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ELDER JEREMIAH DAILEY

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: Elder Dailey was one of the first pastors of Siloam Church and may have been a charter member when that church was organized in 1840. He was pastor of Mount Joy from 1850 to 1855. Elder Dailey was born in Tennessee in 1818.

ELDER EARL DAILY



On Sunday August 10th the Lord's angel of death came and took Elder Earl Daily to his eternal home, to join his many loved ones who had gone on before. He had reached the age of 88 years on March 16 after being born to Elder John R. and Caroline Daily, in Tipton County, Indiana in 1887.

On December 30, 1909 he was united in marriage to Caroline Flack, and to this union two children were born.

Earl united with the Mt. Carmel Church in Luray, Virginia and was baptized by his father, in May 1899, and remained faithful to the cause of Christ Jesus, a firm supporter of the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God as believed and practiced by the Old School or Primitive Baptist Church for his entire life. He was elevated to the office of the ministry in June 1922 in Indianapolis, and served as pastor of churches in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

THIS IS WRITTEN IN GREAT SORROW, BY HIS LITTLE BROTHER, W. T. DAILY

ELDER J. HARVEY DAILY

WRITTEN BY ELDER W. G. FLETCHER: Elder James Harvey Daily was born in Anderson County, Indiana on February 17, 1881, the fourth child of John Riley and Caroline Layman Daily, and passed away January 16, 1964, in his home in Sperryville, Virginia where he had lived for nearly nineteen years.

On November 23, 1903, he was married to Miss Selena Tyner Marsh, in Greenfield, Indiana. This union was blessed with three little boys, all of whom died in infancy, and one daughter.



Brother Daily was blessed with a sweet hope in Jesus when he was but a very young boy. He united with the Church called Mt. Tabor in Indiana in August of 1897 and was baptized by his father. In 1901, he began exercising before the Church and on October 18, 1902, he was licensed to use his gift in the church. This act was by the Church at Mt. Carmel in Luray, Virginia, where the family had settled in 1898. It was in this church that he made his first effort in that of speaking of the goodness and mercy of God in a preaching way.

On January 16, 1904, Brother Daily was set apart to the full function of the gospel ministry as a presbytery, called by Mt. Carmel Church for the purpose, laid hands on him in ordination. (The reader will note that it was sixty years to the day from the day of his ordination to the day of his death.) He preached his last discourse (Dec. 22, 1963) with the same church in which he preached his first one (1901).

Brother Daily had labored faithfully with and among God's people in many states and had served as pastor of churches in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia and West Virginia. He was pastoring four churches at the time of his passing.

ELDER WILLIAM THOMAS DAILY

Elder Daily was born, the tenth child of Elder John R. and Caroline (Laymon) Daily, October 20, 1892 in Hendricks County Indiana. In the spring of 1925, when at an appointment made for his brother, Elder J. Harvey Daily, and when the invitational hymn was being sung, he left his seat and rushed forward to ask for a home in the church. He served as deacon from 1943 to 1957, at which time the church recognized his gift for preaching and he was ordained.



After his ordination, there did not seem to be an opening for his labors in Indiana, so finally a call came from Luray, Virginia, to pastor a church there. In 1964 he finally agreed to take the editorship of the *Advocate and Messenger*, which position he held until 1976.

He was married, Aug. 14, 1913, to Miss Willa Strange, and to this union three children were born (one daughter and two sons).

Elder Daily resided in Danville, Indiana and had been a resident of the Indianapolis area for 72 years. For twenty years, he was owner of the A-1 Letter Shop. He had been an employee of Addressograph-Multigraph for forty years. He was the last of the sons of a true and noble family, John and Caroline Daily. He silently and sweetly submitted to the call of the Master, "Come home," on November 21, 1981, completing his stay of 89 years in honor to the Creator and giver of all life.

ELDER HIRAM DALE

Elder Dale was born in Fayette, County, Indiana, July 30, 1826. He was married to Catharine Frost, near Harrisburg, February 11, 1849. In January 1853, they moved to Wabash County, Indiana, where they resided till death. His wife entered the life of the people prepared by God on April 23, 1916. Since her death he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Tyner, till on March 18, 1918, God called him to his reward after years of faithful work in the vineyard of the Lord. He preached the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ at Ross Run Church and other churches until the flood of years came upon him with such force that all of life's active work, both mental and physical, were finally closed. He was confined to his bed for five months. He was the father of eleven children.

ELDER J. P. DALE



WRITTEN BY HIS WIDOW, SISTER LELA DALE: Elder James Preston Dale, Jr., was born on May 25, 1912 in McKinney, Texas, the son of James Preston and Emma Gotcher Dale. His brother (Elder W. R. Dale), his mother's father (Elder John Gotcher), and his uncle (Elder Jim Gotcher) were all Primitive Baptist Elders.

Elder Dale united with the Primitive Baptist Church in Tioga, Texas in 1923 at the age of eleven years. He was baptized by Elder Henry Ball. He never regretted that experience, although he felt unworthy of the blessings of the church.

Later when he was a teen-ager, he began to feel that God had called him to preach His glorious truths. He felt so unworthy to attempt such a glorious work, but one night he dreamed that everything was on fire as if the world was a lake of fire. He felt that it was sure death for him. He was leaping from one plot of earth to another as if they were floating in a lake of fire; and finally he leaped the last time, and there was no plot of earth to land on, so he felt himself plunging into a lake of fire; then suddenly he thought he saw Jesus come out of the sky, and with His mighty wings He swept underneath him, and lifted him up, and he did not feel the burning of the fire. He felt Jesus carried him away on His wings. The

impression came very forcibly to his mind as the reason he was called to preach, and to tell God's people everywhere of His glorious salvation to them—how He sweeps underneath His loved ones, and bears them to safety through His Grace. From then on his desire grew stronger to tell God's humble poor what a wonderful Saviour they have, and to teach them to live closer to Him for His counsel and leadership of their lives.

Through much prayer, tears and encouragement of the people of God, he lost sight of his weakness through the blessed grace of God, and trusting Jesus to help him, he made his first attempt to preach in Dallas, Texas when he was twenty-one years old. On July 15, 1934 he was ordained to the full work of the ministry at the Lone Star Primitive Baptist Church in Tioga, Texas. Elders in the Presbytery were H. G. Ball, E.L. Kemp, and W. R. Dale. Deacons were J. H. Ball, W. J. Scoggins, James Preston Dale (his father), J. W. McGee and Elbert Cook.

On October 1, 1959 he married Lela, nee Baethge, in Dallas, Texas. They were blessed to spend nearly forty years together. Sister Dale is the daughter of Willie and Ethel Baethge. She was reared in a Primitive Baptist home, and can trace some of her family back through the Primitive Baptists for more than one hundred years.

Elder Dale was privileged to travel through thirty or more States to preach the glorious doctrine. He assisted in the constitution of five churches in Texas one in Louisiana, and one in New Mexico. He pastored churches in Oglesby, Quitman, Maud, Warren, Port Neches, Houston, Ft Worth, Dallas, Corpus Christi, Doss, San Antonio and Fredricksburg, Texas during his nearly sixty-five years in the ministry.

He attended the Logan College in St Louis, Missouri, and the Texas Chiropractic College in Texas, and practiced fifty-five years in Texas. His work as a doctor and minister gave him many valued experiences in observing the suffering of God's people, and their need for help along life's way. He counted it a blessing to be able to administer to the sick, and to preach to the poor in spirit.

For two and one half years he preached on the radio over ten different stations, and that experience taught him that God's people of all denominations were hungering for the truths that are found in the doctrine of grace.

Elder Dale passed away on February 12, 1999. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, namely W. R., Joshua, Gotcher and one sister, Elizabeth, Mrs. J.L. Crues. He left to mourn his wife, Lela, one daughter and son-in-law Lynn and Tim Miller, three grandsons, two granddaughters, and one great grandson. Services were held February 15, 1999 in the New Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Fredricksburg, Texas where he pastored since the constitution, which was May 5, 1973. His body was laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery to await the resurrection.

ELDER JAMES RICHARD DALE



Elder Dale, the sixth son of Isaac and Rosetta Hedrick Dale, was born July 19, 1888 in Clay County, Missouri. He left home when he was 14 years old.

When he was about 19 or 20 years old, the Lord visited him. He began to study, joined the Old Time Campbellite, now know as the Christian Church, in Los Angeles, California. He began to preach for them. He soon discovered a difference in theology, and began to try to find a people that would stand on the Bible. He went home to see his parents and went to church with them, and there in a rural little church, he heard what he had been trying to preach. He joined Mt. Pleasant Church in Clay County, Missouri in 1910, and was baptized by Elder "Uncle Tommie" Fisher.

Elder Dale was ordained in May 1913. He was called to pastor Mt. Pleasant Church.

In 1911 he married Della O'Dell. They had two daughters. In 1929 they sold their home and moved to the state of Washington. They settled at Ione, Washington, where they organized a Church. In 1937 the sawmill closed, and some of the members had to move to find work. The church at Prosser had a need for a younger man as pastor, so Elder Dale and family moved to Outlook, Washington, and put their letters in at the Yakima River Church, located at that time at Prosser, Washington.

He died in October 1965, having lived a full life of service to his Heavenly Father.

ELDER W. R. DALE



Elder Walter Raleigh Dale was born Oct. 9, 1900, in Farmersville, Texas.

Following a number of years with a very burdened soul, conflicting with paradoxical ideas, he finally united with the Primitive Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, in the year 1921. He was baptized by Elder George Mayo. His membership was later moved to Lone Star Church at Tioga, Texas.

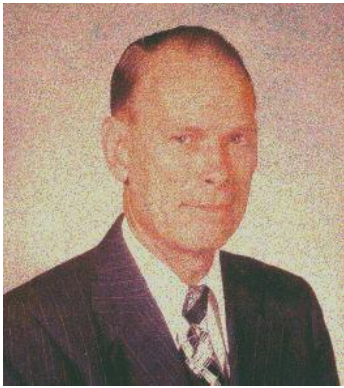
All was well for a while, until a different burden formed in the soul. This seemed to be the most unreasonable thing in the world, and he found it very hard to submit to. Nevertheless, in 1930 with Bible in hand, the first text was "Fear not, little flock, for it is the Father's good

pleasure to give you the kingdom." After that there was no end. One year from that time he was licensed, and a year later (May, 1932) he was ordained. Since 1933, he has served from one to four churches at a time, and moderated the South Plains Association for nine years.

Eld. Dale has preached in thirty states, held two public debates and engaged in several written debates. He assisted in the constitution of nine churches and two associations.

Elder Dale died April 25, 1980.

ELDER SILAS JAMES BUCHANAN DALLAS



WRITTEN BY SARAH DALLAS COX: Elder Dallas was born on January 5, 1913 and passed from this life on May 5, 1980

The son of Elder J.B. and Ella Aldredge Dallas, born and raised in and around Danville Va. He was youngest of two sons the other named Paul thus the Silas was added to his name by his grandmother who said there couldn't be a Paul and not a Silas. He was better known as S. J.B to his brethren after he started preaching.

He joined the Danville Church in 1932 and was baptized by the pastor, Elder JR Wilson. He felt the calling of the Lord to preach and felt the Lord must surely have made a mistake for he felt his brother had much more memory and was never at a fail for words. He was liberated to preach in 1934 and the tears flowed with each attempt. He was very humble of spirit and felt a deep love and desire to serve his Lord and the church. He was ordained in January 1936 and was an active member of Danville Church until 1943.

