parents Reese and Bessie Bevins McCoy, Brother Edward, Duuglas and Virgil McCoy and sisters Viola Jude, Flossie Blackburn and Ella Brooke McCoy.

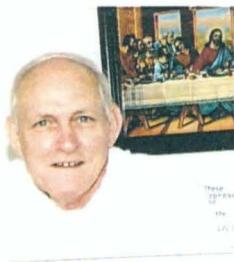
Emery Lucian Hamilton



It is with a heavy heart that we write this obituary of Emery Lucian Hamilton. He was born March 9th, 1934 in Pikeville, Kentucky. He departed this life on February 25th, 2013 at the age of 77. Lucian was the son of Andy and Octavia (Keathley) Hamilton, and the beloved husband of Alpha (Gibson) Hamilton for 56 years and 55 days. Left behind to mourn his passing are: his 3 sons; Clinton (Charlotte), Danny (Debbie), Donald (Anita), his two daughters; Sharon (Roger), Skeens and Vivian (Jerry) May.

He was preceded in death by one son; Jim (Chan), three brothers; Gary Hamilton, Emil Hamilton, Wayne Hamilton, and one sister; Martha Hamilton. He also had 10 grandchildren; Terrie (Will) Reed, Angel Hamilton, Andrea (Sean) Boyd, Derek (Kelissia) Hamilton, Eric (Amanda) Hamilton, Melanie (Chad) Hyler, Stephanie Hamilton, Jordan (Ashley) May, Tyler May, and Joe Rogers. He had six great-grandchildren; Grant, Benjamin, Ashton, Porter, Brent, and Tolen. Lucian was a disabled carpenter and masonary. He worked from the time he was a young boy until 1993 when he was diagnosed with asbestosis of the lungs, which caused him to be on oxygen continuously. He was very sick during the last year of his life. It was hard to watch him suffer, but he never gave up and kept his faith in the Lord. He was laid to rest in the Rissie Branham Cemetery on February 29th, 2013. He will sadly missed by his family and many, many friends.

"I love you with all my heart"
Alpha (your loving wife) and family



James E. Bragg

JAMES E. BRAGG

IT IS WITH MUCH SADNESS THAT I REPORT THE DEATH OF MY HUSBAND AND BEST FRIEND, JAMES E. BRAGG. JAMES WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2012, WITH HIS FAMILY AT HIS BEDSIDE. HE HAD SUFFERED FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS WITH COLON CANCER BUT ALWAYS SAID THAT GOD WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIM. HE WAS BORN ON AUGUST 5, 1940, AT BURNWELL, KY., THE YOUNGEST OF TEN CHILDREN BORN TO THE LATE ERNEST AND PEARLY YATES BRAGG. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY FIVE BROTHERS AND THREE SISTERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 50+ YEARS, JANET, HIS SON AND WIFE, STEVE AND LISA BRAGG, HIS GRANDDAUGHTER AND HUSBAND, MEGAN AND JACOB DOTSON, ONE SISTER AND A HOST OF NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE LECKIEVILLE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH FOR NEARLY 48 YEARS. DURING THIS TIME HE HAD SERVED AS A DEACON, ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND WAS A CHURCH TRUSTEE AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. HE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS LOVE OF SINGING AND HE ENJOYED LEADING THE CHOIR. HE LOVED PEOPLE AND TRIED TO SERVE AND HELP THEM IN ANY WAY HE COULD.

HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND THE COMPASSION HE HAD FOR HIS FELLOW MAN. WHEN I THINK BACK ON HIS LIFE, I AM REMINDED OF 2 TIMOTHY 4:7..I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.....I CAN SAY THIS SUMS UP HIS LIFE BECAUSE HE ALWAYS MANAGED TO GET IN A GOOD WORD FOR THE LORD NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE. WHETHER WHILE TAKING CHEMO OR JUST SITTING ON A BENCH AT WALMART, HE WAS ALWAYS TELLING SOMEONE ABOUT GOD'S LOVE AND HIS SAVING GRACE.

