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ELDER ROBERT WILSON MABE



Elder Mabe of Baltimore, Md. was born July 15, 1910.

ELDER MABE WRITES: Born, one of a family of five brothers and sisters and having eight children of our own. I joined Montcalm Church. Even having an experience of being a son of a well known Old Baptist minister and a faithful servant, Elder Joseph (J.T.)

Mabe, working in the coal mines in Southern West Virginia, experiencing many close calls with death, it was not until I saw myself as a poor sinner alone in front of a true and all powerful God, poor naturally and poor in spirit, I cried for help.

Several years later another burden was before me to stand before the House of God and publicize God's Word. My wife and I moved our membership to Fellowship Church at Baltimore, Maryland. It was at Fellowship Church I made my first attempt, and here recognized my gift and gave me liberty to stand before other Old Baptist congregations.

Upon moving our membership to a newly organized church, Shiloh Church of Washington, D.C. where I was orgained. Shiloh Church disbanded and we moved back to Montcalm. I tried to serve as pastor five churches. These churches meet once a month and many members visited the other churches when their church did not have services.

After the death of my wife, I moved back to Fellowship Church. I came back an older man to be cared for by our five wonderful daughters.

At the age of ninety years, I "Count the many blessings. Name them one by one, and see what God hath done." My feet are not as sure as they once were, my health not as good as it was, my voice not as strong as it

once was. My faith in our Lord is stronger, has not failed me and grows every day.

ELDER R. M. MABRY

FROM AN OBITUARY IN ADVOCATE & MESSENGER WRITTEN BY HIS WIFE: Elder Mabry was born June 28, 1842 and died Oct. 2, 1932 with spinal trouble. He went to the Civil War the first of the year 1863 and remained in service two years - until the war closed - but was not wounded. He married Nannie Farmer in 1866 and they were the parents of four daughters and three sons. His wife died and he was married to Mattie Lawson Mabry on Dec. 14, 1899, and they were the parents of two sons, Roy and Clitus.

Soon after the war the Lord convicted him of sin and when he obtained assurance of the pardon of his sins he shouted and said, "As far as the east is from the west, Thou hast removed my sins from me, O God." He was ordained at Little Flock Church and served as an elder for 54 years. He preached the true gospel and faithfully served the Lord. He worked hard and in his old age was an invalid for nine years, and lots of people came to see him and brought him tokens of love and sympathy. He was not able to go to church for five years, but he often sang songs and sometimes prayed and preached at home.

He helped to constitute several churches and was moderator of several. He was a good businessman and a schoolteacher, as well as a good husband and father.

ELDER E. J. MADDOX

WRITTEN BY TALMADGE HOWARD FOR THE PRIMITIVE EBENEZER ASSOCIATION FROM MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY SWEET HOME CHURCH MEMBERS: On August 22, 1897, Elder E. J. Maddox was born in Bleckley County. He was married on June 8, 1929 to Mandy Moore. To this union 11 children were born.

He joined Cool Springs Church the first Sunday in May 1931. He was ordained to the ministry at Trail Branch Church on May 23, 1936.

During his lifetime, he served Mt. Horeb, Reedy Springs, and Sweet Home of the Ebenezer Association New Hope, Mt. Pleasant and Ephesus of the Ocmulga Association, New Hope of the Pulaski Association and Sandy Creek of the Towaliga Association as pastor.

Elder Maddox served Sweet Home Church until his health forced him to give up after 24 years as pastor.

ELDER T. H. MACHEN

FROM "HISTORY OF MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION" BY JOANN THOMAS ELKIN: T. H. Machen was first shown as an Elder in the association minutes of September 1915. He was a member of Mud Creek Church and lived in Hollywood, Alabama. He was also clerk of Mud Creek Church 1922-1929 and died prior to September 1930.

ELDER ANTONIO PORTANOVA MAGLINTE



I am the second child of Francisco Maglinte and Helena Portanova of Sto. Ninio, San Agustin, Surigao Del Sur. I have three brothers and one sister. I was born on February 1, 1971 and at the age of 23, I was married to Rebecca Villafuerte of Tagum City, the daughter of Willy Villafuerte and Natividad Intenza. In 1995, I graduated from the seminary course at the Davao Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary, and then served several Missionary Baptist churches in Mindanao, Philippines.

Through correspondence with Elder Michael Gowens, God opened my spiritual eyes to the knowledge of His truth--that salvation is wholly by the sovereign grace of God and the finished work of Christ on the cross for His elect people alone. Because I advocated the doctrines of grace, I was disfellowshipped by the Missionary Baptist Church on July 13, 1997.

On November 20, 1998 my wife and I were baptized into the fellowship of Mt. Olive Church at Tagum City. I was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry through this church on March 13, 2000.

Through the mercy of God, I am called to minister His elect people of Asuncion, Davao and in Kapatagan, Comval Province at the same time. Thanks be to God, for He has blessed us to have a good lot and building for worship through the generosity of the Boiling Springs Church in Cummings, Georgia, which is pastored by a thoughtful and kind man of God, Elder James Pruitt.

On August 9, 2000, the Boiling Springs Church at Asuncion, Davao, Philippines was constituted. It is located at Purok 15, Poblacion Asuncion, 8102 Davao del Norte, Philippines. God has blessed my wife and me with a son, Donnie Jeff, a precious gift from God.

ELDER E. C. MAHURIN



Elder Mahurin was born in Culp, Texas in 1887. He passed from this life in October 1950 in San Angelo, Texas. He was ordained to the ministry in Culp, Texas in July 1912. He served several churches (some as pastor) for over 38 years among them were Culp, Waco, Hillsboro, Crosbyton, Wingate, Lawn, Breckenridge, Brownwood, and San Angelo; all in the State of Texas.

He and Sister Mahurin were blessed to have seven children.

Elder Mahurin had the marvelous gift, in the pulpit or with pen in hand, of portraying his Lord and master in a most beautiful way for sinners to adore. Seldom would an issue of *The Baptist Trumpet* leave the press without one of his beautiful short articles.

ELDER WALTER B. MAJORS



WRITTEN BY HIS DAUGHTER, (SISTER) OLENE MAJORS PRESLAR: Walter B. Majors was born in Stewart County, Ga. July 19, 1879. He came to Texas early in life. Both parents died when he was quite young. An Uncle Jasper Majors of Bonham, Texas raised him and his three brothers. It was not an easy childhood for them.

Walter and Jenny Dossey were united in marriage on December 21, 1904. To this union seven children were born. Today only two survive, the Olene Russell Preslar who lives in Emory, Tx , and Mary Pate who resides in Dallas, Tx.

Brother Majors sold insurance, and was a barber for several years, but mostly farmed for his livelihood.

He joined the Harmony Church near Bonham, around 1915 or 1916 and was baptized by Elder H G Ball.

He was ordained to the ministry on May 25, 1924 at the Farmersville Church. He later helped organize a Primitive Baptist Church, in Emory, Tx where he was pastor for a while. He was also pastor at Providence Church near Blue Ridge TX. His longest service as pastor was with the Farmersville Church where he was serving when he retired.

I found this among some of his writings: "We can not make a child of God, but when God has given spiritual life, we should try to teach them the true principals of blessed and eternal truth." They are sure to be Primitive Baptist.

His Lord called him home on December 18, 1965.

ELDER T. E. MAJORS

I was born May 24, 1900, in Bibb Co., Ala., to William F. and Sara Ann Majors. I was married to Laura Ann Robinson on Oct. 3rd but she did not know anything about Primitive Baptists and it was many years before we attended services. But in 1921 I saw that I was a poor sinner and felt like hell was my doom. One day while I was working in a coal mine something happened to me and I felt that I was the worst sinner in the world and felt that I had lived such a sinful life that God could never forgive me.

But something happened and I felt that God had forgiven me and from that time until now I have been a poor mourner and have wondered how God could save a poor sinner like me. In 1924, I was visiting a New School Baptist Church and my wife and I joined them but we did not stay with them very long as I did not believe like they did. I visited a Primitive Baptist Church by the name of Pilgrim Rest and while the minister was preaching I thought that someone had told him, how I felt, as he seemed to be preaching to me. On the Sunday morning in November, I joined and was baptized in December and from then, I sure have been happy.

In 1938 I felt a great impression to talk to the Lord's little children and the church licensed me and in 1940, I was ordained to the full work of the ministry and was called to serve my home church which was Hopewell near West Blocton, Alabama. I served them for a short time and in 1950 I had a desire to move to Maryland, which we did, and put our letters at Columbia Church at Burtonsville, Md. and I was called to serve Greenwood Church in Virginia.

In 1955, Elder Dove, who was my pastor, was on his way home from a Union Meeting and passed away. The church called me and I served them for ten or eleven years. In 1955, I was called to serve Happy Creek Church at Front Royal, Virginia. We moved there and stayed until 1973. I served Battle Run and Grace Church for some time. In October 1973 we moved back to Birmingham, Ala. as I thought it would be better to be near most of our children. It was the most wonderful part of our lives to live in good old Virginia.

NOTE: Elder Majors departed this life on March 3, 1976.

ELDER J. P. MANASCO

FROM 1947 PRIMITIVE BAPTIST YEARBOOK: This faithful minister of the Primitive Baptist Church was born on February 26, 1882 and departed this life on August 21, 1945.

He joined Liberty Grove Primitive Baptist Church in the State of Alabama about 1913 and was ordained to the ministry on July 24, 1932.

Very little information is available about this minister.

ELDER JOHN MANGHAM

John Mangham was born June 1, 1907 in Jones County, Georgia. His parents were Dr. James Edwards Mangham and Sarah Rachel Respass Mangham.

He was a graduate of Georgia Military Academy and attended the University of Georgia and Mercer University.

John married Lydia Virginia Goddard on July 26, 1928. He began farming in 1928 in Crowell Community of Taylor County. He was employed by Citizens State Bank of Reynolds in the late 1940's. In the 1950's he began working as purchasing agent for Flint EMC and retired in 1972.

Brother Mangham joined the New Hope Church in Reynolds. He was baptized in 1950 and ordained to the full service of the ministry in July 1951. He served New Hope Church at Reynolds, Phillipi in Ellaville, Mt. Pisgah in Buena Vista and Mt. Paron in Box Springs. He served as moderator of the Upatoi Association and on his retirement was made honorary moderator for life. He joined Mt. Paron Church by letter in September 1971.

Elder Mangham died at his home on February 9, 1992.

ELDER NORVEL P. MANN



I was born in Monroe County, West Virginia on March 30, 1936, youngest of the five children of Estel and Geneva Carte Mann.

As far back as I can remember, I had a respect for the truths taught by Primitive Baptists. It was in my late teens, however that God began to open up the Scriptures in a way to convict me of sin and cause me concern about my life. Many preachers visited our home, and I would often find myself listening intently to the conversations that developed during these visits. At this early stage in my experience, I probably received more edification from our preachers in these home visits than I did in their preaching from the pulpits. Finally, on the first Sunday in May 1958, at the age of twenty-two, I came under such deep conviction that I offered myself to the church and was received. At this meeting, I was so overcome with weeping that I could hardly make my desires known to the church. I was baptized in Indian Creek on the last day of May 1958. Elder Ossie Mann performed the baptism, assisted by Elder I. W. Kilby. Elder Kilby was pastor at the time.

My life now definitely took a different turn. Whereas, for some time past I had enjoyed going to services at different Primitive Baptist Churches of the area, I now seemed to live for these meetings and felt like I could hardly wait from one weekend to the next. Because of employment opportunities, my brother, Price and I, along with his wife, Gloria, and their small baby moved to Washington, D.C. While employed there, I was drafted into the United States Army. While so serving, I visited several churches in the states of Georgia and North Carolina, the only states in which I was stationed during my tour of duty following basic training in South Carolina.

It was while stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, that I began making frequent trips home to attend church. On the Saturday night before the first Sunday in April 1960, I was called on by my home church to speak for the first time. From that time, I date my entrance into the gospel ministry, for it was at that time, that I promised the Lord, my self, my

services and my all. Although often discouraged and seemingly half beaten many times, after almost forty years, my heart is still fixed and my desire to fulfill that promise is still uppermost in my mind.

I was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by my home church on June 2, 1962, along with Elder Ray Canterbury. The two of us were called to serve the church as joint pastors, the same day we were ordained. Elders in the presbytery were: I. W. Kilby, Ben Farley, H. V. Slemph, and Thomas Jenkins. Deacons setting in, were: O. S. Mann, B. P. Stover and Hanson Thompson.

On October 6, 1962, I was married to Jean Mills. Jean was a member of Rich Creek Primitive Baptist Church in nearby Mercer County. The ceremony was performed in the home of her parents, Raymond and Josie Mills, by Elder Thomas Jenkins. God has abundantly blessed this union for over 37 years now. We were blessed with two children. Thomas, our firstborn, is also a minister in the Primitive Baptist Church and pastors Mt. Olive Church in Roanoke, VA. Angela, is an active member of the same church.

During my ministry, I have only pastored five churches. My longest pastorate was Indian Creek for about 15 years. After I resigned Indian Creek, I was called to pastor Bethlehem Church in Statesboro, GA. I accepted this call and pastored there for five years. I have refused two calls since then, not feeling it to be the Lord's will that I accept either.

While I was pastoring in Georgia, I had the privilege of accompanying Elder Jeff Harris on an evangelistic trip to the Philippines. God blessed the trip, and 45 people were baptized. Since returning from Georgia to my native state, I have been spending my time preaching special meetings and filling in for pastors who need to be absent from their pulpits for various reasons. In my travels, I have been blessed to visit and preach in 19 states, the District of Columbia and the Philippines.

The words of John Newton's hymn sum up the life of this unworthy servant. "Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come, 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."

ELDER O. H. MANN

WRITTEN BY ELDER NORVEL MANN: Elder O. H. (Ossie) Mann was born in Monroe County, West Virginia on December 6, 1899, and died on October 26th, 1961. He was baptized into Indian Creek Church in October 1932, and remained a member there until his death. He was licensed to preach on January 2, 1943, and ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry March 3, 1945. He and his wife, Lucy were blessed to raise two sons, Kenny and Eddy Joe. One son, Bobbie Lee, died at birth.



Elder Mann was passionately devoted to the doctrine of God's sovereign grace. He preached it from pulpits, in homes and in his conversation wherever he went. Although a man of somewhat limited education, his well-worn and well-marked Bible, still in the care of his son, Eddy, will testify to a lifetime of intense study of the word of God. Toward the end of his life, he said to me, "I read less but study more as I grow older." His down-to-earth method of presenting his subject made him a favorite among many in his area of ministry. He served as Joint Pastor of Indian Creek Church from September 1959 until his death in 1961. His health failed him at an early age, and much of his ministry was accomplished while suffering from infirmity of the flesh.

ELDER PAUL R. MANN, SR.

WRITTEN BY HIS WIDOW, (SISTER) MARGARETE MANN: Elder Paul R. Mann, Sr., was born on January 29, 1907, in Barnesville, GA. Brother Paul was fatally injured in an automobile accident on March 4, 1988. He was survived by his wife, Margarete L. Mann, two daughters, Joanne, Rebecka, and one son, Paul Roger Mann, Jr., two sisters, Ruth Huffman, Vinnie Towner, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Much appreciation to Elder Gus Harter in his kindness to ask for this information on behalf of Elder Mann. Paul called Brother Gus "his second son."

Brother Paul was a loving father to his children and a good husband for many years. We have missed him in so many ways and precious memories of him will linger with us forever. He lived a full and ripe life, always standing for the truth in the Primitive Baptist faith and on numerous occasions with lots of patience.

Elder Mann joined Bethany Primitive Baptist Church in Atlanta in 1926, when the church was constituted. He was the first member baptized, which his little eight-year-old-sister, Ruth Mann Huffman,



witnessed. Elder Mann was ordained in 1940 and served several churches: East Point, Atlanta, Port Orange, Port Orange, FL, El Bethel, Tampa, FL, Liberty near Barnesville, GA, High Shoals near Barnesville, Sandy Creek in Jackson, GA and New Hope in Winter Garden, FL.

He wrote articles for many Primitive Baptist Publications, i.e., *Advocate Messenger*, *Gospel Appeal*, *The Primitive Baptist*, *The Christian Pathway*, *The Baptist Witness*, *The Pathway of Truth*, and *The*

Primitive Baptist Standard.

Elder Mann graduated from Georgia Industrial College, Barnesville, GA in 1930. Their class motto was "Not on the heights, but climbing." He joined the National Guard at the age of 19 in 1926 and received a direct commission from the Army as a Second Lieutenant in 1940.

He held many high executive and staff assignments during his military life, including a World War II post of Assistant Adjutant General of Far East Headquarters. His service in Europe included several service command units during a three-year period. He was also Adjutant of the Signal Corp. Center at Fort Monmouth, NJ, in the office of General McArthur during court proceedings. He holds many ribbons and decorations earned during his service in the Far East and Europe. Lt. Col. Paul R. Mann, Adjutant of the Military District for two years, retired March 31, 1954 after 28 years of active service. A retirement ceremony was held for him at Fort McPherson, GA. Brother Lester and Sister Ruth Huffman, many friends and I attended the ceremony.

WRITTEN BY ELDER GUS HARTER: Elder Paul Mann was a man of unquestioned integrity and Christian character. He was also a role model of a loving pastor and faithful servant. He was one of my fathers in the ministry.

ELDER THOMAS MANN



I was born the son of Norvel and Jean Mann, January 4, 1965. As far back as family records can be traced, my family has been associated with the Primitive, or Old School Baptists, many of whose roots were in Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Greenville, WV, as early as 1792 when the church was constituted.

Early in life I possessed a belief in the one true and living God and was often given to prayer and in reading the Bible. In fact, I learned to read from a copy of the King James Version of the Bible. My earliest impressions to join the Lord's Church came sometime during my 7th year but were suppressed and ignored for some nine years by my quiet (but no less persistent) rebellious nature. At the age of 16, I asked for a home with Indian Creek Church and was ushered into a state of relief of soul and indescribable joy when baptized therein by my father and my uncle.

For many years prior to my being received into the church, I had felt impressions that I would one day preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and when I finally yielded myself to Christ in baptism, many decisions were settled. At this point, my rebellion had turned to joyful obedience and I found myself continually praying "God use me in whatever way You see fit." The answer to that prayer became clear, as within a year, the call to preach was inescapable. The people of Indian Creek Church exercised considerable forbearance and patience as I, a 17 year old boy, began to preach God's word. At the age of 20, I was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry.

I entered Concord College in Athens, West Virginia, still preaching nearly every weekend, sometimes several times each weekend. My chosen field of study was English and oral communications with an education concentration. Upon graduating from college, I was employed by the Monroe County School System in West Virginia as an English and reading teacher.

Fully three years before graduating from college, I had been called to pastor a faithful and wonderful church in Ronceverte, West Virginia--Mt. Zion, by name. My tenure at Mt. Zion was a period of ten years. In November of 1985, I was also called to pastor Mt. Olive Church in Roanoke, Virginia, where I currently reside. I accepted that call after much prayer and have remained at Mt. Olive, as of this writing, approaching 15 years.

In the spring of 1990, God began to open an unexpected door for me, which resulted in my resigning the teaching profession and working full-time in the ministry. In the early 1990's, the workload at the Baptist Bible Hour began to increase, owing to some rapid growth in the ministry, and Elder Lasserre Bradley asked me to pray about coming to work for the ministry on a part-time basis. Resigning my post with the school system, I began working with the BBH from my home, and spent one week each month in Cincinnati. This is a position I still hold, my chief responsibilities being: assistant editor of the *Baptist Witness*, and program host for the daily edition of the BBH. The personal blessing of working in this international ministry and with Elder Bradley has been very great.

In 1990, I also came to conclusion that it was time for me to leave the loving home I had known since infancy, so I left my father and mother and moved to Roanoke in order to be near the people at Mt. Olive Church. During the first two years after I moved to Roanoke we had about 20 baptisms and numerous other additions by letter.

Amid the rejoicing in God's blessings upon His church, I had a growing sense of loneliness in my own heart, owing to the fact that I was about 30 years old and unmarried. For many years I besought the Lord for the preparation of a woman suitable to my needs. In 1996, God chose to answer this prayer "exceeding abundantly above all" I could ask or think. Miss Hannah Guess (the firstborn daughter of Elder and Mrs. Zack Guess, Memphis, Tennessee) became my wife in November.

My most fervent personal interest is that I may never be left to myself, for surely, in this condition, I would make shipwreck of the faith.

ELDER JOSIAH MAPLES

FROM "HISTORY OF MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION" BY JOANN THOMAS ELKIN: Josiah Maples, also known as Joseph, was born January 25, 1794, Pittsylvania County, Virginia; died September 11, 1840, in Jackson County, Alabama, near Woodville. His parents were William Cordra Maples, Sr. and Nancy Long. He was married on June 29, 1815 to Mary Butler, who was born December 1796 in Virginia and died about 1857 near Woodville, Alabama.

Josiah Maples was a private in the War of 1812, serving in Captain Simeon Perry's company of mounted infantry volunteers, East Tennessee Militia, Colonel Samuel Wear's Regiment. He volunteered at Sevierville, Tennessee on June 11, 1813 for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at Sevierville on September 11, 1813.

Josiah and Mary Maples lived in Sevier County, Tennessee until about 1830; they are recorded in the 1830 census of Jackson County, Alabama. Josiah bought 80 acres of land subject to sale at Huntsville, Alabama, General Land Office, on June 29, 1830; the land was located northeast of Woodville, just south of Union Cemetery. Josiah is shown as a messenger from Bethel Church to the association in 1834; he is also shown as an Elder in 1834 and may have been ordained at Bethel Church or in Sevier County, Tennessee prior to his move to Alabama. Bethel Church was newly constituted as a church in 1823; Union Church at Woodville was constituted in August 1835 as an arm of Bethel Church. Josiah was probably a charter member of Union Church since he was a messenger from Union Church to the association in October 1835. His name is listed in the 1835 minutes as a messenger to Elk River Association to be held in 1836 and he was appointed to attend the 2nd District Meeting at Paint Rock Church in May 1836; Josiah was also a messenger from Union Church to the association in 1836 and 1837 and was appointed to attend the district meetings as a minister.

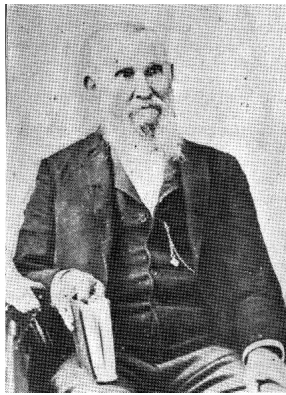
Josiah and Mary Maples are buried in Union Cemetery, Woodville, Alabama. Josiah's grave is marked by a granite stone, hand-chiseled with these words: "The Sacred Memory of Josiah Maples Born Jan 25th 1794

Died Sept 11th 1840". Mary has no marked tombstone. Josiah and Mary Maples had 12 children.

Twenty-seven direct lineage descendants of Josiah Maples were or are members of Union Church. Other direct descendants were members of Mt. Pisgah Church and of churches in Missouri and Texas.

Josiah Maples' younger brothers, Peter and McCampbell, were also Primitive Baptist ministers. His father was a member and deacon of Bethel Church. His younger brother, Moses, was a member first at Bethel Church, lettered out in 1840 and joined Union Church and was clerk of the Mud Creek Association from 1849 to 1859. Another brother, W. C. Maples, Jr., was a member of Union Church in 1835, a member of Prospect Church 1845-1859 and a member of Bethel Church, Coryell County, Texas, after moving to Texas in 1859. His brother, George L., was a member of Bethel Church and served as clerk 1867-1869.

ELDER M. C. C. MAPLES



COPIED FROM J S NEWMAN'S HISTORY OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS IN TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, AND INDIAN TERRITORY, 1906: Elder Maples was the son of M. C. Maples, who was born December 6, 1795 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Elder M. C. C. Maples was born June 8, 1818 in Severe County, Tennessee. On February 9, 1837, he married Miss Elizabeth Wilder. Eleven children were born to this union. He joined Bethel Church in Severe County, in May 1833, and was baptized by Elder Layman Jones. In 1834, he moved to Jackson County, Alabama, and joined Union Church where he was liberated to preach. In January 1850, he left Alabama, and moved to Lafayette County, Mississippi, and joined Laodicea Church, where he was ordained to the ministry by Elders E. A. Meaders and Joseph Edwards. In 1881, he moved to Texas and joined Mt. Vernon Church in Bell County the same year. He died a member of Mt. Vernon Church in the spring of 1905, in the love and fellowship of his brethren and sisters.

ELDER PETER MAPLES

FROM "HISTORY OF MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION" BY JOANN THOMAS ELKIN: Peter Maples, son of William Cordra Maples, Sr. and Nancy Long, was born October 30, 1804, Sevier County, Tennessee; died January 7, 1885, Poplar Ridge, Madison County, Alabama. About 1823, in Sevier County, Tennessee, he married Mary Moon, born May 2, 1811, Tennessee, died July 11, 1878, Poplar Ridge, Madison County, Alabama. Peter and Mary are buried in Bethel Cemetery, located a short distance south of their home, as was Bethel Church. Peter purchased 80 acres of land at the public land sale in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama on October 5, 1830. An original log storehouse built by Peter still stands in the backyard of his former home.

Peter and Mary Maples were members of Bethel Church. More than likely they joined at the same time, on the 4th Sunday in June 1840, and were baptised by Elder Elijah R. Berry. Peter Maples commenced preaching in 1846 and was ordained by Elders James Austill and Simeon Houk in 1848.

In 1842, Peter Maples is shown as a messenger from Bethel Church to the association. In the 1847 minutes, prior to his ordination in 1848, he was appointed to attend the 2nd and 3rd District Meetings to be held at Bethel Church in May 1848 and at Mt. Zion Church in July 1848 along with other ministers. At the association in 1848, he was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next association to be held at Mt. Pisgah Church in September 1849. He also preached the Introductory Sermon in 1852, 1859 and 1878, and served as moderator of the association from 1868 through 1879. Through the 37 years of his ministry, Elder Maples attended numerous meetings of corresponding associations as well as district meetings. He was pastor of his home church, Bethel, and also pastor of Union Church 1848-1851, and Mt. Pisgah Church 1852-1856 and 1879-1881.