He married Ruby Caughron of High Point NC on December 22, 1934. In 1940 their first daughter was born. At two days old the child had a brain hemorrhage and colitis. The child had to have two blood transfusions and by the grace of God was spared. She joined the PB church at age fourteen.

Elder Dallas traveled some during his early years and on one of these travels he went to northern Alabama. He felt the leading of the spirit to move to this part of the country. He packed up his little family and moved. He was soon called to pastor Bethlehem PB Church, Gallant, Alabama, where he and his wife moved their membership. During the four years he lived there he served as pastor to four churches in the Mt Zion Association.

In early 1947 he visited the brethren in south Alabama--the Choctawhatchee Association. Once again feeling the leadership of the spirit he moved his little family to

Headland AL in September 1947. He was soon called to pastor LittleVine PB Church, Dothan AL, where he and wife placed their membership. In 1948 their second daughter was born.

In 1955 the Lord blessed them with another child, the son they so much wanted. He joined the church when he was eleven, just a few weeks after Ruby's death in 1967. During a visit to GA in 1968 he met and married Nora Barton the widow of Elder E. Barton. In February 1980 he was diagnosed with cancer and died at home May 5, 1980.

ELDER LIMBERT L. DALMAN



I am Linbert L. Dalman, born on November 17, 1950, married to Nieva Bael and blessed with 5 children, 3 girls and 2 boys. Two of them got married and three of them are now working in Cebu City.

I was born of God-fearing parents who trained us to serve God faithfully in the church.

I started preaching at the age of fifteen in the church we have attended and served the Grace Gospel Church of Christ. I tried my very best to serve the Lord without proper Bible training based upon Arminian principles. Although I was not able to finish my Secondary course, still the Lord encouraged me to do the works of the Lord. I served the Grace Gospel Church for almost fifteen years from 1966-1981.

As the year 1981 approaching to an end, Brother Manolo, my younger brother, who was a Missionary Baptist Pastor of Iligan City, convinced me that the true church of God started from Galilee during Christ's ministry on earth. I was then baptized and served the Missionary Baptist Church from 1982-1994.

Another time came when Bro. Manolo and his wife Anita shared with me the doctrine of grace the whole night, and answered my questions based upon the word of God. I was led to believe the reality of Predestination.

No doubt, on July 10, 1994, I was one with 43 baptized brethren and was one of the ordained elders out of nine ordained preachers.

I am presently serving two churches in Zamboanga del Norte namely: Dipolog and Dapitan City.

ELDER MANOLO LOBINO DALMAN



I was born on January 14, 1953. I am married to Anita P. Barete, and blessed with five children namely: Jessie Mae, Harvey Darell, Lester Keith, Jadiel Mishal, Jahnnah Azriel.

I was born in Potungan, Dapitan City to Restituto I. Dalman, Sr., and Rafaela P. Lobino. I graduated from Living Word Bible Institute with the hope that it was needed to become an effective Minister of Christ Jesus, which should not be the idea.

I started preaching at the age of 16 at Grace Gospel Church of Christ. This was the same church where my family attended church services. At that time, I never knew about the big difference between Arminian doctrine and the Doctrine of Grace. As an Arminian, I believed that Grace should be offered to men and those who accept it would be saved and those who do not would go to Hell. So, man has all the power or will to choose. Now I think of this belief as a great mistake I did to my personal Savior, Christ Jesus my Lord.

In 1991, I attended a seminar at Davao City. Pastor Lawrence Crawford of California spearheaded this seminar. The topic discussed was the five points of Grace, which has the acronym, TULIP. The idea that "Man can not do anything to save himself because he is spiritually dead in the face of God" was new to me.

In March 1994, Ronald Jacutin invited me to attend a meeting headed by two visiting Elders: Jeff Harris and Norvel Mann. As Brother Jacutin is dear to me, I attended. I brought my younger brother Resti, and Ernesto Talao who is my very dear friend in the Lord. The purpose of going there was not to join the Primitive Baptist Church, but just to listen to the ministers and inquire about their doctrines. However, within three days of listening to the doctrinal stand of Brother Jeff Harris, my thoughts were completely opened to the living truth about God's precious grace and that Jesus died for His sheep for whom He chose and whose names were written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world (Eph 1:4-11; Rev 17:8). Because of this strong conviction, Elder Jeff Harris baptized three of us on March 5, 1994. We were the first Primitive Baptist members in the Philippines. That was the ending of Arminian belief and the beginning of the truth of the Lord's doctrine and practice.

I then left the Missionary Baptist Church, which had I served for 14 years with a total of 374 members. In July 1994, we invited Elders Jeff Harris and Gus Harter for the purpose of baptism and dedication of a new church building. There were forty-four regenerated souls who were baptized, followed by an ordination of nine men, mostly former Missionary Baptist preachers. On July 10, 1994, the constitution of the first Primitive Baptist Church in the Philippines was approved by Eureka Primitive Baptist Church in Georgia, USA, which is faithfully cared by Elder Jeff Harris. A twin church was then born in the Philippines - the

Eureka Primitive Baptist Church-Phil, which the Lord our God gives, for us to serve Him faithfully until we met Him in the air.

ELDER RESTITUTO L. DALMAN JR



I am Restituto L Dalman Jr. born on November 30, 1960. I am the 6th child of the family and the younger brother of the three brothers of this family who are ordained Elders of the Primitive Baptist Church namely: Bro. Linbert L. Dalman, 2nd child to the eldest, followed by Brother Manolo L. Dalman, the third child in the family of seven (five boys and two girls).

I graduated my secondary course in 1984 and graduated with a Bible Diploma at Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary in Matina, Davao City in May 1986.

Since then, I started a mission work at Lala, Lanao del Norte under the Missionary Baptist banner for a year and served the Nonocan brethren in Iligan City until 1994.

On March 1994, Brother Ernesto Talao invited me and my brother Manolo, to meet the Primitive Baptist Preachers in Davao City just to inquire only about the doctrine. Many questions came out from our minds and were released to Bro. Jeff Harris but finally all were answered, coupled with Bible verses. The following day March 5, 1994, I was one of the three first baptized Primitive Baptist members in the Philippines.

I am presently serving the Tominobo Primitive Baptist Church, Tomas Cabili, Iligan City blessed with 30 members. I have two children named: Carrie Faith T. Dalman 14 years old (girl) second Jan Carlo T. Dalman 5 years old (boy).

My wife Marilyn T. Dalman is 37 years old and is working with me in our secular printing job and helping me much in the church.

ELDER GILBERT DALTON



Elder Dalton was born in 1886 in Coryell County, Texas. He was the son of George W. and Cordelia Highsmith Dalton; and was the nephew of Elder T. S. Dalton. His wife was the former Myrtle Smith. To this union 4 children were born: Oran G., Reuben P., Lura & Lorraine.

He pastored several churches, including Bethany Church at Dublin, Texas; Laodicea Church in Fort Worth, Texas from October, 1930 to October 1951; Harmony Church at Bonham, Texas; and the church at Brownwood. He joined Laodicea Church in Fort Worth by letter on December 16, 1938.

Elder Dalton passed from this life at the age of 76 in 1962.

ELDER LEN DALTON



Elder Dalton was born April 25, 1890, near Waco, Texas. He was the son of George W. and Cordelia Highsmith Dalton, and the youngest of ten children. He was also the nephew of Elder T. S. Dalton.

Elder Dalton wrote this sketch of his life many years ago:

"I was born in McLennan Co. some twelve or fifteen miles from Waco. When only about a year old the family removed to Coryell, Co. near Oglesby, where I grew to manhood.

"It was during my boyhood, too, that I first saw myself a poor sinner in the sight of a just and holy God. In 1906, I think it was, while plowing one day singing the song "Jesus Thou Art The Sinner's Friend" I awoke it seemed, in a world of trouble and misery. It seemed that all my joys were gone and I would die alone. I could realize that Jesus was a friend to His chosen people, but had no evidence He was my friend. I went on in this condition for two or three years, growing worse instead of better. Finally, though I had given up all that I ever had to depend upon and was singing this same song with tears in my eyes when all at once dear Jesus appeared to me as my friend. I thought all my troubles were over then. But soon the impression came to

tell of this Jesus and I have never gotten away from it to this day. I joined the church sometime later and was baptized by Elder J. J. Edwards. For a long time I did not yield to my impression to talk of Jesus, but did all I could to keep from it. I made my first effort to speak in public Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June 1911, and was ordained to the work of the ministry in December 1912. Elders S. N. Redford, J. J. Edward, J. B. Denton, H. S. Ball and A. P. Koen together with several deacons constituting the presbytery.

Eld. Dalton was Co-Editor, along with Sister Helen Beauchamp, of the *Primitive Baptist Hymnal* published in 1961. He is the author of two pamphlets, "Thoughts Pertaining To Our Public Worship" and "Service Designed To Improve The Same," and *The Faith That Cancels All Fear; Also Three Books, Messages Of Jesus To The Church, Searchlights From The Roman Letter,* and *The Divine Library Book By Book.* He is an associate editor on the staff of the *Baptist Trumpet.* On March 3rd, 1912, he was united in marriage to Mollie Wells, who was a true companion to him for more than 58 years. They became the parents of ten children.

ELDER ORAN DALTON



Elder Dalton was born in 1909 in Oglesby, Texas. He was the son of Elder Gilbert Dalton. His wife was the former Gladys Latham. To this union 4 children were born: Royce G., David L., Johnny H., & Joyce.

He was ordained a minister by the Laodicea Church in Fort Worth, Texas in July 1955. He pastored the church at Temple, Texas and served on "open" Sundays other churches including Bonham and Hamilton. He joined Laodicea Church in Fort Worth by letter on February 21, 1943.

Elder Dalton passed from this life at the age of 57 in 1966.

ELDER T. PERCY DALTON

FROM "HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AT COLUMBIA" BY ELDER STEPHEN R. AQUINO: He was the son of Elder T. S. Dalton. We were unable to acquire sufficient information about Elder Dalton thus any information herein has been extracted from the minutes. It seems that his earliest appearance at Columbia was the Union meeting of 1936 held on July 17, being friend to Brother Seekford. Then March of the following year an appointment was made for first Sunday in April 1937. He would continue to preach at Columbia, occasionally, through the years.

On November 17, 1946, the church decided to write Elders Harvey Daily, T.P. Dalton, and F.E. Thompson to find out if they would serve if called for the year 1947. On

December 15 Elder T.P. Dalton was chosen by unanimous vote. The following year on November 2, 1947, he was called and accepted first Sunday appointments while Elder Dove was chosen for third Sundays.

On June 6, 1948, Elder Dalton baptized brother Emory Alderton. This was the last meeting Elder Dalton attended.

No one seems to know why, but Elder Dalton did not show on meeting day, July 4. On July 17, at the union meeting, a committee was appointed to visit with Elder Dalton at his home.

Then on August 1, brothers Oursler and H. Alderton reported that Elder Dalton was missing from his home and could not be located. To my knowledge, no one was ever able to ascertain his whereabouts.

ELDER T. S. DALTON

[ELDER DALTON WAS BORN JUNE 3, 1846, AND ORDAINED IN SEPTEMBER 1870. FEW AMONG OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AS FAITHFUL AND PROFITABLE AS THIS STALWART AND ELOQUENT SOLDIER OF THE CROSS. THE DETAILS OF HIS EARLY LIFE AND MINISTRY ARE RECORDED IN ELDER PITTMAN'S BOOK, BUT AS HE LABORED WELL INTO THE 20TH CENTURY, WE ARE INCLUDING HIS THOUGHTS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY (JUNE 3, 1931).]