JAMES WAS A GOOD CHRISTIAN MAN, A WONDERFUL HUSBAND AND FATHER AND THE BEST PAWPAW THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN. HE WAS ONE OF GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

THIS IS CERTAINLY ONE INSTANCE WHERE EARTH'S LOSS IS TRULY HEAVEN'S GAIN.

REST IN PEACE, JAMES, WE'LL BE WITH YOU SOON!!!!



Dorethia Joan Smith

Dorethia Joan Smith-age 79 of Greenfield, OH, formerly of Williamsville, WV passed away January 13th, 2013, at the Edgewood Manor in Greenfield. She was born May 9th, 1933 at Huddy, KY, the daughter of the late Willia Mae Loggins Fickey. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her step-father Henry Fickey; her husband, Rev. Walker Smith, and a nephew Jeffrey Rutherford. Dorethia was a former nurse's aide at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson and was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church. Survivors include her daughter, Wanda Smith Fannin of Greenfield, OH, sister Bonnie (T) Rutherford of Belfry, KY, brother, Greg (Anita) Fickey of Belfry, KY; two grandchildren, Randall Scott (Amanda) Smith and Krystal Joan (Brandon) Rhea; and three great-grandchildren: Brandon Scott Rhea, Madison Jade Smith, and Abigail Chasse Smith; two nephews; Justin and Kevin Dickey; one niece, Lisa Rutherford, and two great nieces Christen and Tamara Rutherford. Funeral services were conducted January 17th, 2013 from the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church with Bro. Buddy Kendrick and others officiating. Burial was in the Mt. View Memory gardens at Huddy, KY.



Dorothy F. Yates

Dorothy F. Yates, 81, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. She was a retired cook and custodian at Belfry High School. She attended Reese Community Church and was a former member of Belfry Freewill Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and husband, Donald Yates. She is survived by her son, Chris and Donna Yates; grandchildren: Lacy Wimbish, Christopher (Stephanie) Wimbish, great grandchildren: Bryan Buhrts, Paula Marteney, Andrew Wimbish and Ashton Wimbish; sisters, Loretta Smith and Nancy (Thurman) Swigger; several nieces and nephews including special nephew, Luther (Brenda) Hackney and Jeep Hackney.

Interment was at Rutherford Cemetery, at Huddy, KY.

Harvie and Arietta Adkins

Harvie Adkins was born February 12th, 1905 and passed away March 12th, 1989. Arietta Adkins was born July 16th, 1919 and passed away April 20th, 2004. They were married May 1940. Harvie worked for several mining companies until he became disabled with black lung. He taught the boys to fish and hunt. Arietta was a homemaker; she could make use of anything. She learned to make quilts from rags and feed bags, and she made most of the children's clothes by hand. They raised their children on the family farm at Owsley and taught them good, honest values. Arietta dug coal from a coal bank, the boys helped carry it, and they helped working in the fields, and garden, and the care of the farm animals. They learned to work together so they could survive and help each other. They are sadly missed and will always be remembered for the teachings of hard work, honesty, truthfulness, love, and belief in God. Their children; James H., William H., Minister Edward L., Mark Arthur, Minister Simmie Colen, John Lewis, Homer, and Mona Jean with their families.



Simmie Adkins

Rev. Simmie C. Adkins 66 of Temperance, Mich. Died Aug. 10th, 2013. He was born March 26th, 1947, the son of the late Harvey and Arietta (Justice) Adkins. He was employed for 39 years as a machine operator, with Chrysler. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Simmie Joe, and one brother, James Adkins. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Dinnine, two sons: Matthew Adkins, and Joe Pawelezyke; two daughters, Lisa Mills and Jeannie Kibert; five brothers: Ed Adkins, Mack Adkins, William Adkins, John Adkins, and Homer Adkins; one sister; Mona Adkins, and eight grandchildren. Simmie will be sadly missed by his Family and many friends.



James H. Adkins

James H. Adkins, 70, Pikeville, Kentucky was born June 9th, 1941 and died February 26th, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 48 years; Patty, his son; Dusty, 2 grandchildren; Ashley and Gracie, his daughter; Brandy Adkins McDonald (Neil). He was the oldest son of the late Harve and Arietta Adkins (survived by: William, Edward, Simmie, Mack, Arthur, John L. Homer, and Mona.

