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**"The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want."**

**"The Lord is my defence;
and my God is the rock of
my refuge"**

Psalms 23:1; & 94:22

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BEGINNING OF VOLUME ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN

Perhaps it is appropriate and beneficial to give the readers a bit of history concerning the past Editors and Associate Editors of this publication. Since such information has not been related for some while now possibly enough time has elapsed to make these facts fresh to many of our subscribers and interesting to reflect upon by those who have read them before. We are acutely aware of the fact that a worthy heritage does not make the Advocate a better paper than other

Primitive Baptist publications. Neither is it with any appetite for glorying in this heritage that we recount such details but rather to assert our desire to carry on in the same honorable tradition of those dear men of God who have served so ably in the past. God being our helper we will not compromise those sacred principles for which they so courageously stood.

With this issue A and M enters its one hundred sixteenth year of publication. To my knowledge it is the oldest magazine in existence which has always contended for the doctrine and practice of the Old Line or Old School Primitive Baptists. The next oldest I believe would be "The Primitive Baptist" Edited by Elder Hartsel Cayce of Thornton, Arkansas. That paper is entering its ninety-first year.

The first issue of ZION'S ADVOCATE went forth from Front Royal, Virginia, in January of 1854 under the editorship of Elder John Clark, who filled that position for about thirty years. He published the paper regularly all that time except for about seven years during and after the war between the States. After his death it was published several years by J. G. Wiltshire; Elder T. S. Dalton was Editor for a few years; Elder J. R. Daily for eight years, and Dr. C. H. Waters for several years. (Elder Waters was a medical doctor).

In May of 1919 Elder R. H. Pittman purchased the paper from Elder Clark's widow, and in January, 1921, he bought The Messenger of Truth from Elder F. P. Branscomb, of Laurel Fork, Virginia, and merged it with the ADVOCATE; and in March, 1923, he bought the Gospel Messenger from Elder Z. C. Hull who had purchased it from Elder Sylvester Hassell, and the "Advocate" and the "Messenger" were combined and since that time have been issued under the name of ADVOCATE AND MESSENGER. Elder Pittman Edited the paper until his death, March 14, 1941, and his widow served as Acting Editor for the remainder of that year. Elder T. P. Dalton, son of Elder T. S. Dalton, purchased

the paper from Sister Pittman at that time and Edited it until the end of 1947. It was at this time that the Advocate was set up under the management of a Board of Trustees, an arrangement which has continued until the present time. Advocate and Messenger, Incorporated, purchased the paper from Elder Dalton and Elder Albert F. Sudduth was appointed editor; Elders C. W. Miller and Leonard S. Dove, Associates. The original Board of Trustees consisted of Brethren O. F. Carpenter, President, Vernon Shaffer, Vice President, Raymond Lee and Carroll Shuler. The last two of these still serve on the Board. Brother Neal Dickens served as the first Secretary-Treasurer. Elder William G. Fletcher served as Editor from September 1956 through May, 1966, and Elder William T. Daily served in that position from then until failing health necessitated his recent retirement.

An incidental circumstance which the younger readers might consider odd or unusual is that around 1915 and possibly in other years also there was an arrangement between the Editor's of Zion's Advocate and McCall's Magazine whereby both magazines could be obtained for one year for a combined total of one dollar and twenty-five cents. I pass along this little piece of information because of the fact that the chances for such an arrangement in our day are so humorously remote.

Those Elders who have served A and M as Associate Editors also comprise quite an impressive company. This list includes such men as J. H. Oliphant, Sylvester Hassell, T. S. Dalton, John H. Booton, S. A. Thompson, Lee Hanks, A. L. Harrison, J. A. Monsees, Earl Daily, J. Harvey Daily, T. L. Webb, Sr., C. W. Miller, and many others space will not allow us to mention. These men contributed greatly to making A and M a welcome visitor in the homes of thousands of the dearest people who ever graced the earth. The present staff shall continue to strive to make it a help and encouragement to God's people into whose hands it falls. They have

not found a better way than that of their father's, but are still earnestly contending for the same precious truths and timeless principles which were advocated by the previous supporters of the Advocate.

Worldly men rush to and fro around us with their heads in the clouds and their hearts in the gutter and what association our timely state requires us to have with them is a burden to us, but by faith we are able to make a proper assessment of their doings and see that God oversees and, if He pleases, overrules the schemes and plans of men. There is much occurring in our country which we know to be displeasing to God and evidence of this displeasure abounds on every hand. But this is the customary course of men and we are assured that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." However, regardless of what may be the way of the world around us we are exhorted to continue in the things which we have learned and been assured of, knowing of whom we have learned them (II Tim 3:13,14).

Experience teaches me that our religious periodicals are a helpful means by which a child of God may grow in the knowledge of the truth. Many precious mysteries have been unveiled to me through the spiritual writings of the servants of God. If it will do us good to hear such men express themselves from the pulpit why will it not also do us good for them to express themselves to us with pen and ink? Our church papers are not designed to take the place of the study of the Bible but rather to assist in it, promote it, and encourage it. To this end we ask an interest in your continued prayers that for another year and in the years to come we may be blessed to provide good, sound, nourishing, and instructive reading in the pages of the A and M. We hope and pray that we shall have the whole-hearted support of our readers and that they will consider it worthy of sharing with others by helping us to obtain new subscriptions. We shall

also deeply appreciate any contributions toward sending it to those who are unable to pay.

May the coming year be so ordered of the Lord that its demise will find us enjoying more intimate communion with Him than when it began. Remember, if we are not rich toward God we are paupers.