Many have been the toils and trials through which I have been called to pass. Sixty-three years of my poor life I have spent in the ministry, and have made many efforts trying to preach the Gospel of my dear Lord and Master. My every effort has been to try to glorify God and to feed His flock with the sincere milk of the Word. I have striven to know nothing among His dear people "but Jesus Christ and Him crucified." I have never sought to be considered some great man but have been content to be one of God's little ones. I have sought to know and declare His sacred truth, and to be content with the Apostle's doctrine and avoid all new things, so that sweet fellowship might abound among all of God's dear children. Through all these years it has been mine to enjoy the fellowship of the people of God, and I hope to end my poor life with them.

I lived until I was thirty-four years old before I married, at which time God gave me a true and faithful help-meet, with whom I have been blessed to live nearly fifty years, and she has proven herself to be truly a help-meet. The happiest part of my mortal life has been spent with her. She has never put a barrier in my way during these many years, but has rather moved many out of my way, and it is a joy to my poor heart to say that God is till sparing

her to comfort me in my declining years, and I desire to praise His dear name for thus dealing kindly with me. We have been blessed to have born to us six dear children, one of whom the Lord called unto Himself in infancy, and from the day of its death, my poor heart rejoiced in the thought that we had a child in heaven with Jesus. The other five have been spared to us to be grown-up men and women, and have so behaved themselves as to be looked upon as honorable people. It has been my happy privilege to bury each of them in baptism, and to see them living in the fellowship of the Primitive Baptist Church; and I hope they may still honor the name of the dear old church after my frail body is laid away in death, and fight on for the sacred truth until God shall say to them, "Well done thou faithful servants, enter into the joys of the Lord."

During my ministerial life, it has been my privilege to travel much over twenty-seven states of this union, and six territories before they became states. Without any promise of men, of any remuneration whatever, I have gone trusting the promise of the dear Lord, "Lo, I am with you even to the end of the world." It is a comfort to me to say the Lord never forsook me, but has put in the hearts of His people to care for me; I feel now that I would be derelict in my duty not to say that God's dear people have ever been good to me. I have tried to follow the rule given by the inspired servant of the Lord, "having food and raiment, be therewith content." Looking back over my past life, I can see the Lord has wonderfully blessed me. One year of my poor life I was blessed to baptize over three hundred people. This was the most prosperous year of my life, but God has been good to me all the journey through.

I have been compelled to meet many new issues that men have striven to introduce among our people, and I feel that God has wonderfully blessed me in my efforts along that line, but lest I should develop a spirit of boasting (which I truly detest), I leave that for my brethren to judge. But I have met many champions of different orders in public discussions, (about thirty in all) and I never felt that the precious truth that I represented lost anything in these efforts to vindicate my Master's cause.

I am still trying to serve three churches - one in Washington, D. C., to which I go two Sundays in each month, one at Manassas, Virginia, where I serve once a month, and Bethel, near Washington, where I go once a month. God has given me strength to go to them regularly, and I am proud to say they are in peace among themselves.

Now I feel that I am near my journey's end, and shall soon lay the weapons of my warfare down at the feet of Jesus, where I picked them up, and yield the field to younger men. When that time shall have come, I hope to be able to say, "I am now ready to be offered, the time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, therefore is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give to me in that day."

May heaven's richest blessings be given Zion, and may she preserve peace, is the prayer of a poor, old, worn-out and battle-scarred servant.

ELDER C. R. DANCY

WRITTEN BY BLAINE OWENS: In loving memory of Elder C. R. Dancy; born August 11, 1895; died May 2, 1956; age 60 years, nine months, two days. He was the son of the late S. J. and Elizabeth Dillard Dancy of Ashe County, N.C. On February 5, 1917 he was married to Vernie Farrington. They were the parents of eight children.

He received a sweet hope in Christ in the year 1916. He first joined the Church at Roan's Creek, Ashe County, N.C. and was baptized with his sister, Etta, July 26, 1930. Then joined Hopkins View Church in Smyth County, VA, by letter. Here he was ordained a minister March 4, 1933.

I recall an incident which made crystal clear to me the impression that Elder Dancy most certainly made upon whoever was blessed to make his acquaintance in the Lord. A group of us visited with a Church in North Carolina that I don't think any of us had been to before. Some of the members there knew where we were from and requested that we lead them in the singing of the old hymn "A child of Jehovah, a subject of grace". One of the brothers asked me to start the hymn and I spoke the truth when I said, "I've heard that hymn sung in more than one way and in more than one tune. I'm afraid I might not sing it the way you are accustomed to hearing it." A sister spoke up and said, "We don't want to hear it the way we usually hear it sung, we want to hear it the way Elder Dancy used to sing it." I then knew not only how they wanted to hear the hymn sung but also what a lasting impression Elder Dancy surely made for these people to remember something for what had to be more than 30 years.

ELDER ALLEN DANIELS

Elder Daniels was born on June 13, 1943. He was baptized in October 1959 at the Marlow Church, Marlow, OK, by Elder Hylton Crain. He was ordained in July 1980 at the Bethlehem Church, Oklahoma City, OK He married the former Julia Mae Morrisett on June 24, 1963. To this union three children were born.

ELDER DANIELS WRITES: I had a very traumatic experience in 1972. My family and I were vacationing in the New Orleans, La. area. We had just finished a picnic lunch and were playing in the sand on the beach of the Gulf of Mexico. My brother-in-law and I decided that we would go swimming. Before we knew what was happening, we were being pulled out instead of in and the water became very deep. I realized at this point that I was going to drown. At that point I called out, "God please save me!" Almost immediately, my feet dug into a sandbar. As I stood up, I looked out into the Gulf and about 30 feet ahead of me was my brother-in-law. The last words I heard him say was, "Allen please help me!" I was too tired and too scared to go after him. That was the last time I was to see him alive. He drowned that day right before my eyes. I kept remembering the words of an old retired Coast Guard man that lived on Grand Island. He said that eight out of ten people that drown on that beach, their bodies were never found. I prayed and prayed. I made a vow to God at that time which went something like this, "Lord if you will just give us back his body,

then I will serve you for the rest of my life." On the third morning after his drowning, my brother-in-law's body washed up on the beach less than 100 yards from where it went out. We shipped him back to Canadian, Texas and had the funeral three days later.



The guilt of my brother-in-law's death bore heavy upon my conscience. After a few months, the bad dreams stopped and I began to resume my normal day-to-day life of being a husband and father. My wife and I, at that time, were members of the Oklahoma City Church. After my "Gulf Experience," Church attendance became the most important thing in my life.

One Saturday night, the pastor, Elder Oba Cummings, called my name to come forward and introduce the services. I had never done that before, but the VOW that I had previously made to God sounded loudly in my head, "You promised to serve me!" That was in April or May of 1978. After the death of their pastor, Elder John Dewitt, the Crescent Church called for my ordination. On Saturday afternoon before the second Sunday in July 1980, I was ordained at the same association where I had made my first public attempt. I pastored the Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church at Crescent, OK for 10 years and have been pastor of the Tuttle Primitive Baptist Church since October 1989.

ELDER W. R. DANIELS, JR.

Elder W. R. "Dickie" Daniels, Jr., was born in Luling, Texas June 18, 1933. He is the eldest of four children born to W. R. and Ruby (Berry) Daniels. He joined Bethel Church and was baptized by Elder S. A. Nite in August 1951. He was married to Crystal Edna Johnson of Moulton, Texas the 4th of June 1954. To their union one daughter and three sons were born.



In 1956 he felt the call to preach and in 1957 began to speak publicly in the name of the Lord. He was ordained by Bethel Church of McMahan, Texas in October 1959. He served Bethel for 28 years (Feb 1960 to Feb 1988). He also served churches in Florence, Quemado, Austin, Gonzales, and Nixon, Texas. He served as moderator of the Southwest Texas Association from July 1969 to July 1975.

In June 1988 Elder Daniels reorganized the Luling Church, which was no longer meeting. He was called as Pastor and at the time of this writing (April 1999) is continuing to serve this church.

Elder Daniels has traveled extensively among the Primitive Baptists. He has made several trips to the Philippines and preached in many places in the Island of Mindanao. He has assisted in the constitution of several churches, the ordination of elders and deacons, and in baptizing converts in that land.

ELDER CECIL E. DARITY



Elder Darity was born in Danville, Twiggs County, Georgia on December 9, 1922. His parents were Freeman Amazar and Erma Lee (Nobles) Darity. Elder Darity was born into a family of seven children: four boys and three girls. His mother first united with Cool Springs Primitive Baptist Church in Danville while Elder Darity was just a babe in arms. His father united with Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia several years later. This is the same church where Elder Darity is a member and where he was ordained.

Elder Darity made his first effort to preach the gospel on the 3rd Sunday in May 1944 at Bethany Church near Fort Valley, Georgia. He was ordained to the ministry on October 20, 1945 at his home church. The ministers in his ordination were: Elders A. J. Banks (his pastor), Elzie D. Bryant, Sr., E. L. Rhodes, W. H. Hancock, and George Riley Hunt.

Elder Darity has pastored a number of churches in central Georgia. Among them are Bethlehem at Macon, Beaver Creek at Perry, Providence at Roberta, Mt. Gilead at Tennesse, Cedar Creek and Lebanon at Cordele, and Cool Springs at Danville, Georgia.

The former Miss Nancy Elizabeth McLeod and this capable minister have been married many years and both have devoted themselves to serving the Primitive Baptists of Bibb and Twiggs County, Georgia.

ELDER THOMAS E. DARITY

Elder Tommy Darity, son of Elder Cecil Darity of Macon, Georgia, was born October 23, 1946 in Macon, Georgia. As a young man he united with Bethlehem Church in Macon and was ordained at this same church.

This much beloved and capable minister was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on September 14, 1968 under a presbytery consisting of Elders Joe D. Bryant, Elzie

D. Bryant, Jr., Franklin Bryant, Robert M. Torrance, Robert Sanders, Samuel Bryant, and Cecil E. Darity.

He has been called to serve many churches since his ordination including Antioch in Birmingham, Alabama, Ramah in Gordon, Georgia, Fellowship in Tucker, Georgia, Sardis and Bethlehem in Macon, Georgia.

ELDER T. O. DARLING

OBITUARY WRITTEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BETHLEHEM CHURCH, IZORO, TEXAS: Our Heavenly Father has called another precious flower home to add to His beautiful bouquet, when Elder T.O. Darling, 73, passed away Monday, Feb. 2, 1981.

Elder Darling, a native of Telephone, Texas was born October 4, 1907, and was the son of Wade and Mosella Darling. He was married to the former Carrie McCaig. Elder Darling was retired from General Dynamics Corp., and was a member of Bethlehem Church.

Elder Darling had been our beloved and faithful pastor at Bethlehem Church at Izoro, Texas, for 26 years. On third Sunday in January, Elder Darling preached his last sermon. He said when it came time for him to die, he hopes he had lived in such a way and manner, that his brethren would want to carry him to his grave, and to stand there until the dirt was over him. In his last sermon, Brother Darling preached on the lost sheep, the piece of silver and the prodigal son, from the 15th chapter of Luke.