He was a member of Owsley Freewill Baptist Church, Past Master, Trustee of Thomas C. Cecil Masonic Lodge, Sec/Rec for Pikeville York Rite, 30 year retiree UPS with 3 million miles, and a member of the Circle of Honor Club. He was a man of his word and steadfast in his beliefs. He was a good son, brother, husband, dad, grandfather, and friend to many. His life was a testimony of God's love—With you—Always—from beginning to end— God guided that wheel while he drove those miles/ God preformed a miracle when he survived a near fatal accident in 1996. He was saved by God's amazing grace and was baptized August 2009 and it gave him mercy at the end. The cancer weakened his body, but never his spirit. He would always say he was alright and ready and ready to go, though he worried about leaving me, and we wanted to keep him longer. He prayed to keep his mind and not linger to suffer. God answered his prayers so soon. That Sunday God put him in a peaceful sleep and took him to his new home where God promised we can meet again.

Patty Adkins (his loving wife)

Bonnie Lou “Flanery” Robinson



Bonnie Lou “Flanery” Robinson, 71, of Pikeville, Ky. passed away August 4, 2013. She was born October 19, 1941 to the late Trimble and Lissie Flanery. Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband Clarence Raymond Robinson, 1 brother Willie Flanery, 1 great-grandchild Bradley Ryan Adkins. She was also preceded in death by 1 son-in-law Brother Phillip Damron. She is survived by 2 sons Raymond “Peto” Robinson (Emeline) of Island Creek, Ky. and Bruce Robinson (Janie) of Island Creek, Ky. 3 daughters Tammie Damron (David) of Island Creek, Ky. Debbie Lowe of Island Creek, Ky. and Bobbie Bryant (Frankie) of Island Creek, Ky. 10 grandchildren Sonya, Josh, Melissa, FJ, Abby, Brittany, Johnny, LB, Kayla Lynn (Brucie), and Kayla Marie. 20 great-grandchildren Bryce, JB, Milea, Carlie, Xander, Kalob, Devin, James Tyler, Peyton, Ashton, Joziah, Justin Avery, Madalyn, Alex, Jason, Christain, Hollie, Jaxon, Gunner, and Colten. 3 brothers Jesse Flanery of Kentucky, Frank Flanery of Michigan, and Billy Flanery

of Florida. 3 sisters Patsy Bartley of Indiana, Ann Blythe of Texas, and Connie Davis of West Virginia. She was also survived by a host of family, friends, neighbors, and brothers and sisters in the Lord that loved her very much. She will be sorely missed. Bonnie was a member of the Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church for many years and was the longest living member of the church at the time of her passing. I am reminded of the Wednesday night church service at her house just a few nights before her passing. She was so excited to see everyone, and even sang and clapped along with the singing. Let me leave you with this, a special poem entitled A Special Angel.

There’s a special angel in Heaven that is a part of me.

It is not where I wanted her but where God wanted her to be.

She was here just a moment like a night time shooting star.

And though she is in Heaven she isn’t very far.

She touched the lives of many like only an angel can do.

I would have held her every moment if the end I only knew.

So I send this special message to Heaven up above.

Please take care of my angel and send her all my love.

Nora and Estill Tibbs



With very and sad heart, We will try to write and obituary of our parents, Nora & Estill (Peanut) Tibbs. Mommy was born December 23, 1932, the daughter of the last Charlie & Zettie Smith. Daddy was born June 5, 1934, the late son of Tom & Alice Tibbs. To this union was born 5 daughters: Judy Tibbs, Mary Sue (James) Mitchell, Debbie (Eddie) Sowards, Tresia

Glessner and Alicia Tibbs, and 7 Grandkids which they were very proud of. Mommy passed away May 24, 2013 & Daddy passed January 30, 2005. Mother was a housewife and Daddy was a mechanic and later in years had a Boardinghouse for Senior citizens.

They both loved going to church, singing and helping others in need. They both had very big hearts. Their favorite song were "Amazing Grace" & "Great High Mountain", they were great parents and grandparents. We will miss you both and love you. Although they are no longer with us here, we feel they are together in Heaven.