THE EDITOR

GREETINGS FROM AN OLD FRIEND IN THIS NEW YEAR

Dear readers of the Advocate and Messenger, please retain me in your hearts as one of your number, and allow me to address you through the love of Christ. If I know my heart, as I hope I do, I can address you in this way without doing any injustice to His cause for I am convinced that the desire is not of the flesh. Since of an early age when my father began to edit the Zion's Advocate, I have had an interest in this publication; this was in June 1898 and it has seemed to grow on me. May I address you now on the subject of:

Getting to know God

My father was considered to be a very good teacher, both in public schools and as a minister of the gospel. All nine of his children became members of the Primitive Baptist Church, (there were ten of them born to our family, but only nine were raised to adult-hood, Earl's twin sister, Pearl, died in infancy before the birth of my brother Lemuel and I.) Beside tending a small amount of farm ground, father's early occupation was only in teaching school and preaching the gospel that he loved so well; telling of Jesus and His love of sinners, not because they were sinners, but in spite of their sins; for we read that, "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." As long as we were in this con-

dition, we were without hope of eternal salvation.

But father was comforted with the thought found in Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." He realized that it was not in his power to teach them to know God, even as much as he loved them. However all of his children died as members of the dear old church, in good standing, leaving only me, the least of them, and the writer of this little message.

ELDER W. T. DAILY

BLIND FROM BIRTH

"And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (John 9:1-3).

Beloved of God, we know that all mankind are sinners. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:23-24). "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

In the case of the blind man, there is no doubt that he was a sinner by nature even as others, but he was a type and subject of God's mercy and grace bestowed upon whom He will. His blindness did not come from his sins nor of his parents that he should be stricken blind, but in him the glory of God was made manifest. Much of this is a lesson to show the power of God and to glorify Our Father in Heaven, and to

prove how a poor sinner can glory in the Lord even in affliction.

"If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities" (II Cor. 11:30). Paul gives an example and a great testimony when the Lord said unto him, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (II Cor. 12:9-10).

Let it be firmly known, as the Bible teaches, that Jesus came down from Heaven, not to do His own will, but the will of Him that sent Him. "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day" (John 6:39). He also said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44).

There is no doubt in our mind that this same Jesus not only opened the eyes of the blind man, but also gave him spiritual eyes. In fear of God in his heart he could cry out: "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." This poor sinner became a teachable subject. He couldn't rejoice in the fact that he was a sinner; but could greatly rejoice in knowing that Jesus came to save poor lost and ruined sinners.

In humble prayer,
ELDER CHARLES W. ALDERTON

If God shines His light in the heart the man with no eyes can see the Church in all its beauty, but without that light the man with twenty-twenty vision cannot see it.

ACCOMPLISH

To accomplish is to bring to completion, to achieve, to fulfil, to carry out, to perform and finish that which is under consideration. So many times it seems I am not able to accomplish very much, and other times nothing at all. It brings the realization of how weak and poor mortal man is and without the Lord we cannot do anything. So to accomplish something one must be able to do what is to be done with a ready mind and heart as well as physical strength to carry out the work set before him. Whatsoever you find to do, do with all your might, trusting in the Lord for grace to carry on. Then be not boastful about the matter, but give honor to whom honor is due – the Lord.

When something is accomplished or achieved, whatever it may be and however small it may seem to us, there is a feeling of peace and sweetness to one's soul in being able to complete just a little work today, and as the day closes upon us we are able to thank the Lord for the day. May we never forget where all our help and blessings come from, both temporal and spiritual. Job has declared that the Lord has determined man's days and has appointed his bounds that he cannot pass, for who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one. So surely man cannot accomplish anything without the help of the Lord.

The Lord is abundantly able to accomplish everything He pleases to do both temporal and spiritual. The rain and the snow cometh down from heaven to accomplish seed time and harvest at the Lord's command. So shall his word be that goeth forth out of his mouth. It shall not return unto the Lord void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sends it. This shall be accomplished and carried out.

The Lord Jesus came down from heaven not to do His own will nor the will of any one else, but the Father, and He

surely was able to accomplish the Father's will. He was given all power in heaven and in earth and some one might say today that if they were given all power they could accomplish this, too. But this great power of ability to accomplish was only given to Jesus and no one else. He was given power over all flesh to give eternal life to everyone the Father gave Him. Did He accomplish this or not? I maintain He did, and to the full satisfaction of the Father in every respect. Even in the mount of transfiguration Moses and Elias talked with Jesus as they appeared in glory with him and spoke of His decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. Peter, James and John were heavy with sleep while this was taking place, yet as they were awakened and a cloud overshadowed them they heard a voice declare, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." This is surely sufficient evidence that Jesus has power to accomplish all of the Father's will. He was able to accomplish every miracle and heal all, having a compassion in love to open blind eyes, unstop deaf ears, cause the lame to walk, raise the dead to life, and even have the gospel preached to the poor. Who else can accomplish all this but Jesus? Moses and the prophets foretold of the sufferings and death of Christ but now they converse with Him about it as the time for His exodus or final departure approaches near, for this is to be accomplished at Jerusalem where Christ was condemned, suffered and died, then arose from the grave and ascended back to the Father in heaven to obtain or accomplish eternal redemption for the whole Israel of God. This is accomplished to the fullest extent, for Jesus has said, "It is finished." It is a complete work and as He ascended into heaven, He promised to return again.

Jesus while hanging on the cross said, "I thirst," and He knew that all things were now accomplished, so when He had received the vinegar He said, "It is finished," He bowed His head and gave up the ghost. He died for our sins, He arose for our justification having fully accomplished everything neces-

sary to satisfy and appease the wrath of God that now your sin and iniquity is removed never more to appear in any way between you and your God.

“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” Yes this is a great comfort to the Israel of God to know that her warfare is accomplished, for at the appointed time deliverance is come. There is a warfare that the saints of God are engaged in for we have many battles to fight against Satan and the world. We have great afflictions and we are to fight the good fight of faith. This is accomplished, not that it comes to an end while we are still here in this life, for we will always have this warfare here as long as we live, but it is accomplished or conquered by Christ having put all enemies under His feet and they will soon be put under our feet to bother no more forever. So also the warfare of the servitude and bondage of the law is accomplished or brought to an end and the fatigue, labor, and trouble of the law dispensation has been abolished in Christ and we have a new Gospel dispensation taking place, for the former things are done away with or accomplished.