Peter and Mary Maples had nine children. Three of Peter's children were members of Bethel Church; William McCampbell was later a member of Paint Rock and Liberty Churches and he served as association clerk in 1867 and from 1870-1874. Martha Jane Maples and George W. were members. Descendants of George W. are currently members of

Union Church. Peter's brothers, Josiah and McCampbell, were also ministers. Peter's father was a deacon at Bethel Church.

ELDER JAMES B. MARSEE

Elder James B. Marsee, of Speedwell, TN was ordained on May 6, 1933 by Elder A.J. Hopson, J. A. Robbins, Levi Saylor and B. H. Hensley at Davis' Creek Church in Speedwell, TN. He also presided as assistant pastor there for several years. He was born November 21, 1883 and died March 5, 1979. During a period of trouble within Davis' Creek, he and my grandmother, Stella moved their letters to Elydale Church, August 2, 1961 and returned their letters June 1, 1964.

ELDER JOEL E. MARSHALL



Elder Joel E. Marshall was born in Carroll County, Virginia, on October 10, 1863, and passed to his eternal reward August 22, 1959. He was the son of the late Hamilton and Sarah Bowman Marshall.

In February 1898, Elder Marshall was married to Miss Alice Brim.

He was a charter member of Maple Shade Primitive Baptist Church near Laurel Fork, Virginia, which he helped organize in 1893. He was a member for over sixty-six years, and pastor for thirty-seven years.

In March 1886, when quite a young man, Elder Marshall united with Bell Spur Church, and was given the privilege of exercising his public gift in November 1886. He said he felt it was useless for him to try to speak in public because of his stammering tongue. But God had called a man He knew to proclaim this everlasting gospel, so the stammering tongue was loosened when he entered the Master's service. Seldom during the entire seventy-three years, seven months of service did he stammer while preaching. In daily life, as long as he was able to talk, he stammered until

conversation was quite difficult to understand. Could such a miracle be questioned?

Throughout these nearly seventy-four years of extensive service, he was a faithful preacher, teacher and leader among the Primitive Baptists. Many monuments, to him are standing in this area in the form of churches he helped organize or recognize. During this time, he served as pastor of twelve churches and was pastor of two at the time of his death. All this time he proclaimed and contended for the wonderful doctrine of "Salvation by Grace" as it is taught in the Bible and believed by the Primitive Baptist. Until the very last, he never deviated in practice or faith. About three weeks before the end, after he became bedfast, he quoted a text and preached a wonderful sermon, according to the few neighbors and friends who happened to be present. He still proclaimed the same unchanged doctrine he had believed so long. It can truly be said that his knowledge, understanding, and interpretation of the Bible stood out as most superior among men.

Elder Marshall was blessed with knowledge, power, wisdom and language sufficient to reach and satisfy the hearts and minds of thousands of men, women and children within a broad area. Yes, children, too. His sincere love for little children and their love for "Papa Marshall" was amazing.

ELDER ORREN VARN MARSHALL



COMPILED FROM NOTES MADE DURING A PERSONAL INTERVIEW, MARCH 10, 1976, BY WAYNE R. FAIRCLOTH: Elder Marshall was born in Berrien (now Cook) County, Georgia, on March 3, 1910, the sixth of eight children born into the family of Frank and Lizzie Griffis Marshall.

His formal education ended with completion of the seventh grade. Not long afterwards, in his early teens, he left home to seek employment in south Florida, which was then experiencing a "boom" period. He worked in south Florida for several years before returning to south

Georgia to live. In his twenty-fifth year he married Miss Fleeta Futch on December 15, 1935, and they became the parents of three sons, Thad, Dwight, and Wade, and one daughter, Brenda.

Unlike his wife, O. V. Marshall was not reared in a home where the family believed the doctrines of the Primitive Baptist Church. However, on the fifth Sunday in August, 1948, he was blessed to see the Church at Cat Creek as a branch of the true Bride of Christ and presented himself for membership. His wife and several others joined at the same service and they were baptized into the fellowship of Cat Creek Primitive Baptist Church on October 3, 1948. Elder Herman L. Moody administered his baptism.

The membership of Cat Creek Church soon felt that Brother Marshall possessed the gift of preaching and ten months after his baptism, August 1949, the Church first called upon him to "exercise" that gift. Edified by his initial effort and his preaching on successive occasions, the Church proceeded to grant him liberty on January 6, 1951, to speak in defense of the cause of his Master wherever he was called upon. Seven months later, Providence Church in Valdosta, Georgia, called him as Pastor and a week later, the fourth weekend in August, 1951, he was called to pastor Salem Church in Adel, Georgia. Thus, he began pastoring two churches before he was ordained. Brother Marshall was ordained to the full work of a gospel minister at Cat Creek Church on February 2, 1952, by a Presbytery composed of Elders O. J. Rives, Duncan McCranie, L. L. (Les) Register, Lucius A. (Ludie) Davis, and Herman L. Moody.

In October of 1953, he was called to pastor Wayfare Primitive Baptist Church, located east of Valdosta. Tired Creek Primitive Baptist Church, southwest of Cairo, Georgia, called for his services as Pastor in June 1954. Except for Providence Church, Elder Marshall has continued to serve the other three Churches as Pastor until the present time (March 1976). He was called to pastor Albany Church in February 1971, and continues to serve in that capacity.

In 1970, Elder and Sister Marshall transferred their church membership to Salem Church in Adel where their children were members.

Elder Marshall has had a most profitable and faithful ministry, both among the churches he has pastored and generally among all the Old School Primitive Baptist churches in south Georgia. He has applied

himself admirably to a study of the Scriptures and he has divorced himself from secular affairs to devote all his efforts to serving God's people.

ELDER C. A. MARTIN

WRITTEN BY ELDER J. D. VASS: Elder C. A. Martin, the son of Byram and Tabitha (Quesinberry) Martin, was born in Carroll Co., Virginia, August 27, 1866, died March 22, 1926. He was married to Martha Jane Utt May 15, 1889. To this union were born seven children, two sons and five daughters.

He received a hope in Christ June 1894 and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Elk Spur in September 1895. When the church was constituted at Martin, he was in the organization, and was ordained deacon and chosen clerk. He was licensed to preach October 19, 1901; was ordained October 15, 1910 by the following Elders, --to-wit, --Isaac Webb, J. D. Vass, J. P. Good and C. C. Phibbs. Brother Martin lived as clean a life as any man I ever knew. He ruled his own house well. His wife and children were much devoted to him as was manifested while he lived and at his funeral. He was a good disciplinarian, unwavering in his judgment, and honest in his convictions. He died at his home in Radford, Virginia and in the short time he had lived there he had made many friends.

ELDER DON MARTIN



Elder Martin is the son of Elder K. B. (Kenneth) and Sis Rene Martin; born July 23, 1942 at San Angelo, Texas. He joined the Floydada Church at the association held in the Lakeview Community in Floyd County, Texas in August 1955. He married Sandra C. Wright (daughter of Charlie & Mary Wright of Floydada, Texas) in December 1960. Elder Don & Sandra are the parents of two children: a daughter, Terrie Martin Smith, and a son,

Charles Martin. Both are members of the Primitive Baptist Church as well as the two grandchildren.

Elder and Sister Martin were members at the Floydada Church from 1955 until 1965 at which time they joined the Muleshoe Church. Don was ordained to the ministry in January 1979 by the Muleshoe Church. He served as pastor of the Tulia Church in Tulia, Texas, from November 1977 until November 1990. In March 1990, the Perryton Church called him as their pastor, where he continues to serve.

Elder Martin has had appointments at Odessa, Texas; Clovis, New Mexico; Perryton, Texas (before being called as pastor); Floydada, Texas; Borger, Texas.

ELDER JOHN W. MARTIN

FROM "HISTORY OF MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION" BY JOANN THOMAS ELKIN: John Martin joined Bethel Church in June 1889 and was liberated to exercise in public in June 1890. He was ordained to the ministry at Bethel Church in May 1892 by Elders A. J. Wann and W. A. Lyon and was a pastor of this church from that time until his death in 1909 or 1910. Elder Martin lived in the community of Poplar Ridge near Bethel Church.

ELDER KENNETH MARTIN



I was born to W. N. Martin and Kibbie Martin April 2, 1915, at Handley, Texas. There were four children: two brothers and a sister, a twin.

Daddy moved to New Mexico in 1923 and then to Slaton, Texas in 1924.

I lived there, and married December 24, 1935 to Lorene Riley. Our oldest son died at the age of three and a half years at San Angelo where I first felt that I must make an effort to preach.

We were blessed with two other children who are members of the Primitive Baptist Church.

We were baptized the second Sunday in October, 1937 at Lubbock by Elder P. D. Ausmus, a servant of God who labored in the Plains country some 30 or more years.

I made my first effort to preach June of 1943 at Edgewood, N. M. I was ordained the fifth Sunday in July 1947.

I have made a lot of mistakes and blunders all along, and I feel I will make more, yet today I feel that I still love the church as much as I did when they received me, although my zeal may have gone down some.

ELDER R. D. MARTIN

WRITTEN BY HIS WIFE: My dear husband sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, October 26, 1922. He was born in Patrick County, Va., Oct. 6, 1852, was married to Elvira Martin December 17, 1873 and had been a Primitive Baptist Minister for thirty-eight years. We were blessed to have seven children--five boys and two girls.

ELDER RICHARD MARTIN



Elder Richard Martin was born on Jan. 23, 1933 in Raymondville, TX and passed from this life July 3, 1996 in Temple, Texas. His father, Elder Joel Martin baptized him, in August 1944 in Goosecreek, Texas. He was ordained in Odessa, Texas on April 29, 1967 by Elders G. W. Burt, Ben Houze, Marvin Jeffries and J. E. Barrington.

Elder Martin served in the Air Force and worked in sales most of his life. His gift and calling in this life was in the ministry of the Primitive Baptist Church. His church membership was in the Waco Church, where he previously served as pastor for many years. He was pastor of the Squaw Creek Church near

Doss, Texas at the time of death. He also served many churches in the central Texas area.

Brother Martin was a very unselfish man, preferring his family and friends before himself. He provided good leadership as pastor in the Waco Church, leading us in the building of a new church building, baptizing many, moderating many associational meetings and fifth Sunday meetings at Waco and other places. He had a special gift for memorizing scriptures. The last time he preached at Waco was just before he was hospitalized in April 1996. He didn't feel like leaving the front bench, so he sat where he was and began to preach with a strong voice and good liberty, glorifying God, our Savior.

ELDER HOBERT V. MASSEY

SUBMITTED BY NORMA HASLAM: Elder Massey was ordained to the ministry on May 17, 1941, at New Bildad Church, DeKalb Co., Tenn. On July 19, 1947, he requested his letter to move his membership to Lookout Valley Church near Chattanooga. He served Lookout Valley and Brush Creek Churches, and churches in the Collins River and Cumberland Associations.

Elder Massey served as County Agent for Warren County for several years. He was an intelligent man and a fine preacher.

ELDER CLAUDE W. MATTOX

The son of John W. and Emily J. Mattox, he was born in Orange County, Ind., on March 5, 1875. After a lingering illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude, he passed away at his home near Pekin, Ind., on Feb. 3, 1936. On July 22, 1900, he was united in marriage to Bertha Curtis, and they struggled together against the hardships of life for 33 years, making an honest living. To this union five children were born.

Elder Mattox united with the Unity Church, Hardinsburg, Ind., about 1895, and later moved his membership to Olive Branch Church, in which church he retained his membership until death. About the year 1906 he felt deeply the call to the ministry, which greatly impressed him to do this

most sacred duty. Realizing this gift, Olive Branch Church recognized the same, and ordained him in November 1931 to the full work of a gospel minister. It was a great relief to him to tell the wonderful story of the cross and of Savior's love, whom he loved so dearly.

For several years he taught school, and in that capacity he not only taught by precept, but by setting a proper example before his pupils in holding his moral character to a high standard.

ELDER RUSSELL EUGENE MAUGHMER

Brother Maughmer was born in Kokomo, Cass County, Indiana on April 26, 1897 to John Wesley and Mary Ann (Drinkwater) Maughmer. In the year 1915, he married his first wife, Chloe. After the demise of Chloe, Brother Maughmer married his second wife, Virgie, in 1961.

Brother Maughmer united with Clarks Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee on the 13th of October, 1929. The church recognized his gift in the ministry and ordained him to this work on July 29, 1933 with a presbytery consisting of Elders Hampton Davis, Elkins Fuller, Clayton Smith, and Blackburn Walker. During the past fifty years, Brother Maughmer has served as pastor of many churches in the Predestinarian Association.

At the age of 87, Brother Maughmer is still pastoring four churches near him home. It is the considered opinion of this capable minister that the King James Version of Holy Scripture is a thorough furnisher and the only guide anyone needs.

The occupation of textile worker and the responsibilities of pastoring several churches have kept Brother Maughmer very busy.

ELDER E. C. MAULDIN

FROM "THE GOSPEL MESSENGER" SEPTEMBER 1887. I was born January 9, 1809, in Edgefield, S. C. My father and mother, James and Mary Mauldin, for many years before their death, were Primitive Baptists.

In about my eighth year we moved to Madison County, Ala., and ten years thereafter to West Tennessee, then a sparsely settled frontier country. Up to that time my health had been good, but finally dyspepsia and rheumatism set in, which prevented me obtaining but a limited education.

In my twentieth year I was married to Eliza Biggs, daughter of Elder Asa Biggs, originally from North Carolina. Up to this time I was without hope in Christ, but from early youth I was much concerned about my condition as a sinner, which led me to plead for God's mercy; and at times, strange and mysterious sensations of mind and body seized upon me, and for several hours some marvelous changes—when all of a sudden

the burden of sin and guilt that had been so heavy upon me was removed, and I began to praise the Lord, and felt a desire to appreciate my great deliverance.

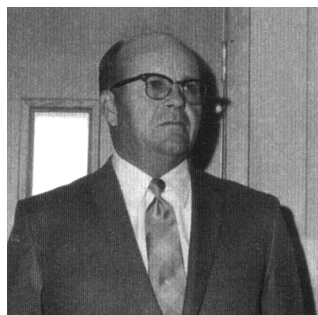


Company having come in I rose from my bed and requested some old colored people to be called in and I would tell them what great things the Lord had done for me; and if I ever was enabled to appreciate and tell the beauty, excellence and glory of God's grace, predestination, election and eternal redemption of all God's chosen people, it was on that memorable night. After giving full vent to my feelings I retired to bed and had the most pleasant night I had ever before experienced. In 1845 my father-in-law, Elder A. Biggs, and his son, B. F. Biggs, went as messengers to San Jacinto Association, Texas, and as I wished to see the western country and enjoy religious company, I went with them. On returning home, I was greatly rejoiced to hear my wife tell of a precious Saviour to her manifested in my absence. In March 1846, she was received into church fellowship among Primitive Baptists, and baptized by Elder John Roberts. This circumstance, together with a feeling similar to that expressed by the apostle in 2 Cor. xii, when he speaks of being "caught up," had a powerful effect upon me, and the next church meeting I also was received and baptized by Elder A. Biggs. Since that time we have moved about considerably, and in 1853 I was officially authorized to preach in the bounds of the church, and in 1858 set apart by ordination, Elder James Johnson and Deacon John Miller officiating.

ELDER GEORGE T. MAYFIELD

FROM "PRIMITIVE MONITOR:" Our brother, though deceased, yet lives in the memory and affection of his kindred in Christ and will while they live. He was born in the vicinity where he lived and died, his death occurring March 30, 1909, after 56 years, 5 months, and 23 days. Thus he was taken away in the prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness in the ministry. He was a member of Young's Creek Primitive Baptist church; was ordained to the work of the ministry May 4, 1878, and served his brethren in honor of his high calling more than 30 years. He was a worthy, humble minister, a faithful shepherd of his Father's flock, whom he served in patience and love.

ELDER CHARLES HOWARD MAYO



Elder Mayo, son of Elder and Mrs. George S. Mayo, was born in Whitesboro, Texas on January 29, 1921.

He pastored the Joseph Lane Church in Fort Worth, Texas for many years. He died in 1979 at the age of 58.

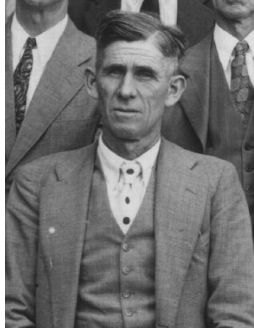
He and his wife, Rose, had two daughters.

ELDER GEORGE S. MAYO



Elder Mayo lived in Fort Worth, Texas. He passed away at the age of 69. We regret that we could not obtain more information on this minister.

ELDER EMERSON MCAFEE



Elder McAfee was born Dec. 15, 1883, the son of Geo. W. and Sarah Ann (Wells) McAfee. His parents gave him the advantage of a good education, although they had a rough road to travel. On Feb. 1, 1905, he was united in marriage to Miss Lurana Duncan. Six children blessed their home and five are living. They united with the New Garden Church in March 1909. He first had the impression to preach when he was ten years of age. He did not then know that any people believed that doctrine, and was not acquainted with it until he was nearly grown. For several years, after he joined the church he fought against these impressions. In February 1919, the church liberated him to speak in public, and, in June, 1920, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry. Elder McAfee was active as a minister, and in later life became editor of the *Messenger of Peace*.

He served the New Garden Church at Excelsior Springs, MO; Marion Church at Knoxville, MO; Sugar Tree Church at Gilman City, MO; Pleasant Hill Church near Trimble MO; Coal Creek Church at Iola, Kansas and Mt. Zion Church in Clay County, MO. He served as Moderator of the Fishing River Association for 28 years (1929-1957).

ELDER DAVIS (DAVE) MCALISTER

Elder McAlister was born on May 10, 1948, in Biloxi, MS (Keesler AFB). He married Eileen Wilkinson on August 22, 1970. They have two children: Son - Davis McAlister, Jr. (8/7/73), Daughter - Tracie Leigh McAlister (7/22/77)

Elder McAllister is a Certified Public Accountant and is employed as Vice-President/Chief Financial Officer for IVIS International in Raleigh, NC. He served in the US Air Force as a 1st Lt.

Brother Dave joined Bethany Church in Yazoo County, Mississippi, in December, 1971, along with his wife, Eileen Wilkinson McAlister, and brother-in-law, (Elder) Steve Wilkinson.

He was ordained to the ministry by Bethany Church, Yazoo County, Mississippi, on May 28, 1977, under pastor and father-in-law Elder Lamar Wilkinson.

He co-pastored the following churches with Elder Lamar Wilkinson: Bethany Church, Yazoo County, MS – May, 1977 – Dec. 1982. Harmony Church, Philadelphia, MS – Jan. 1978 – Dec. 1982.

He served as pastor for the following churches: Mt. Hebron Primitive Baptist Church, Purvis, MS – May 1977 – Dec. 1978. New Prospect Church, Cleveland, MS – Nov. 1979 – Dec. 1999. Bethany Church, Yazoo County, MS – Jan. 1994 – April 1998.

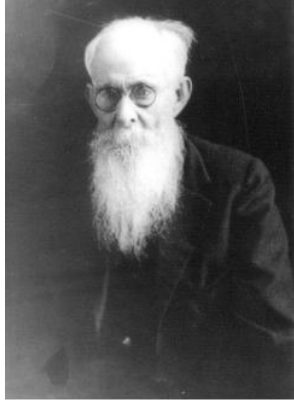
ELDER SAMUEL MCBEE

FROM "HISTORY OF MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION" BY JOANN THOMAS ELKIN: Samuel McBee was the representative from Union Church, Marion County, Tennessee at the meeting on the third Saturday in November 1821 to constitute the Mud Creek Association. He was shown as a licentiate in 1822 and was ordained in 1823. In 1824 Elder McBee was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the association to be held at Mt. Gilead in 1835. He served as moderator 1825-1833. As of 1834, the association divided between the lower end and upper end bounds. Union Church, which was located in Marion County, Tennessee became a member of the Sequatchie Association as did the other churches located in the upper end of the Mud Creek Association 1821-1833. Elder McBee continued to visit from the Sequatchie Association and was moderator of that association as late as 1861; he died in the early 1860's.

ELDER THOMAS POWERS MCCAIN

WRITTEN BY HIS GRANDSON, ELDER JIM TURNER, JR.: Elder Thomas Powers McCain was born in Weekly County, Tennessee, January 15, 1844. He enlisted in the Tennessee Cavalry at the age of 17, and

fought in a number of battles in the Civil War. After the war, he and his brother helped build a number of the buildings in Union City, Tennessee. About 1867, he moved to Arkansas, where he married Georgia Ann Jones. She died about a year later, at the birth of their first child. The child also died. Later, I do not know the year, he met and married Nancy



Rowena Akins. To them were born six children, my mother being the youngest of the six. On December 12, 1892, he was ordained to the work of the ministry, I think by old Mt. Zion Church, which was located in the Broomfield community, near Dover, Arkansas. I do not know what churches he served, except that he served Point Remove Church for a time. I have heard my mother tell about him riding an old gray mare to his preaching appointments when he was well into his seventies. She said they would see him coming down the road late on Sunday

afternoon, with that old gray mare in a long gallop, and he would be sitting straight as an arrow in the saddle. He never forgot his cavalry training. He died January 12, 1931 just three days short of his 87th birthday. It was interesting to me to learn that I was ordained on the same month and day as my grandfather, 79 years after his ordination.

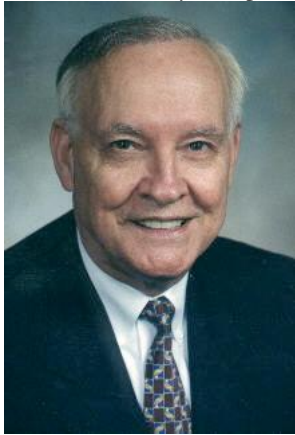
ELDER BILL D. MCCARTHY

Elder McCarthy was born March 7, 1934 in El Reno, Oklahoma. Parents were Helen Underwood and Clarence McCarthy. He was raised by loving Grandparents, Dan P. and Belle Underwood.

He was ordained on March 30, 1969 at Bethlehem Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was ordained with Elder Allan L. West, an uncle by marriage. Elder McCarthy joined Bethlehem Church in 1962 and was baptized by Elder Oba M. Cummings, his beloved Pastor and Father in the Ministry. From a young child, he studied the Bible, searching for a Church that taught Scriptural truth, attending numerous churches and never being satisfied. Elder McCarthy had not heard of the Primitive Baptists until he began dating his wife. He attended services with her for a

number of years before admitting to himself that here with this small band of people was the truth he had long sought.

Elder McCarthy has pastored Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma the past 30 years where he currently serves with his son, Elder Randall K. McCarthy. He has also pastored Bethesda Primitive Baptist Church at Mt. View, Oklahoma and Arlington Primitive Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas.



He married Sue Newman in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on June 2, 1955, daughter of J.R. and Lona West Newman. They have three children. Sons: Mitchell K. McCarthy and Elder Randall K. McCarthy; and Daughter:

Pamela K. Winchester.

Elder McCarthy and both of his sons are practicing Patent Attorneys and he has had the privilege of practicing intellectual property law with both sons. Elder McCarthy was a licensed Professional Engineer and worked in the engineering profession for a number of years before obtaining his law degree. He has served as an officer and director in professional organizations, both engineering and law related, on state and national levels. He has taught intellectual property law at Oklahoma City University Law School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he and his sons obtained their legal education.

ELDER RANDALL K. MCCARTHY

Elder McCarthy was born April 2, 1965 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to parents Bill D. and Sue McCarthy. He was ordained on March 30, 1996 at Bethlehem Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Brother Randy joined Bethlehem Church in 1970 at age 5 and was baptized by his Father, Elder Bill D. McCarthy.

Elder McCarthy has served the church in Perth, Kansas for the past 10 years and is currently also serving Bethlehem Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma with his father, Elder Bill D. McCarthy.

He married Johnna Elliott in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on December 28, 1991, daughter of John and Joan Elliott, of Mustang, Oklahoma. They have one daughter: Katherine Nicole McCarthy (born February 19, 2000).

Elder McCarthy is a practicing Patent Attorney, having been an engineer for several years before obtaining his law degree. Elder McCarthy received a Congressional Appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he attended for a time before completing his engineering degree at the University of Oklahoma. While at the University of Oklahoma, he was chosen to represent the State of Oklahoma in the Liberty Band, which performed at the 1986 Rededication of the Statute of Liberty Celebration in New York. Elder McCarthy has served as



officer and director in professional organizations, both engineering and law related.

ELDER FRANK ERNEST MCCARTY

SUBMITTED BY WAYNELL HARRIS: Elder McCarty was the son of Lewis and Myrtle McCarty. He was born July 6, 1915 in Dickens Co, TX.



On 21 July 1935, he married Dorothy Lillian Austin at Hart, TX. Five children were born to this union.

According to an article in the BANNER dated June 20, 1959, they were living in Palmdale, CA and he was pastor of the church located in Placentia, CA.

They later moved to Norfolk, VA -- date unknown -- but were living there in 1974 and lived there the rest of his life. He passed away on 21 August 1997 at Norfolk.

ELDER HUGH JACKSON MCCARTY

SUBMITTED BY WAYNELL HARRIS: He was called "Huey" or Hughey" by everyone -- was the son of Joseph Jackson McCarty and Mary Elizabeth (Ogden) McCarty. He was born October 15, 1878 at Duffau, Erath Co, TX.

He married Nora Maureen Clay on December 23, 1900 at Afton, Dickens Co, TX. His brother, Lewis Jacob McCarty, married Nora's sister, Myrtle Clay. They were married on the same day in a double wedding.

Huey and Nora had 13 children.

Huey and his brother, Lewis, were both ordained elders of the Primitive Baptist Church.

According to the church records of Cottonwood Church, H. J. McCarty joined by a letter from Bosque Church on January 6, 1906.

He and his family probably lived in the Afton area until about 1919 and moved to the Sudan, Lamb Co, TX area about that time.

Huey passed away on March 20, 1937.