ELDER ANDREW T. DAVIS

Elder Andrew T. Davis, age 84, passed away on March 6, 1973. Elder Davis joined Bethel Church on September 10, 1911, was licensed to preach on November 12, 1922 and was ordained to the full work of the ministry on July 12, 1924. During his long and profitable life he served the following churches: Bethel Church - 30 years, New Home Church - 19 years, Zion's Rest Church - 14 years, New Harmony Church - several years and Mt. Olive Church - 2 years.

His funeral was conducted by Elders R. H. Hyde and C. E. Tucker. The funeral services were held at Bethel Church, which was his home church.

ELDER CARL DAVIS



SUBMITTED BY DONNA JEAN PAGE:
Elder William Carl Davis was born June 8, 1945, the son of William O. Davis and Dorothy Belle McCasland and grandson of the late William Cecil Davis. He died on August 14, 1994, survived by his wife, Karen, and three children.

Elder Davis was pastor of High Street Church for over twenty years. He was a concrete finisher by trade, and was a member of Waverly Church before he moved to Dickson, Tenn.

ELDER CLARENCE O. DAVIS

Elder Davis was born January 4, 1917 to Ulysses Grant and Mary Victoria (Owens) Davis He joined Mt. Pisgah Church in Morrow County at the age of eight (8) and was baptized by Elder Harvey Daily. In 1936 was united in marriage to Amy Mansfield and four children were born of this union.

He served three years in the Navy during World War II.

For ten years Elder Davis served as Pastor of Oak Dale Church in Akron, Ohio and on the first Sunday at Mt Pisgah in Morrow County, Ohio; also, for a short time at Mt. Hope Church in Pennsylvania, but because of ill health it became necessary to resign that appointment.

Elder Davis left this world to be with the Lord on December 31, 1988.

ELDER JAMES H DAVIS



I was born on Big Blue Creek about five miles South of McEwen, Tennessee in Humphreys County on December 31, 1937, the ninth child of the late Elder William Cecil Davis, and wife Beedie Ann Fleet Davis. I married Virginia Ann Curtis Davis whose mother was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Waverly, Tennessee.

My wife was raised in a good home, and has been a very good helpmate to me in the ministry. She joined the church at

Waverly, Tennessee, and I baptized her. I joined the Waverly Church in 1986, and was ordained to the ministry in June 2, 1974.

I pastored the Church at Waverly, Tennessee for 18 years until I had two heart attacks and had to have heart surgery, and I resigned to allow my nephew Robert A. (Tony) Davis to take over as pastor. I remain in the Church to assist him in any way that I can. My wife and I have raised three children, two girls and one boy.

ELDER JASON DAVIS

FROM PERSONAL AND FRIENDSHIP CHURCH MINUTES SUBMITTED: FEBRUARY 14, 2000: George Jason Davis was born April 16, 1909, in Floyd County, Georgia, and was the son of the late Francis Marion and Laura Ella Long Davis. On August 31, 1929, Brother Davis joined Midway Church in Floyd County near Rome, Georgia. He married Mary Nell Fuller on December 27, 1931, and they had three children: Marion Lee, Laura Frances, and Mary Ellen Davis.

Brother Davis served as clerk for Midway Church from 1930 to 1943. He was ordained as a minister on February 6, 1943, at Midway Church with Elders T. A. Climber, L. W. Spinks, T. O. Cowart, and O. O. Burkhalter forming the presbytery.

From 1943 to 1949, Elder Davis was the Pastor of Valley Grove Church in Cedartown, Polk County, Georgia. During the next forty plus years, he served as Pastor for the following Primitive Baptist Churches in Georgia: Silver Creek and Midway in Floyd County; Friendship in Newnan, Paulding County; Euharlee in Polk County; Crossroads in Sandy Springs; and Harmony Church in Calhoun, Gordon County. He was a resident of Floyd County for his entire life and traveled extensively to other churches in the north Georgia area. From 1950 to 1992, Elder Davis served as Pastor of Harmony Church where he was a member at the time of his death on November 23, 1997.

ELDER JESSE DAVIS

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST OF TEXAS" BY ELDER J. S. NEWMAN: Elder Davis was born January 5, 1812 in South Carolina, He was the youngest son of Elder Chesley Davis. He removed from South Carolina to Mississippi about the year 1843 and joined Laodicea Church. He was baptized by Elder Orrin Guthrie.

Although the date of his ordination is not known, it is believed he was ordained in Mississippi by Elders E. A. Meaders and West.

Brother Davis joined Good Hope Primitive Baptist Church in Gonzales County, Texas shortly after it was constituted on September 22, 1877. He died a member of this church on March 27, 1895.

ELDER JOSH DAVIS



Josh Davis was born March 10, 1880 to B. C. and Margaret Davis. He was the seventh of nine boys and three girls. He was reared a poor boy and had but little education. On May 24th, 1903, He married Luvada Wooten, daughter of J. B. and Lucy. Luvada was the seventh child of six boys and four girls. To Josh Davis and his wife were born six boys and four girls.

Josh was reared in the Missionary Baptist church. He was taught their doctrine and at the age of 16 joined them. At the age of 24, he had an experience of grace. He saw himself as a poor ruined sinner and could see that the Lord was just if he were to banish Josh from His sight. At this point, he was no longer satisfied with what he had been taught. He had a great desire to join the Primitive Baptist Church. But still he went to the Missionary church and listened to salvation by works preached and he realized it was not a home for him. Therefore, he quit going. Josh went to the church and finally joined. The same night he joined, his father who had been with the Missionary Baptist for 40 years, also joined. They were baptized the next day and it was one of the happiest days of his life. He thought he had done all that the Lord would require of him. But then he went begging the Lord if he had imposed upon him a duty to show him more plainly, which He did.

He served from one to five churches, baptized about 150 people, married about 250 couples, helped to ordain three preachers and 17 deacons and preached over 400 funerals.

The Baptists had been good to him and he had gone through heat and cold to serve churches but he had nothing to regret. He died in 1962 at the age of 82.

ELDER L. A. DAVIS

FROM "GOODWILL" SEPTEMBER 1959: Elder Davis was a resident most of his life in southern Georgia and was first called to pastor the church known as Wayfare. His last sermon was preached at Midway Church in Pierce County, Georgia on February 9, 1958. He died on February 13, 1958.

ELDER W. C. DAVIS



FROM "THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST" SEPTEMBER 6, 1934: I was born in Humphreys County, Tenn., Nov. 16, 1889. My father was a Freewill Baptist, and my mother was a member of the Campbellite church. I followed public works and lived a wild life until I was about 21 years old. Then I began to have some thoughts of where I would spend eternity. I began to weep on account of my sins, which were many. I finally gave up all hope of the Lord saving me, but about this time I hope the Lord manifested Himself to me. As I had been brought up under the teaching of salvation by works, and thought that I should belong to some church, wife and I joined the Missionaries. This was in July 1916. Some of the brethren decided I had a gift of the ministry, so

they licensed me to exercise in public. I was soon ordained to the full work of the ministry.

About this time, a question came up in our Sunday school about repentance and faith. I at once took the stand that faith was before repentance. After some controversy, we decided to leave it over till the next Sunday, but some brethren called me a Hardshell. At that time, I had never heard an Old Baptist preach. The next Sunday I affirmed that faith was before repentance, but I was overruled. I then saw that the Missionaries were wrong and most all their teaching was wrong. Soon the question of feet washing came up; as some wanted to quit washing feet. I stood for the feet washing, but the majority was on the other side. Then I decided I would go and hear the Primitive Baptists, which I did. In a short time I learned that I was a Primitive Baptist, so I left the Missionaries and joined them, and was baptized by Elder J. W. Lomax. I was ordained to preach on the fourth Sunday in July 1920. Since that time, I have preached in about eight States.

NOTE: Elder Davis passed from this life on February 26, 1962.

ELDER BUFREY DUVELL DEAN

Elder Dean was born on February 4, 1939, at Alexander City, Alabama. His parents were Herman Lee Dean, born near Houston, Texas and Emma Louise Collier, born in Elmore County, Alabama, granddaughter of Elder Joseph R. Monk of Wetumpka, Alabama.

ELDER DEAN WRITES: My Dad, two of my brothers, Joe, age 18, Ronnie, age 15 and myself at 16 were baptized the same day in 1955 and became members of Bethel Church in Coosa County, Equality, Alabama. All three of us boys had discussed being baptized. We carried a change of clothes, but Dad hid his extra clothes under the car seat. My! I was overjoyed with delight when I was blessed to see Dad baptized with us. This was a special day in my life.

I met Brenda Beckett at a Sacred Harp Singing at Smyrna Primitive Baptist Church in Goodwater, Alabama. Later, I saw her baptized by her Dad, Elder Arthur Lee Beckett, at New Hope Church in Montgomery, Alabama. I just knew she was the one for me. We courted two years, mostly on weekends at church, since I was still in college at Auburn. We were married by Elder Beckett on August 30, 1959 at Fairmount Church, in Sylacauga, Alabama.

Brenda and I both moved our church membership by letters to Fairmount Church in 1961. I became the church clerk, was later ordained a deacon and at the age of 30 was called by God into the ministry and on June 28, 1969 was ordained to the work of the ministry. The first church that asked for my services was Smyrna Church in Goodwater, Alabama, where I first met my companion that God has so kindly blessed me with. I have also pastored the following churches, all in Alabama:

Hopewell Church in Opelika; New Prospect Church in Goodwater; Mt. Gilead Church in Eclectic; Salem Church in Tallassee; Fairmount Church in Sylacauga; Smyrna Church in Goodwater; Liberty Church in Childersburg; Providence Church in Ashland; Valley Grove Church in Goldville; Bethany Church in Mountain; Oak Grove Church in Sylacauga; Bethel Church in Wetumpka.

I am at present the pastor of two churches: Bethel Church in Wetumpka, and Oak Grove Church in Sylacauga. I am still determined to contend for the Faith and the Bible Principles that I started out preaching.

ELDER B. O. DEARING

CONDENSED FROM "THE GOSPEL MESSENGER," DECEMBER 1883: When I first obtained a hope in the Saviour, if I ever did, I felt as clear of sin as if I had never committed one in life, and thought all my sorrows, trials and difficulties were ended, and that I would be a happy man the remnant of my days, and live in the enjoyment of the smiles of the Redeemer while this world was my home. But O, how sadly I was mistaken! On the fifth or sixth day after I obtained relief, it occurred to my mind that perhaps I was mistaken; that it might be a delusion, or the fleshly excitement of the mind, and that after all my enjoyment I was deceived, and was in a worse condition than I was before.

My mind became deeply exercised on the subject of baptism; but then the thought would arise, "You are no Christian; you are not fit to be baptized." When I could live no longer under such distresses, I went forward to the church and I told them my feelings, requesting them to deal with me as a father would a child, and if I was not a Christian to tell me so. At that my wife, who had a hope for a long while before I received one, was called on to commence and tell what she hoped the Lord had done for her. I was very much surprised at her presenting herself, for I had not said anything to her about going to the church. When she was through, I felt like I had nothing that the church could receive. They, however, received me, with her, into fellowship, and we were baptized the next morning, October 10,

1875, that being the second Sunday, by Elder R. H. Johnson, the pastor of County Line Church.

