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ELDER JAMES E. LAMB

James E. Lamb was born on August 18, 1925 to Ike and Sally (Wyatt) Lamb. He was ordained at Little Flock Church in Lexington, OK on the fifth Sunday in December 1958. On November 5, 1944, he married the former Betty Irene West. To this union three children were born: Richard, Jaron, and Terral. Betty passed from this life in March 1972. On April 23, 1973 he married the former Rhea Lavonne Metzger.

Elder Lamb has worked as a farmer and insurance agent. He has served churches in Homey, Dill City and Wayne--all in the State of Oklahoma.

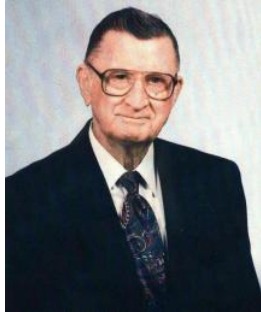
ELDER DAVID LANCASTER

COPIED FROM DESCENDANTS OF FRANCIS REDFORD: EMIGRANT TO AMERICA, 1635 BY JUNE REDFORD REID: Elder David Lancaster was born 1782 in Edgecombe, North Carolina. He was one of the first Baptist preachers in Lauderdale County, Alabama. He was pastor of the Blue Water Creek Primitive Baptist Church, near Killen, Alabama, for many years, and his name appears on many marriage licenses in Lauderdale County. He died March 26, 1860, in Lauderdale County, Alabama. He and his wife, Nancy Redford, are buried in the cemetery by this little church. A special veteran's marker was placed at his grave with dedication services on May 13, 1987 for his service in the War of 1812.

ELDER AVERY LAND

WRITTEN BY HIS WIDOW, LEILA LAND: Elder Avery Laymon Land was born April 3, 1912 in Sequatchie County, Dunlap, Tennessee. He was the eldest of five children and was reared by Primitive Baptist parents.

He married Leila Minton, December 1, 1934. They have one child, Margaret Wanda Land Johnson, born September 3, 1936. Elder Land has two grandchildren, Pamela Jeanette Turner and Johnny Franklin Ewton, Jr. He has three great grandchildren, Dustin, Johnny, and Franklin.



He worked in the timber business, sold insurance, and worked in Detroit, Michigan; making a living in those days was very hard. He entered the service during the war (W.W.II) and was sent overseas. On returning, he served on the County Court as trial judge for several years. He served in the county school system for several years, and served as chaplain for the "Veterans of Foreign Wars."

He united with the Yellow Springs Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Gilbert Birdwell. He was ordained as a minister in 1950.

He pastored Yellow Springs Church for several years; Bethlehem Church, Dunlap, Tenn.; Knoxville Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rose Hill Church near Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Tracy City Church in Tracy City, Tenn.; Sweden's Cove Church in South Pittsburg, Tenn.; Goshen Church in Hohenwald, Tenn.; Hohenwald Church; and Smithville Church where he pastored for 37 years and his membership was there when he died. He traveled and preached in 35 States. On a trip to the Holy Land, he preached in Athens, Greece.

He died October 18, 1992.

ELDER QUINTON LAND

SUBMITTED BY NORMA HASLAM: Elder Land was the son of George W. and Mary Jane Whittlow Land. He and his wife, Mattie, were blessed with two children, Lenna and Jimmy.

He was ordained an elder in May 1961 at Yellow Springs Church, Dunlap, Tennessee. He was immediately called as assistant pastor at Mt. View Church, Smithville, Tenn. He has also served at Yellow Springs and at Oakwood Church at Knoxville.

Elder Land died July 10, 1998 and was buried at Dunlap.

ELDER W. C. LANE

Elder Lane is the seventh son in a family of ten children. He was born into a poor family in South Georgia; being so poor he had to drop out of school in the eighth grade and go to work. At the age of 38 he felt led of God to preach. He preached for the Missionary Baptists for about 30 years. He began to visit the Old Baptists in Ocala, Florida and later joined Faith PB Church and was baptized.

He was licensed to preach by Faith Church and was ordained by Midway PB Church on November 11, 1995.

He is now a member of Bethel Church in Glennville and preaches there and at other churches in Georgia and Florida. His wife is the former Sharon Ming and is also a member at Bethel.

ELDER H. T. LANSDALE

FROM A MEMORIAL IN THE HARMONY ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF 1976: Elder Lansdale was born at Ethel, Mississippi on July 24, 1891, and departed this life December 21, 1975. He had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for over 60 years. He was ordained a deacon in the Harmony Association (of Missouri and Arkansas), and later ordained to the ministry, and had been preaching for the past 16 years. He loved the service of God, and was faithful to attend as long as his health permitted. He was a member of New Bethel Church in the Harmony Association at the time of his death. He was willing to fill whatever place he was called upon to fill. He loved to tell others about his Lord and Master, and was humble and sound. After much suffering he sweetly went to sleep in the arms of His Saviour.

ELDER ARLIE LARIMER

Elder Arlie Larimer was born October 9, 1917 at Benton, Kentucky. He married Mary Gillihan in 1940, and fathered two sons: Dolph Owen Larimer and Terry Don Larimer, and one daughter: Cora Dianne Jones.

ELDER ARLIE LARIMER WRITES: As a young man, I played in a band for worldly entertainment. When I was about twenty years old, I heard the voice (if not mistaken) that Paul heard on the Damascus Road. I became much condemned and shortly thereafter, I quit playing in the band. I felt God's wonderful grace was working in my heart.



In 1937, I heard Elder E. M. Beshear quote John 5:24. This gospel came to me with such force that I have never doubted this was the truth. I carried this burden for five years until August 12, 1942, when I united with the church. In 1948, the church called me to serve as deacon. In the ordination I received a burden to preach. Again, I carried this burden for six years. On the second Saturday in June 1954, I made my first effort to preach. On May 29, 1955, I was ordained to the ministry.

I have preached in 28 of the United States, and have missed only 23 Sunday services occupying the pulpit, and this was because of serious illness. In addition to church, I have also preached on the radio.

I have served as pastor of the Original Mt. Moriah Church in Marshall County, Kentucky for 43 years. I also served Old Bethel Church for 23 years and Mt. Zion Church in Graves County, Kentucky. I was pastor at Lone Oak Church in Calloway County, Kentucky, for 39 years.

ELDER GLEN LAUDERDALE

On November 29, 1988, our dear pastor and brother departed from this life to be with our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ.

Elder Lauderdale was born in Ackerly, Texas on Oct. 27, 1937 and was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on May 19, 1968. He had been the pastor at the Lamesa Church for ten years. Elder Lauderdale had also pastored a number of other churches in Colorado and New Mexico. He had many friends and believed the church should never change.