ELDER JAMES RICE MCCARTY

SUBMITTED BY WAYNELL HARRIS, FROM THE INFORMATION FOUND IN ELDER J.S. NEWMAN'S HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS IN TEXAS, OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY, AND FROM VARIOUS CHURH RECORDS: James Rice McCarty was born 22 May 1869 in Bosque Co, TX. He was the son of James Madison McCarty, Jr. and Martha "Patsy" (Gollihar) McCarty. J.R. married Ursula Wade on 2 December 1891 at Meridian, Bosque Co, TX. 12 children

were born to this union. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry on 2 October 1897 at Bosque Church in Erath Co, TX.

In September, 1897 he was called, jointly with Eld. H. L. Collings, to serve as pastor of Mineral Springs Church (a member of the Duffau Association) in Somervell Co, TX. He served until November 1899.

He was called to serve as pastor of Bosque Church in November 1899. He was dismissed by letter in December, 1899.

He was instrumental in constituting the Salt Fork Church in Greer Co, Oklahoma in 1901. He, his wife Martha, and J. S. Boucher, all holding letters from Bosque and Providence Churches in Erath Co, TX, made up the membership of this church. He was called as pastor. This church became a member of the Panhandle-Oklahoma Association.

He attended and assisted in the constitution of the Cottonwood Church in Dickens Co, TX on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1904.

He attended and assisted in the constitution of the Salem Church of Oklahoma. (FROM SISTER HARRIS: Eld. Newman's book gives the date as Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September 1904—the same date as Cottonwood Church above. I doubt this date is accurate based on the fact that I've seen the records of Cottonwood Church.)

Eld. James R. McCarty departed this life on 4 October 1934 at Mangum, Greer Co, OK

ELDER LEWIS JACOB MCCARTY



SUBMITTED BY WAYNELL HARRIS: Elder McCarty was born 25 August 1882 at Duffau, Erath Co, TX. He was the son of Joseph Jackson McCarty and Mary Elizabeth (Ogden) McCarty.

Lewis married Maggie Myrtle

Clay on 23 December 1900 at Afton, Dickens Co, TX. Lewis and his brother, Hugh Jackson McCarty, married sisters. Hugh Jackson was also an ordained elder in the Primitive Baptist Church.

Lewis and Myrtle had 11 children. Two of them -- Troy McCarty and Frank E. McCarty were ordained elders in the Primitive Baptist Church.

He was baptized in August 1904 by Elder D. W. Russell, age 83, and as they came to the edge of the water Elder Russell said "I have baptized a preacher, what I have" and on Saturday, before the second Sunday in August 1908 the same association met at Gravel Hill and with a presbytery of 23 Elders and 6 Deacons, he was ordained as an Elder in the Primitive Baptist Church.

Lewis was a charter member of the Cottonwood PBC at Afton, TX, when it was organized September 17, 1904. On December 31, 1904, the church voted to grant him to be at liberty to exercise in the pulpit. He was ordained at Cottonwood PBC on August 1, 1908. He was called as pastor of the church and served in that capacity from September 3, 1909 until May 31, 1919. He then served as co-pastor with Eld. W.G. Morris. The last time he acted in that capacity (according to the church records) was October 2, 1920. He had probably already moved to Tulia, Swisher Co, TX sometime during that time since my records show that their last child was born there July 6, 1919. Church records show that he preached at Cottonwood PBC on June 30, 1923, and on that date, he and his wife, Myrtle, asked for and were granted letters of dismissal.

According to their daughter, Della Hughes, he served as many as 4 churches at one time, traveling long distances to do so. He baptized all except one of his children and baptized most of his sons- and daughters-in-law.

Lewis died 11 August 1939, at Crawford, Delta Co, CO and is buried at Crawford, CO.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS SUPPLIED BY LINDA ESSARY: The following is one of L. J. McCarty's travels and experience as told to Brother Lizzie L. Casey in Hart Texas on October 5, 1928.

"Dear Brother in Christ, We will endeavor to answer your request but do not feel worthy of your esteem. I will begin by saying I was born in

Erath County, Texas, August 25, 1882. I moved to Dickens County Texas in 1898, was married there on December 23, 1900 to Miss Maggie Myrtle Clay. We lived together engaging in dancing, me picking the banjo for dancing and her dancing and giving dances, but at the age of about 21 I was made to see myself condemned and such a vile corrupt sinner that I could not rest day or night but was so burdened that I very often arose from my bed, got the Bible and set reading until midnight searching for something to comfort me or find relief, then I would set out where I might find a secret place to pour out cries to God in heaven but got none. I quit going to dances. I done away with my banjo and every body seemed alarmed. My partner that I played with, his wife said I was going crazy. I was this was about 6 months. When Old Bro Morris came along going to the plains to meetings. I sat and talked to him. He asked me to go with him, which I accepted the invitation and went along. Brother J. H. Fisher preached Saturday but I didn't get any relief. We went home with Sister Stone and her husband. I and Brother Morris slept together that night in a half dugout on a pile of cotton. I had reached a point to where I did not think there was any relief for me. After we had gone to sleep I myself helpless in a pit unable to move and sinking justly. It seemed that our soul cried out Lord. When suddenly there appeared before me a vision of the Lord, one to behold, with a light all around him and lifted me out of the pit and our burden was gone that I had carried for 6 long months and I felt so good.

"The next day, Sunday, brother Broom and Brother Fisher preached and it was all to me. We went home next day. I desired to make my joys known but did not and soon moved to New Mexico and the next summer came back and went to the association at Paducha, Texas and Brother Willis Russell was preaching, and he knew more about me than I did myself and I could not hardly stay away but did and I felt so condemned that night. The next day I gave up and ask them to let me live with them. They received me with so much courage and confidence I felt maybe I have deceived them and if ever in the world I went to a sacred and a solemn place, it was with brother Russell, who was 83 years old, and a Minister for you. I was the last one for him to baptize. I then went back to New Mexico to try to live satisfied but could not. I was continually reading my Bible searching to know the Lord's will so I was so dissatisfied I sold out the next August and came back to Texas in Dickens County. Soon they organized a church there that is yet standing. I drew my letter and went in the organization of Cotton Wood Church. They soon began to beg me to exercise and they have all seemed to have so much

confidence in me, when I am so poor I do not see how I could get along without it.

"My wife had been a Campbellite and all her people, but I had never made a profession so two years later she joined with me and we were together on the porch one day reading the Bible and reading the 3rd chapter of Revelation when it opened to me and seemed to sweet and with it the impression to go to the North East Corner and preach to them. I never knew any one there and did not care to make my own appointment, so, soon after this a man moved in our settlement and began to come out to our services at Afton in Dickens County and he came to me one day and said, I wish you would go over in the North East Corner and preach to them people there, I nearly shouted out to think the Lord had opened the way that we might go where we were impressed to go, so I told him he was acquainted he could arrange and I would fill the appointment so I did and preached there 3 years and during that time Sister Gage wanted to live in the Church. She had joined at Munday, Texas and her father was Campbellite and he made her leave home, so she came to the North East Corner and lived with her sister and married Donell Gage. The church at Afton extended an arm to that place and we received her and she is yet member of that church and loved by all. We often think of this, the impression come so forcibly and to think she was deprived of the joys no doubt the Lord put it in her heart, that while she had been cast off she might be comforted, this is some of the evidence that gives us courage to bear the many trials that comes our way. I was soon ordained by the presbytery of 23 Elders and 6 Deacons and called to the care of the church at Tulia, Texas, then Tahola, then Lakeview, Texas then Clovis, New Mexico and have spent the last 10 years on the plains near Plainview, Texas."

The remainder of the document was damaged beyond recognition, just the last sentence on the last page is readable: "May the Lord bless you and yours with every needed blessing. Your little Brother in hope. L. J. McCarty, Hart Texas, Oct 5, 1928."

ELDER TROY MCCARTY

PUBLISHED IN THE NOVEMBER 1981 EDITION OF THE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST: I am one of the sons of Elder Louis Jacob McCarty. I never cared much for the church until I was 16 years old.

However, I feel that, for some reason, the Lord had a hand in my life. Before I ever had a desire to join the church, I had hoped for a wife and for her to be a member of the Primitive Baptist church. In 1927, at the age of 17, I had a desire to join the church and was privileged to be baptized by my father. In 1928, I was blessed with the one I had hoped for, her name being Floy Maye Webb. We got engaged, and, on June 6, 1928, we were married by my father near Hart, Texas, and have been happy ever since. We had one child named Evelyn Marie and she has been a blessing to us since her birth on July 26, 1929.



I began to feel that the Lord was burdening me to preach His Word. I thought surely He wouldn't call one like me to preach, not having any education, so I began to rebel and run from the Lord for nearly seven years. But the more I ran, the more condemned I felt. For two years, my family and I moved from Colorado to Texas, to New Mexico. All the while, the burden became greater and greater. So, in 1942, I moved on to California. I visited McFarland Church. When I got there, I met several good brethren that had known my father. The first three brethren I met asked me if I was a minister and I said "no." But with this reply, each one said, "Well, you look like you should be one." That was the fourth Sunday in March 1943. I returned two Sundays later and made my first attempt at preaching. From that time on, I haven't looked back.

I was set aside to the full work of the ministry in February 1948, and was called to pastor the Sacramento Church two Sundays a month. I was there a year when an Elder Lewis Barrow moved to Sacramento near the church and placed his membership with them. So, I thought it best that I resign, after which they called him to serve.

The Bethel Church in Phoenix, Arizona, upon hearing of my resignation, called me to pastor there. I was there more than one and a half years and I felt the Lord was in the matter. I was privileged to baptize five and the in-gatherings were good.

In the fall of 1950, we returned to California near San Diego where I worked in Convair Aircraft for a short time and filled appointments twice a month in Holtville, California, and organized a little church there. I pastored the San Diego Church for one year and baptized four people.

In March 1955, we moved to Anaheim, California, where we were blessed to organize a church called Beulah Primitive Baptist Church, consisting of 22 members. They called me to serve as pastor from 1955 to 1959 and it was a joy and great experience to serve the Lord and His children.

Floy Maye and I moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where we had services two Sundays a month for 18 months. During this time, I was privileged to baptize Brother John Ireland. But due to bad health, we returned back to California in 1968, and I was called to serve the Beulah Church once again. We held services in various rented localities in and around Anaheim until May 1974. We started our building project and in June 1975, we were enjoying our new church.

NOTE: Elder Troy McCarty was born July 6, 1910, at Afton in Dickens County, Texas. He passed away on October 3, 1990, at Lindsay, California. His wife Floy Maye died November 7, 1996.

ELDER CULOUS PAUL MCCLAIN

I was born January 12, 1930. I joined the church at the Rich Mountain Association in August of 1950 and was baptized at Hubbard on September 3, 1950 by Elder Lonnie E. Horn.

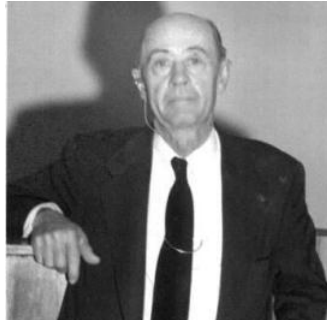
I married Maxine Clayton June 5, 1954. Elder Kelly Simmons performed the ceremony.

Sometime in 1959, Elder I.W. Thornton who was our pastor at the time began asking me to take part in the services. I was liberated on September 8, 1963 and ordained April 21, 1968 by Ebenezer Church at Hubbard.

I had an appointment once a month at Lawn for a year before I was ordained.

I have preached at Oglesby, Temple and Hubbard. I was pastor of the church on First Street in Austin for several years, pastor at Killeen Church for several years and have been serving as pastor at Union Church in Lamkin since 1989.

ELDER JIMMY L. MCCLELLAN



WRITTEN BY ELDER HARVEY D. FULMER FROM MATERIEL SUPPLIED BY SISTER WERTHA JO BOWEN, CLERK OF ENON CHURCH: Elder McClellan was born December 15, 1878 in Boyd County, Kentucky. He joined the Enon Primitive Baptist Church in August 1921. The first record of his preaching was in February 1925. On Saturday before the third Sunday in May 1925 the church

voted to call for his ordination, which was done August 21, 1927. The presbytery consisted of Elders W.A. Barham and J. M. Brown and deacons M.H. Anderson and J. N. Milton.

Brother McClellan served the church with Elder Barham until Elder Barham's death which occurred March 2, 1936 (after serving the church for over 60 years) then Brother McClellan served until his death which occurred in September 1966 at the age of 87; a span over 39 years.

He also served the Friendship Church in Scranton, Arkansas; Little Flock in Paris, Arkansas, Reveilee Church in Magazine, Arkansas, and many others.

Brother McClellan had a great gift. He was the first to ask me into the stand. He had a great sense of humor yet always treated the pulpit with great respect and dignity.

ELDER GARNER MCCONNICO

Elder McConnico was one of the twenty charter members of Big Harpeth Church in Franklin, TN, and became its first pastor, serving until his death on August 16, 1833. He was so important to the founding and early growth of the church that many historical references speak of the church as "McConnico Meeting House." Any history of the Big Harpeth Church would be totally incomplete without a full account of this unusually talented servant, who was instrumental in organizing the Cumberland Association of Churches, and participating in the constitution of many other early area churches. He was ordained to the ministry, apparently on the day of its constitution, and was called as its first pastor the same day.

Included in some of the records is the reference that Elder McConnico gave the original lot where the first church building was erected.

One of the famous stories from the early church, which is often related in the various writings of many people, tells of Elder McConnico preaching across the over-flooded Harpeth River near the present Third Avenue bridge to his congregation on the other side. An eye-witness who wrote of this occasion states, "he had an appointment to preach under some shade trees on the banks of Big Harpeth River, but there fell a heavy rain the night before, and when he reached the river, it was past fording; consequently, he could not join his congregation. He spoke to them, however, from the opposite bank, and told them if they would seat themselves and be quiet, they could hear what he had to say. This being done, he raised his voice a little above its usual pitch and preached a fine sermon, every word of which was distinctly heard on the other side, notwithstanding the distance and the dashing of the swollen stream against its banks. A brother preacher used to say, when speaking of him, "Brother McConnico has a voice like a trumpet."

Elder McConnico performed a wedding on March 21, 1821, at which Sam Houston was best man for the ceremony.

A memorial to Elder Garner McConnico was read and adopted by Big Harpeth Church "on Friday before the fourth Lord's Day in May 1845, Jesse Cox, Moderator, H.J. Walker, Clerk." This memorial gives a lengthy account of Elder McConnico's experience of grace and call to the ministry. It tells of his leaving Lunenburg County, Virginia with his young

wife, first coming to Davidson County and of his meeting with Elder John Dillahunt, a well-known early Baptist preacher, while searching for a stray horse. He soon became associated with the Baptists, meeting at the Richland Meeting House. In the fall of 1797, he moved to Williamson County where he spent the remainder of his life.

During the ministry of Elder McConnico, Big Harpeth Church grew in membership and influence; in 1829, the membership was said to have between three and four hundred on the church roll, with the May Meeting congregation often numbering into the thousands. Several churches were organized from this large membership as new congregations were being established. He served in the presbytery during 1804 when both Wilson Creek Church in Triune and Concord Church in Nolensville were organized, and was first pastor at Wilson Creek.

When David Benedict, the distinguished Baptist historian, visited the area in 1810, he wrote of McConnico as a "distinguished preacher in the midst of his labors and usefulness." One record at hand notes that Elder McConnico, on Sunday during the May Meeting in 1832, baptized thirty-six persons that morning. This was just a little over a year before his death, which occurred on August 17, 1833. He was buried in the Kinnard Family Cemetery in the Arno Community, where his grave can be seen today. A large portrait of this early pioneer preacher, painted by the famous painter Earl, who also painted Andrew Jackson and other famous statesmen, is now hanging in the lunchroom of Big Harpeth Church.

ELDER JAMES WESLEY MCCOOL



SUBMITTED BY TIM MCCOOL: James Wesley McCool was born December 18, 1885 in Pickens County, Alabama. He married Lizzie Geer and they were parents of 5 sons, Robert, Vernon, Dewey, Gilbert, Ule, and Albert. Sister Lizze McCool departed this life on

November 9, 1940. James Wesley McCool later married Lula Harris on March 9, 1941. Elder McCool was ordained to the full work of the gospel

ministry on November 19, 1922. The following elders met as a presbytery, Elders E.Z. McCool, O.F. Egger, J.M. Carver and O.G. Carver. Elder McCool served Mt. Zion and Harmony Churches, but primarily served Zion Church in Pickens County for over thirty years.

Elder McCool died at his home in Zion Community, Alabama, on October 14, 1957. Elder McCool's son, Ule (now deceased), was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry and served Zion for a while. Another son, Gilbert (now deceased), was a member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Steens, MS. His daughter-in-law Gladys (Crowley) McCool, the wife of Dewey, and granddaughter Lorene (McCool) Young, daughter of Gladys and Dewey, are current members of Zion Primitive Baptist Church. Elder McCool's great grandson Tim McCool (grandson of Dewey and Gladys McCool) and his wife, Tracie, currently live in the house built by Elder McCool in 1918, and are members of Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Echola, Alabama.

ELDER J. A. MCCORMICK

I was born May 1, 1929 to J.E. & Avis Alderman-McCormick. I joined Bethlehem Church on July 18, 1964, baptised on July 19, 1964, and ordained into the ministry on January 16, 1971. I was called to serve as pastor of Bethlehem P. B. Church on October 20, 1973. I have also served as pastor of the following churches: Little Rock P. B. Church in Lamont, FL - six years; Little Springs P. B. Church in Worthington Springs, FL - twelve years; and New Prospect P. B. Church, near Patterson, GA - seven years.

ELDER W. J. MCCORMACK

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: Elder McCormack joined Sardis Church of the Five Mile Creek Association in 1880. He was ordained June 10, 1882, and in 1884, he was called to pastor Liberty Church. He joined Liberty the same year.

In 1893, Elder McCormack came into the Mount Zion Association with Liberty Church and for several years, was moderator of the association.

We do not have the date of his death, but his name is not listed with the ordained Elders after 1929.

ELDER J. E. MCCORMICK

Elder McCormick was born December 3, 1900 to John D. and Lue Vernie Rowell-McCormick. He started preaching on June 15, 1918 with the Missionary Baptists. He then united with the Primitive Baptists on June 4, 1932 in which he was called on to preach that day. He was ordained and called to serve Long Pond Church on October 9, 1937. He served as pastor of four different churches. He was the pastor of Sharon P. B. Church in Jacksonville, FL. In 1991 he gave up the pastorship of Sharon Church, but the church didn't give him up until his last sermon on December 12, 1992, for he was called to rest on December 20, 1992.

ELDER D. G. MCCOWEN

FROM "THE GOSPEL MESSENGER:" Elder D. G. McCowen was born May 2, 1831, died January 21, 1910. He was born in Morgan County, Georgia, and moved with his parents in his seventeenth year to Monroe County, Georgia, where he lived the balance of his life. He married Miss I. E. Fletcher of Sumter County, Georgia, in 1858, and to them eight children were born.

He was not a strong man physically, but a very prudent man. He was attacked with a severe cold about the 24th of last December, which confined him to his bed, when a complication of troubles set in, and all that skilled physicians and the best nursing could do could not stay the hand of death. He was aware he was nearing the end, and told his family that he would not get well, and gave directions about all his temporal affairs, how he should like to be put away, who he wanted to preach his funeral, and where, all of which was carried out

ELDER GAYLE MCCOY

I was born on April 24, 1932 to Cecil and Leone McCoy, in Lamb County Texas.



My grandparents, Brother and Sister Walter McCoy, and my dad, Brother Cecil McCoy, were charter members of Anton Primitive Baptist Church. I joined at the age of 17 years old with Elder Willie Fox's preaching. My precious Pastor Elder Hard Richards baptized me.

It pleased my Precious Lord to lay the burden of preaching of the Gospel on me at the age of 35 years and the Brethren of Levelland, Texas called for my ordination, November 15, 1970. I have never felt worthy of the blessings my Lord has given me. Thanks to God for Sister Lillie, my wife of 47 years; our four precious children; seven grandchildren with one in Heaven precious to us. I have been blessed to pastor Andrews, Plainview and Levelland Churches during the span of 30 years. I am presently Pastor of Levelland. I hold services there every Sunday.

ELDER H. R. MCCOY

I was the third child and second son of Jefferson and Elizabeth McCoy. I was born in Henry County, Ga., January 28, 1828. Eventually my father moved to the Creek Indian Nation, in Chambers County, Ala. in about 1832, and three years thereafter to Tallapoosa County, then the heart of the Indian Nation. In the spring of 1836, we were compelled to go east, or in the ordinary language, "to run away from the Indians." On the east bank of the Chattahoochee River we stopped at Green's old ferry in consequence of a false alarm one day of the near approach of the Indians. I well remember the terrible panic and frightened stampede that then took place.

In my nineteenth year, I heard the beloved and now lamented Elder John M. Pearson preach, and from the talk and teaching of my mother, I had a profound reverence for Christian people and their worship, and often thought that I would turn and be a Christian some day. I was

frequently weeping bitterly over my wretched condition, and determined to be a Christian, which I then thought, or had thought, I could accomplish. I laid aside my fiddling, at which, up to this time, I had been somewhat of an expert. I girded on the armor of Saul and went forth to battle, and in a month or two, thought I had won the victory. But about that time I entered a conflict in which my sword was broken and my



resolves all defeated. For fourteen months I went on, but the voice of my mother and the words of Elder Pearson followed me and added greatly to my condemnation and misery. In September 1848, I heard Elder F. Calaway preach, drawing the same line, and again I saw and felt myself to be on the wrong side. I then, for the first time, thought of asking the Lord's help to change my course. Now, when I saw that I was helpless and dependent, my condition was intolerable. I wandered about for some time in the darkness of despair, feeling that I was without a friend in heaven or earth. When despair had seized the very vitals of thought, and while the sentence of "Just and righteous are thy judgments, O God," was upon my tongue, I humbly hope that the spirit of the Lord God did apply the truth of his word to my understanding and gave me a good hope in Jesus as my Saviour. I leaped and shouted aloud and longed for wings to reach the cloud.

I soon united with the Missionary Baptists but not being satisfied, I joined the Primitive Baptists seven years thereafter, at Concord, and was baptized by Elder J. G. Edom In May, 1858, I was set apart by ordination to the work of the gospel ministry in which for some time I had been previously exercising. Elders Moses Gunn, John M. Duke and V. D. Whatley officiated as presbytery in my ordination.

I entered the Confederate service January 1862, and was elected captain of the company with which I went, and on the organization of the regiment I was elected major of the 34th Alabama. After the close of the war in 1865, I was elected to the Legislature from Tallapoosa County, and served in that capacity in 1865 and '66. During the session of 1866 what is known as the "Shannon Bilk" became a law of the United States, and I was thereby disfranchised; but after six years, in 1872, my political disabilities were removed by an act of Congress, and I was elected to the

Legislature of Alabama from Chambers County, to which I had moved during my disfranchisement.

In 1876 I moved to Denton County, Texas, and there remained during the years 1877 and '78, till Brethren and friends kindly furnished the means to pay my way back to Alabama, and as a result I am now here.

I have ever loved independent thought, religiously and politically, though for some time I preached what I heard others preach, but years ago I began to react and think for myself, and preached the gospel to every creature, believing that the law of God looked at the duty of every man, and not to his ability. For this course, I have suffered many hard thoughts and things from my brethren. May the Lord save his church from error.

NOTE: Elder Henry McCoy passed from this life on March 15, 1886.

ELDER DUNCAN MCCRANIE

FROM "GOODWILL" APRIL 1944: I was born according to the family record on February 7, 1877. My parents were poor but honorable.

One afternoon about fifty-four years ago there came a feeling over me that I had never had before. I saw myself a lost and ruined sinner and began to cry and beg for mercy.

For four years I felt worse all the time but continued to try to beg God for mercy. I finally came to what I thought to be the end and as I left the room where mother and dad were I felt that I would never see them again; that I was bound for endless torment, but I wanted to try to pray one more time. Then after trying as best I could to pray something took place at this time that gives this old sinner comfort along life's pathway. It seems that I was traveling in darkness that could be felt as well as seen when I saw a light about like a star. My thoughts were to go to this light but instead of going I was carried into a beautiful place and there my burden left me. When I came to myself I was singing that precious old song, "Amazing Grace."

I felt that I should join the church but felt too unworthy, I also felt the impression to tell of the goodness of God to His children. I felt that I

was not able to do that and I put off my duty of joining the church for quite a while, but I finally agreed to risk it all with the Lord and His people. After being baptized, I felt relieved for a while, but later the burden of preaching came back stronger than ever. I asked God for this evidence: If it was ever mentioned in the church, that it would be put to rising vote and that everyone would stand up. This was the case and I was afraid to refuse any farther, so my first effort to speak in public was in July 1920.

I was licensed in June 1921, was ordained in October 1922. The following Elders were in the ordination service: Elders A. A. Knight, H.W. Parrish, J.T. Strawder and W.H. Tomlinson. I have been continually trying to serve God and His people since that day.

NOTE: Elder Duncan McCranie lived to be 92 years old and was blessed to preach until the time of his death. He passed away in December 1969. Brother McCranie was a member of Cat Creek Church near Valdosta, Ga. His memory is still fresh and warm in the hearts of the Old Baptists in South Georgia, for he was a lovely and faithful servant in the kingdom of God.

ELDER J. D. MCCULLAR

WRITTEN BY HIS DAUGHTER, MRS. DELLA MORRIS: Elder McCullar was born in Jackson County, Florida September 3, 1857 and married on October 7, 1926. He came to Texas with his parents in 1877, was married to Miss Mattie Bartee on February 23, 1882. To this happy union were born eleven children, six boys and five girls, five of whom died in infancy. Papa received a hope in Jesus and joined Salem Church, Houston County in August 1892. In April 1899, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry.

ELDER E. D. MCCUTCHEON

Elwyn D. McCutcheon was born Sept. 14, 1912, in Padin, Ms., the son of Samuel Powell and Cailie Gipson McCutcheon

He married Hattye White of Wynne Ark. July 21, 1940. In Sept. 1941 a daughter was born. Also in April 1941 received appointment as a substitute Railway Postal Clerk assigned to the Memphis District.