Now this does not in any way license anyone to go or do what He pleases for we are still to live in obedience to His commands in the gospel way. In so doing we will observe how He feeds His flock and gathers the lambs in His arms, carrying them in His bosom and gently leading those that are young and tender.

We must still strive to accomplish that which is pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Then will we have rest to our souls, then will we have comfort and peace.

There was a priest named Zacharias that ministered in the temple as his custom or lot was to burn incense. But as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he

departed to his own house. His duty and work were fulfilled at this particular time and as he came from the temple he was dumb and not able to speak. He had seen a demonstration of the Lord's promise concerning the birth of John the baptist for his prayer was heard, and when the promise was accomplished and fulfilled he was able to speak and magnify the Lord for "many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord." A great accomplishment has taken place.

Paul accomplished much in his life, preaching the gospel and ministering to the poor, the lame, the halt and teaching the ordinances of God. He endured many afflictions in painfulness and weariness with many perils along the way, being burdened with the care of all the churches that he might accomplish the will of the Lord in all things. Knowing that his life's work was now accomplished and the time of his departure was at hand, he could say with all sincere truth, "I am now ready to be offered,—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." What an accomplishment to conclude his race with joy and firm acknowledgement of keeping the faith. May we also love Christ's appearing for Paul said, "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Dear brethren I humbly beg an interest in your prayers and submit this writing in hope that it may accomplish a few crumbs of comfort to your soul, remembering we can do all things through Christ Who strengthens us.

ELDER DAILY HITE

THE HAND OF PROVIDENCE

Article One

I wish to express some of my thoughts on a few of those things which I feel comes under the head and by the hand of providence. I have heard several of our church people say, "I will be there if not providentially hindered." But when we really stop to think of providence we must consider it an act of providing not only for humanity but for all things on earth and in heaven, and this being by the hand of providence, or the hand of God. Therefore we should be careful how we use the phrase "providentially hindered."

Many times we have been providentially *delivered*. We have come through many things and places in which we had no power to deliver ourselves. Even the birds, the insects, and the beasts of the forest are provided for by the hand of the Lord. We must also consider where there is providence there is purpose. "The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand" (Isa. 14:24). "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). God never has depended on man to help Him bring to pass that which He has promised. Our father Abraham staggered not at the promise of God, but as Paul said of him, (Rom. 4:21) he was fully persuaded that, what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2). Seeing that God made this promise and we cannot doubt His ability to bring to pass whatsoever he has promised, we can safely rest in the fact that God made provision for us when as yet there was none of us on the earth. His purpose for this is that He loved us with an everlasting love, therefore with love and kindness He has drawn us out of the darkness of nature that He might be glorified on earth and that we might be recon-

ciled to Him through the death of His Son and rejoice in His providence.

“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation” (II Cor. 5:18). Seeing He has provided for us out of His book of remembrance how happy we should be, not only in life but even in the hour of death. David said, “Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them” (Psalm 139:16). He knew he had nothing to do with providing these things. We also can plainly see this took place before David’s advent into the world. What wonderful joy this brought to David in his day, and when it pleases God to make it known to us we rejoice just as David did. Though we are so imperfect yet in His everlasting love we are forever embraced, shielded from destruction by the hand of providence.

“For the Lord’s portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance” (Deut. 32:9). All the members of God’s family are embraced in this *lot* or number, matters not what nation they may belong to from a natural standpoint, for He has redeemed them out of every kindred and tongue and people (Rev. 5:9). In Deut. 32:10 we see that God found Jacob in a desert land. This was not by chance, neither was God ignorant of where Jacob was before this time. As we have already seen, Jacob is the lot of God’s inheritance and in II Tim. 2:19 we read that the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, *the Lord knoweth them that are His*. Therefore He knew beforehand where Jacob was, but He found him in a desert land or in this state and condition. I went to the place where I worked for 35 years. I knew where it was, but each time I went I found it there. So it is that God’s people are *found* in the world and in a worldly state. When this happens the world becomes a desert land to them. They feel to be deserted and justly so because of their sins.

Where they once stood in a land of plenty and was therewith content they now stand in need of something a desert land and a waste howling wilderness cannot give. The things of the world that once had been a pleasure and music to their ears now become a wilderness filled with the howling sounds of the sinful things that so thickly surround them.

But in Deut. 32:10 we see that the Lord led Jacob about; He instructed him; He kept him as the apple of His eye. The Lord led Jacob to the mountain of God. It was there Jacob could truly rejoice and know God was his keeper. Had it not been for the hand of providence to lead Jacob into spiritual light he would have remained in the world and been satisfied with it. God has provided this mountain of God, or kingdom, for his people. He also provided a people for this kingdom, and some day each one of them will come to Christ, (John 6:37). Not only will they come to Him but they will never be cast out of His sight or care, and some day they will be lifted above the sorrows of this world to sing everlasting praises around the throne of God. What wonderful love God has for His people to provide such glory for them here and hereafter.

The glorious promises of God are sure and we, being the spiritual offspring of Jacob, are also among the lot of God's inheritance. Each one of God's children are embraced in the promises made to Abraham. God renewed His promise in Isaac who was a type of Christ, the promised Seed, both being born contrary to nature. God said, "I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him" (Gen. 17:19). Isaac was the promised child and given by the hand of providence. It was the purpose of God. After *human* hands had failed *He* provided, and through this channel we all live and have our being.

ELDER H. E. HARRIS

Father of the editor

MEMORABLE THOUGHTS

Dear Children of God:

The aged and shut-ins are often in my heart and we try to pray that our dear Saviour will be your strength, your eyes, hands and feet, and lift you up in His arms, to comfort and support. When we are young, healthy and strong, seldom do we think of the fact that we can be cut down and suffer the many afflictions of this old world.

“Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished.” The gospel of Jesus our Saviour brings good news – good news that the war is over and peace is declared unto His people by the Captain of our Salvation.

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near,
Thy Saviour's gracious promise hear:
His faithful word declares to thee,
That as thy days thy strength shall be.

Let not thy heart despond and say,
How shall I stand the trying day?
He has engaged, by firm decree,
That as thy days thy strength shall be.

Thy faith is weak, thy foes are strong,
And if the conflict should be long,
Thy word will make the tempter flee;
for as thy days thy strength shall be.

Should persecution rage and flame,
Still trust in thy redeemer's name;
In fiery trials thou shall see,
That as thy days thy strength shall be.

When called to bear the mighty cross,
Of sore afflictions; pain or loss;
Of deep distress or poverty;
Still as thy days thy strength shall be.

When ghastly death appears in view,
Christ's presence shall thy fears subdue;
He comes to set thy spirit free,
And as thy days thy strength shall be.

Submitted in love,
ELDER CHARLES W. ALDERTON

CORRESPONDENCE AND NEWS NOTES

From Elder W. T. Daily:

Dear Brother Ralph: I surely do wish you to know that I am very much interested in you and in your task of editing the Advocate and Messenger. I have a great love for you and hope you will be very successful as editor.

I desire that I will have more impressions to write. It seems that I start a subject and the thought leaves me before I get very far with it. I am very sorry and can only hope that I can do better in the future. If it hadn't been so hard for me, I wouldn't have insisted that I be relieved.

I am yours in Christian Love.

From Brother P. E. Culpepper, Augusta, Georgia:

Dear Elder Harris: Greetings to you in the name of our blessed Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Have read both copies of A and M (July and November 1976 issues) and am about convinced it's the best of the Old Baptist Papers. Your article about "youth departments" was so keen and alert. I had not thought of the real dangers in this direction. In fact I had not thought of it at all, pro or con. I am in wholehearted agreement with your position.

If Old Gospel Tape Lending Service continues to grow in 1977 (Lord willing) as it has these first eleven months then we might end next year with 500 to 1,000 listeners. Wouldn't that be joyous Elder Harris? I can still see those 100,000 to one half million Old Line Primitive Baptist sermons circulating around this country if it meets with the Lord's approval . . .

May the grace of God be with you and yours, always.

From Sister Anna Parish, Davenport, Florida:

Dear Elder Harris: . . . I have certainly enjoyed the December issue, especially the article about "The Sweetest Verse In The Bible". It expresses my feelings. So many times I long to lay down this body of sin; and hope to some day have a body fashioned like unto the glorious body of Christ and to dwell with Him forever. There is nothing on this earth that makes me want to live here forever, not even my family. Sometimes I get *so weary* and long to go home and be with my Lord. Don't get me wrong, I'm not down on living . . . it's just that I get so tired of *me* and my sins and faults and failures that I know it would be far better to be with the Lord in heaven. However, I do enjoy the sweet meetings we have had and thank God that He has blessed me to hear many able Elders preach the truth. I am looking forward to hearing Elder Sandage 4th weekend. He is to be with our church (Little Zion) Friday night through Sunday and I think he will have a few appointments at our other churches the following week. We would like to have you and your family come and visit with us *anytime* – we meet every 2nd and 4th weekend.

. . . I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you in your efforts with the Advocate and Messenger. May God bless you and your family and keep you in His care. Pray for us at Little Zion.

In Christian Love,

(I think we can all witness with Sister Parish's feelings. There is a striking and beautiful likeness between the experiences of those who have been taught of the Spirit. Sister Ann is dearly loved among the Baptists of her acquaintance and is as sweet as her letter indicates.)

EDITOR

From Sister Ann Taylor, Akron, Ohio

Dear Brother Harris: May the Lord bless you in your good work. We enjoy reading the paper. I have truly enjoyed reading all your writings. I have just read "The Sweetest Verse in the Bible". It was beautiful. I also read the article by Elder Daily Hite, "Voice". Was explained very well . . .

Remember us in Prayer. I desire to be learning the truth.

From Sister Lola Carpenter, Brightwood, Virginia:

We are all so glad to hear you are our new Editor of the A and M. You will really be a good one and do hope God blesses you in your efforts.

Unworthily yours.

From Elder Beavers, New Castle, Indiana

Dear Elder Harris: I know that you must be disappointed and disgusted with me for not writing, but it seems that of late I have not had any impressions, and also have been quite busy filling in for our Pastor, Elder Watson, who recently had surgery. Also have been covered up with picture framing as I always am at this time of year.

We were happy to know that you were chosen Editor and will try to do better from now on. May God bless you both and may you have a happy holiday season.

In much love.

(The kind and encouraging expressions of all these dear ones are deeply appreciated. I thank God that He has blessed us with so many precious loved ones).

EDITOR

Elder Charles W. Alderton writes:

For those who were shut-ins and not able to attend, we have had wonderful, soul-cheering and God-honoring union meetings. Also the Ebenezer and Kettocton Associations convened in outstanding love and peace. The Ebenezer was largely attended last year with heavenly showers of blessings. We are looking forward to the Ebenezer Association in its 1977 session with Thornton's Gap Church; also the Kettocton meeting with White Oak Church.

In hope of peace and love.

**THANKS AND APPRECIATION
FROM BROTHER AND SISTER R. H. LEE**

Some time ago Brother Raymond Lee, of Falls Church, Virginia, was required to spend almost a month in Fairfax Hospital. When he was able to return home, he could not walk unassisted, and was confined to bed, or, with assistance could move to a nearby chair. Recently, however, after continued therapy, treatment, and medication, by the blessing of God, he has become able to walk alone and can move around taking walks out of doors in favorable weather. During this time he has had the constant care and attention of his dearly beloved wife, who herself is not in the most robust health.