ELDER MAC MORRIS LAW

WRITTEN BY ELDER LAW'S WIDOW, SISTER JULIA LAW, AND EXPANDED BY ELDER LOUIS CULVER: Elder Law was born May 7, 1921 and died January 22, 1995. He lived in Millbrook, Alabama from November 1957 until his death on January 22, 1995.

Elder Law served two churches: New Home in Chilton County, Alabama and Salem at Tallassee, in Elmore County.

Elder Law left his wife, Sister Julia, and three grown children – two sons and one daughter – who miss him each day.

Elder Law was a member of Coosa River Church, Deatsville, Elmore County, Alabama.

ELDER BILLY LAWRENCE

I was born near Mena, Ark., April 14, 1932. I had a very sweet experience of grace at an early age. I cried and begged my parents to let me be baptized. Finally at age five my parents agreed so long as I understood that as I grew up my friends would be doing things that I couldn't do as a church member.

In 1949, when I was 17, I had a very radical call to the ministry. At first, I did not know what was wrong. I thought I was going to die. I had met a dear brother that year, Elder H.H. Goodman from Ashland, Alabama.

We attended an Association meeting that weekend and returned to his home Sunday night. Monday morning, standing under some giant pecan trees, Brother Goodman began to read me like a book. He said, "Brother Lawrence, you are in trouble, bad trouble. The Lord has called



you to preach his everlasting gospel, and you are sure in your own mind that He could not be all wise and all knowing and do a thing like that. But you need to acknowledge that call and promise God that you will not fight it. This is not to say that at age 17 you will become a full-fledged preacher. You need to go home, finish your last year of school, and just do what you are called upon to do, and in God's own time He will bring you into the ministry." He then told me the heart rending story of how he, when a young man, became so twisted and bent that his hands almost touched the ground when he walked. His wife was given up to die; they were in their mid-twenties, with two or three children, in debt and no way to work. He told me that he suddenly realized this was all because of his disobedience. He yielded to that call and within two or three weeks he was walking as straight as any man, his wife soon well and strong, and from that day forward everything he looked at prospered.

I was very convinced and finished my school to join the Navy during the Korean conflict. During those five years I preached only once in a while when I was at church, I was away so much in the Navy.

I was convinced that if I ever married, it would be to someone of like faith. I met her near Washington, D.C. about a year after enlistment. We were married in March 1955. After being discharged, I began preaching often. In 1957, when I was 25, I was ordained by my home church, Ebenezer, Kirby, Ark. I was called immediately to pastor at Alpine, Arkansas. A few years later I was burdened to start a church in Little Rock Ark. We did that around 1962 and enjoyed 11 blessed years there. During that time, I baptized all five of my children. Bethel still has a special place in our hearts.

I was called to Brentwood Hills Primitive Baptist in 1973 and served several years, and then pastored several other churches in Texas.

ELDER D. RONALD LAWRENCE

I was born in Harnett County, Erwin, North Carolina, August 1,



1948. My parents, Stokes F. and Alice Clayton Lawrence, brought my brother, Gerald F. Lawrence, and I up in a Godly home and took us to church regularly among the Primitive Baptists. My parents were members of Angier Primitive Baptist Church in Angier, N.C. in

which my father was ordained a deacon in 1946 and continues to serve in that capacity at this present time. My brother and I united with the church in December 1967 after a soul stirring service that left me convicted of my sins but also showed me that I had a Saviour in the Lord Jesus Christ. My baptism, at the age of 19, took place on a very cold February morning with just enough wind to keep the lake from icing over. My fiancée, Karen Howerton, also united with the church on the day of my baptism and was baptized at our next meeting. Karen and I were married on June 23, 1968 and have been blessed with nearly 32 years of marriage. She has been an immeasurable blessing to me in my life as a minister's wife and also the mother of our four children. I have been blessed to baptize all four, three boys and one girl, David, Timothy, Mark and Sarah.

After graduating from North Carolina State University, I began working for The National Center for Health Statistics in the Research Triangle Park near Raleigh, North Carolina. Shortly after beginning, what I thought would be a life long career with the government; I began to feel a heavy burden to preach the gospel. I made my first effort at Angier Church in March 1972, at the age of 23. I felt a great relief, but soon realized that the burden to speak in the Lord's name would not go away. After several more efforts, I was liberated by Angier Church in December of 1972 and ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on July 6, 1973. I began at that time to pastor Gift Church in Coats, N.C. and served them until July 1979. I also served Newport River Church in Newport, North Carolina for one year from 1978 until 1979. My desire to establish a secular career began to greatly diminish and a burden to study the scriptures, preach the gospel, and serve the Lord's people increased greatly. In February 1979 Little Union Church in Lithia, Florida issued to

me a pastoral call that left me in much prayer for a time of five months. After having sought the Lord's will, in this matter, I finally felt a peace of mind that I should accept the call. My family and I moved to Lithia, Florida in October 1979 and I am currently in my 21st year of service to the church. The Lord has blessed us greatly at Little Union, having increased the membership from 36 in 1979 to a current total of 125. We also have been blessed to build a new sanctuary and remodel the old sanctuary into a very spacious and comfortable Fellowship Hall.

It has been a great joy to serve the Lord's people for nearly 27 years. I have been blessed to preach to the Lord's children in 23 states and 236 churches during my ministry.

ELDER M. T. LAWRENCE

FROM AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN "ADVOCATE & MESSENGER:" I was born in Edgecombe County, N. C., July 23, 1848. My father was Joshua Lawrence, son of the well-known Joshua Lawrence, a Primitive Baptist preacher of great ability. My mother was Harriet Mayo, of Edgecombe County, N. C. Neither of my parents were members of any church, and therefore I was raised up without any religious influence whatever. I was taught to live morally, to tell the truth and, at an early age in life, was made to feel that I was a sinner and not prepared to die, and that God was just and sin was sure to be punished and that I could not escape.

I verily thought there was something for me to do and verily though I would do it after awhile. But before that time came with me, the Lord showed me I was a poor lost sinner and without His mercy and grace there was no hope for me. I was relieved of my trouble in the year 1873. As my trouble for sin came like the wind, increasing in strength from a gentle breeze to a gale that swept everything before it, so my trouble passed in such a way I could not tell where it left me, and I was drawn to the Primitive Baptists so strongly and loved them so much I felt I could not stay away from them. I therefore went and told them a reason of my hope on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1873 at Conoho, in Martin County, and was baptized on Sunday by Elder John W. Purvis.