On June 18, 1944 he united with Morris Memorial Church in Memphis, by profession of faith and baptism. His companion, Hattye, united with Morris Memorial by confession and baptism Aug. 18, 1946. Shortly after that he was called upon to open services at Morris Memorial. He felt the call to the ministry, but because of the low seniority he had in the Postal Service, he was scheduled to work many Sundays. This conflict caused him to resign from the Postal Service in Jan. of 1948 and move to Booneville, Ms.

He and his wife moved their membership by letter to New Hope church, near Booneville, Ms. March 27, 1948. He was ordained to the ministry on the 4th Sunday in June of that year.

Bethel Church at Bruce, Ms. had been organized in 1947 and early in 1948 Elder McCutcheon was given a regular appointment there. He was called as pastor of Bethel, Sept. 3, 1948 where he served eight years, one Sunday and Sunday night each month.

In October 1949, Laodicea Church, Lafayette Springs, Ms. called him as pastor on 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before. He is the present pastor in the 41st year of continuous service.

Providence Church, Michie, TN called Elder McCutcheon as pastor Nov. 13, 1949. He served one Sunday and Sunday night monthly for 26 years except for a brief time that he was hindered from coming.

Greenfield Church, Greenfield, TN called Elder McCutcheon as pastor in 1951. He served there 10 years, one Sunday and Sunday night in each month.

Greenwood, Ms. Primitive Baptist Church was organized Nov. 30, 1952. Elder McCutcheon preached the first sermon ever preached by a Primitive Baptist preacher in Greenwood in early 1950 in the city hall.

Elder W. C. Moak preached one Sunday each month there until the organization of the church. Elder McCutcheon was called to pastor the church one Sunday and Sunday night, Nov. 22, 1966. He resigned 12/1/1974 to devote 3 Sundays to Bethany Church, which desired to go to full-time services.

He had been called to pastor Bethany Church, Pontotoc, MS beginning in October 1971. He served there nine years.

Before leaving Greenwood, Sister Clovis Smith and Sister Mary Elizabeth Conner wanted to start a newsletter. This they did and it has survived to this date as *Glad Tidings*, published and mailed monthly by Elder McCutcheon.

After the death of Elder J. M. Bullard, who served Hopewell Church near Randolph, Ms. for 40 years, Elder McCutcheon began to try to help them. After he resigned at Bethany, he accepted the care of Hopewell and continued there until Lafayette Springs decided to have services every Sunday.

Elder McCutcheon has been devoted to improving the singing in Primitive Baptist Churches since he became a member. Elder Jerald Williams taking a lesson from the regional singing schools in Texas, started Harmony Valley Singing School in 1970 at Salem Church, Natchez, MS. Elder McCutcheon helped teach for the years that the school was in Natchez, and when it was no longer feasible to have the school there, Elder McCutcheon and Bethany Church decided to have it in Pontotoc County.

Elder McCutcheon has written a number of articles and has had three works published. THE DOCTRINE OF SOVEREIGN GRACE, "THIS WE BELIEVE—Primitive Baptist Beliefs And Practices," and "FROM SONSHIP TO DISCIPLESHIP."

UPDATE TO THE ABOVE - NOVEMBER 1999: Elder McCutcheon is still serving Laodicea Church, every Sunday. The church has just celebrated 50 years with him as pastor and called him for another year. His health is very good, considering his age. He still is able to drive and hold meetings in other churches and thanks the Lord every day for the blessings he has experienced with the Primitive Baptists.

ELDER MIDDLETON J. MCDONALD

SUBMITTED BY GAYLON POWELL: Elder McDonald was born about 1814. He was baptized at Sardis Church, Bibb County, Georgia, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May 1847, and was baptized by Elder Stephen Castillo. He was ordained to the ministry at Sardis Church by Elders Stephen Castillo, Washington C. Cleveland, and James Murray, on May 24, 1854.

ELDER C. R. MCDUFFIE

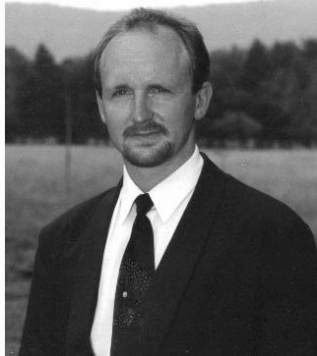
WRITTEN FOR GRACE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH BY ELDER J. A. ROWELL, JR: It is with a touch of human sadness that the Primitive Baptist Church has lost a faithful and ardent supporter of the doctrine of sovereign grace in the person of Elder C.R. "Pete" McDuffie at the age of 79.

Elder McDuffie came to the Primitive Baptists late in life, having preached for many years for another people. We are told that he preached the doctrine of the Father a number of years prior to his coming home.

He was a strong defender of and advocated continuance in the doctrine and practice of the apostolic church. Most of his ministry was spent in south Texas but he spent several years in Tennessee and was the pastor at Rutherford and had appointments at other churches there as well. His love for those Old Baptists never waned. He moved back to Texas and placed his membership at Grace Church. He filled appointments each Sunday there and at other churches until his failing health caused him to terminate his appointments. The last two years and some months of his life were spent in a nursing home at Tomball, Texas. About a year ago some members of Grace Church visited him and sang. On this occasion, on his bed, under oxygen, he preached to us some of the things he loved. He never surrendered his love for the Lord or His church and finally had a great longing to leave this world to be freed from the shackles of sin and have his spirit wafted home.

ELDER CLIFTON LYNN MCGINNESS

Elder McGinness was born on August 30, 1970 in Huntsville, Alabama. His parents are Darrell Lynn McGinness (natural father), Janice Woodley McGinness Doyle (mother), Jesse Arnol Doyle (stepfather). He



married the former Donna Snipes on August 5, 1989 at Hurricane Primitive Baptist Church in the Flint River Association (AL) with ceremony performed by Elder Ralph Moyers. To this union two daughters were born: Kirsten Leigh and Krysta Irene.

He joined Hurricane Church in the Flint River Association (AL) on May 29, 1994 at a fifth Sunday meeting being held at Briarfork Church and was baptized the same day by Elder Ralph Moyers with baptism being held at Flint River Church (note: all three of these churches make up the Flint River Association).

He made his first effort to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the second Sunday in November 1995 at Hurricane Primitive Baptist Church. After moving his family to Woodville, Alabama, he moved his membership by letter to Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in the Mud Creek Association of Alabama.

He was ordained the full work of the Gospel Ministry on July 26, 1998 at Bethel Church with Elder Leon Etheredge preaching the charge; Elder Owen Hunt questioned the candidate, and Elder David Guttery said the ordination prayer. Others included were Elder Eddy Flick who questioned the Church Spokesman (Brother Lavon Siniard, deacon at Bethel), Elder Darryl Chambers who served as clerk and Elders Gene Thomas, Ricky Siniard, K. L. Hall, Marlin L. Wilkinson, and Howard McNelly, along with a host of deacons from several sister churches who made up the presbytery.

At present he serves Hurricane Springs Church in Anderson, Alabama. He also shares the duty of ministering the gospel along with Elders Ricky Siniard and George Denmark at Bethel Church in the Mud Creek Association (AL) where Elder Leon Etheredge is the pastor.

NOTE: Elder McGinness is the great-great grandson of Elder Francis M. Woodley.

ELDER WARREN GARNSEY MCGOUGH



WRITTEN BY HIS DAUGHTER, (SISTER) JIMMIE GILMORE: Elder McGough of Jasper, Alabama was born on June 19, 1921. He was ordained to the ministry in 1954. He served several churches in Tennessee and Alabama for years until his health failed. He is presently the pastor of Old Flatwoods-Liberty Grove in Alabama. This church was constituted in 1845.

Elder McGough and his wife Ethel were married on October 22, 1938 and are the parents of three daughters.

ELDER HAMMOND L. "ROY" MCINTYRE

WRITTEN BY ELDER DWAYNE FLETCHER: Elder Roy McIntyre (60) was born Sept. 19, 1934 in Marshall, Virginia, the son of the late Hammond Luck and Meta Pearle Ash McIntyre. The Lord called him from this life on April 3, 1995.

Brother Roy grew up in Front Royal and was a veteran of the United States Navy. He married Gracie on Oct. 31, 1959. He joined Happy Creek Primitive Baptist Church on July 25, 1970. Soon after that Brother Roy was liberated to speak and spent the last 25 years of his life in service to the churches in northern Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, most of that time as an ordained Elder. At the time of his passing, he was a member and the very able pastor of Goose Creek Church in Markham, VA. He was a roofing contractor and sheet metal craftsman by trade. Forced to retire by a serious heart attack several years ago, he spent much of his time visiting the sick and shut-in.

ELDER CLAUDE MCKEE

FROM "HISTORY OF MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION" BY JOANN THOMAS ELKIN: Claude McKee, son of Van B. and Lucille Fulmer McKee, was born February 26, 1944 in Pell City, Alabama. His wife, Barbara, was born near Gadsden, Alabama, the daughter of B. F. Rogers, Sr. and Eddle Rogers.

Claude and Barbara joined Beulah Primitive Baptist Church, Leeds, Alabama, in the Wetumpka Association, and were baptized the third weekend in June 1978. In 1985, they moved their membership to Flint Church, located near Huntsville, Alabama. A year later, they transferred their membership to Bethel Church, and are currently members there.

Claude works in the Computer industry and was transferred to Mableton, Georgia in 1988. He and his family attended Collins Spring Church near Smyrna, Georgia; the church later called for his ordination in order that they could call him as their pastor. His home church, Bethel, called a presbytery for his ordination on the fourth Sunday in March 1990.

Claude has one son, Brett, and two stepsons, Jackie and Dennis. His father, Van B. McKee, was an Elder and pastor of Flint Church, Flint River Association.

ELDER JAMES MCLAMB



Elder McLamb was born May 14, 1926, in the Calabash area, Brunswick County, North Carolina, where he lived out his life. He passed away on March 8, 1990. He was married to Sister Evolulu Anderson McLamb.

Brother James united with Bethel Church, Shallotte, NC, March 25, 1944. He was ordained to the ministry May 29, 1976. He preached at Bethel Church regularly, serving as pastor at one time. He was highly respected in the Bear Creek Association and visited among the sister churches in the association as long as his health permitted. Brother James loved his dear Lord, ever giving Him praise,

honor and glory for the great things the Lord had done for him. He loved and proclaimed the doctrine of salvation by the sovereign grace of God.

ELDER W. B. MCMILLAN

Elder McMillan served Harmony Church at Mena, Arkansas, from the time of its organization until his death; and New Prospect Church twenty years. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1885 and was ordained to the work of the ministry October 6, 1901. The presbytery was composed of Elders H. Ellison, T. J. Bates, C. A. Abernathy, G. W. Vandiver and B. M. Green. He passed to the great beyond July 19, 1938.

ELDER ASA CLEMONT MCMILLON

Elder Asa Clemont McMillon was born March 19, 1918 in Alabama and passed away February 16, 1963. He was baptized into the Lawn Texas Church. He married Elzddie Philpott in 1896. Elder McMillon started preaching in the early 1900's and preached 50 years in the Texas area.

ELDER HENRY CLAY MCMILLON

FROM A DEATH NOTICE BY HIS DAUGHTER, RUTH, AS PRINTED IN THE PRIMITIVE MONITOR: Elder McMillon was born March 20, 1900, in Clarke County, Tenn. He was the son of Anderson and Rhoda McMillon of Cosby, Tenn. At the age of seventeen, he married Martha Williamson, and they made their home on a farm at Cosby. There they had a family of six sons and five daughters.

He was baptized on June 12, 1932 by Elder R. A. Perryman. On July 17, 1934, he was licensed to speak and on March 17, 1935, ordained to the gospel ministry. He was a friend to anyone who needed a friend, regardless of faith, race or color. During his ministry he served eight different churches in Tennessee and North and South Carolina.

On March 39, 1960, he had a severe heart attack. The doctors told the family that they had done all they could do, and they did not think he

would live. So, the family was called together, and prayed with all their hearts that he would be spared, because they all needed him so much. God granted their prayers and he lived four more precious years, in which he made every minute count.

In November 1964, Elder McMillon had gone back to Cosby to visit some of his childhood friends and neighbors. He had attended a little church called Graver's Chapel that night and had spoken a few words to the congregation. He had a friend take him to the home where he was staying so that he could take his medicine. He got the medicine and put it under his tongue and then lay down. He got two good breaths and went to sleep to awake no more.

ELDER W. C. MCMILLON

FROM AN OBITUARY IN THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST, WRITTEN BY ELDER W. L. JOHNSON: Elder Walter Conrad McMillon died at the home of his sister, Mrs. I. L. Caughron, near High Point, N. C., at 6 p.m. on November 23, 1955.

Brother McMillon lived in eastern Tennessee for several years and served several churches in that country. After the death of his wife, about 13 years ago, he moved back to the Piedmont section of North Carolina and was a member of Sandy Creek Church at the time of his death.

Although he did not serve any church after coming back to North Carolina, he visited different churches every Sunday as long as he was able and was highly respected among the Primitive Baptists in this part of the country. He was sound in doctrine and practice. He was a very sweet and tender preacher and also a wonderful teacher and preached a full scripture.

Brother McMillon, being afflicted and not able to work, had a rather hard life the last few years, but was strong in faith and hope and was very appreciative of the kindness of his dear sister's family and what the brethren and sisters of the church did for him.

ELDER CARMAN ALLEN MCMINN



Elder McMinn of Milan, TN was born July 12, 1916 and died June 1, 1990. His parents were Dallas and Villa Phillips McMinn. Carman left home at age 16 when his mother died. He hitchhiked through 44 states working at everything from dish washing in a restaurant in Chicago to gold mining in Colorado. He led a very rough life up until the time the Lord dealt with him. He was in a tavern drinking himself drunk when the Lord spoke to him. Afterward, he joined West Plains P.B. Church near Milan, TN, September 1947. This was the church where his mother had belonged. He was ordained to the ministry December 30, 1951. The elders in the presbytery were B.D. Bryant, T.L. Webb, Jr., T.L. Webb, Sr., J.D. Holder, J.M. Bullard, J.R. White, and Thomas Tolley. As was the custom in those days, he pastored four churches at the time, serving each of them one Sunday per month. The three churches he served the longest were West Plains Church, where he was assistant pastor over 30 years, serving together with Elder B.D. Bryant; Buffalo Church near Waverly, TN, which he pastored over 25 years; and Hollow Rock Church near Bruceton, TN, which he served for over 20 years. He was married to Ludie Elizabeth Woods McMinn for 50 years. They had four children, Jerry McMinn, Villa Pendergrass, Ann Jones, and Shirley Wemimont.

ELDER JERRY MCMINN

Elder McMinn was born Nov. 25, 1940, to Carman and Elizabeth Woods McMinn. He cannot remember when he did not love righteousness, and thoughts of God were precious to him at a very early age. He wanted to join the church at age 10 but was discouraged as there were few young members in those days. He was baptized by Elder B.D. Bryant in July of 1959 into the membership of Hollow Rock Church, where his father was pastor. He felt



his call to the ministry was his strongest spiritual impression. When baptized he went into the water with one burden and came out with that of the ministry. He exercised about three years before he was ordained November 13, 1966, at Memphis (later called Frayser) Primitive Baptist Church, Memphis, TN. Elders Charles Walker and Hassell Wallis were the ministers in the presbytery. Immediately following the ordination, he baptized three people. The first was Sister Adele Spencer, age 14. Later he officiated at her wedding to Danny Ferrell, now also an elder. Elder McMinn has served churches in Tennessee, Arkansas, Ohio, and Mississippi. About half of his ministry, he has been fully supported by the churches. His longest times of service have been at Memphis/Frayser Church and Pine Hill Church near Ripley, MS. He was first married to Sister Nancy Lee Rower on January 1, 1971. To this union were born two children, Sarah and Phillip. Sister Nancy died of cancer after 12 years of marriage. She was a very loving mother and a good wife. After being widowed for 5 years, Elder McMinn married Sister Vicky Jane Qualls on June 11, 1988. She is a daughter of Elder Melvin and Sister Ina Qualls. Sister Vicky has been a wonderful companion and a special mother to the children. Elder Jerry now serves as co-pastor with his father-in-law, Elder Qualls, at Goshen Church near Linden, TN. The greatest changes he has seen in his ministry are most churches meeting each Sunday instead of monthly, more financial support to the ministry, and a lessening of the warfare among our churches. He attended several colleges and received B.S. and M.A. degrees from Memphis State University. When "making tents," he labors at adult education or social work.

ELDER G. C. MCNEIL

FROM AN OBITUARY IN THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST, WRITTEN BY ELDER GRADY MCWHIRTER, AND A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT: Elder Guy C. McNeil was born March 22, 1878 at Saltillo, Lee County, Miss., and passed away on March 10, 1956, while visiting his son in California.

Elder McNeil was a much-loved and highly esteemed minister. He united with Beulah Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in August 1916; and was ordained to the full work of the ministry on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October 1920. He served as clerk of the Original Tombigbee Association for many years and was always faithful to his churches and to the cause until his death.

We are thankful for his devoted and faithful life. He was a wonderful person, a safe and sound servant of God. We could always feel assured that when he would speak he would have the authority of the scriptures backing him up.

ELDER HOWARD MCNELLEY

SUBMITTED BY MRS. PHILLIP ALLEN: Elder McNelley was born January 18, 1921 in Murphreesboro, Tennessee. He was married October 5, 1939 to Ella Beatrice Stephens, who was a true helpmate, defending the faith and teaching right from wrong. He was baptized in 1943 at Bethel Church in Nashville.



While in the Navy during World War II, while he was standing watch, he felt the Lord come to him in a special way. He made his first effort to speak in God's name at Richland Church, Nashville, in the early 1950's, and was ordained March 22, 1959 at Flint River Church, Huntsville, Ala. He served with great joy as pastor of Briar Fork Church (north of Huntsville and of the Flint River Association) from the early 1960's until his death. He also served Poplar Springs Church, Winfield, Ala. (Tombigbee Assoc.) from the 1970's until the early '90's.

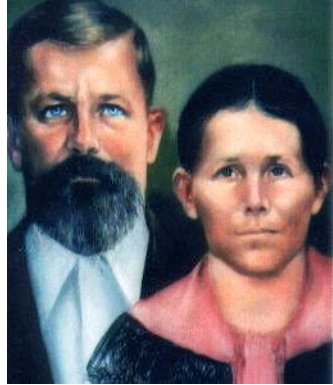
Elder McNelley died February 14, 1999, while preaching at Elgins Crossroad Church in Alabama.

ELDER ANDREW JACKSON MCWHIRTER

WRITTEN BY HIS GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, ANITA S. BOYD: Andrew Jackson McWhirter was born June 23, 1843 to Sarah Harper and Andrew Ferrier McWhirter who emigrated from Warren County, Tennessee to Walker County, Alabama in 1843.

In 1867, Andrew Jackson McWhirter married Nancy Jane Whitehead, daughter of Archibald Whitehead, Jr. and Martha Jane Anthony Whitehead. They were the parents of five sons and five daughters.

He was ordained to the ministry by Old Poplar Springs Church, Rock City, Alabama, April 1887. He served as pastor of Old Poplar Springs,



Old Union, New River, and Forks of Buttahatchie. One granddaughter, Ada Elizabeth McWhirter Smith, recalled traveling to church in a buggy with her grandfather as a preschool age child. A torrential rain in the hills of Marion County, Alabama had the creeks and streams overflowing. Elder McWhirter raised the seat of the buggy to keep the child dry as the horses swam the rain swollen creek pulling the buggy with the minister and small child across to safety. Swift, raging waters flowed over

the back of the horses and into the buggy but the calm assuring voice of the grandfather left the small child with utmost confidence and an experience that would last a lifetime.

In addition to being a minister, he was a farmer, blacksmith, and owned a cotton gin, which he built on the property near his home at Rock City, Alabama. He served as county commissioner. His first home in the Rock City community had one room, about 20 x 20 made of logs. It is thought he homesteaded that property. He later added rooms and his home was known for warm spiritual hospitality for family, visiting ministers, church members, and members of the community.

In 1889, he was called as pastor of New Hope Church, Hatley, (Monroe County) Mississippi which he served on and off for 20 years. In 1916, Andrew Jackson McWhirter and his wife returned to Eagleville, Tennessee where he pastored the Eagleville Church. In 1918, a series of strokes hindered his speech but he continued to serve as pastor. He died February 28, 1922.

ELDER BOBBY MCWHIRTER

Elder McWhirter is the faithful pastor of Hampton (Ark.) Church, of the South Arkansas Association, where he has served since about 1993. The labors of this dear and humble brother are appreciated among the churches of the area. Elder McWhirter lives in Hampton, Arkansas.

ELDER GRADY JACKSON MCWHIRTER



Alabama.

Elder Grady Jackson McWhirter was born October 31, 1906, the son of George Franklin and Mary Harbin McWhirter of Marion County, Alabama and the grandson of Elder Andrew Jackson McWhirter and Nancy Whitehead McWhirter. His early childhood was surrounded with a family deeply engaged in attending the Primitive Baptist Church and having many ministers and churches members in their home. His father was a deacon of Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist at Rock City,

In 1924, he married Miss Florence Roby of Marion County, Alabama. Both were 17 years of age. She joined the church and was baptized the same day as he and lived her entire life assisting him in every way possible. She was truly one of the most precious helpers any minister could have. She served as a constant teacher of younger women "to love your husband." She frequently cautioned young women to avoid making careless statements about their husbands.

Elder McWhirter related his early experience in the church, stating, "I was thoroughly satisfied in the church, a silent listener in the congregation from time to time until 1934, when I became burdened with the Word of the Lord to some degree." From 1929 to 1934, he and his wife were tragically left childless on two occasions. He frequently told of these

experiences and the difference of bearing the burdens of life in obedience to the will of God.

In 1936, he made his first effort to speak to the church. In April 1937, Poplar Springs Church ordained him to the ministry and called him as pastor. He served this church as pastor for the remainder of his life, a total of 51 years. Additionally, he served as pastor for Enon Church in Itawamba County, Mississippi, Sulphur Springs Church at Caledonia, Mississippi, and New Hope Church at Hatley, Mississippi. For many years, he was a local distributor of Watkins products, which provided an opportunity for meeting many citizens who knew little about the Primitive Baptist Church. It was through this work that many visited and eventually joined the churches he served.

Elder McWhirter was deeply impressed and convicted with the pastor/teacher responsibility. He and Sister McWhirter cheerfully visited frequently overnight in members and nonmembers homes. Elder McWhirter frequently visited in young minister's homes to help them in their ministerial efforts. He reminded congregations, "Don't you hang your head and give the impression that you are ashamed to be a Primitive Baptist... It is the greatest institution on Earth. It is God's Church!" This counsel was encouragement for the youth.

Elder McWhirter died August 31, 1988.

ELDER ARTIS MCWHORTER

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: Elder McWhorter joined Rocky Mount Church in 1968. He was licensed to preach in 1970 and was ordained the fifth Sunday in December 1972. In 1973, he was called to pastor Rocky Mount and Shiloh Churches. On September 21, 1974, Elder McWhorter's tenure as a minister was cut short by a tragic accident that took his life from the earth.

Elder Artis McWhorter was loved by all who knew him.

ELDER P. J. MEADOR

FROM AN OBITUARY IN THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST: Elder Meador was born January 3, 1893 and passed away October 26, 1955, at his home near Decatur, Mississippi. He was the son of Elder Frank and Mary Jane Meador. He and his wife united with Macedonia Church and later moved their membership to Fellowship Church, where his membership remained until his death. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry July 10, 1937, and was called by Fellowship Church as pastor the first Sunday in November 1940. He served as long as his health permitted.

He was confined to bed a long time and bore his suffering with much patience. To know him was to love him. The funeral services for Elder Meador were conducted at Fellowship Church by Elders W. T. Tolbert, G. W. Banks and Stanley Wade.

ELDER JOHN S. MEADS

FROM "THE GOSPEL MESSENGER" WRITTEN BY ELDER CHARLES MEADS: He was the son of Elder Stanton Meads, and Catharine, and was born July 26, 1847. He was first married to Miss Mary Delon, March 19, 1873. To this union seven children were born. After her death he married Miss Lydia M. Brinson, October 2, 1893. To this union eleven children were born.

He was a farmer, and started in life with no means, but was very industrious, and a hard worker. He accumulated a small estate, so that his wife and children are ordinarily provided for. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Flatty Creek, N. C., on Sunday morning, at the water, September 27, 1868, and was baptized by Elder John D. Wicker. He was chosen Deacon May 27, 1876, and was ordained July 23 in the same year by a presbytery composed of Elders Stanton Mead, J. D. Wicker, and myself. He was licensed to exercise in public May 23, 1885, and was ordained to the full functions of the ministry February 24, 1907, by a presbytery, composed of Elders John A. Shaw and Charles Meads. He did not go from home but very little; he visited the Unions occasionally when he could; his circumstances were such that he could not leave home very much.

Brother John was a great sufferer at times for many years in the latter part of his life--with a head trouble; the cause was, perhaps, a severe blow he received several years ago from a falling tree. His health began to give way in September 1910, and continued to get worse until some time in December, when he was confined to the bed and called the doctor to see him. He gradually grew weaker, until the end came, which was the 12th day of February 1911.

ELDER DOUG MEEKS

I was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky in 1956 and felt an interest and love for God from an early age. In later years, after feeling a strong conviction of sin, I united with a missionary Baptist church. I attended a missionary Baptist college in Lexington, Kentucky, where I met and married Piper Troxell. During my time at the missionary institution, I became convinced of the doctrines of Grace, and became acquainted with the Primitive Baptists. The truth of salvation in the finished work of Christ, without means or conditions of men found a lodging place in my heart. Having been led by the Spirit of God to know the truth, I united in 1980 with the Lexington Primitive Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky, being baptized by Elder Paul Trautner. Over the years I have continued to find rest for my soul in the precious Gospel of Christ. My wife united with the Primitive Baptists about 10 years after me. By the Grace of God, she also came to deny the religions of men and to embrace the true report of a victorious Christ. Our three children have united with the gospel church, the pillar and ground of the truth, for which we are thankful. I was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1997 and currently pastor the Fort Wayne Primitive Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Though beset many times by sin and failures, I realize the working of God in ways beyond human understanding, leading in paths of truth. My desire is to continue in the Lord's service, giving all diligence to be a vessel of honor and glory to God.

