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ELDER J. A. FAGG



Elder J. A. Fagg was born May 9, 1877, and passed to his eternal reward January 11, 1956.

On February 2, 1898 Elder Fagg was married to Miss Mattie Ann Neal. To this union born ten children were born. When quite young, Elder Fagg joined Piney Grove Church. He was licensed to preach in 1904, and was ordained.

He was a wonderful leader among the Primitive Baptists. Evidences of this wonderful leadership are the seven churches he participated in organizing; more than a thousand members baptized, ranging in age from eleven to eighty-two years; presiding over forty-seven consecutive sessions of Mayo Association as Moderator; several thousand funerals conducted; officiated at numerous weddings; and helped ordain sixteen ministers whom he had previously baptized. At the time of his death Elder Fagg was pastor of four churches. Walnut Cove, one he helped organize in 1916, was his home church, of which he served as pastor its entire life of forty years.

"Daddy Fagg," as he was often affectionately called, was not only a wonderful man from a spiritual point of view but as a civic leader and successful businessman as well. For around forty years he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business, where his circle of friends and associates was great. (VERGIE THOMPSON, STUART, VIRGINIA)

ELDER WESLEY W. FAGG

FROM AN OBITUARY IN "PRIMITIVE MONITOR:" Elder Fagg, of Winston-Salem, N.C., died September 26, 1964, after seven years of declining health and a serious illness of 24 hours. He was baptized June 29, 1942, joining Walnut Cove Church, and served that church as clerk and deacon before being ordained to the ministry in September 1954.

He then served as joint pastor of Walnut Cove and No Creek Churches with Elder F. R. Moore. Even though he was a businessman and not in the best of health, he loved his church so much and would let nothing stand in the way when he could be of service, often visiting when the weather was almost impossible, and sometimes traveling thirty miles or more. Those who knew him felt he often sacrificed himself to be helpful to others, and they remember his sweet disposition, even under sore trials.

ELDER L. M. FAIRCHILD

FROM A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT IN THE "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST:" Elder Loftus Marion Fairchild died May 21, 1956 at the age of 79 years. He moved his membership from Ebenezer Church in Leake County, Miss., to the church at Sulphur Springs on June 1, 1954.

Because of poor health, he did not have the care of any particular church at the time of his death, but he visited the different churches and preached as he felt physically able. In his meek, humble and energetic defense of the

doctrine and word of God and the plan of salvation for man, he was untiring and unflinching to the last. He was stricken while preaching the gospel of Christ as the church at Springfield, Madden, Miss.

ELDER J. M. FANNIN



James Maurice Fannin was born in Madison County, Texas, Sept. 25, 1905. When he was six years of age he loved the church and wanted to join, but it was not until in 1932 that he and his wife (Ethel) united with Providence Church in Corsicana, Texas, and were baptized by Elder Willie Phillips. His father was ordained to the ministry not long after that. Brother and Sister Fannin had six children, five of whom were members of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Bro. Fannin was ordained to the office of deacon in the early forties, and to the ministry in June of 1952. The following conference meeting he was called as a joint pastor with Elder G. W. Moseley, which arrangement lasted for about eight years. Eld. Moseley, due to age and health, asked to be released, and Eld. Fannin has served this church for 27 years. In 1954, he was called to pastor Point Enterprise Church near Mexia, Texas, and pastored that church for over 20 years. Elder Fannin passed from this life on February 24, 1979.

WRITTEN BY DAVID MONTGOMERY: My Grandfather was a man that was great in hospitality and in love for his Savior and the church. He would do whatever he could to help the Lord's people, no matter what it would cost. Brothers and Sisters loved to come visit him, and my Grandparents' home welcomed many an Old Baptist. I can remember many pleasant hours spent, listening to spiritual conversation in his living room.

I shall never forget the wisdom that he taught me. I shall always cherish the memory of Elder J. M. Fannin.

ELDER J. T. FANNIN



James Thomas Fannin was born July 22, 1878 in Madison County, Texas. He was the son of Moses R. and Zabara Fannin. He was married to Nettie Batson in 1899, and they became the parents of six children, one of whom is Eld. J. M. Fannin of Corsicana, Texas. Nettie Fannin died in 1925, and in 1926 he was married to Miss Arminie Holleman. He joined Fellowship Church in Madison County about 1900, and was ordained to the ministry in 1934 at Providence Church in Corsicana. He served this church as pastor until about six months of his death in 1947.