I felt an impression, before I was baptized, that if I ever joined the church I should have to speak in public. Soon after I joined, I began to

exercise in a public way, and was licensed by the church in the year 1878; and, our pastor dying, I was ordained in 1880. For the greater part of the time since, I have served as pastor of three churches, and at this time am trying, in much weakness, to serve four. I have never traveled much from home, but have tried, as much as I could, to obey every call for my services about home, and have preached a great deal at the burial of the dead, and for the sick, and on other like occasions. I have had great affliction of body, but the Lord has been faithful and has not forsaken me, and of all others, I feel I have the most reason to try to obey and follow Him.

COMMENTS BY ELDER SYLVESTER HASSELL: The above sketch of his life was written by Elder Lawrence about five years before his death, which occurred June 26, 1913. In January 1910, the church at Robersonville, N. C., was formed, and Elder Lawrence was chosen pastor, after which he served five churches - Hamilton, Briary Swamp and Conoho monthly, and, on the fourth Sunday, Robersonville two months in each quarter of a year and Sparta quarterly. His son-in-law, Elder A. L. Harrison and, afterwards, Elder E. C. Stone served Sparta Church two Sundays in each quarter.

ELDER D. A. LAYNE



Elder Layne was born August 17, 1910 in Washington County, Arkansas. On March 10, 1928 he married Mildred Cook whom he had known since childhood. He joined with the Primitive Baptists at Zion Church in White Oak, Arkansas in 1931. Shortly after joining the church, he began to exercise for the ministry and held regular appointments at various places until moving to California in 1936. In January 1937 he moved his membership to Little Flock Church in Salida, CA. He continued to exercise after moving to California and was set apart to the full work of the Gospel Ministry by Little Flock Church fifth Sunday of May 1938. Elders J.A. Moore and John R. Whitfield and Deacons John Greene and Sim Cencibaugh comprised the presbytery with Elder J.A. Moore delivering his charge. During his ministry he has been directly involved in

organizing and constituting nine churches throughout California and Oregon along with being present at the constitution of several others. Also he has pastored twelve different churches and is presently the Pastor of Harmony Church in Hughson, CA and is continuing to serve as Pastor of Little Hope Church in Madera, CA where he has served since the church's constitution 55 years ago. As a faithful servant he always has been ready and willing to go preach the Gospel of his Lord whenever and wherever there were God's people desiring to be fed.

ELDER ELVIN E. LAYNE



Elder Layne was born October 17, 1929 in Arkansas and moved to California in 1936. He attended various churches while traveling with his father, Elder D. A. Layne, and joined Bethel Church in Lindsay, CA in January 1945. It was while attending Bethel Church that he met Lou Kathryn Hamby. On June 12, 1948 they were married at Little Flock Church in Salida, CA by his father. In 1952, they became charter members of Harmony Church organized in Turlock, CA. The church later relocated to Ceres and finally to Hughson, CA where his membership is presently. Elder Layne was first ordained as a Deacon by Harmony Church in April 1956. He exercised for the ministry for several years and held regular appointments at various churches for four years prior to Harmony Church setting him apart to the full work of the Gospel Ministry on April 19, 1964. Elders D. A. Layne, L.O. Moore, Tom Smith and H.R. Warren along with 15 Deacons comprised the presbytery for his ordination with his father preaching his charge. In 1966, Zion Church in San Jose, CA called him as Pastor where he served until 1993. In April of 1992, Golden Gate Church in Fremont CA called him for and where he is currently serving as their Pastor.

ELDER JAMES O. LEE

FROM "PRIMITIVE MONITOR" WRITTEN BY ELDER C. H. WATERS: He was born October 8, 1847; was married December 17, 1873,



to Lucy A. Luck, who has been a helpmeet indeed, sympathizing with him in all his work and one with him in Christian Union and fellowship. With his dear wife he was baptized by brother John Clark the fourth Sunday in April, 1879, both received into the church at White Oak, Stafford County Virginia, the same day, and there together they have fought the good fight and glorified the name of the Savior by a righteous walk and a goodly conversation.

Brother Lee was clerk of the church for twenty-five years, held prayer meetings regularly for a number of years, and was a devoted student of the Bible. He read the New Testament through once a year, every year since 1872. He was at meeting Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27, and fell from a ladder early Monday morning, the 28th, and was carried to his bed on a blanket, which bed he never left until taken off by the hands of weeping attendants, to be placed in his last resting place. He was sixty-one years old Oct. 8, and died Oct. 11, 1908.

ELDER J. B. LEE

Elder Junis Bright Lee, prominent leader in the Primitive Baptist Church and who married and preached in this county, died at his home in Johnston County recently at 4:40 o'clock in the morning. Seventy-one years of age, he had been in declining health for some time, and had undergone a major operation some time ago.

The son of the late Phillip and Sarah Parker Lee, he was born in Johnston County and lived there all his life except sixteen years spent in Wilson. He was pastor of the Juniper Church for twenty-five years, and preached often in this county over a period of years. His second marriage was to Mrs. Lucy Roberson Griffin of this county. There he made many friends and where he was held in high esteem.

Surviving besides his widow are seven children, all by his first marriage.

ELDER JESSE LEE

FROM "ADVOCATE AND MESSENGER:" Elder Lee, colored, died on Tuesday April 12, 1921, aged 98 years. He was ordained many years ago by Elder John Clarke and worked faithfully among his race since that time. He had several charges in Warren and Rappahannock County and up to within a few years he was regular at his appointments, preaching with his old time.

A loyal servant of the Master has gone to his reward. His funeral took place on the 13th and was conducted by four ministers of the colored O. S. Baptist church. --*Warren Sentinel*.

REMARKS BY ELDER R. H. PITTMAN: Eld. Lee was a useful minister among his people and stood well wherever known. He loved the doctrine of salvation by grace and could not be led from this position. And he proved his faith by his works.

ELDER RAYMOND LEE



I was born in Lamar Co. Texas 15 miles south of Paris on November 15, 1905 to the union of William Charlie Lee and Callie Holcomb Lee. Our mother only lived a few weeks after my sister's death. My father, my brother and myself then went to live with a half-brother that had just married.

My father was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church located at Milton, Texas about 15 miles from where we lived. Old Brother P. D. Ausmus was pastor; his son was Elder Perry Ausmus who was well known on the plains.

On October 16, 1927, I married Lorene E. Hood in Lamar Co. Texas, who has been a truly wonderful help-mate and also an inspiration to me, a loving kind mother to our four children that the Lord so graciously has given us.

In the early part of 1932 I presented myself to the Ephesus Primitive Baptist Church in Houston, Texas for baptism. They received me and I was baptized by Elder J.A. Moore, the pastor. My wife joined this same Church in August of the same year at the Association in Madisonville, Texas. We are now members of the Grace Church in Houston.