Their memories will be forever in our hearts to teach and guild us as years go by. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by your Beloved Daughters



Tandy Thomas "Tommy" Ramsey

February 9, 1963 - March 19, 2013

Tandy Thomas Ramsey, age 50, passed away on March 19, 2013. A rose bloomed in Heaven that day. Tandy was a member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church, baptized on September 25, 2011. Tandy could always make a gloomy day seem bright and sunny. The memories will always be with us. A lifetime of happiness that we have had together. A wonderful and loving husband, best friend, and soul mate. Loving father, son, brother, papaw, and uncle. The Lord has you at his feet, we have you in our hearts.

Tandy is sadly missed by his parents Homer and Lou Ramsey, beloved wife Pennie Ramsey, five children Jimmy Douglas Mullins, Tandra Ramsey, Cody Ramsey, Hope Hunter, and Faith Hunter, one sister Amanda Ramsey, two brothers Daniel Ramsey (Rhonda) and Larry Joe Ramsey, one grandson Brantley Luke Ramsey, and a host of family and friends.

"A heart of gold stopped beating, two shining eyes at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove he only takes the best".



Thomas "Tommy" Hensley

In loving memory of Thomas "Tommy" Hensley, age 89, of Hardy, Ky.

Tommy was born May 25, 1923 and went to his Heavenly home January 9, 2013. He was the son of the late Mitch and Phoebe Trout Hensley. He was preceded in death by two infant sons, one sister, Hazel Reynolds, and one brother, Gardner Hensley.

Survivors include his loving wife of 70 years, Floe Reynolds Hensley of Hardy, Ky., loving son, Shelley Thomas (Marilyn) Hensley. Grandsons: Larry Gene (Brandi) Hensley, and Charles Thomas (Kerri Lee) Hensley; great grandchildren: Tommy Hensley, Tye Hensley and the pride and joy of his life, Bentlee Brook Hensley. Ex daughter-in-law, Lynn Hensley and special nieces and nephews that would visit him often. He loved all his family.

He was retired from the Leatherwood Dairy Co. A veteran of the U.S. Army. A member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church for 60 years and a trustee of the church at the time of his death. The church came to visit our home and the hospital to have prayer, sing and talk about God. He enjoyed their faithful visits. The church made our sorrow and grief lighter with all the love and support shown to us.

Special services and funeral was at Rogers Funeral Home Chapel on January 13, 2013 with Lonnie Francis, Lee Dotson and the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was at Scott-Hensley Cemetery at Hardy, Ky.

Sadly missed by his family.

Written by his loving wife, Floe Hensley, with much love and respect for a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He loved God, his church, family and friends.

Rest In Peace !!



Janice Slone Ratliff

Janice Slone Ratliff

In loving memory, we want to express our grief at the loss of our beloved sister and mother to Cody. Janice was born on October 20, 1952 and passed away on March 8, 2013 at the age of 60. She was born the third of ten children to the late Wheeler and Sally Slone of Jonican Creek at Fishtrap, Ky. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her infant sister Elma.

She is survived by her son Cody and siblings Fairy M. Coleman of Fishtrap, Gustina Thacker of Lawrenceburg, Nancy Thacker of Fishtrap, Wheeler E. Slone of Fishtrap, Gary Slone of Teaberry, Dennis Slone of Raccoon, Terry Slone of Fishtrap and Randy Slone of Pikeville.

Janice grew up on Jonican Creek surrounded by loving parents, grandparents, siblings and cousins. An energetic child with a curious mind, she was witty and fun loving. She was the light of our family gatherings and always the center of attention.

She was a server at the Windmill restaurant for several years, which was a perfect job for Janice with her open friendly personality. She loved meeting people and socializing. She missed the friendships she had with her employer and customers after her illness became so severe that she had to stop working.

In January of 2007, Janice was diagnosed with colon cancer, the same devastating illness that had taken our Daddy's life. During her illness she didn't complain or seek sympathy but was always optimistic. As her family visited her during her many hospital stays, she would try to encourage us not to worry and would always tell us "it will be all right". She faced life's challenges and disappointments with grace and dignity and was a light in a dark world.