ELDER GAIL FARIES

Elder Gail Faries was born October 6, 1959 in Ft Worth, Texas. He was ordained March 30, 1996 at the Friendship Church, Brownfield, Texas. He has pastored the Andrews PBC, Andrews, Texas; April 1996 to present. In December 27, 1979, he married the former Valencia Yvonne Bass. Elder Faries is the son of Brother and Sister Virtle & Faye Faries.

Elder Faries writes: "God, in His providential mercy, allowed me to be adopted by godly parents when I was 10 days old. I grew to manhood in Perryton, Texas working on the family farm and working with my Dad in the carpenter business. Upon graduation from Texas Tech University in 1982 with an accounting degree, I worked for various accounting firms in Perryton, Colorado City, Brownfield, and Tahoka Texas. From early childhood, I had many



thoughts concerning God. During my 17th year, something seemed to have changed in my heart. In February of 1977 I began to see myself as a sinner dependent on the grace of God. For several weeks, I would rush home from school and spend the remainder of the day in the study of the scriptures. I wanted to talk to everyone about my God. The second Sunday in June, after preaching by Elder R.A. Tindall, I went forward and asked for a home in the Perryton Church. That evening I was baptized by my first pastor, Elder T.J. Pittman. I entertained thoughts about preaching. My efforts proved that I was not called. After I concluded that I was not called to preach, I became bitter that God had not called me to preach. I continued in this state for a few years. I am thankful that through a loving God and a patient, godly wife, I survived this period. I finally was brought to a low humble state. I asked God for forgiveness and I became willing to fill

whatever position God would have me to fulfill. Almost immediately, I noticed a change in my study and attempts to preach. During 1994, I filled several appointments. After my home church liberated me in 1995, I filled monthly appointments at four different churches. On Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in March 1996, I was ordained to the gospel ministry. The charge was preached by my pastor, Elder Vernon Venable. The next Sunday, I was called to pastor the Andrews Church in Andrews, Texas. As of this writing, I am still trying to serve this church on a full time basis. ”

ELDER CLYDE FARMER



Clyde Franklin Farmer was born on May 14, 1936 to Elder David and Sister Mamie Farmer, near Richmond, Indiana. He was the youngest of six children.

He joined the Navy in 1956. On board ship one night, in June of 1957, he was sick with the flu. Even though he knew he wasn't sick enough to die, he became afraid he would die. A light spread over him and a gentle voice came from the light saying, "Do not be afraid, for I am your Father. Come unto me and find rest, take up your cross and follow me for I will give you a helping hand."

In August 1957, he asked for a home and was accepted in the Salem Church at the Whitewater Association in Indiana held at the Village Creek Church. The next day he was baptized by his father. A few days after his baptism, he left Indiana for Guam and spent eighteen months there.

He married Winifred Johnson of Ohio on April 4, 1959. They have five children and seven grandchildren. After his discharge from the Navy in 1960, he found work in Ohio. They lived there and attended the churches in the area. He moved his church membership to Harmony Church in Licking County.

He was liberated to preach in November 1963, and was ordained on September 17, 1966. He pastored his home church, Harmony and also Beulah, Miami and Thompson Churches in Ohio. After moving to Texas, he moved his membership to the San Antonio Church and became pastor there. He is presently pastor and member of the Pleasant Valley Church in Davenport, Iowa.

ELDER DAVID FARMER

WRITTEN BY HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WINIFRED FARMER: Robert David Farmer known, as David or Davy, was born December 8, 1899 to Stephen Sellers and Sarah Largen Farmer near Kingston, Tennessee. Born to Primitive Baptist parents, he was taken to church as a baby and was baptized into the Popular Springs Church, Kingston, Tennessee at a young age.

On September 17, 1921, he married Mamie Ellen Ladd and they became the parents of six children and grandparents to sixteen grandchildren.



One day while he was working in a field, he began thinking of the need of more laborers into the harvest and knelt down at a tree stump and prayed to God. While in this position, he heard a voice say, "You Go."