ELDER SHADRICK MEEKS

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE UPATOIE ASSOCIATION,
CONVENED WITH MOUNT ZION CHURCH, MACON COUNTY,
GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 1858 AND SUBMITTED BY GAYLON POWELL:

Whereas, in the Providence of God, it has been pleasing in His sight, to remove, by the hand of death, our much beloved brother, Shadrick Meeks; since our last session; and while we bow in humble submission to His divine will, yet we deem it our duty, as an evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by us, to offer the following tribute of respect due his memory. Brother Meeks for the two or three last years, he seemed to be useful in the ministry.

ELDER R. C. MERRELL

WRITTEN BY ELDER LEE HANKS: I have just received a telegram from Carrolton, Ga., stating that Eld. R. C. Merrell passed away Sunday, Oct. 21, 67 years old. This was indeed sad news to me. I was pastor of Elder Merrell's church for a number of years and he was their efficient deacon. He was one of the best and most faithful deacons I ever knew. He was greatly gifted in prayer and exhortation. He did good preaching for quite a time before he would submit to be licensed to preach. Three years ago, last summer, he and the church requested me to come as a member of the presbytery to officiate in his ordination. The presbytery was composed of Elders Prather, Spears and myself. He was orthodox and orderly in faith and practice and fully possessed the qualifications of a gospel minister. He was loved and highly esteemed by all that knew him and of a good report of them that are without. His daily walk was loud preaching. Oh, that all of our ministers would emulate his godly exemplary life. He was firm and sound on all phases of the doctrine and practice, but kind and gentle.

He was faithful when a deacon. Once, at his association, there was a preacher who thought he was smart. He started out preaching universalism. Brother Merrell arose and made him take his seat saying that universalism, no-hell, etc., could not be preached in our pulpits. If all of our deacons were that faithful, we would have peace among our people.

ELDER PERRY H. MIERS

FROM THE HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION, PUBLISHED IN 1988: I was born February 8, 1939, and united with Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church of Rosepine, Louisiana in August of 1950 and

was baptized by Elder Leon Read. In the year 1956, I united with Bethel Primitive Baptist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, by letter.

In November of 1964, I became a charter member of New Prospect Church at Monroe, LA, in the organization of that body. I was ordained to the office of deacon in New Prospect Church in the spring of 1965, and was set apart by the church to the ministry in May of 1967 and ordained to the full work of the ministry in June 1968. New Prospect Church called me to serve as pastor in November of 1969 and I pastored that church for approximately 20 years. (1968 - 1988)

I pastored Shady Grove Church, Bastrop, LA for approximately 14 years (1982 - 1996) and the New Providence Church, Ringgold, LA for 1 year (1987- 1988)

I moved my membership from New Prospect Church to Shiloh Church, Rosepine, LA in 1988, where I still try to preach at this time in the year 2000.

ELDER ROBERT L. MILES

FROM "GOSPEL APPEAL:" I made my appearance in this world Oct. 22, 1914. My parents were John H. Miles and Anna Lee Pass Miles. I was the third oldest of six children: three boys and three girls.

Sometime during the year 1931, probably July or August, there was to be a special preaching appointment by Elder Tom Crawford at one of the member's homes in the church I had been attending. Elder Crawford had moved into our area from Georgia and I had heard him a time or two before and was made to love him for the truth's sake. During his preaching that night, I felt a sweet feeling of rest in my heart in a different way than I had felt before. It was the same truth I believed, but in some way, I felt more contentment. I found myself shedding tears, and when the preaching was over, I felt completely satisfied that the dear Lord had been merciful to me, a poor sinner. On the way home, I again broke down in tears and asked Papa if he thought the church would receive me if I offered for membership. There was none as young as I in the church at that time. Papa said he had noticed my increased interest in the church and felt sure they would receive me. So at the regular meeting on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, I offered myself for membership at

Providence Church, near Lakeland, Fla., and was received. I was baptized on Oct. 22, 1931, my 17th birthday. Elder E. J. Devane was the pastor of this church.

In 1938 we moved from that area to Miami, Florida, and moved our membership to Little Flock Church in Miami. In 1935, I was married to Copal Amelia Glidewell. She was not a Primitive Baptist at that time, but joined a short while later and since then we have had many rejoicing times together, along with many trials and afflictions, side by side in the old church. In 1946 we left Miami and settled on a farm near Plant City, Fla., and became members with Mt. Enon Church near there. Not too long after this it seemed I became burdened with a load of desire to feed the humble flock of God. A dear old Elder and Father in Israel related to the church a vision he had a few years before in which he was shown a man that would be lead to the church and who he felt had the gift of a minister. He told me he felt I was the person he saw in that vision. The church called upon me to speak, and in a measure, I felt a great relief of a lifting of a burden. I realized then, as now, that I was (and am) unable to speak without being called and qualified of God. In June 1950, I was ordained to the ministry, and since then have been endeavoring to serve the true and living God and His people, to the honor and glory of God and to the comfort and edification of His people

ELDER M. E. MILHOLEN

Elder Milholen served Mt. Tabor and Mt. Pleasant Churches of the Salem Association in Arkansas during the 1950's. His address is shown as Norman, Ark., in 1950 and Royal, Ark., in 1956.

ELDER JOHN M. MILLARD

Elder Millard, of Blue Ball, Arkansas, served Mt. Pleasant Church of the Salem Association in Arkansas. He is listed as a licensed minister in the 1939 and 1941 minutes of the Association, and as an ordained Elder in 1947. He served as moderator of the Association at one time.

ELDER CHARLES WILLIAM MILLER



WRITTEN BY RAYMOND H. LEE:
Elder C. W. Miller was born on March 25, 1866 and passed from this life on September 14, 1957.

His life was a most eventful one and one worthy of imitation. He was brought to knowledge of the truth about 1901. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Tonoloway Church, Fulton County, Pennsylvania, in 1919. He was a gifted minister of the gospel of the Son of God, and also possessed an extraordinary gift as a disciplinarian. His manner was to go straight forward in what he believed to be in accordance with the word of God, and turn neither to the right nor left to court the favor or applause of any.

Elder Miller served faithfully several churches in the bounds of the Kettocton Association, and elsewhere, having served Bethel twenty years (1932-1952). His membership was in the afore-mentioned church from January 1922 to August 1953. He was clerk of the Kettocton Association 1923 through 1937. He served the office of moderator faithfully 1942 through 1950.

Elder Miller was assistant editor of the *Advocate and Messenger* from December 6, 1947 until his demise.

ELDER GEORGE MILLER

FROM "HISTORY OF MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION" BY JOANN THOMAS ELKIN: George Miller was shown in the association minutes as a messenger from Mt. Pisgah Church in 1834 and also as an Elder appointed to attend the 3rd District Meeting at Mud Creek Church in July 1835. Elder Miller was a messenger from Mt. Pisgah Church in 1836 and 1837. The last mention of him in the minutes is in 1843 as a messenger from Ebenezer Church.

ELDER ALLEN R. MILLICAN

Elder Millican was born to Brother T.T. Millican and Sister Eva Mae Millican on November 5, 1921 at George West, Texas. He departed this life June 6, 1984. He joined the church at Paducah, Texas and was baptized by Elder O. Strickland in April of 1954. He was ordained at the New Hope Church in Roswell, N.M. on December 17, 1967. He served this church faithfully as Pastor from 1968 to 1982. He was so dedicated to his calling that he struggled to continue serving until he was so weak he could hardly stand. But the Lord always gave him renewed strength to preach to us--making us understand that he knew whereof his strength cometh.

Elder Millican also faithfully pastored the Church of Lamesa, Texas from 1969 to 1981.

He was married to Ruby Jo Millican. To this union four children, four sons and one daughter, were born.

ELDER C. M. MILLS



Elder C. M. Mills was born in Union County, North Carolina, September 16, 1900, son of Calvin T. and Rena Clontz Mills. He joined High Hill Church in August 1931, and was baptized in September. His first effort to preach was in November 1931. He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry Friday before the first Sunday in

August 1933. Union Grove Church requested his ordination in 1933 and called him as pastor at their next conference meeting after his ordination.

Elder Mills served several of the churches of the Bear Creek Association faithfully for many years. His untiring efforts to preach salvation by grace bore much fruit in that part of the Lord's kingdom. He

preached in all the Southern states, and many of the Northern and Western states, in which he was widely known, throughout the churches of the Primitive Baptist faith.

During the many years of Elder Mills' ministry, he has seen the churches grow and come together in love. At the time of his ordination, the Original Bear Creek Association had around 280 members, and eventually grew to 20 churches and 1,273 members.

Elder Mills preached over 8,000 sermons, baptized 690 people into the Primitive Baptist Church, was called on many times by other denominations for funerals and weddings. He married over 280 couples, and conducted and assisted in over 1,500 funerals. He spent a very active life in serving churches and was his heart's desire to see God's kingdom grow in love and peace. Many times he broke the ice to baptize the Lord's little children, and been called on to conduct funerals when the weather was almost unbearable.

FROM "GOSPEL APPEAL:" He was a true pastor in every respect. He braved the chill of many winters and the heat of many summers, discharging his duties as pastor; preaching the gospel, visiting the sick comforting the bereaved, counseling the disturbed, and much, much more, not just to members of his churches but also to friends of other denominations where he was held in high esteem. He was uncompromising in the truth, always trying to keep a clean house. Feeding the little lambs was his greatest delight. His mind seemed to be led by, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness." We are reminded of two of his favorite expressions; we quote: "I would rather wear out in the service of my Lord than to rust out." He did just that; he was faithful to the end. Also: "I get tired on the way, but never tired of the way." He looked upon the Bible as a thorough furnisher for the church to follow. He seemed to have the spiritual ability to penetrate the future and the spiritual wisdom that was respected by God-fearing men, and his advice was sought after from far and near. He was strong as a lion when defending the truth and glorifying his Saviour and King when contending with contriving and unscrupulous men; but humble as a lamb with little ones seeking spiritual advice. We believe he endeavored to carry out the pattern set forth in James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

ELDER DENTON RICHARDSON MILNER

FROM AN OBITUARY IN "PRIMITIVE MONITOR:" Elder Milner died at his home in Detroit, Mich., September 25, 1966. He was born July 9, 1911, at Huntsville, Ala., married November 10, 1934 to his wife, Hazel, and baptized in 1938 at Old Hurricane Church near Huntsville. He later transferred his membership to Little Zion Church in Detroit, where he had moved, and served this church as deacon for several years. He was ordained to the gospel ministry May 29, 1960, at Little Zion, and later accepted a call from Pilgrim Rest Church in Mt. Clemens, near Detroit. He served Pilgrim Rest for three and a half years, the last year and a half as full-time pastor, and died a member of this body.

At the time of his death, Elder Milner had not been ill. He died suddenly sometime between 5:30 and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. His Bible was opened to the 13th chapter of Romans, where he had been reading Saturday night.

ELDER E. N. MIRACLE



SUBMITTED BY CLAIRE POWELL, UNION CHURCH CLERK: Eskie Newberry Miracle was born June 16, 1895 near Pineville, Kentucky. He was the second son and one of ten children born to Preston Anderson and Rose Ellen Pittman Miracle. In 1910 the Miracle family moved from southeastern Kentucky to the young state of Oklahoma and settled near Grandfield, Tillman County, in southwest Oklahoma.

Eskie married Beulah Woodall in Altus, Oklahoma on November 29, 1916. To this union seven children were born. Eskie provided for his family by farming in Tillman and Cotton counties.

Eskie professed a hope in Christ and united with Union Primitive Baptist Church, Grandfield, Oklahoma on August 22, 1925 being

baptized by Elder D. B. Koen. He was ordained to the office of deacon on November 14, 1936 and served as church clerk from 1935 to 1958.

In 1962 Union Church called for his ordination to the full work of the gospel ministry and called him to serve them as pastor in 1965, an office he held until 1975. Elder Miracle continued his ministry at the Evergreen Nursing Home while a resident in Burkburnett, Texas until his passing on April 1, 1982. His ministry was highlighted by humility, his steadfastness to the cause, the preaching of the love of a risen Savior and the faithful service as a pastor to Union Church and to the community.

Brother Eskie also very ably served the Salem Association of north Texas and southern Oklahoma as clerk from 1943 to 1961 and moderator from 1965 to 1969.

ELDER H. C. MITCHELL

Was born and reared in Fulton County, Georgia, where he united with the Old Baptists at that place, May 18, 1874, and where he began preaching at Cross Roads, May, 1882, and was ordained Aug., 1883, to the gospel ministry, and served that church as pastor for a number of years. He was also pastor of Collins Spring Church from Sept., 1906, to Aug., 1921. Bro. Mitchell was twice married--first to Miss Hannah E. Abernathy; who died Aug. 23, 1924, and was the mother of his ten children. His last marriage was with Miss Emma Nix, who also preceded him to the great beyond, Dec. 11, 1927. Elder Mitchell was a faithful servant of our blessed Master, preaching glad tidings to the meek, and with faithfulness contending for the blessed truths as taught in the word of God, and during all his ministry of more than fifty years not a stain could be marked against him, yet he did not claim any merit or goodness upon his part, but desired to attribute all the glory; and praise to the Redeemer of sinners. He died peacefully as he had lived, on January 6, 1930, at the home of his son, Brother Roy Mitchell, in Atlanta, Georgia.

ELDER ROY N. MITCHELL

WRITTEN BY C. A. KEATON: Our highly esteemed and much beloved Brother Mitchell was suddenly called from the walks of this life at his home near Stone Mountain, Georgia on October 3, 1975.

He was born near Smyrna, Georgia, August 16, 1895, the youngest of the children of Elder H.G. and Sister Hannah Mitchell. On November 28, 1915, he was united in marriage to Miss Allie Dodgen. This union was blessed with two lovely daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

Brother and Sister Mitchell united with Old Bethlehem Church, in Cobb County in 1918 and were baptized by his father. The church at Collins liberated him to the ministry May 1931

Springs and ordained at the request of Powder Springs Church, January 24, 1932. He served the churches, Powder Springs and Collins Springs, prior to his long-time pastorates of West Atlanta and East Point (now Flat Shoals) Churches to which he was called in 1944. He continued in these offices in unbroken service till his decease--over 31 years. He attended his churches until shortly before his death when he became too feeble to travel.

Elder Mitchell was elected Moderator of the Marietta Association in 1938 after having served several years as Clerk. He was continuously re-elected for a period of 35 years until his health failed him in 1972—a notable record.

In the late 1940's he was informed by his doctor that he must give up either his responsible position as Superintendent of the Produce Department of the A & P Stores or discontinue serving churches. Without hesitancy or murmur he immediately determined, with full accord of Sister Mitchell, that he would cease his secular employment and devote full time to his churches. They both have said that the Lord took good care of them just as He always had.

When in the early 1940's it became necessary to move West Atlanta Church from the old location, Brother Mitchell, along with Brother Turner Lassetter and others, labored long, diligently and fervently, to build a nice, well-appointed, brick meeting house at the present location. This, during the shortages and problems of the war years. This accomplishment was one of his great joys.

His last full discourse was at the association meeting in 1972 at Friendship Church, Ringgold, Georgia in which he made a moving appeal, with tears, for his beloved Association to continue on faithfully and diligently following his demise; that he had done the best he could during his long years as their Moderator and the dearest desire of his heart was that it press on in the good old way and it was his fervent prayer that it would be blessed to continue and flourish.

ELDER AMOS MIX

Elder Mix was born in Middletown, Connecticut on June 10, 1754. Even though the exact date of his marriage is unknown, he married Miss Amelia Pennoyer somewhere about 1780.

When the American Revolution broke out, Amos Mix enlisted at Hudson, Columbia County, New York and served the American cause during the entire war. He was attached to the Massachusetts Troops while in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts; also he fought at White Plains and Fort Montgomery in New York. Some of the time he served as a quartermaster and clerk.

After the war was over he took up residence at Lunenburg, New York until 1800, then removed to Wysox Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania and lived there until 1810. Wheeling, Virginia became his home until 1824 when he removed back to Wysox Township in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. It is believed that most of this moving was to serve churches in the Baptist denomination. He associated himself with the Old School Baptists about 1800 and was an active member of Redstone Association of Baptists in Western Pennsylvania in 1807.

He actively and diligently preached against many of the heresies which plagued the church during that time. It was a very trying time for all Old School Baptists.

In his later years, Elder Mix removed to Ohio and associated himself with the Muskingham Association of Old School Baptist, where he died on October 16, 1847.

ELDER WALTER CLYDE MOAK

WRITTEN BY ORDER OF THE HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION WHILE IN SESSION AT SHILOH CHURCH, FRIDAY BEFORE 1ST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1981.

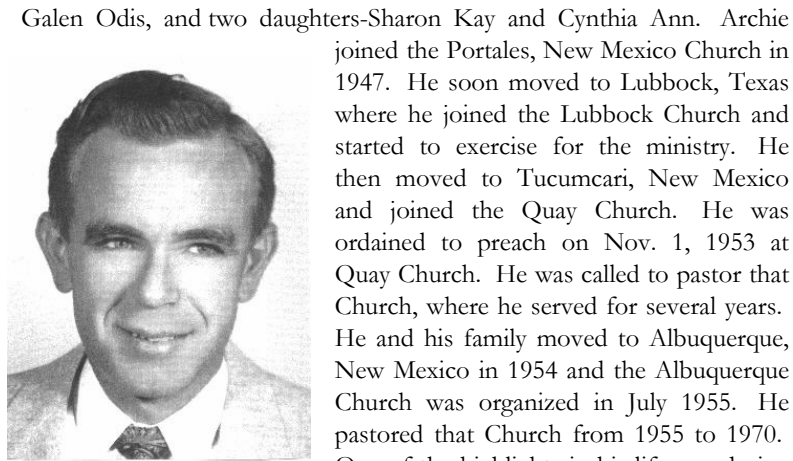


He was born in Lincoln County, MS Nov. 29, 1894 and was not reared a Primitive Baptist. He married Eulalia Walker, who was a member of a Primitive Baptist church and being a faithful husband, went with her to Primitive Baptist services at night after teaching a Bible class in a church of another faith each Sunday morning. He said that the preaching he heard at his wife's church seemed like the "biggest bunch of foolishness" he ever heard, however, he listened to it and being a man of keen mind, he evaluated it. Finally, he told me, "I got the key that unlocked that thing." Sister Eulalia broke into the conversation at that point and said, "Yes, and he was the happiest man I ever saw. He went home and preached to the trees for two hours." He soon united with Morris Memorial Church in Memphis, TN and was ordained to the ministry in 1938. A few years later he was called to the church at Oxford, MS then moved into the Oxford area and finally settled at Coffeeville, MS. He accepted the pastoral care of Shiloh Church near Coffeeville in 1947 and continued to preach there until 1979.

He was interested in evangelism. In 1950 he started preaching at the city hall in Greenwood, MS and organized a church there. He was able to get Enon Church near Houston, MS revitalized. Now both are live, viable churches. He was continually promoting outreach.

ELDER ARCHIE MOBLEY

WRITTEN IN FOND MEMORY AND LOVE BY SISTER RAMONA MOBLEY CREWS: Elder Archie Dale Mobley was born July 27, 1925 to Robert Sherrill and Bessie Dale Speight Mobley at Afton, Texas. He was the youngest of seven children. He married Ramona Turner on Nov. 28, 1948 at Spade, Texas. They had four children; two sons-Gary Dale and



Galen Odis, and two daughters-Sharon Kay and Cynthia Ann. Archie joined the Portales, New Mexico Church in 1947. He soon moved to Lubbock, Texas where he joined the Lubbock Church and started to exercise for the ministry. He then moved to Tucumcari, New Mexico and joined the Quay Church. He was ordained to preach on Nov. 1, 1953 at Quay Church. He was called to pastor that Church, where he served for several years. He and his family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1954 and the Albuquerque Church was organized in July 1955. He pastored that Church from 1955 to 1970. One of the highlights in his life was during the August Association in 1962 when 27 people came into the Church and he had the privilege of baptizing his own two children, Gary Dale and Sharon Kay. Archie also served as Pastor of the Clovis and the Roswell Churches. He was always ready and willing to help people with their problems. He enjoyed visiting Churches in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, California, Oregon, and Washington.

ELDER REUBEN R. MONK

FROM THE "HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION," PUBLISHED IN 1988: I was born at Abbott, Sebastian County, Arkansas on April 25, 1922, the eleventh child and the seventh son of Elder Charles M. and Mrs. Myra Lee Duckworth Monk.

If indeed the Lord has worked a good work in me, He did it before I can remember. This is just as true regarding a call to the ministry. Serious doubts have at times risen relative to both issues, yet there have been countless times when His presence so overwhelmed me that heaven seemed to be almost as hand.

Until the fourth Sunday night in October 1951, when I offered myself to Temple Primitive Baptist Church, I never spoke of my own faith in Christ, yet I looked for opportunities and created situations in which to defend the glorious doctrine of God's eternal love and mercy. Elder W. J. Blackmon, our pastor, baptized me and perhaps a week or so

later I made my first effort to speak, at the request of Elder A. E. Brown, using for a text Isaiah 33:20.

The fifth Sunday in May 1953, some of the finest and most precious brethren this world has afforded laid their hands upon me. Temple Church during this same service called me to serve them as co-pastor with Elder Blackmon, and have renewed the call each year since, the last several years on a full time basis.

On September 18, 1943, I married Mary Margaret Smith, the only daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Fred L. Smith of Shreveport, Louisiana. This has proven to be my best accomplishment. We have been, and are yet so very happy, Our first two little girls were taken by our Lord but He has blessed us with two fine healthy daughters, Melody, the oldest, and Merrilee, the youngest, and one fine son, Charles Michael, our middle child. Melody and Michael have both been blessed to confess their faith in Christ and to be baptized in His name. It was my duty and privilege to administer the ordinance to each.

ELDER L. C. SWANNER ADDED THIS NOTE: In October 1987, Elder R. R. Monk, pastor of Temple Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, suffered a stroke just before our association. It left him in a paralyzed condition, his right leg and arm being affected. He is able to walk some now, carefully using aid. He can only say a few words, three or four at a time.

ELDER JAMES ALVIN MONSEES

FROM "THE BAPTIST WITNESS" 1961: Elder James Alvin Monsees was born in Davidson County, N. C., August 31, 1883, the son of Deacon Henry and Mrs. Louise Virginia Monsees.

On account of poverty and poor school advantages, it was through great difficulties that this minister obtained an education. He finished the free schools and one year in high school in North Carolina, after which he made use of every available opportunity to pick up whatever information he could secure from books, travel and observation, and entered the law school at Mercer University, in Macon, Ga., where he graduated in June 1913.

In the spring of 1902, he began to feel the sting of sin and realized more plainly than ever its awful consequences, whereupon he sought solitude and, in his awkward way, as he many times expressed it, tried to seek the Lord in earnest, hoping thereby to not only appease the wrath of God but to find relief to a burdened and guilty heart. He frequently refers to the time when he sought an opportunity to pray in silence, as he thought for the last time, as he faced what he thought to be certain impending death, when, to his surprise and joy, the heavens opened up and glory shined into his soul, when the voice of Jesus said, "I am your Saviour, and have borne your sins all the days of old." Immediately following this experience there came the impression to "Go ye therefore and preach the gospel to every creature." This impression killed his joy as suddenly as it was created. However, these impressions were pungent and



apparently irresistible, and while the experience was still new and fresh and like fire shut up in his bones, he went before the church at Pine, N. C., on the third Sunday in September, 1903, about three weeks after he was permitted to claim a hope with Jesus, and was baptized the same day, together with his oldest brother and another brother, who had joined previously, by Elder W. T. Broadway.

On Saturday before the second Sunday in November, about seven weeks after his baptism, he made his first effort to speak in the name of Jesus. He had only a few words to say, but the entire church seemed to be impressed with his earnestness and gave him liberty to exercise his gift wherever God in His providence had cast his lot. He was placed suddenly in the field, and began filling appointments among the churches. There were several small, destitute churches in the bounds of the Abbott's Creek Association, and he began visiting these churches on their regular meetings, and filling special appointments through the week at other churches and in the homes and wherever an open door was found. There was a growing and incessant demand from the churches for the ordination of Elder Monsees, and accordingly a presbytery was called in to confer upon him the full functions of the ministry, which was attended to on the second Sunday in November 1904.

He has baptized between three and four hundred people and married nearly as many couples, and has gone far and near to preach the funerals of the dear ones who have passed on.

In 1907 Elder Monsees moved from North Carolina to Macon, Georgia, where he has been engaged in the service of churches ever since. For three and one-half years, he lived in Atlanta, but continued to serve the church at Elizabeth, Macon, GA, which he has served for the past twenty years. He has seen this church grow from a membership of 16 to about 70. The church at Bethany, Atlanta, was constituted in 1926, with a membership of 25, who had drawn their letters mostly from East Atlanta Church. They immediately called for his services, and he has been the only pastor of this church. The Lord has greatly blessed his efforts here. In one year, he baptized twenty-three members, and the church at one time numbered 120 members.

On the 12th day of December 1917, Elder Monsees was married to Miss Onie McGee, of Macon, Ga. At the time of their marriage, his wife was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and had never heard an Old Baptist sermon before hearing her husband some few months before their marriage. She immediately became interested in the doctrine and principles of the Old Baptist Church, and stated that she had believed those principles for some time but did not know that there was a denomination of people, which believed in and maintained such principles. Accordingly, she went before the church at Elizabeth shortly after they married, was heartily and cheerfully received, and was baptized by her husband.

Elder Monsees passed from this life in 1967.

ELDER DAVID MONTGOMERY

David Blair Montgomery was born May 11, 1959 in San Marcos, Texas. I am the second son of Elder Hugh and Sister Nettie (Fannin) Montgomery. I was baptized at the age of fourteen by my father at Littlevine Church in Austin, Texas.