She was a member of the Miller's Creek Church of Christ at Grapevine for many years and toward the end of her life when she could no longer travel the long distance to her Church, she joined the Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church. In addition, for all of her life, she had a special love in her heart for the Little Flock Old Regular Baptist Church on Jonican. When she was a young girl and later as a young woman, she attended many church meetings with Mommy. She never forgot those days and she spoke often of how much she loved going to church with Mommy. Solid in her Christian faith she harbored no ill will toward anyone. She loved her churches and her family is forever grateful for the love and kindness shown her by the pastors and members of all her church family.

Janice was a devoted mother to Cody, a beloved sister, an energetic aunt to her nieces and nephews, a good friend to many, and a beautiful human being. She was one of the bravest, most courageous people that anyone could have ever met.

In 2 Timothy 4:7 the apostle Paul stated "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." We think this describes Janice's cancer battle.

On March 11th, we brought Janice back home to Jonican where she wanted to be, and laid her next to Mom and Daddy in our family cemetery. Born on a snowy day in October, she was laid to rest on a warm day in March under a beautiful blue sky, her journey finally completed. We are comforted in knowing our loss is truly Heaven's gain. If she could speak to us now, we are sure she would say, "I told you, it would be all right".

Written with much love by her family.



Sybil Chapman May

Sybil Chapman May was born April 18th, 1914 to George Washington Chapman and Pricy Blackburn Chapman at Chapman Hollow, Canada, KY, in Pike County. Sybil was a lifelong resident of Canada, KY. Sybil was a blessing on all of our lives and all of those whom she touched. She loved Jesus all her life and went to join her family in Heaven on November 17th, 2012. Sybil was a charter member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for 56 years, until she was called away to Heaven. She was the 12th of 14 children. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers: Thomas Owens (Snake), Floyd, Ben, and Cecil; and sisters: Minnie, Sarah, Mary, Emmie, Clemmie, Chloe, and Evelyn. Preceding her in death was her husband, William Ison, "Bill" May, and her beloved daughter, Evelyn Joyce May Sesco. Her son-in-law, Chester Sesco and her unofficially "adopted son", John Van Bonn also preceded her in death. She is survived by one son, Carlos Ray (Juanita), May of Brunson, SC. She was "Aunt Sib" to R.T. and L.R, Rutherford and to dozens of others who grew up under her tender watch and care. She was "Nanny" to her grandchildren. She is survived by 9 grandchildren: Sheila Sesco Collins, David (Monica), Sesco, Joseph (Daphne) Sesco, Cibil Sesco, Media May (Dwayne) Coleman, Stephen May, Brad May, James May, and Tina May Harter. She was preceded in death by 3 grandchildren: Kenneth Sesco, Shannon May, and Susan Spiker Sesco. She counted herself adopted grandmother of Jackie Collins, Mary Elaine Tolson, and Byron and Anne Durham. Sybil is survived by 21 great grandchildren: Willy Collins, Jeremy Collins, Chet Sesco, Savannah Sesco, Audra Ann Sesco, Broc May, Kenneth Reaves, Cory Coleman, Chris Coleman, Wesley May, T.J. May, Stephan May II, Brandon May, Raquel Santos, Lizz Santos, Angelique Santos, Travis May, Austin Harter, and Colin Harter, and 14 great-great grandchildren: Brittany, Derek, Summer, Evie, Nicholas, Selina, Gabriel, James, Deja, Sybil, Lakota, Landon, Brennan, and Roland.

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Nanny's Poem (by Brittany Nicole Collins)

An angel came to her tonight
And whispered soft and sweet
"Your work on Earth is done, My dear.
You've been all you can be."

Her hands were old
Her smile was bright
Her eyes shone like the stars at night
That fill the heart with "wonder why"
When their departure time is nigh.

But the sun will always rise anew
And love will last on through and through
Do long as memories bless Heaven, heart and mind
Of brand new angel pure and kind.

So listen close to every heart
That rhythms out for love
For someday they will all depart
And sing with angels far above.