He had little schooling and felt he could not stand before the Lord's people. A tornado destroyed the house he was building so he loaded up his family, three children at that time, and moved to the Richmond Indiana area. He found farm work and settled there. He began attending Salem Church but no one knew about a voice speaking to him so he felt safe. One day the pastor came to talk with him as he worked in his field. He asked him if he had a calling to preach. David admitted that he did and he began speaking in His name and was ordained to preach in August of 1947.

ELDER JOE FARMER

Elder Farmer resided in Dennison, Texas. He served churches in the Chamber's Creek Association, namely: Providence and Orchard Gap. No more information could be obtained.

ELDER DON FARRIS

I was born in a sharecropper's farmhouse to W. Henry & Edna M. (Hand) Farris, near Shawnee, OK on July 1, 1933. I courted and married the only girl I ever dated, Emma Pinkston, the daughter of Lavell and Carrie Pinkston. We lived 2 miles from each other, went to the same school 12 years, and married July 20, 1952. Kevin, Cathy, Linda, Henry, and Michelle, 4 are numbered among the Primitive Baptists.



I now see evidence that God's appointed time for my regeneration was very early in life. In 1956, a Southern Baptist preacher came by our house selling Bibles and invited us to church. I publicly announced that I felt called of God to preach in 1957. I was blessed with a strong desire to know a closer fellowship with God in His word. I very diligently worked at getting folk "born-again," because I believed what I was taught. I was introduced to a Calvinist form of grace by Eld. Joe Shelnut, a "Sovereign Grace" preacher in Benton, Ark. I soon became an Absoluter, of the Calvinist stripe. I preached 'election' to Sibley Missionary Baptist church in Sibley, La. The local association and later the whole ABA removed the ninth article, on election, from all their articles of faith. Elders Ruben Monk, Marvin Smith, O'Hartsel Cayce, and Charles Sandage were the first PB preachers I met. I moved from La. to Okla, to Mena, Ark. into David and Lois Heath's deer cabin. I preached to little country churches around there for about 3 years. Many came to accept what I was preaching about grace. The key to my conversion to the Truth was a wonderful, Spirit led, prayer by an old PB who attended our services on their off Sundays. Bro. George Lyles, 92 or 93 years at the time was a member of Harmony PBC in Mena. He and his dear wife Leatha were saints in my esteem. I knew when he prayed that I badly needed what that old man had been given of God. My soul had been searching for rest and found none until I ask for a home in New Prospect PBC. Elder Hartsel Cayce baptized Sister Emma and I and we were added by the Spirit of God to NPPBC at Board Camp, AR. in 1969. Elder Cayce was patient and taught me the true meaning of Romans 1:16. I was a free and exceedingly happy soul. I wanted the world to know about this God who giveth His people Rest. NPPBC ordained me. Elder B. Isaacs was the moderator of the Presbytery.

I have been named as pastor of five churches in Arkansas - Harmony in Mena, Fellowship in Waldron, Macedonia in Dalark, and Co-pastor with Elder Virgil Lowrance at Mt. Paron in Fordyce. I was pastor of Andrews PBC in Andrews, TX for over 6 years, moved back to Ark. and was at Little Flock PBC in Little Flock/Rogers, Ark. for over 12 years before resigning and becoming a member at Macedonia PBC at Dalark, AR. where Eld Gary Harvey is now our pastor.

God has provided our needs spiritually and physically to this day. Andrews and Little Flock churches taking care of our needs, leaving me free to study the word of God and be a pastor to them. Preaching the gospel in the Philippines. I have made many mistakes among the PB, as I live I will make more; but mercy has been extended by God and some men. The loving efforts of Elders, Deacons, and other church members to help me. Tribulations which worketh patience, experience, hope, and hope maketh not ashamed.

ELDER EDWIN FARRIS



I was born on February 4, 1915 in Shelby County. I am the 4th of 6 children. My father, Charles Farris was a deacon in the church as long as I can remember. My mother, Delia Farris died in 1926 when I was 11 years old.

My brother, Laymon Farris and I were ordained together as Elders in April of 1952. I can remember going behind the barn at the age of 11, praying that my sick mother would recover so she could live to hear me preach, but it was not to be.

I entered the service in 1942 and served 4 years in the Army at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, IN. While there I attended a Primitive Baptist Church in Fortville, IN.