I was ordained in 1964, am pastor at Angleton, Texas, have appointment in Houston, also in Baytown, each month.

NOTE: Elder Lee passed from this life on May 20, 1981. Elder J. A. Rowell writing the obituary said this about Elder Lee: "I would identify him as an effective pastor who was truly an ensample to the flock in his manner of life, having an integrity above reproach. His interest in children can be measured by their great love for him and he never failed to learn and remember to call them by their names being careful always never to 'offend one of these little ones.' Brother Lee was a good citizen and an intelligent man who had a long period of success in his secular activities. He was a devoted husband, a proud and loving father, highly esteemed by family, friends and church. Much more could be said about him and his ministry, but he would say, 'you have said too much already.' "

ELDER VERNON LEE

Elder Lee serves Salem Church in Gravesville, Ark., in the Mountain Springs Association, where he has been pastor since about 1987. He also served Harmony Church at Warren, in the South Arkansas Association, for several years. Elder Lee lives in Arkadelphia.

ELDER W. H. LEE



WRITTEN BY (SISTER) JUDY
BONDS: Elder W. H. (Harl) Lee was born April 18, 1886 and died March 24, 1941. His first wife, Mexie (Davis) Lee died when their daughter Voisie was three years old. Elder Lee later married Lillian Grist and they had four children: Laura Belle, Virgie, Reuben and Harley.

Elder Lee was ordained to the ministry on November 7, 1920 at Antioch Church near Paris, Arkansas. Attending presbytery included Elder C. M. Monk, Elder J. E. Corley, and Deacon W. D. Johnson. Friendship Church at the Lone Gum Schoolhouse was constituted in 1922, and the members called Elder Lee as their first pastor. He served there until 1929 when he was called to serve as pastor of the Harmony Church in Donaldson, where he served until his death.

Elder Lee was also called to pastor many neighboring churches and some in more outlying areas. Some of the churches he pastored include Mt. Paron, Warren, and Macedonia.

Elder Lee was a respected, able minister. He was also an exceptionally good singer. He was loved by all who knew him, young and old. He developed a close friendship with a local Missionary Baptist minister by the name of McCorkle. Each expressed a specific wish to the other that the remaining one would take part in the funeral of the one to die first. Pastor McCorkle did take part in Elder Lee's funeral at Elder Lee's untimely death at the very early age of 54.

Early in his ministry, Elder Lee had a good job as Section Foreman of the railroad. Times were hard in those days. Church was regularly held on Saturdays, but the railroad refused to let Elder Lee off for church. He elected to quit his job rather than sacrifice his church duty. After moving to Donaldson, the family of a baby that had died came to the field where Elder Lee was working and asked him to come to the cemetery and preach the baby's funeral. Elder Lee did so without hesitation despite

being warned by his boss not to do so. He was a man of conviction and dedication to the cause of Christ.

Despite personal hardships and struggles, Elder Lee's life was an inspiration to all who knew him.

ELDER XURE LEE

FROM 1947 PRIMITIVE BAPTIST YEARBOOK: Elder Lee, the son of Jesse and Henrietta (Tart) Lee, was born May 19, 1872. During his lifetime he was well known throughout the counties of Sampson, Johnston, and Harnett in North Carolina.

Brother Lee united with the church at Mingo, North Carolina in November 1909 and was appointed church clerk in December 1909. He began speaking at church services in 1913 and was ordained to the ministry in 1914. He served as pastor of Mingo Church, Bethsaida, and Hannah's Creek Church. He was pastor of Mingo Church at the time of his death on November 4, 1945.

ELDER J. L. LEMAY



Elder James Lytle Lemay of Alabama was born October 29, 1866 and died May 18, 1942. After preaching for the Freewill Baptist for several years, Bro. James L. Lemay was permitted to see the truths of salvation by the grace and mercy of his Lord. After seeing and understanding the sweet doctrines of grace, Elder Lemay united with Hurricane Spring Primitive Church, Anderson, Alabama in June of 1918. Here he was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Hurricane Spring Church in September of 1918, only three months after finding a home with the Old Baptist and here he preached until being called home to be with the Lord.

ELDER WILLIAM TAYLOR LEMAY



Elder William Taylor Lemay of Alabama was born May 28, 1893 and died May 22, 1962. He was the son of Elder James Lytle Lemay. William Taylor united with Hurricane Springs Church at Anderson, located in Lauderdale County, Alabama in June of 1918. Brother Taylor had preached for the Freewill Baptist for a few years prior to seeing the great doctrinal truths of grace. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry in July 1918, one month after uniting with the Old Baptist. He was called to pastor Hurricane Springs Church in February of 1920. Hurricane Springs Church was a member of the Second Creek Association and in September 1920, Elder W.T. Lemay preached the introductory sermon at the association held with Sweet Gum Flat Church also of Lauderdale County Alabama, taking his text from St. John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: ---"

Elder Lemay was a very able minister, and he served as pastor to several of the churches in the Second Creek Association and was appointed to preach the introduction sermon at the associational meetings many times during his 44 years of preaching the sweet doctrines of grace.

ELDER DAVID Y. LEONARD

FROM 1947 PRIMITIVE BAPTIST YEARBOOK: Little is known about the youth of this minister. He was about three or four years old when his mother died; and he was placed on a boat to go live with relatives in Tennessee. During the trip the boat was fired on by Federal troops during the War Between the States.

After he grew up, he united with Oak Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Marion County, Tennessee in May 1891. He was later ordained with a presbytery consisting of Elders Peterson, G. P. Moffett, and D. T. Novelin. Brother Leonard departed this life in 1946 at the age of 85 years.

ELDER P. G. LESTER

FROM A MEMORIAL IN "ADVOCATE & MESSENGER," WRITTEN BY ELDER R. H. PITTMAN: In the passing of Brother Lester, which occurred at his home at Roanoke, Virginia, February 9, 1929, another leading minister of our church is lost to us. Elder P. D. Gold was editor of the *Landmark* (published in Wilson, N. C.) for about forty years, and Elder Lester was associated with him most of these years. Glad we are that among some of the last labors of Brother Lester were along the lines of peace among estranged brethren and a firm stand against extremists in doctrine as evidence by his editorial "What About It?"

Elder Lester united with the church in 1872; began preaching four years later; served churches for fifty-three years; traveled more or less in twenty-one States and in Canada - some years traveling as much as 13,000 miles to preach the gospel; served two terms as Congressman from the Fifth Congressional District, and declined a third nomination; served as Clerk, and later in life as Moderator of the New River Association, an association containing about 28 ministers and 2000 members; was associated with the *Landmark* as editor or associate editor for 45 years; and served as president of the People Bank of Floyd, Va., for twenty years.