ELDER MONTGOMERY WRITES: In my late teens, my interest in the church increased and I began to read my Bible, ask questions, and listen to the Brethren in their Bible discussions. In addition, I began to sit on

the front pew so as to concentrate on the sermons better. Soon, it came to the point that I was asked to introduce services, which I did with much fear and trembling. The ministers that were influential to me in those early days were my father, my grandfather (Elder J. M. Fannin), Jesse Bass, Dickie Daniels, Bill Walden, Weldon Walker, J. P. Dale and J. A. Rowell, Jr.

When my older brother Mike was ordained in 1983, I was very proud of him. I felt that the Lord had called him to preach and that Mike was following that call. I, on the other hand, was more than content to remain unnoticed in the background. At the ordination, one of the Deacons put his arm around me and said, "Well, now Mike is ordained, and you are next." That was a shocking thought, as I had never considered myself ever



being a preacher. I was too shy. I just let me stay in the shadows -- I was more than happy there. Yet, it was not long after, that I began to speak more frequently.

In 1984, at a 5th Sunday meeting at Bethel Church in McMahan, Texas, Elder Dickie Daniels put his Bible in my lap and said that I was to go into the stand, and that he would not take no for an answer. Heretofore, I had never spoken in front of a large gathering. The Lord was very good to me that Saturday night. This was the first time that I had felt the Spirit using me to preach the Word. I shall never forget that experience.

In 1985, I married Robbie Collins of Muleshoe, Texas. She has been a great help and encouragement to me. I consider her my greatest help outside of the Holy Spirit. Her wisdom and gentle spirit have been a tremendous blessing in my ministry. We have been blessed with four boys: Nathan, Benjamin, Matthew and Samuel.

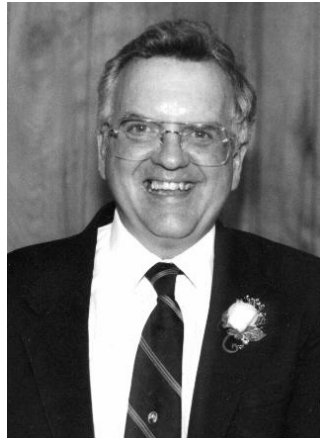
In 1986, I was ordained at the Littlevine Church in Austin, Texas. My father and Elder Bill Walden delivered the charge, Elder Mike Montgomery offered the prayer, and Elder J. P. Dale interrogated. Elders in the presbytery were: Hugh Montgomery, Mike Montgomery, Clifford Gowens, Steve Wilkinson, Bill Walden, W. R. Daniels, Jr. J. P. Dale, Clyde Farmer, George Johnson, Weldon Walker, J. A. Rowell, Jr., Dale Turner, Jr., Boyd Chambers, Larry Housenfluke, and G. H. Crain.

As of this writing, I have served churches in Harlingen, San Antonio, and Fredericksburg, all in the State of Texas.

ELDER HUGH MONTGOMERY

I was born Jan. 22, 1932 in Mineola, Long Island, New York. I spent my high school years in Greenwich Conn. where I graduated in 1950. I tried college for a year and a half, which was not a very successful endeavor. Rather than being drafted into the Army I joined the U.S. Air Force, which was the best thing I ever did in my life. I not only learned my trade as a helicopter technician but ultimately was sent to San Marcos, Texas where one day while shopping in Austin, Texas I met the girl who would later become my wife.

Nettie M. Fannin and I were married in Austin, Texas on Aug. 17, 1956 by the late Elder Blackshear in his home. I will never forget the comment Elder Blackshear made to me as my new bride and I were leaving his living room. He said "Son, you better watch these Old



Baptists, they are catching." At that time, I had no idea that I would ever become a member of the church much less be preaching for them. Nettie is the daughter of the late Elder J. M. Fannin who then was the pastor of Providence Primitive Baptist Church in Corsicana, Texas and I consider him not only my father-in-law but my father in the ministry as well. I joined that church in 1959 during a fifth Sunday meeting that was being held at the church in Waco, Texas. Nettie and I shortly thereafter moved our letters to Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in McMahon, Texas, as it was closer to where I was employed at the time. A few years later, we moved to Wichita Falls, Texas where we put our letters in the Salem Church where Elder R. H. Williams was the pastor.

Elder Williams one morning walked down the aisle to where I was sitting enjoying my status as a member placed his Bible in my lap indicating that he wanted me to open services for him. I was never so

scared in my life but somehow made the effort. All I could do at the time was to read one verse of scripture. As time went on I felt that the Lord had a work for me to do.

On July 20, 1969 I was ordained to the full work of the ministry. I was called as pastor of the Irving Primitive Baptist Church after being ordained and was given an appointment at the church in Arlington, Texas. A short time later, I was ordered to transfer to Hill AFB in Ogden, Utah or lose my job thus presenting a very difficult decision to make. I never prayed so hard in my life for guidance from God to show me the way to go. On the one hand, I was obligated to the church at Irving as their pastor while on the other if I did not go I would not have a job to support my family. Looking back, I now realize that the Lord had sent me to learn a few things about myself such as my responsibility as a minister, husband and father. It was quite an experience for all of us. For 18 months, I put in applications for transfer all over Texas for which I received no answer. One day in 1972, I cried in despair to Nettie, "Honey we are stuck here so might as well make the best of it and trust that God will be our helper." The next day I received a job offer from Fort Hood, Texas, which I immediately accepted. After settling in Lampasas, Texas, I was called to pastor the Littlevine Church of Austin which and have been their pastor since. I also pastor the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Izoro, Texas.

Nettie and I raised four boys: Michael L., David B., Hugh Timothy, And Paul A. All four are members of various Primitive Baptist churches three of whom are ordained Elders.

I do not know why the Lord has blessed my family and me as He has but I am very thankful that He has. I try to thank God each night before I go off to sleep for what He has done for me and pray that He will continue to do so throughout the rest of my days here in time.

ELDER HUGH TIMOTHY MONTGOMERY

Elder Tim Montgomery, the third son of Elder Hugh and Sister Nettie Montgomery, was born June 1, 1963 in Henrietta, Texas. He was ordained to the work of the ministry on March 23, 1996 at the Old Union Primitive Baptist Church, Lonsdale, Arkansas. On May 26, 1990, he was

married to the former Charlotte Fulmer. To this union were born three children, Alexander, Micah and Elijah.

ELDER MONTOMERY WRITES: From the very first spark of memory, all I have known is the Primitive Baptist Church and count being raised in such a loving environment as the church as one of my greatest blessings in life. Though I felt a desire to belong to such a wonderful church family for many years, it wasn't until I was 15 that I felt a tug so strong that I could resist no longer and joined the Littlevine PB



Church in Austin, TX where Dad was pastor. It was a very sweet place to grow up. I moved my membership to the Corpus Christi PB Church where my brother Mike was pastor in 1983 while attending college there. Mike was definitely an inspiration to me during that time, and still is. He has taught me so much through his preaching and his life. It was in Corpus that I first felt a yearning for the ministry, and would lie awake many nights preaching sermons in my mind. However, I feared the feeling was of my own desire and not the Lord's. It was also during this time that I made my first effort to speak to God's people. One Sunday morning, Mike asked me to introduce and I immediately became afraid. All those sermons I had preached to myself left me and I couldn't think of anything to say. I tried to read from 8th chapter of Romans but could not even read the words for the tears in my eyes. I sat down crying, vowing never to attempt that again.

I moved to Houston in 1988, and the next year the Lord miraculously re-introduced me to a beautiful Arkansas girl that I first met at Mike and Judy's wedding. We were married on May 26, 1990 and Charlotte and I soon moved our membership to the Grace PB Church where Elder J. A. Rowell, Jr. was pastor. Brother J. A. was one of the greatest inspirations in my life and I will treasure his memory as long as I live. During these few years, I attempted to introduce services and even began filling appointments in Corpus Christi and Combes. I remember feeling very stagnate in growth in attempts to fill the stand and though I had many friends, I didn't have anyone to talk to concerning preaching (especially after Brother J. A. passed away). I sat for the CPA exam in December 1995 and as I sat holding the unopened results of that exam in my hands,

I vowed a promise to the Lord that I would devote my life to Him in any way He saw fit if indeed I had passed this exam. I passed all four parts on my first attempt and immediately, the Lord demanded me to honor my vow to Him. Four months later, I landed a job in Little Rock Arkansas and we left the good folks at Houston PB Church (we moved our membership there just a couple of months before) with a one-month old baby. It was here in Arkansas that I feel the Lord has led me to fulfill my ministerial duties and it came about through the loving efforts of the most precious people on earth, the members of Old Union PB Church in Lonsdale, Arkansas and her pastor, Elder Sonny Huckaby.

Brother Sonny became my father in the ministry and best friend and I will always cherish his advice and teaching. My ordination in March 1996 was an event I'll never forget. Elder Charles Sandage did the questioning, my brother David offered the ordination prayer, and Dad, my brother Mike, and Brother Sonny gave the charge. Charlotte and I moved our membership to Pleasant Hill PB Church in Hurricane Grove, Arkansas in April 1998, and a month later I was called as pastor. I replaced a great man in the Lord's service, Elder Ersel Tillery, who had pastored Pleasant Hill church for 46 years. I have learned so much from him.

Currently, I am also serving the churches at Oden and Hot Springs.

The most important lesson I have learned in my few years in the ministry and one I want to share with every young minister after me is the utmost importance of having a father (or fathers) in the ministry. No matter how old I get or how many years in the ministry I have been, I pray the Lord will always remind me to rely on my fathers and brothers in the ministry.

ELDER MIKE MONTGOMERY

Elder Michael Lawrence Montgomery was born July 27, 1957 in San Marcos, Texas. He is the oldest son of Elder Hugh and Nettie (Fannin) Montgomery. He was baptized at the age of ten by his grandfather, Elder J. M. Fannin, at the Salem Church in Wichita Falls, Texas. In 1983, he married the former Judy Elaine Sandage of Donaldson, Arkansas. To this union two children were born: Daniel Lawrence, and Caitlin Elaine. In

1983, Brother Mike was ordained to the ministry at the Littlevine Church in Austin, Texas

ELDER MONTOMERY WRITES: I have always loved God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Loving Primitive Baptist parents raised me in the Church. I have always loved the Church. I joined when I was ten years old, a week after I heard a Primitive Baptist preacher preach on water



baptism. I can't remember his name or the place where I heard that sermon, but I'll never forget how his preaching affected me. I had never felt such conviction like that. I vowed to the Lord to join at my home Church the next Sunday, and I did. From that point on, I have never regretted being a member of the Lord's church.

It was about the time I joined the Church when I was ten years old when I first felt the call to preach. Of course, I never told anyone about my feelings and was in no wise ready at that time to speak from the pulpit. I knew very little of our beliefs. All I knew was that I loved the Church and that I had a feeling that someday I would preach.

I suppose that because I was the son, grandson, and great-grandson of Primitive Baptist ministers and because I was (and am) the oldest son, it is likely that some good people felt it was inevitable that I would become a preacher someday. I, however, never felt any push to become one. I did have set before me a most wonderful example in both my father (Elder Hugh Montgomery) and grandfather (Elder J. M. Fannin). The examples set by both dad and granddad caused me to think that great men became Elders.

I never felt it was a shame to be an Elder; although, from their experiences, I saw much of the pain and heartache that goes with it. I came to believe that to be called to preach was the highest calling a man could ever have, yet I knew that such a high calling required a high price. No one who ever saw "up close and personal" what a gospel minister goes through would ever want to become one unless, of course, they possessed a clear call from the Lord. I have never understood why certain men (or women) would ever want to preach who never exhibited a God-

given call because of the life-long sufferings that come with being a preacher.

I kept my feelings to myself. I don't ever remember speaking of them to anyone. As I progressed in age, my interest in the Church also progressed. I enjoyed going with Dad to his appointments, some of which were a couple hundred miles from our home in Lampasas, Texas. My first attempt to speak publicly in the Church was at the age of seventeen at a fifth Sunday meeting in Quemado, Texas. I'll never forget how I was told that I was to open services for Elder Hulan Bass and the effect it had on me. I opened services many times after that but they would be classified as just "giving a talk" yet, from the time of my experience in Quemado, I never doubted that I was called to preach. I was ordained when I was twenty-three. I was not yet married and had just begun to work for Southwestern Bell.

I have been blessed to be married to Judy (Sandage) Montgomery for over 17 years. She is a true companion and enormous help in my ministerial labors. My ministry has been greatly enhanced because of her.

My ministry started in the Hill Country of Texas. I have been pastor of the Churches in Combes, Corpus Christi, Corsicana, and Fort Worth, all in the State in Texas.

ELDER BENJAMIN MOODY

FROM "ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF MATTHEW A. B. HOWARD" BY NORA S. WOODWARD: This minister was considered an early pioneer of Wiregrass Georgia among the Primitive Baptists. He was born on January 2, 1831 in Appling County, Georgia. His parents were Jesse and Frances Moody.

On September 29, 1861, Brother Moody enlisted in the Confederate Army (Company N, 26th Georgia Infantry Regiment) and was mustered out on March 31, 1862. He re-enlisted on June 19, 1862 in Company K, 4th Georgia Calvary and served until he was paroled at Thomasville, Georgia on May 21, 1865.

Brother Moody Moody was married to Miss Louisa Powers. They had 15 children, with most of them joining the Primitive Baptist Church.

Brother Moody was licensed to preach the Gospel on July 12, 1884 and was ordained on January 11, 1885 at Union Grove Church in Putnam County, Florida. He served as pastor, trustee, and friend of this church until his death on January 12, 1898.

ELDER HERMAN LEM MOODY, SR.

FROM "GOSPEL APPEAL:" Elder Moody of LaCrosse, Florida died, Saturday, November 5, 1983 in the North Florida Regional Hospital, Gainesville, Fla. of an extended illness. He was born on August 18, 1900. He was a life time resident of the North Florida area and was a retired farmer.

Elder Moody was a member of the Macclenny Church. He joined Rock Church, Christmas Day, December 25, 1920. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry at New Hope Church of LaCrosse, Fla., April 1938.

He was called on from South Florida to South Georgia to baptize God's children, baptizing as many as 11 at one time.

ELDER WILLIAM M. MOODY

Elder "Coon" Moody, as he was affectionately known, was born in Clay County, Florida on April 18, 1875. He is the son of Elder Benjamin and Louisa (Powers) Moody, and the father of Elder Herman Lem Moody, Sr.

On November 2, 1899, Brother "Coon" married Miss Annie Drawdy in Alachua County, Florida. Sister Drawdy is the daughter of Elder Luke Drawdy of Georgia.

ELDER F. BUTLER MOON

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: Elder Butler Moon

was a brother of Elder Henry Moon. He was a member of Brown's Creek Church all of his church life, except the last few years after Brown's Creek ceased to meet. He was a member at Rocky Mount from that time until his death.

Elder Butler Moon was licensed to preach at Brown's Creek in 1889 and was ordained in 1904. He was associate pastor at several different churches before he was ordained. At one time or another, Elder Moon pastored or co-pastored most of the churches in the eastern section of the Mount Zion Association.

Elder Moon died in 1947.

ELDER I. N. MOON

FROM "THE GOSPEL MESSENGER" WRITTEN BY W. A. HARRIS:
The subject of this sketch was born in Walton County, Georgia, April 11, 1832, and died at his home in Cobb County, Georgia, April 12, 1911.

Having taught school several years, he attended the medical college at Augusta, Ga., in 1854-55 and '56. For fifteen years he ranked among the skilled, successful practitioners of his day. In 1857-8 he represented Cobb County in the Legislature. In 1858, he married Miss Sithany A. Bullard, who died May 14, 1891. To them were born nine children.

On August 10, 1873, he and his first wife were baptized by Elder J. G. Eubanks, and received into the fellowship of Sorrell Springs Church, Cobb County, Georgia. That wonderful gift that distinguished him as a faithful watchman upon the walls of Zion was soon discovered, and he was liberated June 13, 1874, and ordained July 9, 1875, the presbytery being W. W. Carroll, B. M. Camp, G. M. Carroll and J. G. Eubanks.

Elder Moon frequently had a mind to visit our humble home. On one of these occasions, he said, "Brother Harris, if you should outlive me I want you to write my obituary. Take my life, as you see it, and have it bear you out in all you say, by way of eulogizing one so imperfect as myself. Notwithstanding my irreverence and ingratitude to God, I feel that He has not cast me off nor forsaken me in old age; that he has been my hiding place at all times, and that the consequent blessings of following Him through evil as well as good report, contending for the

faith once delivered to the saints, salvation by grace, unmerited and a sure deliverance to all the heirs of promise, and the ultimate bliss and happiness of all who are embraced in that everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure, afford me peace and comfort, and assure me that the Lord is not slack concerning His promises."

ELDER W. HENRY MOON

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: Elder Henry Moon was born January 20, 1858. He was a member at Brown's Creek Church for many years. He was ordained in 1904. Besides Brown's Creek, Elder Moon pastored Siloam, Zion Hill, and was associate pastor of other churches.

After the Sand Mountain Association was organized in 1917, Elder Moon moved his membership to Ephesus. He died in January 1941.

ELDER LAWRENCE J. MOONEY

Elder Mooney was born on January 18, 1921. He was baptized on August 23, 1936 at Tickanetley Primitive Baptist Church by Elder T.C Mooney. He was married on June 14, 1947 to Annette Smith, the daughter of Elder H. L. Smith. They have four children.



ELDER MOONEY WRITES: I served three and a half years in the Air Force during World War II

At a very early age, I realized I was a sinner and labored in that condition for several years. It seemed that I grew worse though praying all the time that the Lord would save me. Then one fourth Sunday morning, it was revealed to me that He had already saved me, and it was my duty to join the church and follow Him.

Even in my teen-age years I had a fear that some day it would be my duty to preach, and when I had the opportunity, I would read the Bible. The fear and dread became heavier as I became older. I used every excuse I could think of trying to convince the Lord that I couldn't preach, and that there were plenty of preachers in the churches at that time. Little did I know that the preachers at that time would soon be no more.

After I was ordained, Chattanooga Church called me to serve them on the second Sunday in each month. Blue Ridge Church called for me to serve them on the first Sunday, and I was called as an assistant pastor at my home church, Tickanetley, on the third and fourth Sundays. I served Chattanooga Church for a year, and they called me for another year. I enjoyed the meetings and the church was good to me, but at the same time, Blue Ridge Church called me to be their pastor. I felt impressed to serve Blue Ridge Church. At the present time, the year 2000, I am still serving Blue Ridge Church. It is a lovely Band; the Lord has been good to me and the church has too. I have served my home church as pastor or co-pastor every since I was ordained.

I have visited other churches in six states. Everywhere I have visited and preached the people have been good to me. I love the Lord's people. The Lord has been so good to me.

ELDER N. R. MOONEY, SR



N. R. Mooney was born May 6, 1901 in Gilmer County Georgia. He passed away June 10, 1977. He married Rilla McClure. He was ordained May of 1936. He was married to the former Rilla McClure.

He served Tickanetley, Fellowship and Zion Fellowship Churches.

ELDER PAUL FELIX MOONEY SR.



I was born February 23, 1932 in Gilmer County Georgia. I joined the Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August of 1950 and was baptized the next day. I felt a great burden had been lifted from me but before nightfall I felt another burden.

I was drafted into the army in 1955 just in time for the Korean conflict and spent two years in the service. Eighteen of those months were spent at sea. After I came home I married Ethel Smith.

I had not told anyone about the way I felt and in 1961, before one of our sons was born, my wife was having a lot of problems and I felt it was my fault for not doing what I felt was mine to do. About the same time my uncle questioned me about it. After that I went to church and have done the best I could. I have served Tickanetley Church from 1972 until now as part of the pastorship. And I have served Fellowship Church as pastor for 22 years.

ELDER T. C. MOONEY

Elder Mooney was born on February 21, 1895 and passed from this life on May 24, 1992. He was born in Gilmer County, Georgia in a little community called Tickanetley. He was married to Ollie Weaver. After Ollie's death, he married Jody Ewton Hines. He and Ollie had ten children. One son, Lawrence Mooney is an Elder, and a grandson, Ed Vickers is also an Elder.

He served the following churches: Zion Primitive Baptist Church for 35 years, and Tickanetley Primitive Baptist Church for 49 years. He was serving both churches as pastor or co-pastor for most of the 35 years.

He was ordained on July 25, 1936 by Elders J. H. Weaver of Tickanetley Church and T. A. Climer of the Euharlie Association

He gives the following account of his call to the ministry in an autobiographical sketch that was published in the May 1971 edition of *The Christian Baptist*.

“In April 1935 my older brother, J. M. Mooney, who was an Elder, died. I was in the field plowing when I got the sad news, and as I left the field to go to my father's house where he was, something said to me, ‘You will have to take his place.’ No one knows the great burden that I was under unless they have had like experience. I knew the hardships that he went through, and I just said, ‘I can't ever preach and support my family,’ and I made all the excuses that I could think of. I didn't have any



education and never wanted to be before the public. I thought there were plenty of preachers without me. My youngest brother and three other preachers belonged to the same church that I did. But it seemed that no excuse that I could render would move my burden. It just got heavier day by day, and my health failed and I decided it was either death or preach so in August 1935, I made my first attempt at my father's home as it was our association time and he was having meeting at his house as he usually did. When the preachers got through he asked if

anyone else had anything to say so I had so great a burden that I got up to say a few words and used the language of David, ‘Is there not a cause?’ I don't know how well I did, but the preaching committee put me up to preach and when they made the announcement, I was almost scared to death.”

In his later years he had some serious health problems. He was in Georgia Baptist hospital surrounded by his wife and several of his children. He announced that it was time for church. He called on his oldest son to pray, and then he gave his text: "That amazing grace." From his hospital bed he preached to his family. He could not get out of bed, yet he could rejoice in "that amazing grace." God showered him with that grace and blessed him to live an abundant life in the service of God.

ELDER ALBERT MOORE

FROM "ZION'S ADVOCATE," MAY 1, 1873, P 339: After a long protracted illness, Elder Albert Moore of Grenada, Miss. died at his home on Jan 21, 1873. Elder Moore was born and raised in North Carolina, and at an early age in life, immigrated to Mississippi. He was, for a long term of years, a very useful minister of the Primitive Baptists, serving many churches during his ministry and was for many years the Moderator of the Fountain Creek Association. Elder Moore was a frequent writer to the *Primitive Baptist* and *Zion's Advocate* and was author of "Ancient Landmarks; Being an Abridgment of the Century, or Philadelphia Confession of Faith" published in 1848.

ELDER CHARLES MOORE

SUBMITTED BY ELDER EUGENE JANES: Elder Moore was born October 25, 1907. He passed away March 25, 1994, and was buried in Drummer Township Cemetery, Gibson City, Illinois.

He was pastor of Decatur Church, Decatur, Illinois, for many years. His last years were with Zoar Church, Mattoon, Ill., where he was assistant pastor with Elder Eugene Janes. He was a very loving brother and a living example of how a Primitive Baptist should live.

ELDER D. S. MOORE

Born September 15, 1889; passed away December 21, 1975. Joined Big Creek Church August 1922, ordained to the ministry August 19, 1933. The churches of the Little River Association of Georgia have lost an able minister, a wise counselor, and a wonderful man. He also served churches in the Friendship Association. He has performed many weddings, conducted many funerals.

ELDER J. A. MOORE

Elder James Allen Moore was born on January 8, 1870 in Lauderdale County Mississippi to Elder Thomas Jefferson and Sarah Moore. He was the oldest of twelve children.

On December 14, 1892, he and Emma J. Thompson were united in marriage in Hill County Texas. Born to them were six children.



In April 1897, he joined the church and was baptized by his father, Elder T. J. Moore, into the fellowship of New Hope Church in Freestone County, Texas.

In October 1904 on the fourth Sunday a presbytery was formed, composed of Elders Grafton, Phillips, Kyle and T. J. Moore. Elder J.A. Moore was ordained a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was called to Antioch Church to serve them. In December of the same year he was called to serve Concord Church in Falls County. He served this Church for three years. In 1911, the month of March Elders J.A. Moore, O.W. White, L.M. Cook and T.L. Webb as a presbytery constituted the Zion Rest Church in Wharton County Texas. In September 1913 Elder J.A. Moore T. J. Moore and Deacon J. F. Camp constituted Ephesus Church in Houston Texas. J. A. Moore was called to pastor until 1932. He also served Pilgrims Rest Church in DeWitt County, 1913 to 1929. San Marcos Church in Guadeloupe County.

Elder and Sister Moore moved to Los Angeles, California in 1932. On the First Sunday of May in 1932, he baptized his son Elder Leonard Moore. The churches he served in California were Shiloh in Bell, California, Lindsey Church, Fontana Church and McFarland Church.

Elder James Allen Moore was called to be with the Lord on October 15, 1963.

ELDER J. B. MOORE

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: Elder Moore was a minister in Jefferson County. He was one of the first pastors of Canaan Church; from 1820 to 1826. He also pastored Bethel and Salem Churches in Jefferson County.

ELDER L. O. MOORE



FROM A MEMORIAL WRITTEN BY HIS DAUGHTER, GRACE MOORE SOUZA: Elder Leonard Moore's great-grandfather, Allen Moore (1812-1855) grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Moore (1846-1926) and father, James Allen Moore (1870-1963) were all Primitive Baptist ministers. When Allen was on

his dying bed, he laid his hand upon the head of his son, Thomas. Some of God's people at that time took this as an evidence of the father's mantle falling upon the son. It seems as though it fell not only upon the son, but the grandson and great-grandson.

Elder Thomas J. Moore started his ministry in Mississippi, when he had a dream or vision of a Bible unfolding itself and seemed to be floating in a westerly direction. He went on to Texas to preach the gospel. Elder James and Leonard fulfilling the vision; came to California, to feed our souls with crumbs of hidden manna. We have heard Elder Leonard preach the gospel of Christ, salvation by grace, causing hearts to rejoice and eyes to over flow. His sweet voice raised in song, praising his loving God.

On August 28, 1986, it pleased the all-wise, loving and understanding God to call home our most loved one, where his soul will ever bask in the presence of our blessed Savior. His loving wife of 53 years and four children all stood by his side as he took his last breath.