On February 5, 1944 I was married to Ella Mae Young in Indianapolis by Elder Earl Daily. We were blessed with 2 children, a daughter, Sherri and a son, Edwin, Jr.

All the churches I served were in Alabama. They were Pleasant Home Church in Lipscomb; Mt. Pleasant Church in Fultondale; Salem Church in Tallassee; and Beulah Church in Leeds. In September of 1986, Pleasant Home and Mt Pleasant Churches merged and became Mt Pleasant Home Primitive Baptist Church, which I am presently serving.

ELDER LAYMON L. FARRIS

FROM AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY PUBLISHED IN JUNE OF 1973: I was born February 27, 1918, to Charles and Delia Farris. I am the fifth of six children - four boys and two girls.

I joined the church the second Sunday in July 1937, and would have joined a lot sooner had I had any encouragement, but in those days very few children joined the church. I can truthfully say that I can't remember when I did not love the church and thought all Old Baptists were perfect. If the Lord ever called me to preach I have been called as long as I can remember anything, but I would have denied it had any asked me.

I married Henrietta Wood on June 10, 1938. My wife joined the church in 1943. Two daughters came to bless our home, one in 1942 and one in 1948. I was ordained with my brother to the ministry on April 27, 1952.

I have tried to serve from one to two churches ever since I was ordained and am now trying to serve Little Vine Church, Dothan, Alabama; and Popular Springs Church, Preston, Georgia.

For the past ten years I have put full time in trying to serve the Lord's people, having been blessed to visit many churches in about thirteen states.

NOTE: Elder Farris died on April 20, 1997

ELDER HUGH T. FAUGHT

Elder Faught was born in 1871 and passed from this life on June 20, 1954. He was ordained on May 26, 1917 at the Pleasant Hill Church in Louisiana by Elders J. S. Kinsey and G. W. Kilineywatta.

We regret that more information could not be gathered on Elder Faught.

ELDER LOYD FAUGHT



Elder Faught was born on October 16, 1901 and passed from this life on January 16, 1984. He was ordained on April 28, 1941 at the Ephesus Church in Vandervoort, Arkansas by Elders L. B. Ramsey, Allan Abernathy and H. T. Faught.

We regret that more information could not be gathered on Elder Faught.

ELDER J. B. FENTRESS



Elder J. B. Fentress was born July 18, 1931, and baptized at Leipers Fork Church in 1956. In that same year he married his wife Wilma, who bore him two sons: Charles M. Fentress, and Jerry A. Fentress. He was ordained on January 21, 1978 at Franklin Church.

ELDER FENTRESS WRITES: My first experience of praying to God was in my early teens. My mother was very sick. I thought she would surely die. As she lay upon the bed in a small bedroom, I didn't realize at the time why, but I fell down on my knees and began to pray that my mother would not die. Shortly thereafter, within the hour, she began to feel better and was healed. Years later after being married I attended the church and sat down on the front pew. Elder Oakley Johnson was preaching the doctrine of grace. I felt that my Dad had told him all about my sins. I was truly condemned of my sins. I began to cry, not knowing why. I turned to my cousin who was sitting by me and said, "I am going to join the Church, I know they won't have me, but I am trying anyway." To my amazement I was received with open arms and later baptized by Elder Johnson.

In later years, I united with Franklin Church by letter. Later that church asked to liberate me. My answer was "No, I am not preacher material." I ran from this calling and quit attending church for several weeks. During an annual meeting, Elder Avery Land was preaching and at the end of the service during the handshake, I looked over the congregation and saw my wife Wilma arise from the pew. I thought she was going out. However, she came asking a home in the church. I was overjoyed as the tears flowed down my face. I looked back over the congregation and saw my stepfather make a move for the aisle. I knew he had had enough of church and was going outside. However, when he reached the aisle, instead of going outside he came forward saying "I know I have been an evil man all my life, if the church won't accept me I will understand." At this time I held up the congregational singing and said, "I have something to say. If what I have seen here tonight is the power of God, I know if you (the church) liberate me, God has the power to take care of me." I was ordained to the full work of the ministry on January 14, 1978. I was called to pastor Franklin Church on October 10, 1985 and am now serving as their pastor.