Both Brother Raymond and Sister Rena wish to express their deepest thanks and most sincere appreciation for the countless cards, letters, and telephone calls from their many friends and brethren. Most of all, however, they are humbly thankful to the God of all grace for Brother Raymond's improved health, and for the many prayers which have been offered up in his behalf. The one thing they miss most is being able to attend services at Bethel Church, the church of their

membership. They do appreciate visitors so much and welcome them. Anyone who wishes to do so may call:

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lee (Telephone: 703 JE 2-1686)
137 North Washington Street – Falls Church, Virginia 22046

Obituary

ZENIA FRAZIER SEAL

Sister Zenia Frazier Seal passed away November 16, 1976, at her home near Flint Hill, Rappahannock County, Virginia. She was born at Sperryville, Virginia, January 2, 1902; her stay on earth being 74 years, 10 months and 14 days. She was married to Floyd Seal, who died several years ago. To this union was born 6 children, three of whom preceded her in death. Surviving are two sons, Floyd L. Seal and Arthur Seal; one daughter, Mrs. Louise S. Williams; two brothers, Ira Frazier and Ollie Frazier; one sister, Mrs. Nora Curtis; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sister Seal united with Thornton Gap Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized November 18, 1920, by the late Elder John Jenkins. Sister Zenia was a faithful member to the church she loved so well, as long as she was able to attend. She suffered a paralytic stroke in early 1975 from which she never fully recovered. She bore her suffering patiently, always testifying that the Lord had been so good to her. She always requested prayer and a song. One of her favorite hymns was "Amazing Grace". Often she would come to church with a song on her mind and request that it be sung to the praise and glory of God. To be in Sister Seal's presence was to feel precious moments of inspiration.

A funeral service was held at Turner Funeral Home in Front Royal, Virginia, conducted by her pastor, Elder Elmer S. Skeen, and Elder Clarence Frazier. Interment was at Masonic Cemetery, Washington, Virginia. Thornton Gap Primitive Baptist Church bows in humble submission, feeling their loss is Heaven's gain. Also the church extends its thoughts of sympathy and prayer to each member of the family in this time of bereavement. May the Lord of Glory heal their sorrowing hearts.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written; "Death is swallowed up in victory; Oh death, where is thy sting; Oh grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Submitted in love and respect,
ELDER E. S. SKEEN

ANNIE G. RIVERS

Annie G. Rivers was born February 26, 1903, passed away October 18, 1976, at Northern Virginia Doctor's Hospital, Arlington, Virginia. She was a daughter of the late Walter C. Green, a member of Goose Creek Primitive Baptist Church, and the late Emma Hall Green, a member of Upperville Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by one grandson, Thomas J. Daly of New Jersey, and four sisters; Mrs. Grace Houchins, Mrs. Emma Lyons and Mrs. Iva G. Thrower, all of Leesburg, and Mrs. Elaine G. Compher of Hamilton, Virginia.

Mrs. Rivers joined a church of another order early in life, but attended Primitive Baptist Churches as often as she could in later life. She loved to read and discuss the Bible.

The funeral service was held on October 21, 1976 at Murphy Funeral Home, Falls Church, Virginia. Interment was in National Memorial Park, Falls Church. The service was conducted by Elder J. E. Alderton.

ELDER J. E. ALDERTON

ANNIE WAYLAND BROYLES

Mrs. Annie Wayland Broyles, 94, of Brandy Station, Virginia, widow of James Wesley Broyles, died Wednesday, February 11, 1976 at the home of Mrs. Nadine Lohr of Radiant, Virginia.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Robinson River Primitive Baptist Church, with Elder Raymond Pressley and Reverend Richard J. Englert, Jr., officiating. Her pastor Elder C. W. Alderton being ill at the time of her funeral. Burial was in the Church cemetery.

Sister Annie was born October 22, 1881 in Madison County, Virginia, daughter of Fielding Henry and Anna Carpenter Wayland; and was the oldest member of the Robinson River Church, a member for 81 years.

Surviving are two sons, Harmon E. Broyles of Columbia, South Carolina, and James H. Broyles of Brandy Station, Virginia; three daughters, Mrs. Alice B. Marshall, Brandy Station; Mrs. John Albert Brown, Culpepper, Virginia, and Mrs. Eva B. Woods, Raleigh, North Carolina; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sister Annie was a faithful member and a firm believer of salvation by grace to poor lost sinners. She always expressed an humble spirit and loved to read her Bible.

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth. Ecc. 7:1.

Due to oversight this obituary was sent in late.

Humbly submitted,
ELDER CHARLES W. ALDERTON

DAILY THOUGHTS

By Lena M. Johnson

Each day, oh Lord, I do find,
That Thou givest peace to my mind.
Continue with me every day,
Is my silent hope I pray.

Help me daily acts to show,
About Thy Kingdom better know.
Each day I hope to do my best,
And one day reach eternal rest.

May I see Thy shining shore,
When my earthly days are o're.
And with loved ones there to meet,
To sing and worship at Thy feet.

FIGHT OF FAITH

Paul admonished Timothy to fight the good fight of faith. He had something else to do besides the business of this world. He was a soldier and was to meet the enemies of the gospel service, which are Satan and his principalities, sin and the lusts of the flesh, the world and the men of it. He must also meet false teachers and their followers. He must serve God in feeding the sheep, gathering in the lambs, visiting the sick and distressed. When the servant is faithful to his trust God will increase his gift and his field, but when it is neglected his gift will decrease and so will his field of labor. Let us be faithful to our trust and fight the good fight of faith.