Leonard Owen Moore was born in the City of Kervin, County of Freestone, State of Texas, on March 24, 1898. He was the third of five children. He moved to California in April 1923, where he worked as an engineer on the Southern Pacific Railroad for 37 years before retiring.

At the age of 25, the burden of sin began to weigh heavy on his heart. On the first Sunday in April 1932, he offered himself to Shiloh Church for membership, feeling unworthy to walk with so great a people. His membership stood with this same church until his death. He was baptized by his father on the first Sunday in May 1932. On the first Sunday in November 1935, he was ordained to the ministry. The Presbytery consisted of Elder N. W. West, D. W. Witt, J. A. Moore and Deacons, Gideon Jones, W.A. Fox and S.S Cencibough.

At the time of his death, he was serving three churches: Shiloh in Bell, California, Little Bethany in San Diego and Little Valley in Holtville.

On his dying bed, he said to my husband, "I don't know why everyone is so sad. I'm just going home to be with my sweet Jesus."

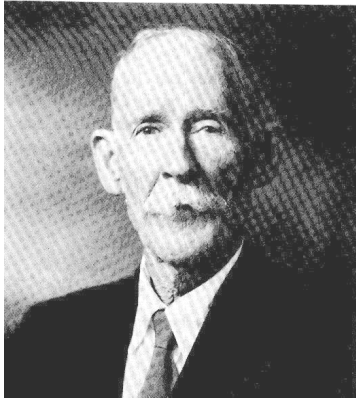
ELDER RUSSELL CLAWSON MOORE

Elder Moore, the son of Isaac Newton and Laura Clawson Moore, was born at the old family homestead near Princeton, Butler Co., Ohio, on April 20, 1882, and passed away suddenly on Easter Sunday at his home in Hamilton, Ohio. He grew to manhood on the farm where he was born and received his early education in the rural school at Princeton. Later he attended Hamilton Business College.

On December 6, 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Lelah Blanch Inlow of Indianapolis, Ind., and with whom he was privileged to journey for more than half a century. He united with the Middle Run Old School Baptist Church and was baptized by the late Elder C. P. Ballard, more than forty years ago. It was at this church he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on October 25, 1930. His ministerial life and labors included pastorates at Middle Run, Tapscott, Lebanon, Mt. Pleasant, Dry Ridge Churches and at intervals, he visited many other churches. He served as Moderator of the Miami Association a short time.

ELDER S. F. MOORE

Elder Spencer Floyd Moore was born February 17, 1864 in Saline County, Illinois. He was the son of Elder I. A. Moore. He moved with his parents to Kansas in the year 1875, where he first felt troubled under conviction for sins, and so continued until April 14, 1883, when he was given a good hope of salvation through grace. In 1890 he united with the Primitive Baptists at Greenwood, Colorado, and was baptized by Elder J. R. Bolinger. He moved to southwest Missouri in 1891, where two years later he made his first effort to preach. In February 1896 he was ordained in Bibb County, Ala., by Elders R. F. Papasan, J. D. McElroy and W. S. Broom.



He was perhaps one of the most widely known ministers among the Primitive Baptist people through his extensive travels. He traveled in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, New Mexico, California, Arizona, Idaho and other states. He pastored churches in Alabama, Florida, and Texas.

He engaged in one oral debate, served about twenty different churches in particular, sat in nine council meetings, and moderated four of them. He served as an Associate Editor of the *Baptist Trumpet* for at least twenty years. He died in 1948. His autobiography, "This Is My Life," makes very interesting reading, as he led a varied and many times exciting life.

He moved to Maud, Texas where he spent the last twenty or thirty years of his life, or at least considered this as his home. He died here in 1948 and is buried there.

ELDER EDWARD G. MORGAN

I was born in Crenshaw County, Alabama on May 5, 1932. My parents were Huey G. and Bonnie Eva (Day) Morgan. I was the third of eight children. I grew up on the farm where all the family worked together growing cotton, corn, peanuts, and the food crops that we needed.

Both of my parents grew up in Primitive Baptist families so we attended Primitive Baptist churches as I was growing up. My parents joined Bethel Primitive Baptist Church four miles west of Opp, AL. My father was ordained as an Elder when I was a teenager. I was his oldest son and we were very close. I went with him to church wherever he went.

I first began to have a desire to join the church at about the age of seventeen but I kept putting it off. It was not long after I began to have these feelings that I also began to feel the call to preach.

I married Erma Nell Sanders of Andalusia, AL in 1958. After our first child was born in 1960, we learned about Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church being here and started attending. I joined and was baptized by Elder Burl F. Phillips on the fourth Sunday in October 1965. I was called on to speak to a congregation for the first time at Hopewell Church the third Sunday in February 1966. After this I was called on regularly at Pleasant Home and other places. I was ordained later to the office of deacon. Pleasant Home licensed me to preach July 26, 1969. I was not present that weekend so I preached from the stand for the first time at Little Flock the following Sunday. I was ordained to the full work of the ministry on April 24, 1971. The same day a group that was planning to constitute a church in the Seminole community east of Niceville, FL called for me to serve them. They chose the name Palm Chapel and were constituted the fifth Sunday in May 1971. The next month they voted to meet two weekends each month. I served them for nine years.

From the time I was ordained to 1985, I served Pleasant Home either jointly or as co-pastor. Since 1985 I have served as pastor. Over the years I have traveled and filled appointments at various times in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and California.

ELDER J. C. MORGAN



WRITTEN BY
ELDER LEN DALTON
ON ELDER AND SISTER
MORGAN'S 50TH
WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY:

Elder Morgan, the youngest child of William and Permela Morgan, was born March 21, 1875, near Atlanta, Cass County, Texas. In 1895 Elder and Sister Morgan came to know each other. They attended school together at different periods, and later taught school together. Elder J. S. Griffin united them in marriage December 23, 1908.

Elder Morgan united with Mount Olive Church at Maud, Texas, in May, 1908, and Sister Morgan united with the same church in May, 1909. They were each baptized by the late Elder J. S. Griffin.

In June of 1909 they moved to Kerr County, and lived at Ingram and Kerrville before moving to San Antonio in January of 1913. It was at this time that they bought an interest in the *Baptist Trumpet*, which at that time was being published at San Antonio. In July of 1913, Brother Morgan and Brother W. T. Carter bought the remaining interests in the paper from Elder T. L. Webb and others, and the publication of the paper was moved to Killeen, Texas in July 1913. At that time, these two worthy and good men became associated as editors and publishers of *The Baptist Trumpet*, which association continued in love and faithful devotion to a great Cause until Elder Carter's death in May, 1954. For more than forty years they lived in the same town, were members of the same Church, and in love and sweet fellowship, labored in the interest of the paper, which has been loved and enjoyed through all those and many more years. Since Elder Carter's death, Elder and Sister Morgan have carried on the work of editing the paper, practically all of which has been under the new setup which was arranged by a special meeting that was held at Hamilton, Texas, on November 9th and 10th, 1954. At this meeting Elder and Sister Morgan and Sister Carter freely donated all their interest to The Baptist Trumpet, Inc.

Elder Morgan was ordained as deacon by South Fork Church, Kerr County, in 1910 or 1911. When they moved to Killeen, Brother Morgan was exercising in a public way, and he was soon called to serve Churches. This led on to his ordination to the full work of the ministry very soon, for there were some who wanted him to baptize them. His ordination took place at Bethel Church, Killeen, Texas, on the second Sunday in October 1914. The Presbytery was composed of Elders W. J. D. Bradford, W. Y. Norman, and Martin Whitely, and Deacons J. A. Hall and J. W. Boydston. His entire service as pastor has been with the Churches at Salado, Rogers, Little Flock, and Killeen, all of which Churches are in Bell County and some of which he served for almost forty years. Elder Morgan did not travel around like some ministers. For this he gives two reasons: first, the work with the paper and much of the time serving four churches kept him busy and close to home. In the second place he felt, as he expressed it: "Little ships should remain close to shore." Although this last quotation gives great insight into the life of Elder Morgan from the standpoint of his feelings about himself, there are few, if any, who have surpassed the record of Elder Morgan in loving devotion to his work as Editor and Pastor for so many years.

NOTE: Elder Morgan passed from this life in April 1959.

ELDER JOE C. MORGAN

FROM "THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIGHT" MAY 1956: I was born on a farm three miles west of Madisonville, Texas, May 2, 1882, and lived on a farm all my life. When I was about 18, the Missionaries held a weeks meeting close to our home. I joined them and was baptized by one of their ministers. After the meeting closed. I never did go to them anymore. On October 6, 1908 I was married to Hattie Barbee. To us were born four children, one boy and three girls.

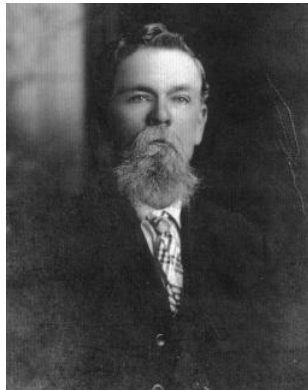
On the fourth Sunday in August 1920, I joined Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church four miles west of Madisonville, and was baptized by Elder R. V. Holloman. The fourth Sunday in October of that year wife joined the same church and was baptized by Elder Holloman also. Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church was organized in 1883. I was liberated to preach the gospel in 1922. On July 27, 1924, I was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. The presbytery was composed of

Elders R. V. Holloman, H. C. Seay, D. Thornton and Deacon John Landers.

I have served the churches in Madisonville (Assistant Pastor), Eustace, Houston, Stratton, Mexia, Corpus Christi, Beaumont and Bedias.

ELDER ALBERT MOORE MORRIS

INFORMATION FOR THIS SKETCH WAS SUPPLIED BY HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, SISTER NADINE BANWART: Elder Albert Moore Morris, the son of Elder N. N. Morris, was born on September 11, 1863. He and his family came from Ashland Mo. in a covered wagon to Granite, Oklahoma. He married the former Josie Ann Taylor. To this union eight children were born. His wife passed from this life and he later married Eliza A. Taylor and they had four children.



Elder Morris was ordained to the full work of the ministry at the age of 33 years on November 7, 1896 in Boone County, MO at the Goshen Primitive Baptist church. One of Elder Morris's sons, Cisero Ewing Morris, was to be ordained at the Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church, but sadly, he passed away before the ordination service was to take place.

Elder Morris preached in the home and also walked or rode a horse to different places to preach. He is remembered to have preached regularly in a two room school house called Waco Star, west and north of where the Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church is today.

Elder Morris passed from this life in Sayre, Oklahoma in 1929

ELDER C. T. MORRIS

FROM "GOSPEL APPEAL:" Elder Morris was born March 14, 1920 in Hazlehurst, Ga. And passed away Sept. 20, 1985 in Indian River Memorial Hospital of Vero Beach, Fla. On May 26, 1947, he was married to the former Laverne Oakes. To this union was born one daughter, Janice Moore.

Elder Morris joined Little Flock Church of Miami, Fla., and was baptized the second Sunday in Dec. 1950, by Elder O.W. Thomas. At the time of his death, he was a member of Hopewell Church of Fort Pierce, Fla. Elder Morris was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry March 10, 1962 at Little Flock Church of Miami and served several churches along the east coast of Florida. He was moderator of The Pilgrim Rest Association for twelve years, and was moderator at the time of his passing.

C. T. Morris was a lovely brother whose presence and preaching will be greatly missed among the Old Baptists of Georgia and Florida. He was truly a "peacemaker" and labored (sometimes against great odds) to bring the various factions of God's kingdom together. He sought no honors for himself - but strived to lift up and encourage his brethren in the ministry - ever preferring them above himself.



ELDER J. D. MORRIS, JR

Elder Morris and his wife, Ledora Morris of Prattville, Alabama have been married 41 years. They have one son, and three daughters. He was ordained a deacon on July 23, 1983, and was ordained to the ministry on October 25, 1986, both at Montgomery Primitive Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama in the Lower Wetumpka Association. He was called to serve first church, Bethlehem (2nd weekend) at New Site, Alabama, in the Hillabee Association of Alabama, 1986. Served Hopewell Church, Opelika, Alabama, November 1986 to 1987, 1 year. Ephesus Church, Alexander City, Alabama, in the Lower Wetumpka Association, September, 1987 to 1998. New Prospect Church, Goodwater, Alabama, June 1991 to 1994 or 1995.

At present, at Swamp Creek Church, Rockford, Alabama, Lower Wetumpka Association, September 1997 to present year, 2000.

Elder Morris originally joined the Missionary Baptists. Came from North Alabama to present location about 24 years ago.

ELDER N. N. MORRIS



INFORMATION FOR THIS SKETCH WAS SUPPLIED BY HIS GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, SISTER NADINE BANWART: Elder Morris was born on July 8, 1834 and passed from this life on May 28, 1893. The only other information that could be obtained on Elder Morris was that he passed away after preaching a service in Ashland, Mo., and is buried at the Goshen Primitive Baptist Church cemetery in that community. He had been living somewhere

in the State of Oklahoma.

ELDER ELMER CLARENCE MORRISETT



Brother Morrisett was born June 13, 1902 and passed from this life on January 28, 1954. He wed Amanda Ellen Yocham on February 14, 1925. They had three daughters and two sons. Sister Morrisett passed away on May 13, 1988.

Brother Morrisett's brother was also a Primitive Baptist Elder. His name was Earnest Sumner Morrisett.

Brother Morrisett was pastor of the Mohawk Primitive Baptist Church in Dallas, the Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Ft. Worth and the Primitive Baptist Church in Baytown at the time of his death. He also was pastor of the church in Prichett, Texas, Culp Church and Orchard Gap.

ELDER MARSHALL M. MORTON

FROM "THE CHRISTIAN PATHWAY:" Elder Morton served churches in and around the Atlanta area and many are left who remember him fondly for his gift in the ministry as well as his faithfulness as a pastor to those churches he served.

Elder Morton was born to Marshall and Barbara Morton on March 1, 1895. He joined Big Creek Church on September 21, 1924, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry in 1932. On October 4, 1970, he joined Nancy Creek Church and remained a member there until his death.

Brother Morton was married to Fannie Benson in 1914 and she preceded him in death in 1961. He was then married to Lola Moore.

ELDER BILL MOSELEY

Elder Moseley was born October 11, 1956 in Waxahachie, TX. He is the son of Elder Octor J. Moseley and Ima Jean Beck Moseley. He was baptized in 1963 by Elder J. M. Fannin at the age of seven. On August 19, 1977, he married the former Cissy Mansel. To this union four children were born: Michael, David, James, and Katie. In 1981, he was ordained to the office of deacon and on December 19, 1986, he was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Gulf Coast Church in Angleton, Texas.



ELDER MOSELEY WRITES: For me it all started October 11, 1956. I was wonderfully blessed to be born into a loving family of Elder Octor Moseley and Ima Jean Beck Moseley. Dad was the son of Elder G.W. Moseley, and the grandson of Elder R.J. Moseley.

My grandfather, Elder G.W. Moseley pastored the church at Corsicana for many years. Dad pastored Lone Pilgrim PBC in Pritchett and Weches PBC in Weches Texas. Great-Granddad pastored a now disbanded early Primitive Baptist church outside of Weches in what is

now Davy Crockett National Forest. At that time, the church was near his farm property in what is referred by the residents as "Bear Hollow" or near what is termed "Burrantown."

In 1976, while attending the Primitive Association being held at Point Enterprise, Texas, I met the girl of my life. Cissy Mansel was her maiden name. We were married on August 19, 1977 by my dad at the church in Corsicana. Cissy is the second child born to Bro. L.D. Mansel and Sister Sue Mansel.

My life has been filled with many blessings. Cissy and I were given four great children, Michael, David, James, and Katie. All four kids joined the church at a very early age and have remained faithful to their profession of faith unto this day. Cissy joined in her teens. She was baptized during the Primitive Association while being held at Houston Texas. Elder Raymond Lee baptized her. I joined in 1963 at the age of seven and was baptized by Elder J. M. Fannin at Corsicana.

I was ordained to the office of deacon in 1981 at Corsicana. I started exercising after fighting the call for some time. Slowly my time began to be more and more taken up with filling appointments. I was liberated by Corsicana and filled regular appointment at Irving PBC in Irving, Texas and Joseph Lane PBC in Fort Worth. Since my dad was an Elder as was my granddad, and great granddad, I feared the call was coming from expectations instead of a genuine call of the Lord. An opportunity arose to move to Sweeny to take a position with Central Freight in Freeport, which I did take in about 1984. We moved our memberships to Gulf Coast Church.

In December 1986, Gulf Coast PBC set forth a presbytery to lay hands on me and charged me to preach the Word. Elder Anthony Blevins was the moderator, Elder Bill Caraway and Elder J.A. Rowell, Jr. delivered my charge, and my dad prayed the ordination prayer.

I was called to pastor Gulf Coast in 1987 and continued until the church merged with Spring Grove PBC in Houston in 1990. Our family moved our membership to Grace PBC in Houston, pastored by Elder J.A. Rowell, Jr. We moved to Friendswood to get closer to our new job at American General Life.

I had hoped to enjoy many years under Elder Rowell's pastoral care. That was not to be the case. Very shockingly, he died suddenly in July

1991. Grace PBC was in a state of shock after having enjoyed 19 years of Elder Rowell's care. I was called pastor in December 1991 and served there till 1999.

NOTE: Elder Moseley currently resides in Lockhart, Texas and attends the Bethel Church in McMahan, Texas.

ELDER G. W. MOSELEY

WRITTEN BY ELDER J. M. FANNIN: Elder George W. Moseley was born on December 6, 1880 and passed from this life in 1968. He was the son of Elder and Mrs. R. J. Moseley.

He was my pastor at the Corsicana, Texas Church when I was ordained. We served the church together for several years and there never was an unkind word between us. How could this be? Because he was always so good to me. Truly if ever a man lived that preferred his brethren and sisters above himself, he did. I always felt that he was my pastor as long as he lived.

ELDER OCTOR J. MOSELEY

WRITTEN BY HIS SON, ELDER BILL MOSELEY: Elder Octor Jefferson Moseley was born October 8, 1923, in Augusta, Texas. He was the second son of Elder George William Moseley and Lizzy Ingram. He was the grandson of Elder Robert Jefferson Moseley and Mary (last name unknown). Dad had two brothers, Clifford and Eldon, both deacons at Corsicana. He also had three sisters.

Dad often spoke of the little church of his childhood, located in the east Texas community of Burrantown, in the Davy Crockett National Forest about 20 miles south of Crockett. The church was on the property of Elder R. J., until a storm came through and destroyed the building. The church disbanded after R. J. died. Many years later, Dad and his two cousins, Elder Raleigh Burran and Elder Leonard Harris, Jr., helped to constitute the Weches Church, which is now active. All three of these men later served as pastor of Weches.

Like many young men of that era, Dad served several years in the CCC, during the years of the depression. He later joined the Army and served in France, during World War II. Like many farm-raised boys, he had very little formal education, having completed only the eighth grade at Glover, Texas. After coming home from the war, he entered an auto mechanic trade school in Waxahachie. His major education came by reading and studying the scriptures.

Dad married Mom (Ima Jean Beck) in 1943 and resided in Waxahachie, Texas. He was employed with Tyler Refrigeration for 40 plus years where he retired as a line inspector. They raised six children and were blessed to see many grandchildren. Dad died in May of 1989 after a lengthy illness of cancer.

Dad spoke of his remembrance of his love for the Lord even back to his childhood. He spoke of sitting under the old porch of R. J.'s house listening to the men (hardshell) discuss scriptures while the other kids ran and played.

After moving to North Texas, he joined Providence Church, in Corsicana where he was a member when he died.

After many years of exercising, Dad was ordained to the full work of the ministry on February 11, 1973. Elder Hugh Montgomery delivered his charge.

He served the Corsicana Church by appointments for the entire time of his ministry. Dad pastored Weches Church, Lone Pilgrim Church in Pritchett, Texas, and Glen Rose Church.

Dad was a mild-mannered man that always worked for peace among the Primitive Baptists. He dearly loved to discuss his position on the scriptures. Ten years after his death, many still miss him and his quiet leadership, which touched and left his mark upon many lives. I thank God for the time we had together. He was truly my DAD and father in the ministry.

ELDER ALBERT MOSS

SUBMITTED BY ELDER KEITH HOLLINGSWORTH: Elder Albert Moss was a man known for his devotion to his wife, children, and church.



He met his wife, Mary, while working with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Greeneville, Tennessee. They often told the story of their wedding day. Sister Mary walked ten miles to town for them to elope. Her brother discovered the plan and came to get her. Once home, she turned around and walked back to town. A revival was being held in town and they met four ministers. No one minister remembered the whole ceremony but each one remembered a different portion and so Elder and Sister Moss were married on December 7, 1935. God blessed them to

have three children.

He was baptized into Mt. Paran Church (Walton County, GA) in September 1939. Elder Moss was liberated in November 1957 and was ordained on October 18, 1959 at Mt. Paran. He assisted Elder Walter Allen at Mt. Paran for the remainder of Elder Allen's tenure. He was called to be their pastor in September 1972 and served until September 1990 at which time he continued to assist the next pastor as long as his health permitted. He also served in various capacities at Ivy (Buford, GA), Ball Rock, Shoal Creek (Rutledge, GA), Mt. Zion (Conyers, GA), and Sorrell Springs (Walton County, GA).

Elder Moss was in ill health his last years but always maintained a steadfast love of God and often gave advice to the young ministers in his area. After his death on July 8, 1998 having lived over 80 years, everyone remarked on his devotion as a pastor and his care for those in his charge.

ELDER J. W. MOTT

J. W. Mott was born into the Family of Brother John W. Mott Sr. and Sister Sally C. Mott on August 26, 1927 in Butler, Taylor County Georgia.

In July of 1954, he joined Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. He was baptized by Elder M. A. Hall.

Brother J. W. married Elizabeth Rose Mott of Panama City Florida on June 19, 1960.

He was liberated in the spring of 1970 and was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Mt. Pisgah Church in February 19, 1973. Elder Mott served Mt. Paron Church at Box Spring, Georgia for a time.

Over the years of his ministry, God blessed him to visit churches in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

He was employed in Law enforcement in the early 50's and then in construction work later in the 50's. In the 60's he was to work for the Georgia department of transportation until he had to withdraw from work because of health reasons.

Elder Mott missed going to Church his last year of life due to sickness. The last 10 months he was in a nursing home. On Saturday night, April 7, 1990, Elder Mott departed this life.

ELDER GILLAM MOZINGO

WRITTEN BY ELDER LONNIE MOZINGO, JR: Little is known about the life of Elder Gillam Mozingo. He was born in 1840 and died in 1915. He was a veteran of the Civil War serving with Co. H, 1st Mississippi Calvary. His son, William also became an Elder in the Primitive Baptist Church. His Ministry was spent serving Churches in Wayne County in East MS, and Choctow County in West Alabama.

ELDER LONNIE R, MOZINGO, JR.

Lonnie R. Mozingo, Jr. was born in Jackson, Mississippi on the fifteenth day of September, 1958, the son of Elder Lonnie and Sister Shirley (McGee) Mozingo (Hattiesburg, MS), the grandson of Elder O.R. Mozingo (Sunrise, MS), the great-grand nephew of Elder William J. (Billy) Mozingo (Wayne County MS), and the great-great grandson of Elder Gillam Mozingo (Wayne County, MS). When he was two months old the family moved to Hattiesburg, MS. In 1980 Elder Mozingo was wed to

Sister Tamera Rene (Tammy) Harter the daughter of Elder Benjamin August (Gus) and Sister Betty Jo Harter of Atlanta, Ga. To this union were added four children: Amber, Mollie, Nathan and Benjamin. Elder Mozingo was baptized into the fellowship of Ideal Church (Petal, Mississippi) on January 11, 1970 and ordained to the full work of the



Gospel Ministry on July 5, 1980. Elder Mozingo is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi having obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science.

From 1980 to 1981 Elder Mozingo filled regular appointments at several Churches within the bounds of the Good Hope and Amite Associations of Mississippi. In December of 1981 he accepted the call to serve as pastor of Old Mill Church (Sutherlin, Va.) and Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church (Danville, Va.). Brother Mozingo served these Churches until March of 1988 at which time he moved his family to Nashville, Tennessee to pastor Bethel

Church, which he continues to serve to the present. In addition to his duties as pastor, Brother Mozingo serves as director of the "Word of Grace" radio program, and travels throughout the United States preaching the gospel.

ELDER MOZINGO WRITES: Although I have always believed from earliest childhood in the being of God and possessed an intellectual understanding of the Doctrines from my youth, I well remember the dramatic experience I had in passing from Law to Grace. It is the teaching of scripture and this experience that causes me to hold so tenaciously to the Doctrine of Salvation by Sovereign Grace. After many years of dwelling at Mt. Sinai being terrified by the lightnings and thunderings of His Holy Majesty and Justice, my poor afflicted soul was driven to the foot of Calvary. There I saw the only hope of ruined sinners, Jesus Christ. Falling upon my knees I confessed to the Almighty that I had no righteousness to plead, that if I was not one of the elect, there was nothing I could do, that if Jesus Christ was not my Savior I had none, that my only hope of ever living with God in peace was that Jesus died for me, that if I was not one of the elect and Jesus did not die for me there was nothing I could do about it, that if he died for me all the devils in hell

could not keep me from heaven and if he did not die for me then neither I nor all the angels of Heaven could save me. Oh how wonderful the moment! How glorious was the scene when the burden of innumerable sorrows and fears was lifted from me! How enraptured was my poor soul with the wondrous joys of knowing that He did for me what I could not do for myself Although I firmly believe the Lord quickened me at a very early stage of my life, when I was yet too young to be aware, it was this experience of passing from law to grace that I count as the time I starting living by faith. I am less than the least of all saints and unworthy to be called a Minister of the Gospel. Yet how eternally grateful I am that the Lord has been so mercifully good to me and blessed me to say with the hymn writer, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness...On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

ELDER LONNIE RAY MOZINGO, SR.