ELDER B. F. FERGUSON

FROM A BIOGRAPHY IN THE "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST," WRITTEN BY J. D.VANDEVEER: Elder Ferguson was one hundred years old on December 4, 1955. Perhaps this is the oldest living elder among the Primitive Baptists.

Elder Ferguson was united in marriage to Alice Florinda Bartley in the year 1878. This union was blessed with seven children. Sister Ferguson passed away November 17, 1903. On January 1, 1912, Elder Ferguson was married to Dora King by Elder J. E. Biggs. They still make their home near Rose Hill, Illinois, where they are known throughout the whole community.

Elder Ferguson and his first companion united with Hickory Creek Church on February 6, 1891 and were baptized into the full fellowship of the church two days later by Elder Ciny Greathouse.

The church in regular business upon March 8, 1902 instructed her clerk, Brother Joseph N. Smith, to invite North Fork Church and New Hope Church to send ordained authority to help in the ordination of Brother Ferguson to the full work of the ministry. Elders Ciny Greathouse and Jasper N. Dalby were also requested to come and assist in this work. On April 12, 1902, the following responded to the call: Elders Jasper N. Dalby, I. J. Taylor, S. H. Moffett and Deacon Perry Kermicle. Elder Taylor served as the moderator, Elder Moffett offered the Ordination Prayer, and Elder Dalby delivered the charge.

At the May meeting in 1902, Hickory Creek called him as pastor. He served in this capacity as long as the church continued to meet, which was October 7, 1933. North Fork Church called him in October 1904 and he served this church until December 1916. He later served this same church from December 1941 until September 1943. He was also connected with the church located in Dundas.

ELDER ROBY FERGUSON



Elder Ferguson was baptized by Elder Bill Smith at the Old Paint Church. He served in eastern Kentucky for his entire ministry. He was called to preach in 1934.

Roby and Amanda Ferguson was married on May 9, 1924. To this union four children were born.

He served as Moderator of the Burning Springs Association for 42 years and Assistant Moderator at Old Paint Association for 30 years.

ELDER DANIEL EARL FERRELL



Elder Ferrell was born near Walnut, Mississippi, in Tippah County, on October 24, 1946. He was raised on a small dairy farm by his parents, Skelly and Alice Ferrell. At the age of 19 Danny joined New Salem Church where his father was a Deacon. Shortly after joining the church he was drafted into the army and served in Vietnam. In July 1970, he married Adele Spencer and was blessed to have a daughter, Rachel, and a son, Jason.

As a young man he filled appointments for about a year, but never felt he was called to the ministry. Many years later he felt a burden to study the scriptures and a desire to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Danny was ordained at Clinton Church in November of 1993, and continues to serve as their pastor.

ELDER ELNATHAN FINCH

This patriotic minister of the Gospel was born in New York State in the year 1761 and was a soldier in the American Revolution. Elder Finch lived most of his life in Saratoga County, New York and enlisted in the Revolution from West Chester, New York. He engaged himself in several battles during this war. He was a private in a company

commanded by Capt. Drake of the Regiment commanded by Col. Harper in the New York Troops for a period of two years.

Elder Finch was married to Miss Elizabeth Champion at the home of her father, Elder Job Champion, on April 21, 1828. Elizabeth was born on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1772.

Very little is known about the ministerial tasks of this minister but he seems to have never taken a pastoral position with any congregation. He stood in defense of the gospel until his death on January 19, 1845 in the town of Clifton Park, Saratoga County, New York.

ELDER B. B. FINLEY



INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY BROTHER E. C. DAUGHERTY IN THE "BAPTIST TRUMPET," 1970: Elder Finley united with the Primitive Baptist Church while he was yet a teenager. He was ordained as an Elder in September 1925, and has been serving Churches of the Primitive Baptist faith and order ever since. He has been moderator of the Hillabee Association the past ten years. He has been pastor of Shiloh Church at Delta, Alabama since 1943.

He was married to Miss Lucille House in 1926. They have three children and eight grandchildren. He started teaching school when he was a young man, and retired from this profession in 1966. He was Superintendent of Education in Clay County for eight years.