THE LATE ELDER J. HARVEY DAILY
THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST, MARCH 20, 1941

RESPECTFUL ATTENTION

Sometimes a brother will enter the house while the minister is preaching and engage in hand shaking and conversation as he passes up the aisle. This should not be. Sometimes an old sister will come in and discover that Aunt Polly is there; and, rushing across to her seat, will say: "Why, howdy, Aunt Polly! I am so glad to see you!" Such a kind greeting would be in place almost anywhere, except here. When Aunt Mary met Aunt Polly the preacher was, perhaps, deeply interested in the subject of his address, and many of the hearers were eager to catch the thought that he was about to utter. But all eyes turned on the meeting and all ears on the greeting between Aunt Mary and Aunt Polly. The preacher saw that he had lost the attention of the congregation, and was thrown into confusion. The beauty and benefits of the service were destroyed. Aunt Mary and Aunt Polly were not the only ones responsible for this disturbance; for, if the congregation had kept their eyes from the old sisters and had kept them in the face of the minister the discourse would have continued with unabated interest. Every person in the congregation should continually face the speaker. It is rude to sit bowed down, or to be looking here and there. If we cannot give respectful attention to the service, we had better stay at home, and not disturb those who go to church to worship.

ELDER F. P. BRANSCOME - 1921

There is no such thing as a "head deacon" any more than there is a "head preacher" over other preachers. All stand on the same level and have precisely the same authority in the church.

Elder C. E. Webb

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON

Jesus put this question to the unbelieving Jews; "Why do ye not understand my speech?" John 8:43. Then He gave the answer to the question; "Even because ye cannot hear my word." But some who claim to be followers of this same Jesus do not agree with His answer. They have another reply which they consider a better one. They answer the question this way; "You could understand if you just would. All you have to do is just believe what He says." Jesus says, "Ye *cannot* hear." They say, "You *can* hear." Do you choose the answer of Christ or do you prefer the answer of men? There is a very clear and distinct choice here. Each of us are on one side of the fence or the other. There is no middle ground.

THE EDITOR

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The Bible account of the power of prayer is the best we can have. Jacob prays – Esau's revenge is changed to fraternal love. Joseph prays – he is delivered from the prison of Egypt. Moses prays – Amalek is discomfited, Israel triumphs. David prays – Ahithophel goes out and hangs himself. Asa prays – Israel gains a glorious victory. Jehoshaphat prays – God turns away His anger and smiles. Elisha prays – a child is restored to life. Isaiah prays – one hundred and eighty-four thousand Assyrians are dead. Hezekiah prays – the sundial is turned back. Mordecai prays – Haman is hanged, Israel is delivered. Nehemiah prays – the king's heart is softened in a moment. Ezra prays – the walls of Jerusalem begin to rise. The church prays – the Holy Spirit is poured out. Paul and Silas pray – the prison is shaken, the doors are opened and everyone's bands are loosed.

Selected

NATIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE CURE

We live in times unparalleled in human history and I often wonder how those must feel about the future who have no hope in Christ and no apprehension of His greatness, of His eternal deity and Sonship, of redemption through His blood and justification by His righteousness: who know nothing of the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings and of conformity to His death. All around us we see "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Mental institutions all over the world are filled with people whose fears were too great for their minds to continue facing and accepting them. Surely if we had nothing better to occupy our minds than the bleak and dreary scenes presented to us by world conditions and national problems we soon would join those whose minds have blocked out these realities.

One high-ranking official recently expressed his belief that "today we face a Soviet threat far greater than *any other threat* this country has ever faced in its 200 years of existence." I agree that Russia has surpassed us in some instances in military power and that her greatest desire is to destroy us. I also agree that at the present rate it may not be too long before she outnumbers us five to one in military hardware. But this one thing I steadfastly maintain; no enemy, regardless of how strong, militarily or otherwise can destroy this nation so long as God is pleased to preserve it, and just as long as there is a sufficient number of righteous souls within its borders He *will* continue to be pleased to preserve it.

Basically then I would say *ungodliness* represents the greatest threat to our society. Many sins abound in America and one of the most common is greed. The masses call for more and more Federal handouts and candidates who promise the greatest prosperity are the ones who get elected. The people demand more and more government services which re-

quires more and more taxation.

I wonder how many of our readers are aware of the rate at which government spending is increasing. It took the United States 173 years to reach the \$100 billion a year level. But then it took us only nine years to double that. Then in only four years we were spending \$300 billion annually, and it didn't level off. Only two years later it had reached \$400 billion! Is there any difference between *an individual* spending more than his income and *a group of men* spending more than their income? Obviously not. Such a practice, if persisted in, must eventually end in insolvency. Some supposedly intelligent economists say we cannot have another depression, while others say there is no way out. Things are in too big a mess to ever straighten them out. Neither of these views are necessarily correct. God still rules and reigns in heaven. The promise in II Chron. 7:14 still stands. If God's people, who are called by His name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will He hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will *heal their land*. We are not going to get any help in this from the world. This is something those who are called by *God's* name must do if it is ever done.

If the above actions on the part of the followers of Christ will *heal* our land, then it is obvious a *lack* of such things got us in the condition we are in. May the Lord give our people a spiritual revival and awakening which will cause us to see, feel, and confess our back-slidings; a renewal and restoration of soul that will fill our hearts with such a warmth, tenderness, love, and concern for our brethren that we will always be striving for the things which make for peace and joy and unity among the churches. Just as poor leadership has contributed much to national disunity and decay so also has poor leadership often been the cause of problems in the churches. Little things have often reached far greater proportions than they should have reached because of

a lack of proper labor and leadership. Such things have always been the case and what I say here will not change it, but there is One Who *can* change it, and He will if we heed what is advised above in II Chronicles.

THE EDITOR

A VAIN ATTEMPT

It is the solemn declaration of God (1 Sam. 2:9) "by strength shall no man prevail." We might hope that men would be convinced of this truth by their own experience. Who amongst us has not made vows and resolutions without number, and broken them again almost as soon as they were made? Who ever resolved to devote himself unfeigningly to God, and did not find that he was unable steadfastly to pursue his purpose? What folly is it then to be renewing these vain attempts when we have the evidence both of Scripture and experience that we cannot succeed!