My mind became deeply impressed upon the subject of preaching the gospel, but I could not believe those impressions were of the Lord. I thought such a poor, ignorant unworthy sinner as I could not be required to engage in a work of such importance. I had been in this condition of mind, more or less, for about four and a half years; but the Lord taught me to know that He could make me do as He pleased, and make me willing to be or do anything that He required. I had exercised in public only about fourteen months when my ordination was called for; it took place on the second Sunday in October 1881. From that time until now I have been trying to preach and trying to quit; and now, if it is the will of the Lord, I will still try, in my weakness, to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

ELDER OLIVER F. DEARING

Eld. Dearing was born July 23, 1896 at Torreston, Texas, Ellis County. He died May 16, 1973. He was the son of Josiah F. and Malisia Alice Dearing, formerly from Mississippi. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church at the age of 17, at the Chambers Creek Association. Elder J. A. Moore preached that day; Eld. R. V. Sarrells baptized him.

Orchard Gap Church called for his ordination to preach the gospel, which took place at the Dallas Church, where his membership was, June 29, 1924.

The presbytery were Elders: J. L. Collins, C. J. Holcomb, S. J. Russell, J. O. Phillips, Deacons: J. A. Littlejohn, Z. Connally and F. Jeters. Clerk: William T. Farr.

He served Orchard Gap Church for 5 years.

On November 18, 1929, he married Miss Margie Russell, daughter of Eld. S. J. Russell. He took his bride on a yearlong honeymoon. They traveled around and lived in eight states during that time. Finally, they settled down on October 16, 1930 in Mountain Air, N. Mex. After a few months of preaching to a small group of lovely Primitive Baptists here and there, he wrote to and visited various churches in N. Mex. to organize them into a church known as Pinion Church of Mountain Air, N. Mex. This was in 1931. After laboring in N. Mex. for 8 years, he felt a great desire and need to move to Los Angeles, Calif.

He asked for membership at Liberty Church. After appropriate consideration he was received into the Church. This was December 10, 1939. On July 14, 1940, he was called as pastor to Liberty. He served in that capacity until his death. He missed only 5 meetings in that time of over 33 years of service. He concluded his final service the 3rd Sunday of December 1972. He finished by reading as best he could the 72nd Psalm and made a few comments. He was too weak to stand. (He had to sit during his last 2 sermons).

He had 5 children, all of whom he baptized.

ELDER A. W. DEBERRY

A. W. (Abner William) DeBerry was born August 12, 1867 to Benjamin and Mary Virginia Blevins DeBerry on a farm approximately ten miles from Savannah, Tennessee. Both parents were Primitive Baptists and believed to be members at Burnt Church outside of Savannah.

During his lifetime he owned and ran a general store in Savannah and at a community called Old Town several miles outside of Savannah. He taught school for many years and also farmed later in his life.

At age 34, he married, Clara Myrtle Morris, age 17. He fell in love with Clara when she was only a child and would come into his general store. With the blessing of her parents they married and had ten children.

A. W. joined the church at an early age. He was called to the full work of the ministry and ordained at Burnt Church between 1907-1909. He preached at churches throughout West Tennessee and Mississippi. He had a regular appointment each month at Little Rock, Arkansas, where he rode the train from Savannah.

In 1927, he moved his family to a farm near Michie, TN, where he preached at the churches at Michie and Gravel Hill. His beloved wife was stricken with cancer and he walked ten miles to Corinth, MS and back in the snow to acquire pain medication for her. Clara died in 1935.

He prayed to the Lord he would pass quickly from this world not burdening his children with a long illness. The kindness of his Savior blessed A. W. to fly away after several days of pneumonia on August 16, 1957, at the age of 90.

ELDER C. J. DELOACH

FROM AN OBITUARY IN "GOSPEL APPEAL," WRITTEN BY ELDER BOB DICKERSON: Elder Capers Junior Deloach, of Varnville, S. C., passed away September 1, 1999. He was born December 12, 1915 in Hampton County, S. C., to Charles Edward and Ellen Winn Deloach. He was a retired grocer, having operated Piggly-Wiggly Grocery Stores in South Carolina from 1938 until 1986. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Brother Junior was a member of Mill Creek Church near Varnville. He was ordained to the ministry in 1953 and had pastored New Hope Church at Columbia, S. C.; North Charleston Church at Charleston, S. C., for 14 years; Hampton Church in Hampton S. C.; and Mill Creek Church. Brother Junior had a wonderful gift in preaching the gospel and was blessed to ably declare the doctrines of grace. He had a loving and lifting personality. I never

saw anyone leave his presence without a smile on their face and a little brightness in their life.

ELDER J. W. DEMPSEY

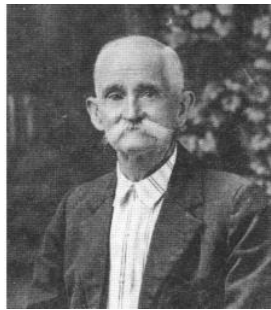


SOURCES OF INFORMATION: FAMILY, MINUTES OF FRIENDSHIP CHURCH & MARIETTA ASSOCIATION: Joseph Wilburn Dempsey was born December 22, 1879. He married Nancy Ellen Deaton. Brother Dempsey was ordained to preach the gospel in March 1921, at Newhome Church at Lake Creek near Rome, Georgia. In April of that same year, he was called to follow Elder C. A. Clemons as the Pastor of Friendship Church in Ringgold, Georgia. Elder Dempsey and his family lived in Dalton, Georgia. In 1953, Elder Dempsey preceded Elder Paul Childers as Pastor of Friendship Church. He was asked to serve as honorary pastor until his death on October 27, 1966, at the age of eighty-eight.

Elder Dempsey's family and others who knew him remember him for his humble and loving ways. Elder Dempsey said he spent a lot of time trying to convince the Lord that he was calling the wrong man to preach. Later, he wished he had spent that time studying the Bible, serving the Lord, and doing His will.

ELDER W. J. DENDY

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: Elder Dendy was born August 1, 1866, in Tallapoosa County. His family moved to Marshall County about 1880. In 1886, he was married to Elizabeth Carnes. They had born to them four sons and four daughters.



Elder Dendy united with New Hope Church in 1898 and was licensed to preach in 1907. He was ordained October 24, 1911. Among the churches he pastored or co-pastored were New Hope, New Clear Creek, Bethlehem and Brown's Creek.

Elder Dendy died January 24, 1936.

ELDER GEORGE DENMARK



I was born on February 22, 1955 in Winter Haven, Florida. My mother took me to the churches of the Mt. Enon Association until I was 12 years old. I had no interest in the church until around 1990. My family and I moved near Woodville, Alabama in October 1990. We started attending the churches of the Mud Creek Association. I joined Mt. Pisgah Church and was baptized October 1991. I felt a desire to preach God's Holy Word about November 1995. My ordination took place on June 13, 1999. I'm presently co-pastor at Bethel Church of the Mud Creek Association and serve Mossy Grove Church near Hamman, Tennessee on the first weekend of every month.

ELDER JAMES DENNIS

FROM "HISTORY OF THE MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION" BY JOANN THOMAS ELKIN: Elder Dennis and his wife, Nell, joined Mt. Pisgah Church on Sunday, August 9, 1959. In August 1960, the church made a call for a presbytery to meet on November 13, 1960 to examine and ordain Brother Dennis as a gospel minister. The presbytery was composed of Elders Gene Thomas, Clifton Johnson, Fred Stewart, Holland L. Crumbly, Mud Creek Association; Elders Howard McNelly, G. A. Stephens, K. W. Yeager, Van McKee, Flint River Association; Elders J. T. Musick, Guy Hunt, W. O. Hunt, A. B. Hall, Mt. Zion Association. Elder Dennis was called to pastor Mt. Pisgah and Union Churches.

In October 1969 James and Nell Dennis requested their letters and placed them with Salem Church, Brooksville, in the Mt. Zion Association. Following the death of Elder Clifton Johnson in 1976, Elder Dennis was called to again pastor Mt. Pisgah Church and remained as a pastor until September 1982.

ELDER O. J. DENNY



Elder O. J. Denny, Editor of Zion's Landmark, died at his home in Winston-Salem, N. C. on March 17, 1951.

Elder Denny was born in Surry County on November 30, 1871, son of the late Elder Gabriel and Delfine Stone Denny.

In 1917 he became associated with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company as cashier, a position he held for twenty-seven years.

He was first married in May 1896 to Minerva Ellen Poll, to which union fifteen children were born. In January 1925, he was married to Bessie Boaz who sur-

vives.

He united with Cedar Hill Church in Surry County in 1895 and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1904 by the church at Pilot Mountain, N. C.

Elder Denny has served Reidsville Church for thirty-five years and his home church, Broad Street Church in Winston-Salem, N. C. for twenty-five years, together with the following churches: Greensboro, McCrays, Deep Creek, Pine, Gilllams and Lawyer Springs, during his long ministry.

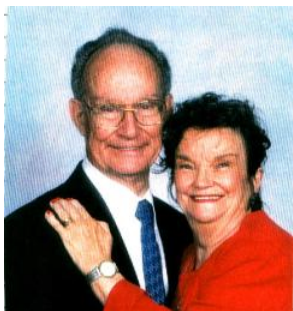
ELDER SIDNEY B. DENNY

FROM "GOODWILL" APRIL 1955: Elder Denny was born about 1886. He was the son of Elder Gabriel Denny. He was ordained to the ministry in 1916 and was pastor for many years of Wilson Church in Wilson, North Carolina, Great Swamp Church in Greenville, North Carolina, and Aycock Church in Fremont, North Carolina. He held a place of honor among all Primitive Baptists from Pennsylvania to Florida. On 18 January 1955, Elder Denny passed away in Wilson, N. C.

ELDER W. B. DENNEY

Elder Denney was baptized into the fellowship of Providence Church by his father in 1942. He was liberated to the pulpit July 5, 1952, and was ordained to the full function of the Gospel Ministry August 6, 1955. His home church, Providence, chose him as pastor in 1958. From that time until 1969 he pastored four churches. In addition to Providence he is at the present pastor of Darien and Macedonia (Clay Co.) Churches. He has served as Clerk of the Hillabee Association since 1959, with the exception of 1968 when he was Moderator.

ELDER BEALE DENTON



Elder Denton was born on October 20 1927 in Crane, Texas. He was baptized the third Sunday in August 1937 by Elder J. M. Denton. He was ordained as a deacon at Shiloh Church in Amarillo, Texas in May 1956 and was later ordained as a minister on July 7, 1974 at the Hale Center Church during the South Plains Association. Elders J. M. Denton, Cy Denton, E. L. Edwards and Carl Lewis comprised the presbytery. He was married on January 1, 1950.

Upon completion of a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Georgia Tech University in 1953, job opportunities and nearness to a Primitive Baptist Church led him to a home in Borger, Texas. Elder Cy Denton, an uncle, was pastor of the Shiloh Church in Amarillo. Elder Beale Denton was selected pastor when Cy Denton's health failed in January 1976. Elder Denton's ministry has mainly been associated with this church.

ELDER CY DENTON



Elder Cy Denton was born July 25, 1905, in Gorman, Texas, the son of Elder J.B. Denton and the late Zilpha Melissa (Taylor) Denton.

He was reared as a farmer's boy in and around South Central Texas.

He married Mavis McFarland on October 23, 1926 in the minister's home in Crosbyton, Texas. To this union two sons were born, one who died in infancy.