ELDER W. A. FISH

William Allison Fish, the youngest son of Helim and Martha Stewart Fish, was born June 12, 1855, near Sistersville, in Tyler County, Virginia, now West Virginia. He was united in marriage on November 29, 1877, with Miss Mary E. Sweet. To this union four children were born. His first wife died in 1893, and he was married the next year to Miss Hattie E. Wood. To this union two daughters were born.

Finding a hope in the Savior in early manhood, he united with Salem Church of Primitive Baptists in Benton, on the 5th day of February 1881, and since that time he has proven a pillar of strength to the church. He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry on the 27th day of October 1900. Since that time he has labored faithfully among the churches, exemplifying his religion by his daily walk, and going, as did the Master and apostles of old, without price or promise of pecuniary reward, preaching the gospel to the poor.

For more than 25 years he has been the loved and respected moderator of the Salem Church, of Benton. In 1903 he was elected Moderator of the Bethel Association of Primitive Baptists, and has served consecutively since that time.

Elder Fish was stricken on Tuesday morning with apoplexy, and passed away at his home in the city of Benton the following Friday, March 23, 1928.

ELDER JOHN H. FISHER

FROM MEDLIN CHAPEL CHURCH RECORDS, SUBMITTED BY JOHNNIE ROBERTSON, CLERK:



J.H. Fisher was born in Grayson County, Texas, December 22, 1860. His father was W.E. Fisher and mother Sarah Fisher.

He commenced preaching among the Missionary Baptists in 1888, and joined the Old School Baptist in January of 1893 and has been preaching among them forty-two years. He was ordained at Campbellsburg, Kentucky, in June 1893. He immediately moved to Texas where he was raised.

He was pastor at Collinsville some five years, and then moved to Young County, Texas; and was pastor of Medlan Chapel Church for some thirty-six years, having been called there in 1899.

He taught school ten years before he began preaching. After he had preached three years among the new school Baptist, he became dissatisfied, resigned their churches, and during the winter of 1892 - 1893, he joined the old order of Baptist.

He lived at Collinsville five years, Ft. Worth two years, and now here thirty-five years. Served the churches at these places, and at True, Texas, and at Munday, and at Odell several years, Shiloh in Stephens County, also served the church at Palo Pinto, at Mineral Wells, and at Lucile in Palo Pinto County. Also served Union Grove Church in Cook County, and the church at Dixie, north of Whitesboro in Grayson County. Served the church at Silverton and at Cone for a while, and served the church at Crosbyton two years.

He sat in the Peace Meeting that met at Munday in 1934, and sat in the Peace Meeting that met at Dallas, Texas in 1926. These two meetings brought a great number of our people together that had been alienated for several years.

He was moderator of Mt. Zion Church, and they commenced holding annual associational meetings in and around Young County in 1900. Then in 1929 the Mt. Zion and Unity association united under the name of Mt. Zion Unity association. Our people in north Texas have had a united flow of peace and union ever since.

The Mt. Zion Church here was without any pastor when they called Elder Fisher in March 1899. The membership was small, but something like 150 members have been baptized into this church during his ministry. He served two terms of four years in the State Legislature.

ELDER PORTER FISHER



Elder Fisher was born on August 18, 1894, joined Mt. Pleasant Church in Excelsior Springs, MO in 1913. He was ordained to the gospel ministry at Pleasant Grove Church on April 23, 1961.

He served Pleasant Grove Church at Independence, MO, New Garden Church in Excelsior Springs, MO, Pleasant Hill Church at Trimble, MO, Coal Creek Church at Iola Kansas.

He was taken home to the bosom of his Heavenly Father on February 13,

1984.

ELDER T. B. FISHER

WRITTEN IN 1924 AND PUBLISHED IN "MESSENGER OF PEACE" IN AUGUST 1952: I was born Nov. 30, 1852, in Ray County, Mo. My parents, Joshua and Saline Fisher, moved from Tennessee and were among the pioneer people of this country. My father lost his life the first year of the Civil War. My mother was left with eight children, of whom I was youngest. Because of the heavy armies and hard times of that rebellion I received no education.

I was a poor, bound boy, on the way to the farm to perform a day's labor, on October 17, 1871, when something said to me, "You are not fit to die." And before I had time to think, the same said, "You are not fit to live." This brought a trouble that I had never known before. Oh, the sorrow of my heart! I remember well, I went home and asked mother could she pray for a poor boy like me. I can see until today the tears on my mother's cheeks when she said, "You have always been an object of my prayers." It was there and then that I was enabled to see how it was that God could retain His justice and save a poor sinner like me.