Selected

God has wisely arranged that for aught we know pain, sorrow, persecution, or perhaps even death itself are only a breath away. From thence let us learn to value more the things which are eternal and less the things of time and sense.

FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE

There are people who say they cannot remember a time when they did not love the children of God. The Lord has quickened them into divine life when they were too young to know what was taking place. Because they do not know of any change, or say they have no experience of grace, they do not claim to be children of God, and feel they have no right to unite with the church and be baptized, but they love the church and long for the blessings of God's service.

They need to be taught, as John was teaching, (1 John 3:14) so they may know that they have eternal life. They need to know what evidence spiritual life produces. It is interesting and pleasing to hear those who can relate the dealings of the Lord with them, but we should be careful not to discourage those who cannot do so. It is soul-cheering to the trembling children of God to find that the Scriptures contain information which assures them that they have passed from death unto life, and have a right to the sacred service of God.

The late ELDER S. L. PETTUS
In GOSPEL WITNESS, April 1955

DONATIONS TO THE ADVOCATE AND MESSENGER

Mrs. Mary Varner, Virginia, \$2.00; Mrs. Emily H. Kibler, Virginia, \$5.00; Mrs. Belle Smith, Texas, \$1.00; Alton Atwood, Virginia, \$5.00; Robert Hartley, West Virginia, \$5.00; Elder Rice Bolender, Ohio, \$2.00; A Friend, Virginia, \$5.00; Elder Douglas Heare, West Virginia, \$3.00; Mrs. Katherine Payne, Maryland, \$3.00; Fred A. Dame, Florida, \$2.00; Mrs. Ruby Ferrell, in memory of her father, Virginia, \$5.00; Mrs. Flora Bandy, Indiana, \$3.00; Mrs. John B. King, Tennessee, \$25.00; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson, Indiana, \$5.00; Mrs. Opal Whitehead, Indiana, \$2.00; Mrs. Alice H. Darby, Maryland, \$5.00; Mrs. Hilda Brown, Virginia, \$5.00; Mrs. Anna Pearl Ford, Illinois, \$3.00; Harvey Cornwell, Virginia, \$5.00.

MIAMI—West Charleston, O. State Rt. 202, 3½ miles north of Interstate 70. Services 2nd and 4th Sun. 10:30 a.m. and Sat. Night before 4th Sun. Elder Harvey Green, Pastor, Aurora, Ind. Clerk, Mary Ann Cusac, 563 N. Market St., Troy, Ohio 45373. Tel. 335-6774. May '77

MILL CREEK—Hamburg, Va., on Hwy. 211 about 2 miles west of Luray, Va. 2nd Sun. 11:00 a.m. Elder Hollie Redmon, Pastor, Front Royal, Va. Clerk, Mrs. David Shirley, Rt. 3, Luray, Va. 22835. Tel. 743-6358 April '78

TAPSCOTT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, Ohio—Located on Ohio No. 123 half-way between Carlisle and Franklin, Ohio. Meets each 2nd Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. prevailing time. Elder James Baker, Pastor, 53 Smith St., West Alexandria, Ohio 45381. Sister Louise Sims, Clerk, 3503 Central Ave., Middletown, Ohio 45042. Jan. '77

ROBINSON RIVER—Brightwood, Va. on U. S. Rt. 29. Meets 2nd Sun. 11:00 a.m. and Sat. before at 2 p.m. and 4th Sun. 11:00 a.m. Also services each 5th Sun. Elder Chas. W. Alderton, Pastor, Brightwood, Va. Ph. Whitehall 948-4744, Madison County. Aubrey E. Utz, Clerk, Madison, Va. Dec. '76

THIRD SUNDAY

CEDAR CREEK—Frederick Co., near Marlboro, Va. and just a few miles northwest of Middleton, Va. 3rd Sun. a.m. and Sat. before at 2:30 p.m. Elder W. G. Fletcher, Pastor; Russel Sutphin, Clerk, Bloomy Route, Box 74, Winchester, Va. 22601. Asst. Clerk, Henry M. Brumback, Route 4, Box 476, Winchester, Va. 22601. May '77

CHICAGO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH—Oak Park YMCA, 255 S. Marion St., Oak Park, Ill. 60302. Services each 3rd Sun. morning at 10:30 with Elder Raymond Webb, Pastor. Visitors may contact Mrs. Estelle Kendrigan, Clerk, at 4127 N. Tripp Ave., Tel. 725-1372. Oct. '77

GRACE—Pershing Dr. and Fillmore St., N. Arlington, Va. Meets each 3rd Sunday 10:30 a.m. Elder James Emory Alderton, Pastor, 3824 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Tel. (301) 946-9526. Clerk, Mrs. Helen H. Hall, 423 N. Fillmore St., Arlington, Va. 22201. Tel. (703) 524-2590. April '77

HARMONY—Calhoun, Ga. ¼ mile east of Interstate I-75 and ¼ mile south of Red Bud Rd. intersection. Meets 3rd Sun. at 10:30 a.m. Elder G. Jason Davis, Pastor, Rt. 8, Rome, Ga. 30161. Mary Nell Davis, Clerk, Rt. 8, Rome, Ga. 30161. Jan. '77

HAWKSBILL—Near Stanley, Va. third Sunday 11:00 a.m. and Sat. night before 7:30 p.m.; also 1st Sun. 7:30 p.m. Elder Charles W. Alderton, Pastor, Brightwood, Va. 22715; Tel. (703) 948-4744. Johnnie W. Huffman, Clerk, Shenandoah, Va. Tel. 652-8625. April '78

HOPEWELL—Hopewell, Va. Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church meets each 3rd Sunday at 12:30. Located on Rt. 36 at corner of Ft. Lee, Va. Elder Hollie Redmon, Pastor, 112 Buckingham Dr., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834. Tel. 804-526-3532, Sister Lynda Garner, 110 Boykins Ave., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834, Clerk. Asst. Clerk, Sister Geneva Redmon, 112 Buckingham Dr., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834. Dec. '77