Brother Cy pastored churches in Colorado, New Mexico and in Texas. He was pastor of the Shiloh Church in Amarillo, Texas from 1948 to 1955. He then moved to Lubbock, Texas where he was pastor of the Orthodox Church in Lubbock from 1956 to 1960. In 1961 the Shiloh Church recalled Brother Cy. However, in late 1976, due to his health, he was only able to keep one appointment a month, the third Sunday. His last sermon was in December 1978.

His precious, loving wife, Sister Mavis Denton, worked faithfully by his side for the 52 years of their marriage. Their home and lives were always open to the Lord's people. They equally administered to the aged, as well as to the young, to the poor as well as to the rich, to the nonmembers as well as the members.

ELDER JOHN BARTLETT DENTON



Elder Denton was born in Mississippi on September 29, 1872 and passed from this life on August 18, 1936. He was baptized by Elder W. S. Harris. He was ordained to the ministry by the Sabanna Church in Comanche County, Texas. Elders in the presbytery were A. P. Koen, B. F. Driver, S. A. Paine, W. H. Richards and Isune Gutery. He was married by Elder B. F. Redford and had nine children. He served Providence Church near Stephenville, Texas, Oak Grove near Desdemona, New Hope near Hico, Shiloh near Blum, Old

Salem near Oglesby, New Salem near Cone, and Gomez near Brownfield.

Elder Denton was moderator of seven debates with Primitive Baptists and “Russellites.” The debaters on the PB side were Elders S. A. Paine, R. V. Sarrells, Joe Newman, and W. H. Richards. He was moderator of the South Plains Association for about ten years and was a member of the founding presbytery.

ELDER J. M. DENTON

Elder Denton was born on January 25, 1898 in San Saba County, Texas and passed from this life on February 4, 1979. He was baptized on September 7, 1919 by Elder J. A. Goodman. He was ordained on August 17, 1935 at the Lone Pilgrim Church in Stratton, Texas. He was married on November 7, 1920.



He served many churches in Texas and taught many singing schools. His ministry in the church at Maud, Texas was especially notable. The church prospered and Primitive Baptists became known as “Old Fogeys.” Elder Denton was president of the school board and active in civic affairs. One half of the congregation of the Maud Church was composed of young people.

In 1943, three churches in Macon Georgia called him as pastor. He served them faithfully until July 1976 when a heart attack in the stand at the Sardis Church precipitated his retirement.

ELDER LLOYD ARTHUR DENTON



Elder Denton was born March 11, 1901 and passed from this life on February 24, 1974. He was baptized circa 1920 by Elder J. B. Denton. He was ordained at the South Plains Association by the New Salem Church, Cone, Texas in August 1938. He was married on March 10, 1923 and had three sons and four daughters.

Elder Lloyd Denton’s ministry included the Texas Panhandle, New Mexico and Colorado. His sense of humor made his sermons all the more enjoyable. His manner was boisterous and dynamic. His texts were often those that no one remembers having been preached before. He served his country as a crewman aboard President Wilson’s yacht, a military vessel.

ELDER PATRICK WELLAND DENTON



Elder Denton was born March 20, 1931 at Sweetwater, Texas. He was baptized the third Sunday in August 1937 by Elder W. R. Dale. He was ordained by the Hale Center Church on October 12, 1975. Elders in the presbytery were R. B. Finley, R. L. Nelson, Cy Denton, J. M. Denton, and B. G. Lawrence. He was married on January 8, 1952 and has one son and one daughter.

Elder Denton's ministry has been in the Macon, Georgia area. He pastored his father's three churches (Pilgrim's Rest, Sardis, and Emmaus) when his father's health failed. He presently pastors Pilgrim's Rest Church and a church in East Macon.

Elder Denton served his country as a Naval aircraft repairman on several carriers in the Atlantic during the Korean conflict.

He has ably edited *Zion's Landmark* since the death of the late Elder P. G. Lester.

ELDER JOHN A. QUITMAN DEPOYSTER



Elder DePoyster was born on January 28, 1910 and passed from this life on August 17, 1979. He began his ministry around the age of 21 at Little Flock Church near Burnsville, Mississippi. He married Stella Mae Bain in 1931 and they had five children. The family moved to the Delta of Mississippi during the War, working as a depot agent for the IC Railroad and lived in the Delta for the rest of his life and served as pastor of Greenwood Church and others until around 1968-69, when he was once again called as pastor to Little Flock, where he served until his death. He wrote the words to two songs in Primitive Baptist hymnals and wrote Twelve Baskets of Fragments, along with other tracts, poems, etc. during his lifetime.

He was known to many as "A left handed preacher." Elder DePoyster had a unique gift to approach a subject from the "left hand" when preaching and in such a manner, that it would hold the attention of all in the congregation. His warm smile and manner of preaching was such that both the lambs and sheep could understand and eat at the table in the Lord's house.

ELDER CLYDE WAYNE DERRICK



WRITTEN BY HIS DAUGHTER, MARGARET LEWIS: Elder Derrick was born November 16, 1905, on a farm near Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas. He was from a family of ten children.

When he was very young his mother died. His father, George Washington Derrick, was a very religious man. He raised the ten children as best he could.

Daddy married Miss Kate McNeill, also from Gatesville, Texas, on October 13, 1928. To this union two daughters were born: Doris and Margaret, also born near Gatesville, Texas.

Elder Derrick worked on a farm. One day he came in from the fields and told my mother he thought he was "called to preach." In that same year, 1934, he was ordained by the Missionary Baptists. He preached for the Missionaries for four years, but was never satisfied with their doctrine and practices.

One Saturday in 1937, Elder Derrick, having no car, asked a neighbor if he would be going to the grocery store anytime soon. The neighbor said he would be going on a Saturday, but he would be going to church first. That church was Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Oglesby, Texas. Daddy sat in the car and said he would be just fine, but the singing was so beautiful he went inside the church. Elder Len Dalton of Hamilton, Texas preached, and Daddy believed every word of it. The next month he returned to Oglesby and joined!

In one year, 1938, Salem Church ordained Elder Derrick to the full work of the ministry. Elder J. P. Dale preached the charge. That same year my mother joined Salem Church. The churches he served through the years were as follows: Salado, Oglesby, Caradan, Combes, Austin Primitive Baptist, Hico, and Stephenville.

At the age of 67, Elder Derrick passed away at his home on July 18, 1973.

ELDER AMOS AUTRY DESKIN

Elder Deskin was born in Autman, Erath County, Texas on April 16, 1900. His parents were John Westley and ___ (Chaney) Deskin.

On June 20, 1920, Brother Deskin married Miss Bessie Darnell. Two years later he joined Smyrna Church located 12 miles west of Boswell, Oklahoma. It was here, in the year 1937, Brother Deskin was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by a presbytery consisting of Elders Adran Roberts and F. M. Maples.

Brother Deskin has been well known among the Primitive Baptists in California, Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma for the past seventy years. He confessed that he had studied the Scripture for over 70 years and is still learning. Brother Deskin worked in the civil occupation of electronics technician.

ELDER E. J. DEVANE

Elder DeVane was born at Madison, Fla., Oct. 13th, 1860, and moved to South Florida while a very young man, married Alice Collins of Hillsboro County, and to this union ten children were born. Some years after her death he was married to Mrs. Bessie Smith of Plant City, who survives him, together with nine children. Elder DeVane joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Mt. Eanon, near Plant City, was baptized by Elder Futch, and was ordained on Sunday March the 8th, 1902, to preach the gospel, and from that time until his death he spent more and more time preaching and traveling, and during his last years was almost continually in the service. He was blest by God with a brilliant mind, a wonderful recollection and a splendid delivery, apt to teach and an inspiration to God's people wherever he went. For many years, he was prominent in the business world and his life and work won the highest regard from people in all walks of life. But finally he was attacked with a malady that sapped his strength until on the first Sunday in December, 1933, he came home to preach his last sermon in his home church among his own people, that he loved so much and then went home and died peacefully on December 12, surrounded by his family and friends and in full possession of his faculties until the end, talking of God's love and mercy and wonderful plan of salvation up to almost the last minute of his life on earth.

ELDER JOHN W. F. DEWITT

Elder DeWitt passed away Monday morning, July 2, 1979, in the Memorial Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma. He was born December 8, 1916.

He was married to Martha Pile in Columbia, Missouri, in 1941. To them three children, were born: Martha, Philip, and Sharon. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley DeWitt, his wife, Martha, and an infant daughter, Sharon, preceded him in death.

He graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri, receiving the Bachelor of Arts Degree July 13, 1941, and from the Kirksville, Missouri College of Osteopathy and Surgery, receiving his Doctors Degree September 16, 1944.

In 1951, he and Selma Risenhoover were married in Oklahoma City. To them two sons were born, Paul and Steven.

Elder DeWitt united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Crescent July 27, 1947, and was baptized by Elder O. M. Cummings, who was our pastor at that time. It was not long

until Elder Cummings would call on him to assist with the church services and on January 25, 1948, he made his first talk in church, using for his text the twenty-third Psalms.

He was ordained as elder on July 30, 1950. Elder O. M. Cummings delivered the charge and Elder A. D. West was moderator. Later, he was chosen co-pastor with Elder Cummings and later, as pastor, which office he served until God called him home. He never refused as a doctor to see or care for anyone needing care whether the person was destitute or whatever the circumstances, even when he himself was suffering immensely. For some time, even months, he was in such pain and for the last several weeks, he used a crutch to walk or to stand in the pulpit. The last Sunday he attended church, June 24, he was unable to stand but sat in a chair while he preached. He used for his text, I John Chapter 3, stressing the love of God toward us, therefore we ought obediently to keep God's commandments and brotherly kindness and love. It seemed he received such a spiritual uplift at the part of the first verse. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." On Thursday after this, he entered the hospital and passed away the next Monday.

ELDER ROBERT G. "BOB" DICKERSON JR.

Robert Dickerson was born in Valdosta Georgia October 5, 1930 to Judge R. Glenn and Julie Sanders Dickerson. He was a member of the Progressive faction of Primitive



Baptists for 20 years, preaching for them for 13 years. After becoming dissatisfied with their man-made practices and additions to the simple worship taught in the Bible, he left them and in July 1969 and was baptized into the fellowship of Cat Creek Church near Valdosta. The next month he was ordained and was then called to be pastor of Cat Creek, New Friendship, Bethel and Unity Churches in Lowndes and Echols Counties, Georgia. He served Bethel for seven years and was later instrumental in re-establishing this church after it had closed for several years. He served New Friendship for 20 years; Unity for 26 and a half years; and is now in his 28th year of pastoring Cat Creek Church.

From March 1982 to present, 18 years, he has served as editor and publisher of *The Gospel Appeal*. For many years he operated a general insurance agency in Valdosta and also a public accounting practice.

He married Marjorie Fulwood in 1955. They have three children and four grandchildren.

ELDER JAMES M. DICKERSON

WRITTEN BY ELDER C. F. MARTIN: Elder James M. Dickerson, son of Floyd and Almeda (Webb) Dickerson was born October 12, 1870 in Floyd County, Virginia, passed away at the home of his son, Pierce H. Dickerson, Richmond, Va., February 5, 1949.

Elder Dickerson was twice married; in his early age, he married Miss Julia V. Culler. To this union two children were born. This companion passed away to the great beyond. Later he married Mrs. Ally Ann (Slusher) Albright. He died Aug. 31, 1943.