ELDER ARTHUR CASS (A. C.) LEWIS

WRITTEN BY HIS GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, JIMMIE SUE BREEDEN Elder Arthur Cass Lewis was born on February 25, 1851 in Lawrence Co., Mississippi. He lived in Franklin Co., Mississippi, in 1855 with his parents. He was married to the former Louisa Douis, who was born on November 16, 1853 in Franklin Co., Mississippi, and died on July 1, 1917, of cancer. He died May 14, 1921 in Franklin Co., Mississippi.

Elder Lewis was founder of Mount Gilead Primitive Baptist Church in Franklin Co., Mississippi. He established this little, one-room plank church in 1873, and built it on land he owned, using the timber from his land.

His brother, Elder William Jackson "Jack" Lewis, helped minister at Mount Gilead.

Elder A.C. Lewis ministered to Mount Gilead Church until his death. He reared a son who stepped into his place as a Primitive Baptist minister. This son was Elder George Washington Lewis (known as G.W.).

ELDER WILLIAM JACKSON "JACK" LEWIS

WRITTEN BY HIS GREAT GRAND NIECE, JIMMIE SUE BREEDEN
Elder William Jackson "Jack" Lewis was born in 1847 in Lawrence Co., Mississippi, and died in Franklin Co., Mississippi in 1904. He was married to the former Harriet "Add" Allred.

Elder Jack Lewis was of poor health for many years, and due to these health problems, his preaching was largely limited to Mount Gilead, where he performed many marriages.

ELDER G. W. LEWIS



I was born in Franklin County, Miss., on June 23, 1883. I was reared in a good home, father and mother being devoted members of Mt. Gilead Primitive Baptist Church. This church was located near our home, on father's farm. It was constituted on February 22, 1875; and, according to the records, father and mother were charter members. Father was ordained to the work of the ministry on April 22, 1875, and he spent the remainder of his life serving churches, going through the cold and rain, suffering untold hardships and making many sacrifices for the cause he loved so well. But God, who is rich in mercy, upheld and blessed him to finish his course with joy. Father and mother were strong believers in salvation by grace, and it was sufficient for them while they lived, and they were enabled to rejoice in it in death.

I cannot remember when I first began to love God, His church and people. My mind goes back to my childhood days when, at the close of day, precious father would call the family around the fireside, read some lesson from the Word of God, sing some good old song, bow in holy reverence to his heavenly Father and pour out his soul in thanksgiving

and praise for His mercies, and beg a continuance of His protecting care and much needed blessings. Mother took us children to church, and somehow, in my childish way, I loved those services. When a small boy, I would steal away to some secret place and beg God for His mercy. As I grew older, I began to read the Bible and soon learned to love its sacred pages. At about the age of thirteen I became impressed to unite with the church where I attended regularly. Oh, how I longed for a home with those dear people! They seemed to be so happy, and manifested a great love for each other. But I did not feel worthy and, besides, they did not have any young members at that time, so I decided to wait until I was older. I feel now that that was a great mistake.

About this time I felt impressed to speak in the name of my Lord and Master, and I carried this burden for years. I could not tell of a wonderful deliverance or experience, like many of our preachers had related and this gave me much trouble. I found much comfort in reading the Scriptures and rejoiced in many sweet promises. I felt that I loved God's people, and John said, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren."

As I grew to manhood, the impression to unite with the church grew stronger and the burden to preach grew heavier. I felt to be in open rebellion to God, and the good Lord only knows what I suffered. I offered myself to the church on September 7, 1913, and was received. I found that sweet rest Jesus had promised. No one can ever correctly describe the full joy of heart I enjoyed that day. But this sweet rest did not last, for the burden to preach increased with double force.

I was married to Miss Lula Burns on May 10, 1908. She has been of much help to me along life's rugged pathway. We have no children. We reared one orphan boy, who has married and has four precious children. He and his wife are devoted members of our home church, Mt. Gilead.

I was ordained to the work of the ministry in January 1917, by a presbytery composed of Elders A. C. Lewis, W. T. Stephenson, and Deacons William Ratcliff and A. Q. Bowlin. I have served from three to five churches; and, if I know myself, I love the cause above everything in this world, and I am satisfied with the goodness of the Lord's house

WRITTEN BY HIS GREAT GRAND NIECE, JIMMIE SUE BREEDEN:
Elder George Washington (G.W.) Lewis died in 1963 in Lincoln Co., Mississippi. He and his wife were childless. He took under his wing a

nephew, Russell Lewis, of Kentwood, Louisiana, who also became a Primitive Baptist minister, and who stepped into Elder G. W. Lewis' place at Mount Gilead when Elder G.W. died.

ELDER WALTER HENRY LEWIS

WRITTEN BY ELDER GARY UTZ IN "GOSPEL APPEAL:" Elder Walter Henry Lewis was called home on December 1, 1979. He was born June 2, 1913, and lived a most abundant life in the service of God. His faithful and precious wife, Sister Myrtle Davis Lewis, shared with him the joys and sorrows as he went about serving churches as God directed him. Elder Lewis was serving two churches at the time of his death: Robinson River and Ebenezer. He was a member of Old Mill Church and had been serving churches as an ordained elder for over forty years.

The short time that I knew Elder Lewis is that which I cherish indeed. For the love and encouragement that he related to me personally, I trust I will always be grateful. The fruit that he bore was apparent to all that knew him.

ELDER MILTON LILLARD



FROM A MEMORIAL WRITTEN BY ELDER GENE THOMAS: Elder Davis Milton Lillard passed away during the early morning hours of December 23, 1987 at the age of 62. He had united with Cool Springs Church as a young boy. After graduation from high school he served in the Navv in World War II. After returning home from the service he earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Peabody. He began teaching in 1949, and during his work as an educator served as teacher, principal and superintendent. In 1980, he was elected to the Williamson County Board of Education.

Elder Lillard was one of the most successful Primitive Baptist pastors that this writer has ever known. For over thirty years he pastored Big

Harpeth Church in Franklin, Tenn., and Cool Springs Church in Pevtonsville. Both of these churches experienced much growth under Brother Lillard's care.

Elder Lillard dearly loved the fellowship of the Primitive Baptists throughout our nation. He drove many miles attending various associations and union meetings and then returned home (without much rest) to meet his regular Sunday appointments. He was always interested in trying to establish new congregations and was holding regular appointments during the weekdays at Columbia, Lewisburg and Murfreesboro. He was a diligent worker in any just cause for peace among troubled and divided churches. In addition to these labors, Elder Lillard had a radio program each Sunday morning on WAKM in Franklin.