Edna Mae Simpkins

Sister Edna was born Dec 12, 1942 and died April 2, 2013, making her stay on God's footstool 70 years and almost 4 months. She was the daughter of Kenneth and Bertha Simpkins. Sister Edna was a member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist church. Several members of the Grassy church visited her at the Signature Healthcare Center at Pikeville. One evening while Bro. Lester Tibbs held prayer with her she raised her hand and shouted. She said "I am a winner either way." She passed from this life shortly after that, and I believe she was a winner. Sister Edna was survived by daughters, Bertha, Sylvia, and Hester; and sons: Otis, Check, and Ervin Slone. She was also survived by 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and many other family members and friends. Her funeral services were conducted at the Community Funeral Home at Zebulon with Bro. Brad Williamson, Bro. Lester Morris, and Bro. Lester Tibbs officiating. She was buried at Annie E. Young Cemetery, East Shelbianna, KY. Written by Jack Charles; clerk: grassy F.W. Baptist Church



OTIS SLONE

It is with much sadness and wonderful memories that I write this obituary of our Dad and husband, Otis Slone. He was born November 15, 1932 to Sterling and Maudie Justice Slone. He departed this life on April 4, 2013 at Pikeville Medical Center. He married Eathel Coleman Slone on April

28, 1955. They were blessed with seven children who survive, Wanda Ruth Ratliff, James Otis (Bo) Slone, Steve Alan Slone, Terry Lee Slone, Brenda Gail Saunders Hensley, Billy Joe Slone, and Jennifer Ann Ratliff. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren. He is survived by four sisters Minnie Rowe, Gladys Morris, Jeanette May, and Glema Adams, all of Raccoon. He is also survived by many others-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, three great grand-children, Misty Lynn Slone, Brian Mitchell Slone, and Josie Raelynn Slone; six brothers Ervin Slone, Raymond Slone and Berlin-twins, John Robert and Albert Lee, three sisters Susan Coleman Justice, and twins Kathleen and Evelene. Daddy was raised in Raccoon, Kentucky. He left school at a young age to work in the coal mines. He worked in several different mines during his career, Eastern Coal Company, the Gund Mine in Sidney, and became underground superintendent of Scotts Branch Mines where he retired when he became disabled due to pneumoconiosis (Black Lung). He was also a veteran who served during the Korean conflict. Daddy loved to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed camping out, enjoying the fellowship that comes with being "at one with nature", savoring the times spent with his sons, grandsons, brothers -in law, sons-in-law and friends. He also enjoyed gardening and spending time with Mom helping her with her flowers. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren deeply and enjoyed spending time with them.. He was a wonderful husband and father, always going the extra mile to take care of his family. He spent many days in the dark coal mines scratching out a living in order to provide for them. Daddy was warm and loving. You seldom saw him without a smile on his face. He was strong, handsome, warm, loving, dependable, generous, trustworthy and honest. If he told you something you could count on it! He was a wonderful man who went out of his way to do things for people, not for money but because he genuinely cared for them. Daddy had multiple hemorrhagic strokes which took their toll in his later years. Through it all he remained the kind and loving person that he always was. He gave his life to Christ during one of the visits of Brad Williamson, Lester Morris, and other members of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church. Rest in peace until we meet again.

Written by : His wife Eathol Slone and Daughter Wanda Ratliff.

The John-Thomas Association will convene with the Letcher County Conference at The Happy Freewill Baptist Church 221 Happy Cir Happy, KY on Friday September 12 & 13th, 2014. Directions to the church,

From Hazard, KY.

Take KY Highway 15 South toward Whitesburg.

Continue approximately 10 miles South. You pass R. W. Combs Elementary on the right: continue until you come to the railroad tracks crossing Hwy 15, Make a right onto Happy Circle immediately after crossing the tracks and the Church sits on the left side of the road.

From Jenkins:

Take Hwy 15 North through past Carr Creek Lake into Perry County. After going by Vicco, you will travel approximately 2 miles until you come pass the Happy IGA on the right side of Hwy 15. After you pass the IGA, take the next left onto Happy Circle before crossing the railroad tracks. The Church sits a few hundred feet on the left.