Elder Dickerson united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Maple Shade, Carroll Co., Va., October 8, 1899, being baptized by Elder F. P. Branscome. He was ordained to the ministry July 9, 1909. Making full proof of his calling, he was a wonderful church builder, and a good leader. During his active days his churches were very prosperous and enjoyed precious peace. He served the following churches as pastor: Floyd, Greasy Creek, Little Flock, Conners Grove, Stonewall, White Oak Grove, New Hope and Fellowship in the New River Association, and Dobyons, Stuart and Little Flock in the Upper Mayo Association. He married about 1250 couples, baptized 500 into the fellowship of the church, and attended about 2000 funerals. He served as assistant clerk with Elder F. P. Branscome for a number of years. At Elder Branscome's death, he was elected clerk of the association. He served about 18 years in this capacity. He also served as a member of the Floyd County School Board, also represented Floyd County in the State Legislature.

ELDER J. D. DILLON



WRITTEN BY HIS ELDEST DAUGHTER, RUTH JACKSON: Elder Dillon was born on July 31, 1900 and passed from this life on April 29, 1962. He was baptized by Elder G. C. Walker at the Concord Church in McNairy County, Tennessee.

He was ordained to the ministry on July 9, 1938. He spent his entire ministry in McNairy County, Tennessee – a span of 24 years. He was married to the former Fredia May Barnes on March 30, 1919. They were blessed with three daughters.

ELDER J. O. DISON



Elder J. O. Dison of Lauderdale County, Alabama was born on January 22, 1889 and died on September 8, 1944. He married Laura Dee Sledge on November 10, 1907 and to this union three children were born, two girls, Edna and Dessie and one boy, Edward. Brother and Sister Dison joined Blue Water Church, Lauderdale County, Alabama in

1912 and then moved their membership to Elgin Crossroads Church on the third Sunday in August of 1925 soon after the church was constituted in June of 1925.

Brother Dison began to exercise and to preach God's word shortly after moving his membership and then after preaching at Crossroads Church on December 27, 1927, the church liberated him. On the third Sunday in March of 1929, Bro. J.O. Dison was ordained to the full work of the ministry.

Elder Dison was called to assist Elder W.T. Lemay in the pastoral care of Crossroads Church on the third Sunday of January 1931. He was called to pastor Sweet Gum Flat Church at Lexington, Alabama and he served that church until his death on September 8, 1944.

He preached his last discourse at Briar Fork Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in August 1944. He had served that church faithfully since 1927. It was fourteen miles from his home, and he walked it many times in the snow and rain. He was an able defender of God's eternal truths, always sound and considerate, loved and respected by all who knew him.

ELDER JAMES OLIVER DODD



James Oliver Dodd was born December 26, 1901, near Trenton, Alabama, son of Erwin Eugene and Icy Dora Gipson Dodd.

On December 21, 1924 Oliver married Lena Ellen Wells in Senath, Missouri. From Senath they moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he worked for Standard Steel Company in North Kansas City.

Oliver united with Union Church, Woodville, Alabama, in the fall of 1925. Later he moved his membership to Mount Vernon Primitive Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri. In the fall of 1929 he made his first effort to preach with Brother Paul Brown at Mount Vernon Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Oliver's doctor advised him to move to a dry climate. They lived near San Antonio the winter of 1929-1930. In the spring of 1930 they moved near Quay, New Mexico and on to Tucumcari and near Clovis, New Mexico.

On Saturday afternoon July 22, 1933 he was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the authority of Quay Church of Quay, New Mexico. This was done during the association that met that year at Clovis, New Mexico. Elders in the presbytery were C. J. L. Bolinger, L. J. McCarty, J. H. Alldredge, H. G. Richards, O. F. Dearing, J. A. Barrington, Ira Hobis, E. J.

Norman, O. C. Floyd, G. C. Miller, and J. P. Jackson. During the summer of 1937 they moved to Englewood, Colorado, where they built a house.

Oliver served Quay Church in Quay, New Mexico, and Englewood Church, Englewood, Colorado. The latter merged with Denver Church in 1984.

Oliver died on April 9, 1989.

ELDER T. LEO DODD

Elder Dodd was born March 8, 1894, the son of J. C. and Effie Haley Dodd. He united with Wolf Creek Church in June 1907. On August 9, 1919 he was ordained by that church and immediately was chosen assistant to the pastor. After Eld. Kane's retirement from the care of the church, which was about two years, Eld. Dodd has served as pastor to date. He has served a number of churches during his ministerial life and is now serving four. He has also served as Clerk and Moderator of the Muddy River Association. Eld. Dodd and his wife, the former Miss Harris M. Ridenhower, have been married for 53 years and are the parents of six children. He was engaged in the teaching profession and served as both a teacher and school administrator.

ELDER H. J. DONOHUE

IN 1972, ELDER DONOHUE WROTE: My father, Elder J. H. Donohue was born in Alabama in 1865 and was married to Miss Marendra Lindsey. To this union five children were born. Three died in infancy.



As for a sweet hope in Jesus, I do believe that it has been my happy lot to have loved the cause of Christ all of my life. I do "fear the Lord" and believe that salvation is by the grace of God. This makes me lie down at night with a sweet assurance of a home beyond this veil of tears.

My wife (Louise) and I joined the Primitive Baptists after we had heard Elder C. H. Cayce preach at the Mountain Springs Association at North Little Rock, Arkansas in 1930. We were baptized in Panther Creek, White County, Arkansas, the first Sunday in October 1930 by Elder E. N. Crider and thus became members of Hopewell Church at Sidon, Arkansas.

I was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on Saturday before the third Sunday in August in 1958. The following elders formed the presbytery: Elder. L. H. Clevenger of Missouri, Elders W. S. Smart, H. D. Fulmer, and H. R. Shamblyn of California, Elders Archie Mobley and Victor Jones of New Mexico, Elders Olan Robinson and F. L. Joyner of the Lone Pilgrim Church of Mesa, Arizona (my home church).

I am now pastor of Harmony Church at Ceres, California. Also I have a regular monthly appointment here in my home town of Madera, Calif. Back in 1962 I started a little religious publication for and in the interest of Primitive Baptists--this was in Phoenix, Arizona. In January 1969 my wife and I moved to Madera, Calif. and with us of course we brought our printing equipment and continued the magazine *OASIS*. The little paper has been well received and now goes to 32 states.

NOTE: Elder Donohue passed from this life on July 18, 1981. He pastored the church in Ceres, California till his death. He was loved and respected by the Baptists and was a noble defender of the cardinal points of truth taught in God's word.

ELDER J. H. DONOHUE

FROM AN OBITUARY IN THE "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST," WRITTEN BY HIS SON, HENRY J. DONOHUE: Elder Donohue was born in Morgan Co., Ala., on Jan. 22, 1865. He was the son of John and Christina Donohue. He departed this life August 9, 1949. He was first married to Miss Marena Lindsey on January 22, 1888, and to this union five children were born. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Jane Milam on January 16, 1898, and to this union nine children were born.

Dad was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for a little more than 56 years. He joined at Salem Church in May 1893 and was baptized by Elder Joshua Hendrickson. Salem Church is near Damascus, Ark., in the bounds of the Mountain Springs Association. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry in January 1923.

ELDER RICKY D. DORTON

Elder Dorton was born on July 6, 1960. He married the former Pennie Jones on October 19, 1979. To this union two children were born: Scottie Dale Dorton and Heather Nichole Dorton.

ELDER DORTON WRITES: I came forth on the third Sunday of January 1980 during services at Cannon Creek Church and asked for a home with the Brownies Creek Church. (Much to my surprise, my sister and wife also joined the church the same day. My wife had never been to a Primitive Baptist meeting, being raised in a Church of God). I was baptized the following weekend at the Brownies Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

I was granted a letter from the Brownies Creek Primitive Baptist Church and placed in the Cannon Creek Church in the year of 1988. I began exercising the following year and was ordained on my 12th wedding anniversary (10/19/91) by the authority and order of the Cannon Creek Church.

My fathers in the ministry are Eld. Phillip Hoskins, then pastor of the Cannon Creek Church, Eld. Steve Greene, current pastor of the Cannon Creek Church, Eld. Kenneth Robbins, Eld. Elvin Thompson, Eld. Mickey Wilson, and Eld. Eugene Wilder

MY EXPERIENCE TO THE CALL OF THE MINISTRY: I had been burdened for some time to preach God's unsearchable riches, but felt so unworthy to do so. I tried to run and hide from this calling, but could not find any place of refuge or comfort. One Sunday morning following services at the Pinnacle View Church I had asked Eld. Eugene Wilder, who was a member at Brownies Creek where my membership was, if he could spare some time to talk with me. We set a time for the following Tuesday for him to come to my house. I had realized that there was nothing I could do to change what God had purposed, and finally surrendered to the call. What a burden there was that was lifted.

I felt impressed to move my letter to the Cannon Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Brownies Creek granted my letter and I placed it in the Cannon Creek Church at which time the pastor, Eld. Phillip Hoskins, had told me that when I felt ready to be obedient to the calling of the ministry to come forth and let the church know. I began exercising a few months later and was set at liberty by the church. I also began filling in for Eld. Hoskins at the Rose Hill Church (where he also pastored) due to his health problems. I exercised for approximately 2 years when the Cannon Creek Primitive Baptist Church called for my ordination, which took place October 19, 1991.

A few months following my ordination, Eld. Hoskins asked the Rose Hill Church to allow him to step aside as pastor and recommended that I be called. They graciously abided with his wishes. Later, my wife and I moved our letters of membership to the Rose Hill Church where we remain members to this day and where I still try to serve them as pastor.

ELDER HERSHEL DOSS



Elder H. W. Doss of Belton, Texas was born December 4, 1902, in Coryel Co., Texas.

He married Vivian Guthrie, June 15, 1924 in Belton, Texas and joined the Little Flock Church, the first Sunday in November 1931. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry September 5, 1932.

He was pastor at Little Flock, Gatesville, Lampasas, Waco, Arlington, Madisonville, Marlin and Culp, and he was blessed to

preach at many other churches of Texas, ably defending the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ, showing Israel, "The House of Israel," and feeding the lambs and sheep of the fold.

On the 19th day of October 1973, the Lord saw fit to call him from our midst. He was loved by all who knew him.

ELDER R. E. DOUGLAS



Elder Douglas was born April 23, 1889, and departed this life December 21, 1965.

He was united in marriage to Miss Leona Ward April 26, 1913. To this union nine sons and one daughter were born.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Galax, Va., July of 1928. He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry June 9, 1934.

He had traveled and preached to the comfort of God's humble people, in sixteen different states. He was received and appreciated among God's people everywhere he visited.

ELDER CORVIN DOVE



OBITUARY WRITTEN BY HIS ELDEST SON, ELDER LEONARD S. DOVE: Elder Corvin Dove passed away quietly in his sleep at 3:50 A. M., Sunday, March 15, 1953. He was born March 6, 1884, in. Fulton County, Ohio, the son of Elder Adam F. and Adaline (Spitler) Dove.

His first wife, Mabel L. Saul, died in 1909, leaving two children, Leonard and Martha. In 1914, he married Mada Geiger.

In early life he united with the Primitive Baptist Church called Honey Creek, near Bloomville, Ohio, where he was ordained to the full work of the ministry on November 13, 1915, Having made a permanent change of residence, he moved his church membership by letter to the Hog Run Church, near Newark, Ohio, in the Muskingum Association.. When that church disbanded several years later, he presented his letter to the church at Newark, where he remained a faithful member. He served the Association as moderator a number of years.