SIDELING HILL—Fulton Co., Pa., 6½ miles north of Needmore, Pa., turn west off of 522 at Needmore cross roads. Follow County Route 29015 black top road, bearing right all the way to church. Sign on right. Meeting days 3rd Sun. 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting 3rd Sun. and Sat. in May. Elder Raymond Pressley, Pastor, P.O. Box 54, Brightwood, Va. 22715 July '77

THORNTON GAP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH—Near Sperryville, Va. Sat. before 3rd Sun. 7:00 p.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Elder E. S. Skeen, Pastor, Rt. 2, Box 65, Palmyra, Va. 22963; Tel. (804) 589-8551. Janet Yates, Clerk, Sperryville, Va. 22740; Tel. 987-8220. Jan. '77

THUMB RUN—Near Marshall, Va., Take Rt. #647 off of Rt. #50 (Flint Hill Road) about 5 miles, turn left off #733 - about 2 miles to the church. Coming off Rt. #211 on #688 (Orlean Road) and turn right on Rt. #732 in Orlean, then approx. 4 miles to Thumb Run Church. 3rd Sun. and Sat. before 11:00 a.m. Elder A.F. Sudduth, Pastor; Mrs. Aline Abell, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 35, The Plains, Va. 22171. Mrs. Clydie Klopp, Asst. Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 51, Marshall, Va. 22115 April '77

FOURTH SUNDAY

BARROWS RUN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH—5 miles south of Warrenton, Va. on U. S. Route 29 and 15. Meeting 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Elder C. R. Frazier, Pastor. Mrs. Virgie Fishback, Clerk. Jake Woodward, Asst. Clerk. Mar. '77

ENON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH—Great Cacapon, W. Va., Rt. 9, west 12 miles. Meets on the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Elder Douglas Heare, Pastor, Rt. 1, Box 87-I, Romney, W. Va., 26757, Tel. (304) 822-3228; also at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Sunday, with Elder Charles Alderton as minister. Mrs. Oleta Shanholtz, Clerk. Aug. '77

HAPPY CREEK—Front Royal, Va., corner Stonewall Dr. and Church St. Meets every 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Sat. night before at 7:30 p.m. Also 2nd Sun. Morning at 10:30 a.m. Elder Dwayne Fletcher, 10133 Prince Pl. 202, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20870. Tel. (301) 336-6182. Brother Emory Clifton, Clerk, 672 Stonewall Dr., Front Royal, Va. 22630; Tel. (703) 635-3434. June '77

MIAMI—West Charleston, Ohio, State Rt. 202, 3½ miles north of Interstate 70. Services 2nd and 4th Sun. 10:30 a.m. and Sat. night before 4th Sunday. Elder Eddie Fewell, Franklin, Ind. Clerk, Mary Ann Cusac, 563 N. Market St., Troy, Ohio 45373; Tel. 335-6774. May '77

MT. CARMEL—South Broad St., Luray, Va. 4th Sun. 11:00 a.m. and Sat. before 7:30 p.m.; 5th Sun. 11:00 a.m. Elder W. T. Daily, Pastor, Rt. 2, Box 48, Luray, Va.; Tel. 743-5894. Clarence Moyer, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 215 Luray, Va. 22835; Tel. (703) 743-6385. Dec. '78

SALEM—Richmond, Va. Salem Primitive Baptist Church, 36th and Maury Sts. Turn west off Interstate 95 at Exit 9. Meets each 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Sat. evening before at 7:30. Elder Hollie Redmon, Pastor, 112 Buckingham Dr., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834. Tel. 804-526-3532. Warren Hubbard, Clerk, 11007 Keithwood Parkway, Richmond, Va. Mrs. Irene Bebout, Asst. Clerk, 5404 Coxon Rd., Richmond, Va. 23231. Raymond Hubbard, Treas. 4315 Reedy Ave., Richmond, Va. 23225. Dec. '77

WHITE OAK—On the White Oak Road, about 6 miles east of Fredericksburg, Va. 4th Sun. 11:00 a.m. and 2nd Sun. 2:30 p.m. Elder J. E. Alderton, Pastor, 3824 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Md. Mrs. Minnette Bradshaw, Clerk, Fredericksburg, Va., or call Mrs. Charles Sullivan, 373-7587. March '77

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Washington Church, 6804 Braddock Rd. at Dodson Dr., Annandale, Va. 22003. Exit 5E off I-495 about two miles; first corner beyond Bradlick Shopping Center. 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Elder Phillip Johnson, Pastor, P. O. Box 283, Strasburg, Va., Tel. (703) 465-3118. Karl F. Bobzien, Clerk, 5911 Camberly Ave., Springfield, Va. 22150, Tel. (703) 451-6874. John E. Abernathy, Asst. Clerk, 6418 White Oak Ave., Camp Springs, Md. 20031, Tel. (301) 449-4437. Dec. '78

UPPERVILLE, Va.—4th Sundays, 11:00 a.m. Elder A. F. Sudduth, Pastor, Rt. 4, Luray, Va. Mary E. Lowe, Clerk, Box 157, Purcellville, Va. Ernie H. Trussel, Sec.-Treas., Rt. 7, Box 230, Winchester, Va. Dec. '76

OTHER SUNDAYS

WILMINGTON, Del.—2911 Van Buren St., Wilmington, Del. 19802. Every Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Elder William E. Blair, Pastor, Rt. 1, Box 202A Woodstown, N. J. 08098. Tel. (1-609) 769-1167. Mrs. Leon (Elnora) Stein, Church Clerk, 509 W. 35th St., Wilmington, Del. 19802. Tel. (1-302) 764-4897. Dec. '78

BEL AIR—Bel Air Primitive Baptist Church, Bel Air, Md. Services each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Elder F. E. Thompson, Pastor, 1208 N. Fountain Green Rd., Bel Air, Md. 21014. Jan. '79