WRITTEN BY
ELDER LONNIE
MOZINGO, JR: Elder
Lonnie Ray Mozingo,
Sr. was born in
Hattiesburg, Mississippi,
on May 22, 1931, to
Elder Oscar R. and
Lydia Mae Busby
Mozingo. He was
baptized in November,
1958, at Ideal Primitive
Baptist Church in Petal,

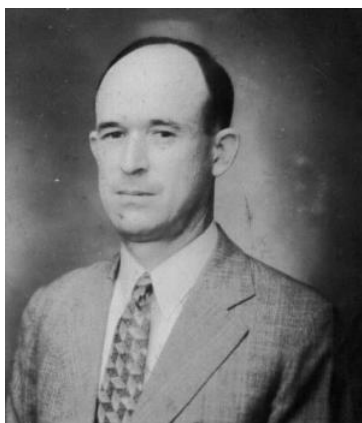
Mississippi, by his father, Elder O.R. Mozingo. He married Shirley Jo McGee on February 18, 1955, and to this union five children were born: Susan Diane, Lonnie Ray, Jr., Anthony Alan, Andrew Paul, and Nena Rebekah. His oldest son, Lonnie Ray Mozingo, Jr., is a fifth generation Primitive Baptist minister. Lonnie was ordained in April, 1962, at Ideal Church. Those who took part in the service were G.W. Lewis, Russell Lewis, and Ira Easterling. The charge was delivered by his father, O.R. Mozingo. Those dear to his heart and considered by Lonnie as fathers in the ministry are Elder James Thedford from Martin, Tennessee, Elder

Hassell Wallis of Ripley, Mississippi, and Elder Billy Boyd of Tupelo, Mississippi. "On March 2, 1952, on a battlefield in Kunsan, Korea, I was struck as though by lightning with the feeling that I would never return home and see my beloved Church again. If ever there was an experience of Grace it was that night on that frozen ground as I prayed and cried, and promised the Lord that I would do His will to the best of my ability.

As I read the Bible in my tent in Korea, several came in to my tent and asked me to read to them. It was then that I first felt the call to preach. After I was discharged and came back home, I neglected my call until August 1959, at my home church. The pastor was late for services, and after song service was ended, one of the deacons, Brother Charles Odom, told me to go and preach--AND I DID. From that time to the present, I have traveled all over the United States, wherever a door was open for me, preaching the Gospel." Lonnie's first pastoral duties were at Mt. Hebron Church in Purvis, Mississippi. The early part of his ministry was spent traveling long distances among the churches in Mississippi and Western Tennessee. The last thirty years have been served primarily in his home area of South Central and West Mississippi. He has pastored as many as five churches at one time, and did so for most of his ministry. During his career as an ordained minister, he has pastored the following churches: Sharon at Lake, Mississippi, Mt. Zion in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Pine Hill in Ripley, Mississippi, churches in Tupelo and Amory, Mississippi, White Haven in Memphis, Tennessee, Middleton Creek at Meadville, Mississippi, Gulf Coast at Gulfport, Mississippi, New Bethel at Tylertown, Mississippi, Gravel Hill in Michie, Tennessee, Bethlehem in New Orleans, Louisiana, Bethlehem in Bay Springs, Mississippi, and his home church of Ideal, at Petal, Mississippi. "I have been privileged to help constitute at least three churches including Gulf Coast Primitive Baptist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi, Bethel in Perth, Kansas, and a church in Yazoo City, Mississippi. What a blessing it has been to serve the Lord these past forty years. Perhaps the greatest blessing of all has come through the lives of my family. I have been privileged to baptize all five of my children into the Faith, and their spouses are all faithful members and seven of my grandchildren are members. How good the Lord has been to Shirley and me."

ELDER OSCAR R. MOZINGO

WRITTEN BY ELDER LONNIE MOZINGO, JR: Elder O. R. Mozingo



was born in December of 1897 in Wayne County Mississippi, the son of (deacon) James and Sister Delilah Clark Mozingo, and the grandson of Elder Gillam Mozingo (Wayne County, MS). He died in December, 1980 in Hattiesburg, MS He was married to the former Lydia Mae Busby in 1919, and to this union were born four sons; John Calvin, James Preston, Roy Harold, and Lonnie Ray.

His youngest son Lonnie Ray, became an ordained Primitive Baptist Elder. When Lonnie was a young child, he became ill with a life-threatening virus. When the doctor arrived at the Mozingo home, he informed Oscar and Lydia that their baby was not likely to live through the night. Brother Mozingo went into a private room, fell on his knees and confessed to God that he had been like Jonah, had not surrendered to the call that he knew God had made, and promised the Lord that he would go henceforth and preach the gospel if he would save his son. On March 22, 1942, Brother Mozingo was ordained at Ideal Primitive Baptist Church in Petal, MS. Elder C. H. Cayce delivered the charge (the transcript of the charge is contained in the October, 1952 edition of Elder Cayce's paper *For the Poor*, volume 13 no. 10). Elder Mozingo pastored many churches in south Mississippi including, Ideal in Petal, Antioch in Waynesboro, Mt. Hebron in Purvis and Ephesus in Jefferson County.

ELDER WILLIAM J. MOZINGO

WRITTEN BY ELDER LONNIE MOZINGO, JR: Little is known about Elder William J. Mozingo. He was born in 1865, the son of Elder Gillam Mozingo of Wayne County Mississippi. He was married to the former Mary Ann Gilbury. He died in 1937. His Ministry was spent serving Churches in East Mississippi (Wayne County) and West Alabama (Choctow County).

ELDER B.E. MULLINS

Born in South Carolina on November 30, 1831, he lived in Georgia before coming to Murfreesboro, TN and to Williamson County in 1870. He was quite scholarly, and helped to edit several church periodicals. During his ministry, some discontent came within the congregation, apparently from the Nashville Church. A number of members obtained letters to constitute the present Big Harpeth Church, moving to the present location on Liberty Pike. The original building, being destroyed by a cyclone, was later rebuilt, and the congregation began to decline, with ministers coming from various areas to serve until September 1936, when the records state the last service met in the old building.

ELDER CLEM MULLINS

FROM AN OBITUARY IN THE "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST," WRITTEN BY ELDER G. W. LEWIS: Elder Mullins passed away in Brookhaven, Miss., on March 8, 1944. He was born August 5, 1879 and was married to Miss Lara Burris on April 2, 1903. To this union were born eight children - six boys and two girls.

He united with the Missionary Baptists in early life, but became dissatisfied, and in October 1917, united with Mt. Gilead Church, of the Primitive Baptist faith. On June 2, 1918, he was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and served from three to four churches until his health failed. He was faithful to this high calling, standing firm, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

ELDER ELMO B. MULLINS

LETTER OF RESPECT WRITTEN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO CHURCH: He was baptized into the church at Hunt, Texas, in the South Fork of the Guadalupe River, which adjoined the South Fork Church. He transferred his membership to the Zion Church June 9, 1925, which was located at the community of Zig Zag near Devine, Texas. He was very active in the church and was chosen church clerk in February 1928.

On June 7, 1929, Bro. Mullins was given the "Liberty" to exercise in preaching by pastors Elder A. G. Blackwell and Elder George White and the Zion Church. On third Sunday in May 1935, Elder Mullins was ordained to the full work of the ministry. He served his churches with the love of God in all sincerity. He stood strong for peace and order, holding to the truths and practice of our forefathers in the ministry.

Elder Mullins joined the San Antonio Church in January 1941. He served this church at several different times as Pastor. He was always submissive to the will of the church. At his death he was serving as co-pastor of the San Antonio Church.

Elder Elmo Burl Mullins was born Feb. 27, 1904, near Hunt, Texas in Kerr County, the son of William and Cynthia Mullins. His mother died at childbirth, and he was taken by his Aunt Emma and Uncle Sam Taylor who raised him well. They moved to Medina County near Devine, Texas in 1909.

Elmo Mullins and Dora Hardcastle were united in marriage Nov. 11, 1928. Eight children were born to this union.

ELDER MICHAEL MULLINS



I was born on April 2, 1954 in Rupert, West Virginia where I was raised in a New School Baptist Church and the main objective was to get people to come forward to be saved or born again. To say the least, from age fourteen through twenty-eight I was dominated by fear of eternal damnation.

At age nineteen, I left West Virginia and moved to Roanoke, Virginia to live with my sister and brother-in-law. I figured I could escape home, church and the dominion of parents in one swift move. I easily escaped parents not realizing that God lives in the hearts of His children. How fun

it was not having to attend church and working for my parents. I was free at last. This good feeling of freedom was replaced by a still small voice that kept speaking to my heart, which urged me to do something about my rebellion. Have you ever wondered why Abraham left the Ur of the Chaldees? Often I would find myself weeping at the thought of following this voice that kept speaking to my heart. I found myself praying similar to the time I lost my baseball, though I had lost nothing else. I had to find out more about God so I started attending various Baptist churches in Virginia. Still, God was leading me by His voice. I continued to doubt my salvation in every church I attended, though I felt there must be truth somewhere. The same doctrine of conditionalism existed everywhere I attended. I was led to keep seeking. I asked my dad where I could attend a Bible college that believes like our church in West Virginia. He pointed me to a college in Lexington, Kentucky called Lexington Baptist College. I know my parents must have been thrilled that I was trying to follow God.

My wife, Annette, whom I met at Lexington Baptist College and married July 16, 1977, was also torn by doubts due to false teachings. A classmate, named Doug Meeks, argued with me on a continual basis about election and predestination. The new church my parents attended in West Virginia believed these truths, as well as the college I attended. Doug eventually sought out a Hardshell Baptist to try and convert but he ended up being converted. Even though he had quit school and joined the Primitive Baptist faith, we continued our friendship with many conversations around God's word. He joined the army and was stationed in Germany. I, on the other hand, was called to pastor a Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio still with the doubts and fear about my eternal salvation.

As I prepared for sermons in Toledo, nagging questions about the truth started causing doubts about the denomination I attended. I started studying scripture in the light of how my friend, Doug, had guided me. As I studied, my soul started finding relief that just maybe, Christ had paid for all of my sins, even the sins of doubt and unbelief. I was so burdened about the relief for my soul and the truth, I resigned after six months of serving and moved back to Lexington, Kentucky. My plans were to go back to college and learn more about God and the truth. Surely, I would not have to join those hardshell, foot-washing, no musical instruments Baptists to learn the truth and find relief. I started believing Christ had made a full atonement for sin, not a partial payment. He even died for the sin of unbelief. There was no small stir when I resigned the choir to attend a Primitive Baptist Church.

Brother Cecil Darity was preaching the night I finally understood the purpose of the free gospel. What a relief pulsed through my veins as I understood. Even now, seventeen years later, after being baptized into the Lexington Church, I still get excited by rehearsing my experience.

I served Twin Creek Primitive Baptist Church as a liberated minister from 1986 to 1990. Soon after, I was ordained at Lexington Primitive Baptist Church in 1990. Our family enjoyed thirteen years of serving this wonderful group of saints. In 1999, I felt burdened to resign this church and move to Roanoke, Virginia. This seemed very difficult having three children, a wife, a plumbing business and houses to sell, not to mention the emotional ties to many dear friends. Nevertheless, men must do what God calls them to do. When we made up our minds that this was the proper course, God opened many doors.

At the time of writing this article, we are in Roanoke and God continues to watch over us. I still have great hope and assurance now, and I have no more doubts and fears about my eternal salvation. It is the year 2000 and I believe God is still on the throne. As much as I was in doubts and fears in my early experience, since joining the Primitive Baptists, I now have greater assurance. It is as if I never had such grief, what a blessing.

My wife and I are now members of Mount Olive Church in Roanoke, Virginia where Elder Thomas Mann serves as pastor. Since moving here, I have been preaching at Mount Olive and surrounding sister churches.

ELDER AARON MUNLEY

FROM "GOSPEL APPEAL:" Elder Aaron Munley (1848-1911) was living near Rocky Ford in Bulloch County, Ga. in 1909 when he wrote the following account of his life and experiences:

I will first give a little information of my natural life, I was born in the state of South Carolina, Marion County, January 31, in the year of 1848, and was a slave of Mr. Neal McCray, and together with mother and one brother and two sisters was brought to Georgia in February 1856. I became acquainted with trouble from a small child. I remember when my father and mother were separated, hearing them grieving and crying it made me very sad, and when ever I think of it, it brings the same sadness

of mind. I never saw father any more, nor my grandmother and many of our dear kindred that we parted from I've met no more this side of the grave; but since freedom I have been back to the old state, have seen two of mother's sisters and brothers and a few of my people that we parted from in 1856. I remember well when coming to Georgia on the train that my mother was crying and taking on, and that a white man wanted to know her trouble. After she had told him he said to her, "Don't fret, Auntie, don't fret; you will find good friends in Georgia," and I must say he told the truth. It seems like all the people both white and colored took a liking to us, and all the time that we were slaves we got along very well.

I was working for Mr. Allen Hooks in Emanuel County in 1865 when the news came to me that I was free. About this time I began to get wild, forgetting the good training that my dear mother had given me. I began to grow strong in the belief that if I would try to do good the Lord would help me and that I could get religion any time I would try to get it. I thought that this was the way, and one could be one of God's children if he would try to be one. This was the way that I had been hearing it preached and all who I had ever heard preach, preached it that way except the Primitive Baptist who had the poorest foundation of any people that I had ever heard, and I did say many things about them that I have been sorry about since. It was in the year 1866 that was brought to me my lost and ruined state. I was about 18 years old and I had never seen my sins before me like they appeared. I saw one night in a dream a white man. It appeared that he was above me and he showed me all my sins at once. While I was looking at my sins and my ruined condition I thought I felt so guilty and condemned that I could not look at the man, and many little habits that I had taken up appeared as great sins and it seemed were growing larger and larger; something that I had done and had forgotten appeared before me. I thought the man spoke to me and said quit plaguing and tormenting little children as you have been doing and pray and others shall pray for thee; and as the man that appeared to me spoke the words, he disappeared, and I woke up and found myself in the same condition that I saw and felt to be in the dream. This was in the spring of the year 1866.

I then began trying to get rid of my guilty feelings, but I could not. I would try to pray for relief, but could not get to feel as I wanted to feel and after awhile. I began to think of it all as just being imagination, and I would quit studying so much about the sight that I had seen in my dream. I bought me a fiddle, and I tried to pray the very morning that I got it that if there was any harm in playing the fiddle that I could not learn to play it

so I soon learned to play, also to dance, and did not think I ever would quit this; but my burden of mind soon grew so heavy I did not enjoy the fiddle and ballroom floor very long. I would often ask old people, is there any harm in playing the fiddle? Some of them would tell me no, and some would tell me yes. I went on with it awhile longer, but felt it was a sin. I became more and more troubled about my sins during this time. I thought if I could marry maybe I could live a better life, so I soon found one that I was satisfied with and she was with me. She was Miss Lucinda Groover, she was born a slave June 6, 1850, and was raised in Bulloch County, Georgia, and we agreed and were married October 25th, 1868. I was blessed to get a wife and we got along good together, but my burden seemed to get heavy. I tried and had just about lost confidence in my good works, but I thought maybe I have not tried the right way, so I kept on trying and praying and I got to where it seemed like it was a sin to be trying; but it would not be long before I would be saying, "Lord have mercy on me a poor sinner." While I was in this condition I gave it up and tried to be content to go to everlasting torment. I felt if I was sent to hell the Lord was just. I could not see any way to escape that awful place, I quit having sport out of the children as I had been having; I gave up the ballroom floor and the fiddle; I quit the company that I had been running with. I was brought to feel that I was the worst sinner that had ever lived; that I was not fit to live or die, and after all hope for mercy was gone, to my surprise that great loss of guilt was gone. I was rejoicing within and with gladness, and I felt altogether different, my mind was full of praise to the Lord. I just wanted to tell some one how glad I felt. This was the last of May or the first of June in 1870, but soon after this I began to doubt and think maybe I was deceived in what I had felt, thinking maybe it is nothing but imagination, but still new thoughts and new desires would come and I began to feel like I wanted to be baptized, but did not feel that I was fit and I had so many doubts and fears I just tried to throw it all aside as nothing, but soon I began to think about the church and wanted to hear them talk and tell how they felt when they first felt their sins forgiven. I remember hearing one sister telling her experiences, and it seemed as if I wanted to see her and hear her tell it again, to see if what I felt agreed with hers.

I went on this way awhile, and again tried to lay it all aside. One day as I was plowing my little ox it seemed that I heard some one say, "put not off the day for tomorrow may be too late." It came so forcible to my mind I stopped and looked about to see if I could see anybody, but I saw no one. So I became willing to go and offer myself to the old Primitive Baptist; but there was no church of the Primitive Baptist among the

colored people in that part of the country at this time, and so it was with the white people I was directed to go and tell what I hoped the Lord had done for me; and on the 23rd of July, 1870, I went to Nevels Creek Church and told them of my little hope. Myself and one white sister were received and baptized. I had a few hours of joy, and as I was returning home that evening these words were in my mind all the time, "Bless the Lord, O My Soul; Bless The Lord, O My Soul; and all that is within me, Bless His Holy name."

I was so overcome with joy that I hardly could keep from shouting out loud I just felt like I wanted to tell someone how I felt that evening. This is a reason of my little hope in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I will try to tell or write a little of my call to the ministry as I hope. I did not remain in that happy condition long; soon my mind was led to think about praying, and it became such a burden on my mind that I had to stop one morning at the edge of a footlog that lay across a branch and there try to pray, and as I got up I had a little calm feeling in my mind. So I went on doing my days work, and seemed to be calm within, but in a few days after this I became burdened again just like I did at the footlog, and I would yield to my impression of mind sometime, and sometime I would try to suppress it, and I got to being in so much trouble that I could not rest only as I would yield to the impression of mind, and it was about talking in public. I would talk and tell the brethren and sisters about how I thought we ought to live and conduct ourselves before the world and before each other, and sometimes I would want to tell some of my experiences, and how I believed the Lord saved His people, and then again at times I would try to keep all my expressions to myself, but I could not; it came to me that I had to preach and I said to myself, I know that I cannot do that, and I will say just here I began to meet trouble and sore trials, such as I had never met before, I wanted to talk and tell the church my trouble, but I was afraid to say anything to them about it so I went on the best I could. It seems to me that the Prophet Job in the third chapter, first to the fourteenth, tells my troubles that I had to meet better than I can tell them, but I believe the Lord was with me.

ELDER CHARLEY MUNN

WRITTEN BY ELDER CHARLES WALKER—A FORMER PASTOR OF NEW SALEM CHURCH: Elder Munn was born on the 14th day of April 1880 in the poor red clay hills of northeast Mississippi. He died on

the 18th day of April 1924. He joined New Salem Church near Walnut, Miss, in September 1906, and was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry in October 29, 1916. He only preached for 10 years after he was ordained.



From a brief letter that came into our possession, wrote by some old childhood friends and his former schoolteacher and from word of mouth do we gather this small amount of information about Elder Munn and his ministry. I remember a daughter of his, having met her several times. She spoke highly of her father. Her name was Francis Milstead. All those that remember his ministry are now gone to join him in that better place. One of his nieces told me years ago, that Elder Munn killed himself preaching the gospel. She said that he always preached as if it was the last time he might preach. One of my wife's uncles told me that one year at Walnut, MS, the Missionary had a week's meeting and the next week the Methodist held a week's meeting. They were really carrying on about how many they had saved for the Lord. Bro Munn asked for the use of the Methodist Church building on Sunday night. After that sermon, they said nothing more about saving sinners for the Lord.

We know that he pastored New Salem Church and we believe that he pastored others in this given area. Elder Munn asked one of his deacons to go with him to an Association over in Alabama. The deacon told his wife it was about time that he got to hear some good preaching for a change. When they got back, the deacon told his wife how it went with a red face. He said that Bro. Charley out preached every preacher over there.

His old school teacher said that Elder Munn was considered one of our best preachers. His was also considered one that was efficient in the pulpit. All that remembered him said the same about him. She said that he always had a cheerful disposition and ready to lend a helping hand.

I went to the New Salem Cemetery to view his resting place and I found on his tomb rock these words, "Thy will be done."

ELDER J. H. MURPHEY

FROM AN OBITUARY IN "PRIMITIVE MONITOR:" Elder James Hulet Murphy of Evansville, Ind., died April 26, 1965 in that city. He was born August 10, 1912, in Mansfield, Mo., and was baptized in May 1935 by Elder Henry Gwaltney. He was married June 5, 1938 to Verna Temple and to their union a son and a daughter were born. Elder Murphey was ordained to the gospel ministry November 1940, at New Hope Church in Evansville. He served churches in Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana. At the time of his death he was associate pastor of Barker Avenue Church, and was also serving Bethel Creek Church near Raleigh, Ill., and Deer Creek Church near Greencastle, Ind. In his livelihood he pursued various branches of the electronics field.

The things of God and his church were his main interest in life; all other things were secondary. He was never too tired nor felt too bad to visit the sick or try to comfort the bereaved. He was always ready to travel any distance to preach the gospel, which he loved so dearly and for which you might say he gave his life. He was so concerned about our young people and wanted them to be firmly established in the basic fundamentals of the Bible. He was a wonderful singer and was largely responsible for our young people being taught the old minor tunes that have belonged to our people through the centuries.



ELDER G. W. MURRAY

Was born at Barrow, Illinois, March 22, 1850, the son of Allen W. and Nellie A. (Watson) Murray. He was brought up in a Primitive Baptist home, and one always open to the church people and their friends. In February 1870, he was married to Miss Lucinda Taylor, and that same year he labored under a deep concern of mind about spiritual things. In April 1871, he was baptized and soon began to speak in public, and in 1873, he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. He had the care of churches from that time forth. He and his wife were blessed with seven children, three dying in infancy and four living.



ELDER JOHN GREEN MURRAY

SUBMITTED BY GAYLON POWELL: Elder Murray was born December 26, 1832. He was the fourth son of Elder James Murray and Martha Allen. He married Miss Ella Nora Yelverton, November 20, 1858, and to this union eight children were born. He joined the church at Prosperity, August 14, 1869, and was baptized by Elder John Rowe. He was liberated to exercise in public May 14, 1870, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry, September 16, 1872, by Elders John Rowe, John R Respass, and James Murray. He died at his home near Butler, Taylor County, Georgia, July 31, 1899, and is buried at Prosperity Church Cemetery.

ELDER JAMES MURRAY

SUBMITTED BY GAYLON POWELL: Elder Murray was born October 28, 1795. He was baptized in Burke County, Georgia, in 1827 or 1828, and ordained to the full work of the ministry in 1845. He married Martha Allen, and after her death in 1851, he married Dora Ann Royal. He died September 14, 1877. He is buried at Phillipi Church cemetery, Schley County, Georgia.

ELDER J. M. MURRAY

WRITTEN BY ELDER R. H. PITTMAN: This able, faithful and lovable minister of Ellaville, Ga., gently fell asleep in Jesus March 25, 1930, in the 77th year of his age. Early in life, he married Miss Mary Lighther, to this union 10 children were born.

In 1888, he began his Christian career, uniting with the Phillippi Primitive Baptist Church. In 1901, he heard the call to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and until his health failed him four years ago, he diligently declared God's word, serving Phillippi Church, where he was ordained a minister of the gospel for 26 years. For 29 years he was moderator of the Upatoie Association, and his brethren were loathe to release him from this high office even when he was too feeble to attend the session, of the Association. Not only did he serve Phillippi Church, near here, but he held pastorates in Sumter, Taylor, Marion and

Chattahoochee Counties, and was honored and, loved by his entire membership. For 14 years, Elder Murray was Clerk of the Superior Court of Schley County, relinquishing this office in order to give his entire time to the churches. At one time, he was a trustee of the Ellaville School, then known as Crisp Institute, and for a few years taught in the schools of the county.

ELDER JOHN JOHNSON MUSGROVE

Elder John Johnson Musgrove was born December 1, 1858 in MS and married Emma Dillard and had 13 children, 2 of whom died young. He was first pastor of Good Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish, La. along with Elder F. M. Patterson from 1896 to 1935. He died November 19, 1949 and is buried near Good Hope Church in La.

ELDER J. T. MUSGROVE

FROM "A HISTORY OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA, MT. ZION ASSOCIATION" BY ELDER E. B. WATTS: The only account we have of this Elder is that he was pastor of Mount Tabor Church in Blount County from 1832 to 1839. In 1840, he was connected with Siloam Church.

ELDER J. T. MUSICK

FROM "THE CHRISTIAN PATHWAY" WRITTEN BY ELDER TED PRICE: Elder J.T. Musick was born February 20, 1908, and fell asleep in the hands of the Lord on January 31, 1981. He was married to Sister Pauline Lorren in August 1930, and ordained to the ministry in 1952. During his years as a minister, he served as pastor for several churches of the Mount Zion Association of Alabama, including Clear Creek, New Clear Creek, Little Branch and Pilgrim's Rest. He was an able minister of the Word, a man of high esteem and Christian virtues.

His final days were spent in a nursing home as he required almost total care. As we observed this gradual decay of natural strength, there was no failing or dimming of this soldier's faith.

ELDER C. G. MYERS

WRITTEN BY ELDER BURL F PHILLIPS: Elder Myers was born on the second day of September 1893, and passed this life on February 28, 1980.

Brother Clint, as he was affectionately known, joined Elizabeth Primitive Baptist Church at McKenzie, Alabama in June 1920, was ordained as a Deacon on August 25, 1934, and was ordained as a Minister on the 7th day of August 1937. He faithfully served several Churches in the Antioch and Patsaliga Associations for 40 years until he was disabled about 3 years before his death. His services were to the glory of God, and much to the comfort of His people. Brother Myers was much sought after in the ordination of Elders and Deacons.

ELDER EARL MYERS



Elder Earl Myers died at the age of 89 on February 28, 1992. Elder Myers was the oldest of three children and was born in Walker County, Alabama on December 26, 1902. Brother Myers married his wife, Virgie, on September 19, 1926 and both joined Collins Springs Church in November of 1945. Elder Myers was liberated to preach shortly after joining the church and ordained to preach in October 1948. He was then called to serve Powder Springs Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Myers was a faithful servant and was very devoted to the study of God's Word. In his forty-four years as a minister, Elder Myers served Powder Springs Church, Bethel Church, Collins Springs Church, and held regular appointments at Uttoy Church.