Elder Lillard was born to Davis Marion and Ethel Estelle Graves Lillard on November 25, 1925. He united with the church in 1939, and was ordained on December 29, 1946. He married Miss Geneva Baker on September 14, 1947. They were blessed with a son, Paul Claiborne, and a daughter, Ruth Ethel. He served Big Harpeth, Cool Spring, McKenzie, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Zion, Wilson Creek and Richland Churches.

ELDER J. F. LILLY

Elder Lilly was born Feb. 29, 1860. He joined with the church in May 1893. He was ordained in June 1898. He worked as a farmer, also as an assessor. He passed from this life Mar. 7, 1922. Our dear Lord made him able to write many hymns, some were burned in a house where one of his daughters and her family lived. (She had borrowed the church records to look through). Some of the hymns he wrote are in a little book called "A Book of Hymns" by Elder J. F. Lilly and Elder J. R. Lilly (his son), which were published by *The Christian Baptist*. He was a pastor in Bluestone View Primitive Baptist Church, Ellison, W.Va. Most often walked to be in the good meetings in a beautiful log building where the church met about two miles from where him and his family lived. He was kind to his family a good neighbor and a faithful follower of our Dear Lord Jesus Christ, being always ready to give a reason for his hope which is an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast, remaining a faithful servant in the church knowing nothing among them save Christ and Him crucified, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. His last words were "Praise the Lord. He is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

ELDER J. L. B. LILLY

Elder Lilly was born April 8, 1880 (a son of Elder J. F. Lilly). Our Dear Lord called him from this life Mar. 4, 1969. He united with Bluestone View Primitive Baptist Church Aug. 1, 1914. He was later ordained as a deacon there and was licensed to exercise his gift in Aug. 1933. He was ordained an Elder in Nov. 1936 which office he served faithfully. He was appointed as Moderator and Pastor in the Bluestone View Primitive Baptist Church in Aug. 1937, at Ellison, W.Va. He worked as a farmer. He always enjoyed being in good meetings in church. He often selected the song "Hungry and Faint and Poor." He always really enjoyed reading God's Word. He would look up word meanings in the dictionary. He also was a pastor in Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Camp Creek, W.Va. (many times walked which may have been 6 or 7 miles one way, would leave home real early Sunday morning). He would walk until someone came for him to ride to be in good meetings (sometimes walked all the way) to be with sister church congregations. Would be dark when he got home after being in some of the good meetings. It's a precious memory to look back and be reminded that our Dear Lord strengthens us all along in the way. Thanks be unto Him for all His bountiful blessings. Elder J.L.B. Lilly would always say, in times of difficulty he was "thankful things are as well as they are."

ELDER LOWELL M. LILLY

Elder Lilly of Coal City, West Virginia, was born Sept. 26, 1886 and passed away Feb. 13, 1971, after a short illness. He had been in declining health for several years, but was critically ill for only a few days. He was for more than 58 years married to Sister Virgie Lilly, who survived him. Funeral services for Elder Lilly were conducted in Beckley, W. Va., by Elders Hubert Morgan, Auvil Neely, Joe Lilly and Dowell Stover.

ELDER WELLINGTON L. LINES

Wellington L. Lines was born June 14, 1851, in Wabash County, Ind., and died September 12, 1920. He obtained a common school education in

the Liberty Township schools and later graduated from Wabash College. He taught school at Terre Haute, Ridgeville and Liberty Township. He was superintendent of the LaFontaine high school for six years, which position he resigned to take up the active service as a minister. He was baptized February 16, 1867 and ordained to the full work of the ministry May 11, 1878 and served his home church in Antioch as pastor for thirty years.

He was united in marriage November 17, 1887, to Elizabeth A. McNaghten. To this union were born two daughters, Bessie M. and Dollie J., both of whom preceded him in death. He spent forty-two years of his life laboring among the churches of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky, going through heat and cold, sunshine and storms to do his Master's bidding.

ELDER ROBERT FLOYD LITTLE

WRITTEN BY ELDER BURL PHILLIPS: Elder Robert Floyd Little was born on the 20th day of November 1909, and passed this life on the 20th day of December 1995. Elder Little joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Corinth (McCullough, Alabama) on the 20th day of March 1932 and was baptized the same day by the late Elder G. B. (Green) Nall.

He was ordained a Deacon September 29th, 1940. He was licensed to preach December 18, 1948 and was ordained to the full work of the ministry on June 18, 1953. He served seven churches with much devotion until failing health prevented further service.

Elder Little was largely responsible for the reestablishing of fellowships between the Antioch Association of Alabama and the Amite Association of Mississippi, being the first of the Antioch Elders to preach among the Amite brethren.

ELDER T. RAY LITTLE



I was born July 13, 1941 to Kermit W. Little and Lucy Mae (Baldock) Little at Portales New Mexico, the youngest of three sons.

I lived in Portales and Clovis area through the 6th grade, growing up in the old Baptist Church under the sound of the gospel preached by Elder Jimmie Bass. We moved to two little communities outside of Hobbs NM and joined the Old Baptist Church at Andrews Texas. I was baptized by Elder Ben Howze on the third Sunday of September, 1955. I am a charter member of the first Primitive Baptist Church of Hobbs, New Mexico, which was constituted about 1956. I graduated from Hobbs High School in May of 1959 and joined the U.S. Navy in June of that same year.

I married Alberta Faye Reynolds June 18, 1960 at Hobbs, New Mexico. She joined the Church at Hobbs the second Sunday in August 1963 and was baptized by Elder Jasper Chambers. We have two daughters, Debra Faye who was born December 23, 1962 and baptized by Elder Freddy Boen in 1971; and Lisa Marie born June 22, 1965 baptized by Elder Bernard Gowens in 1973.

We have lived in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico after getting out of the Navy, moving church letter to San Angelo about 1968.

I was ordained deacon at San Angelo, Texas in 1970. We moved to Clovis New Mexico and moved our letters to Fairview Primitive Baptist Church in Clovis in June of 1973. I was ordained to the ministry March 29, 1986 at Clovis New Mexico. I served as pastor for Portales Primitive Baptist Church May of 1987 through March 1991. My church membership was moved to Portales from Clovis from May 1987 to September 1991 when I moved it back to Clovis.

I have filled appointments in New Mexico and West Texas churches and traveled among God's people to special meetings from April 1991 until September 1999.

In September 1999, I accepted the call to pastor the Albuquerque Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico starting in January 2000.