He was owner and editor of *The Primitive Monitor* for 27 years, 1923 through 1949 and by this means became well and favorably known among the lovers of the truth as an able writer and defender of the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

ELDER LEONARD S. DOVE

I was baptized into the fellowship of Honey Creek Church, January 9, 1921, by my grandfather, Elder Adam F. Dove. This church is located four miles southwest of Bloomville, Ohio, in Seneca County, and is one of the churches comprising the Sandusky Association.

Sometime during the fall of 1923, I moved my membership, by letter, to the church called Friendship at Hog Run, which is located five miles south of Newark, Ohio, in Licking County. This is one of the churches of the Muskingum Association. My membership was here only a very short time, when I carried it back to Honey Creek Church mentioned above. A year or so later I made my first attempt to speak from God's Book in public worship, using for my text John 3:16. Although this attempt brought me great pleasure and peace of mind, I resolved that I was not going to be a preacher.

Having moved to Washington, D. C. in June 1930, I deemed it wise to move my membership, which I offered to Petworth Church in October 1930. My letter from Honey Creek was accepted by this church, and I was received into their membership.

I spoke to my pastor, Elder J. E. L. Alderton, about my impressions on Aug. 31, 1932. He told me he would call on me at our next regular meeting, fourth Sunday in September. I then feared lest I had made a grave mistake; but studied the Scriptures more diligently, without a thought as to trying to back out or stay away from church. So, on Sunday, Sept. 25, 1932, Elder Alderton called on me to introduce the services, and to speak from the stand, as long as I wished. I then introduced the service by singing Hymn 187, "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot me," offering prayer, then speaking for sometime from the Ephesian Letter 2:1-12. Though I drew very little comfort from this attempt myself, it was apparently received well by those present.

THE PRECEDING NOTES WERE COPIED FROM ELDER DOVE'S BIBLE. He was liberated May 26, 1940, and ordained December 29, 1946. He was at the Union meeting at Sperryville and preached the first sermon on Saturday morning, using for his text, "I am the good Shepherd." He had a heart attack on the way home and died on the way to the hospital, October 15, 1955.

ELDER PERRY DOVE

Elder Dove was born December 26, 1879 in Bloomville, Seneca Co., Ohio; and departed this life November 22, 1957. He was a son of Elder Adam Dove and Adaline Spitley Dove. On June 14, 1902, he married Sylvia Spitley, who died in 1917, and on February 1, 1919, he married Mary A. Willis. When a young man of teenage years, Elder Dove professed a hope in Jesus as his Savior and became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. His hope in Jesus continued with him through many and severe trials, and his faith in a crucified and risen Savior remained steadfast and unmovable. At the time of his death, he was pastoring his home church at Honey Creek.

ELDER ALFRED DRAKE

FROM AN OBITUARY IN THE "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST," WRITTEN BY ELDER O. E. COONES: Elder Drake was called by death on April 10, 1944. He was born October 27, 1851 and married Miss Sarah C. Whittimore on March 16, 1869. To this union nine children were born. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church and began preaching when he was twenty years old. He never caused the church any trouble. He requested twelve years ago that the writer preach his funeral, which I did.

ELDER J. B. DOWNING



BY DAVID MONTGOMERY: The date of Elder Downing's birth and death could not be obtained. He was a pioneer minister in the State of Texas during the nineteenth century and was well respected across the State. He was known far and wide as the "cowboy preacher."

In *The Gospel Messenger* February 1887, Elder W. R. Avery in an article describing his preaching trip through Bell County, Texas wrote, "At Pilot Knob Church, I met the celebrated Elder Downing, the 'cowboy preacher.' He is of himself a wonderful display of the power of God in taking a wild cowboy from the plains of Texas, destitute of a common education, and sending him forth preaching the gospel in demonstration and power. I never expect to meet a man that handles the deep fundamental points of salvation with more ease."

ELDER JESSE REATHERFORD DOYLE

Elder Doyle was born on December 16, 1918 in Hood County, Texas to John David and Corda May Newman Doyle. He married the former Dora Oldaker on August 3, 1937.

To this union three sons and two daughters were born: June Doyle Klimek, Jesse Arnol Doyle, Diana Doyle King, John Riley Doyle and Don Paul Doyle

He joined at Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church in Waldron, Arkansas in 1952 and was baptized by Elder George Owens in Bull Creek (Poteau River).

He and his family moved to Arizona in 1956 and in 1957 he moved his membership by letter to the Phoenix Church, which was pastored by Elder Donahue. In 1971, Elder Alphonso Hurst (who he considers a father in the ministry) came to pastor this church.

He made his first efforts to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ beginning in 1966 at Phoenix Church. In 1982 he moved his membership to the Lone Pilgrim Church in Mesa, Arizona where Elder Doyle Griffin was the pastor.

In 1994 Elder Doyle and his wife moved back to Poteau, Oklahoma at which time he moved his membership by letter back to Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church in Waldron, Arkansas. On June 28, 1997 the Fellowship Church extended an arm to establish the Canaan View Church at Poteau, Oklahoma, where Elder Doyle became one of the charter members and is the pastor there.

He was ordained the full work of the Gospel Ministry on April 14, 1984 at Lone Pilgrim Church in Mesa, Arizona where Elder Alphonso Hurst delivered the charge to him. Other Elders in the presbytery were Elders Doyle Griffin, Tim L. Janes, Gene Herriage, Wayne Poss, John Henry Thrower and Tom Humble. Deacons in the presbytery were Brothers Roger Joyner, H. Logan, Vernon L. McWhirter, Thurman O. Poss and Robert L. Brunson.

He served the Bethel Church in Phoenix, Arizona prior to moving back to Poteau, Oklahoma in 1994. He presently serves the Canaan View Church at 510 Carter in Poteau, Oklahoma.

ELDER S. D. DUBOSE

Elder S. D. Dubose, aged 80 years six months, died at the home of his daughter, near Kerrville.

At the age of seventeen he volunteered to serve in the Confederate army, in which he served, in a supply department most of the time, until the war was over, when he was married at Farmersvine, La., to Miss Lucinda Barron, a native of Alabama, who died in 1921. They came to Texas and located in Lavaca County, in 1871, and to Medina County in 1883, since which time, until his wife's death he had lived on the old farm, near Devine

He was deeply religious in his nature, was charter member of three Primitive Baptist Churches, in the three counties of Texas where he has lived. He was universally loved and if he ever had an enemy in the world no one ever heard of it. He scattered sunshine and cheer

everywhere he went, and even in his last illness was never heard to complain. He lived a most unselfish life, and always thought of the comfort of others before his own. He helped to build churches and schoolhouses, and was liberal in helping the poor.

ELDER W. S. DUBOSE

Elder William Srotrain Dubose a native of Alabama, age 78 years passed quietly away at his home in Devine Sunday night, November 4th, after a lingering illness of several weeks.

He was brought to Texas, Milam County, when Texas was a republic, but the family fearing the Indians, returned and lived in Arkansas for several years, where he was married to Miss Nancy Lambert, returning with his wife and two children to Texas in January, 1870, locating in Lavaca County Texas, at Moulton, where he engaged in farming and later was ordained to the ministry of the Primitive Baptist Church, in which he was engaged, as a meek, humble pioneer preacher going without money or price among the poor and the destitute and having the care of small churches to whom he preached while he made a living for his family farming. He came to Medina County in 1882, locating at Black Creek, where he and his brothers in the flesh organized, a church which grew to be quite a power for good in that community, and of which he was pastor and preached until his health failed and he removed to town a few years ago. He served under General Price in the Confederate war as a true soldier and was commissioned at one time to carry a very important document from one command to another, which required that he pass through the enemy lines at night, which he did and delivered the message without being apprehended by the enemy

His mother's name was Sarah Ann Lamar, of whose family came President M. B. Lamer of Texas, and the late Chief Justice L. Q. C. Lamar.

ELDER RUSSELL DUDLEY



Elder Dudley was born in Kentucky in the year of 1871 or 1876. He moved to Kansas City, Mo. in 1906. After several years he went back to Kentucky to care for a sick relative. While there the Primitive Baptist Church of his membership ordained him to the full work of the gospel ministry. His sick relative died and he returned to Kansas City, where he joined Mt. Vernon Church.

Later he moved his membership to Elk-Horn Church in Montgomery City, Mo. He married Miss Flora Thompson of Montgomery City, Mo. They had no children.

ELDER DARREL WAYNE DUNCAN



Elder Duncan was born on a farm near Excelsior Springs, MO, on February 9, 1931. He was the son of Ward and Bertha Duncan. His parents were both members of New Garden Church. He was married to Donna Jean Robinson on November 16, 1955, and they had three children: Bradley, Nancy and Lori.

He served in the United States Army from September 1950 until 1953.

After a long battle with cancer, Elder Duncan passed away on August 28, 1995. At the time of his death, he was serving two churches, Pleasant Hill Church near Trimble, MO, and his home church, North New Garden at Excelsior Springs, MO.

ELDER T. A. DUNN

Thomas Alexander Dunn was born Jan. 10, 1878, at Davidson, Ala. He was the eldest son of John A. and Samantha Jane Dunn. His family moved from Alabama to Killeen, Texas, in his infancy and he was reared to manhood in that vicinity



T. A. Dunn was married to Eunice Melinda Danielly in 1897. To this union seven children were born.

Tommy, as Elder Dunn was called, united with the Primitive Baptist Church in 1900, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry in 1905. When he began preaching, he realized that his education was limited; therefore, he began studying. Carrying his Bible and dictionary along with him he became, as one would term, a self-educated man.

Elder Dunn moved to Crosbyton in 1919 for the purpose of constituting the Primitive Baptist Church. He served it as pastor 32 years. To say that he pastored churches continuously would mildly express his sincere dedication to his ministry. He and Mrs. Dunn were widely known, loved and esteemed, from coast to coast. Elder Dunn became a great writer to his church paper. He was chosen moderator of the West Texas Association in 1923, and continued in that capacity, until his declining years. His advice and counsel were

unalterably given freely. He was favorably known as an outstanding leader among his people. He died on November 29, 1951.

ELDER MARVIN HARDY DURDIN



Elder Durdin was born on December 2, 1895 and passed from this life on March 27, 1966. He was baptized on April 13, 1935 at the Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Jasper, Texas by Elder R.H. Hammett. He was married on October 1, 1922 to Ludie Ima Flurry. He was ordained on October 4, 1958 at the Fellowship Church in Warren, Texas.

Elder Durdin was born in Jasper County, Texas where he spent his entire life as a farmer. He was one of eleven children born to parents who were of the Primitive Baptist Faith. He was ordained a deacon shortly after uniting with the church in April 1935. He began speaking publicly in 1951. He never traveled among the churches of other areas, but labored among the churches of Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

ELDER J. E. DYKES

FROM "THE GOSPEL MESSENGER" WRITTEN BY S. S. CRUMPTON: Elder J. E. Dykes was born in Georgia June 20, 1841, and died at the home of his youngest son, Hudsie, July 1, 1912.

In 1859, he moved with his parents from Pike County, Georgia, to Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama. In 1860, he joined Mt. Olive Church, in which he lived a faithful member till his death. In this church he was ordained deacon; later he was liberated to exercise in a public way; later he was ordained to the full functions of the gospel. In August 1865, he was married to Miss Martha Ann Barefield. God blessed this union with twelve children, six boys and six girls. Brother Dykes served in the War Between the States till honorably discharged. He belonged to Company C, 25th Alabama Regiment. He served Shelby County for sixteen years as Commissioner.