ELDER R. P. LITTLEPAGE



R. P. Littlepage was born August 15, 1862 in Jackson, Tennessee. He was married to Lula Patti Moore on December 29, 1881. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church about 1895. In December 1902, he was ordained to the ministry at Sardis Church in Langford Cove, Coryell County, Texas, by Elders J. C. and A. B. Chambers, F.

D. L. and A. P. Koen, and M. W. Dumas.

He died March 15, 1940.

ELDER WADE LITTLETON



Wade Littleton was born January 13, 1963 in Middletown, Ohio, to Guy and Edith Littleton. In college, he struggled with emptiness and the burden of sins. After wrestling for some time, the Lord sent faithful men to share the gospel with Wade. After studying the scriptures concerning new birth and baptism, Wade was baptized at New Hope Church in Morehead, Kentucky. While attending New Hope, the burden to preach God's message began. In August of 1986, after a season of speaking, Wade was ordained

as a minister of the gospel. Elder Littleton shares his walk with the Lord with his companion and sweetheart, Leah. After marrying in December 1985, Leah was supportive of Wade's ordination and preaching while in Morehead. Later, they moved and he co-pastored in Harrisonville, Missouri.

In 1991, they moved to Denver, Colorado to pastor there. Along the way, God blessed them to grow closer to Him and each other. Three children bring them constant joy. While personal tragedies have met

them, God has been faithful still. In Denver, Wade has attempted to preach and teach the gospel.

ELDER R. R. LOKEY

FROM AN OBITUARY IN "MESSENGER OF PEACE:" Elder Lokey, of Flippin, Ark., was born Jan. 31, 1850, in Alabama, and died July 26, 1935. He was married to Miss Liza Hix in 1868 and thirteen children were born to them. He moved to Texas in 1902, to Oklahoma in 1903, and to Arkansas in 1917. Elder Lokey was ordained in 1887. On June 22, 1912, he was married to Mrs. Hattie Reese. She remained faithful and true and gave Elder Lokey great care and love until his death.

ELDER J. B. LORD



WRITTEN BY HIS SON, ELDER RAYBON LORD: Jack Benjamin Lord was born July 31, 1903 in Laurens County, Georgia, within about 500 yards of where he died May 28, 1990. His parents were the late Robert M. Lord and Annie Elizabeth Floyd Lord. He was the sixth of seventeen children.

On December 10, 1922, he was married to Clara Lee Knighton who preceded him in death on January 14, 1990. To this union five children were born, of whom three preceded him in death.

Brother Ben received a sweet hope in Christ in 1923 and joined Trail Branch Church on October 27, 1923. In about four years he felt a great burden to tell others about God's grace and made his first effort to preach in 1928. He was ordained on November 21, 1931, and remained faithful until death.

During his ministry he pastored at least ten churches and was in the Constitution of seven others. He was ordained during the depression and made many sacrifices, often walking many miles to fill his appointments.

In all my life I never heard him complain about one sacrifice he made for the Cause of Christ.

ELDER RAYBON B. LORD

I was born Nov. 9, 1929, in Pulaski Co., GA, to Jack Benjamin and Clara Knighton Lord. It was during the time of the Great Depression, and my parents were very poor in this world's wealth. However, they were rich in faith. They were both members of Trail Branch Primitive Baptist Church for almost all of their adult lives. My father had begun exercising his gift in 1928 and was ordained to the work of the ministry in Nov. 1931.

I had always had a deep respect for the church, but it was not until my 19th year that I became burdened about my sins. On the 4th Sunday in Aug., 1949, I offered myself for membership to Trail Branch Church in Bleckley County, GA, and was received for baptism 2 weeks later. During my high school years, I had had a feeling that I might preach someday, but would try to remove that thought from my mind. I had seen the sacrifices my father had made serving churches during the Depression years.

About 60 days after joining the church I made my first effort to speak concerning the things of God. I was ordained to the work of the ministry on June 26, 1954, and the following day was blessed to baptize my wife and my brother in the flesh. In Nov. of 1954, I was called as pastor of Emmaus Church near Cordele, GA. The church has been the center of my life for more than 50 years. I have served several other churches in the Pulaski Association, including Eureka, Christian Hope, Sycamore, and am presently serving Emmaus, New Providence, and Oak Grove near Cochran, GA. I've been blessed to travel among Primitive Baptists in at least 20 states over the years.

I was married to Jean Barlow on July 22, 1951. We were blessed with 4 sons, Dennis Raybon, James Benjamin (Jim), Paul Timothy, and Robert London (Bob). Jean passed from this life to be with her Savior on Feb. 12, 1998. On July 11, 1999, I was married to Sister Virginia D. Bryant, widow of Elder E.D. Bryant, Jr. By God's grace, we are looking forward to many more years together in the service of our Lord and Master.

ELDER WILLIAM WESLEY LORD

FROM "GOODWILL" JUNE 1954: Elder Lord was born in Georgia on March 13, 1884. He married Miss Lucinda Graham in 1914. They had one son, Otis.

Elder Lord joined New Beulah Church in Hazelhurst, Georgia in 1944. He endeared himself in his faithfulness to this church until his death on December 16, 1953.

ELDER ELVA LOWERY



Elder Lowery was born on July 17, 1931. His wife Sister Avery E (Heare) Lowery was born December 2, 1936. He resides in Joppa, Maryland.

ELDER LOWERY WRITES: As a baby and young boy, my parents took me to a Primitive Baptist Church of Northern West Virginia. I cannot remember a time or place when I experienced the power and love of God. As I sat beside my grandfather, I witnessed tears flowing from his eyes during the preaching. At this time, I did not know anything about tears of joy.

As I began to understand, each sermon had a special meaning and I began to understand the greatness of God's love. I knew I loved God and when I understood, while in sin, it took God first loving me. I remember a special sermon preached by Elder J. Harvey Daily over sixty years ago. This sermon was preached for me. I could understand the precious blood of Jesus Christ was shed for my sins, if I be one of His Children. I admired nature and knew God made it and now understand the spiritual world is also the work of God.

After a few days, upon being given orders to serve in Japan Elder F. E. Thompson baptized me in a stream near Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, near Bel Air, Maryland July 5, 1952.

After being received into the church, I trusted the all powerful God of heaven and earth to deliver me on my assignment. Spending eight days going over, eighteen months in a foreign land with strangers, eleven days back to California's shore, I realized the many beauties and blessings of God. He had been with me all the time.

Upon returning home and had written of Bible subjects to ministers and church members, I was called upon to talk before the church. Elder F.E. Thompson was an old father in Israel to whom I could go to for advice. Upon liberation May 2, 1959, ordained at he request of a newly organized church July 31, 1961, called to pastor Fellowship Church at Rosedale (East of Baltimore, Maryland) February 10, 1962 and still serving

I met a young lady and married September 6, 1957. My wife was already a member of Enon Primitive Baptist Church, at Largent, West Virginia, baptized by Elder Charles Alderton May 27, 1956. My father-in-law, Elder Douglas Heare, had already been ordained in 1955. I participated in the ordination of Elder Oscar R. Lowery, my natural father. Today, have tried to tell the old story, Salvation is by the Grace of God, performed baptisms, been part of a presbytery for ordinations of Elders and Deacons, church organization services, married couples, have an Old Baptist father ninety years old, and Old Baptist mother eighty seven years a Old Baptist father-in-law eighty seven and an Old Baptist mother-in-law eighty two years old. We have been greatly blessed.

ELDER OSCAR R. LOWERY



Elder Lowery was born March 2, 1910. He resides in Baltimore, Maryland

ELDER LOWERY WRITES: I was not blessed to grow up in a Christian home. As a young man, without much education, it was necessary to leave home for periods of time to work in

fields, growing food and harvesting grains to supply the needs for a large family.

Upon meeting a young lady (Pearl I. Lewis) now my wife for sixty nine years. She grew up in an Old Baptist home and had a father very knowledgeable of the Bible. We often had Bible conversations, I didn't understand why.

One night, Elder Charlie W. Miller had an appointment in a courthouse room at Cumberland, Maryland. I hadn't attended many church services and had never been to an Old Baptist service. Elder Miller began discussing the very subject Pearl and I had argued over several nights before. Elder Miller was blessed to preach with such simplicity and I was so overwhelmed, we stayed later than we planned and missed the last bus home. We walked on a railroad in several inches of snow, beside a river, crossed the river on a narrow swinging foot bridge, crossed another railroad and two miles between two mountains to return home. I accused Pearl of having conversations with Elder Miller and she reminded me how impossible this was. There is one answer--the Lord blessed Elder Miller to preach and blessed me to hear.

After marriage, still working hard on a farm, with three small children in our home, Pearl and I were baptized by Elder J.W. Smoot October 3, 1937 in a stream while a cold blustery wind blew. We joined Mount Bethel Church, Three Churches, West Virginia - Elder J.W. Smoot pastor.

Upon leaving the area, we moved to Baltimore, Maryland.

We moved our membership to Mt. Carmel Church, at Bel Air, Maryland - Elder F.E. Thompson pastor. One of our greatest joys in witnessing our three son's baptizing of which two remain faithful today.

I am a charter member, ordained a deacon and later, September 25, 1971 at Fellowship Church, Baltimore, Maryland ordained an Elder. Our youngest son, wife and I recently moved our membership back to Mt. Carmel Church at Bel Air, Maryland.

ELDER VIRNIEL J. LOWRANCE

WRITTEN BY HIS SON, (BROTHER) SONNY LOWRANCE: Elder Virniel Lowrance was born February 23, 1906 and died August 18, 1989. He and Myrtle McDorman were married by Elder Oscar Brannon on August 11, 1929. To this union five daughters and three sons were born.

At an early age, Virniel experienced a great love for the Lord but was dismayed that he could never do enough good or be good enough to please God. He was very disappointed when he joined the church that his family belonged to because it gave him no relief from his burden of sin.

When he married sister Myrtle, he started going to church with her to



the Primitive Baptist Church. He eventually embraced the doctrines of grace. When he came forward asking for a home in the church, he confessed to the congregation that he felt to be called to preach the doctrines of the old church.

He was ordained to the ministry November 18, 1933 at the Cottonwood Primitive Baptist Church.

He and his brother, Elder Virgil Lowrance served as co-pastors of Cottonwood Church during which they both were privileged to baptize thirteen of their family members at once. With the candidates lined up in the creek, Virgil started at one end of the line and Virniel at the other end. They ended up in the middle of the line baptizing mother and daddy at the same time.

Brother Virniel died preaching the gospel. It was a life long prayer of his to be in the service of the Lord. On August 18th, 1989 at a special meeting in Clovis New Mexico and after preaching a short time from Isaiah 43:26-31, he paused, said "Bye, Bye" and fell to the floor and went home to glory.

ELDER V. F. LOWRANCE



I was born in Eastland County, Texas, March 14, 1904, to William Thomas and Minerva Susan Lowrance. I am the seventh child in a family of thirteen children: nine boys and four girls. I was married to Virginia Ann Netty McDorman, Sept. 16, 1928. To this union four children were born, two girls and two boys, one passing away in infancy.

I was reared by good, honest, Christian-hearted parents, but of an Arminian faith. I held membership with them for about eight years; but never fully believed their doctrine. I never knew anything about what Primitive Baptist believe (only by hear-say), until I met and began to go to church with the girl that is now my wife. I will not go into the details of my conversion from Arminianism to a knowledge of the truth of the gospel. Suffice it to say here that it was hardly three years until I became willing to forsake father and mother, brothers and sisters, and every earthly tie by the Lowrance name, and go ask this people for a home. I was received into their fellowship, and my wife and I were baptized together, in August 1930 at Afton, Texas.

I was ordained October 19, 1932. Soon the churches were calling me as Pastor, including my home church, which I tried to serve in that capacity until I moved away. Before long I was trying to serve four churches.

In 1946, we moved to Arkansas. Soon, by their call, I was trying to serve four churches again. At one time, in addition to trying to serve four churches as pastor, I had five monthly appointments extra; two weekly radio broadcasts of thirty minutes each, and one monthly broadcast, all on different stations. But I could not hold up to this pace and begin to give up, gradually, until now, I am only trying to fill two monthly appointments regularly.

I have been privileged to travel in 40 states and have preached in 30, including Washington D. C. I average about 30,000 miles a year. But again, I am having to slow down, but I hope to be active in the Master's Vineyard as long as I live.

ELDER M. O. LUCAS

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: The first account that we find of Elder Lucas is that he was a member at Little Branch in 1924. In 1925, he is listed as an ordained Elder and co-pastor with Elder F. B. Moon at Brown's Creek. From 1927 to 1933, he was co-pastor at Little Branch. Elder Lucas died in 1939.

ELDER E. E. LUNDY

Elder E. E. Lundy of Wilmington, N. C., a very active, energetic and useful minister died July 13th of Bright's disease and high blood pressure. He was conscious of his critical condition some time before his death; broke down on his appointments among the several churches he served in Eastern, N. C, and on arriving at home told his wife that his work was done and that he was perfectly satisfied. He soon fell asleep in Jesus in the full triumph of Faith.