I felt like I wanted a home among the people of God, so I joined Fishing River Church in October 1882, and was baptized by that venerated servant, Elder W. T. Brown. My thoughts were now that the remainder of my life religiously would be easy but alas! there was another great duty I must perform. In my stammering way I wanted to talk to the people of God, and then I felt sure such a calling as this could not be for me.

Now, I continued in this condition until seized with a severe attack of typhoid fever and all hope of recovery was abandoned. Despite conversations of my loved ones, which I overheard, saying I must die, this scripture, "Thou shalt not die but live and declare the counsel of God," would ring in my ears. With that I submitted to the will of the Lord and my brethren, and to the best of my ability I talked to the people of God.

I was ordained by the request of New Hope Church in May 1885. From that date, I have been serving churches as pastor and at present have the care of two churches. I certainly was blessed with a preacher's wife. She had my welfare very much at heart. She taught me the English alphabet at the age of twenty-six years. She often said to me, "While you are away we're lonesome here and glad when you return, but while you're away the Lord is with me and the children."

NOTE: Elder Fisher was a quiet and humble man, fondly known by all that knew him as "Uncle Tommy." He could not read nor write--all he knew of the Bible came from his wife reading it to him, and from the preaching that he heard. He passed from this life on March 3, 1935 at the age of 83.

ELDER STUART FLANIGAN

Was born Feb. 22, 1870, joined Sharon Church (Illinois) baptized by Elder M. Harris.

He was married to Miss Marinda McFarland, Feb. 22, 1900. One son Lonnie L. was born to this union.

He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry in August of 1910 at Springfield, Illinois and moved to Missouri within the bonds of Cuivre-Siloam Association in 1917. He had the care of four churches a great part of the time until his death, which occurred May, 1948.

Elder Flannigan lost his wife in death June 29, 1922 at this time they lived in Montgomery City, Mo. He later married Miss Litha Collins, of Battle Creek, Neb. June 1923.

Eld. Flanigan had the care of Siloam Church before moving to Mo. and also served Goshen Church near Vandalia, Mo. Elkhorn, Montgomery, Co. Mo. and Loonies Creek in Shelby Co. Mo.

ELDER WILLIAM G. FLETCHER



FROM INFORMATION COMPILED BY ELDER BOB DICKERSON: Elder William Fletcher (82) was born February 28, 1901 in Irwin County, Georgia, the son of Henry T. and Euna Jane (Young) Fletcher. He passed away February 5, 1984 in Winchester Memorial Hospital, Winchester, Virginia, after several years of declining health.

Brother Fletcher was a graduate of Abraham Baldwin College in Tifton, Georgia, and taught school for many years. He united with Eureka Primitive Baptist Church near Waterloo, Georgia, when 20 years of age. He married Kate Elizabeth Smith of Crisp County, Georgia, November 23, 1932. He and Sister Fletcher moved to Warren County, Virginia, in 1948. In 1949, the churches of Virginia having recognized his gift, he was ordained to the ministry by a presbytery composed of Elders C. W. Miller, J. Harvey Daily, Kirk Alderton and Clarence Frazier. He traveled extensively during his ministry and preached in practically every state in the union. He also pastored a number of churches in Virginia, including Union (Sumerduck), Cedar Creek (Middletown), White Oak (Fredericksburg), Kettle Run (Manassas), Bethel (Falls Church), North Fork (Loudoun Co.), Timberridge (W.Va.), St. Clair Bottom (Smyth Co.) and co-pastored

Columbia' (Md.).

Elder Fletcher served as editor of the *Advocate and Messenger* from September 1956 to June 1966. Then in July 1966, he founded the *Gospel Appeal*, which he edited until 1982.

ELDER EDDY ARNOLD FLICK



Elder Flick was born February 6, 1949 at Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. The last of seven children. His parents were Marshall and Lodean Smith Flick. He preached for the Missionary Baptists for about twelve years beginning at age sixteen. After being blessed by the Holy Spirit to see the futility and hopelessness of the Missionary system, he was brought to see the Doctrines of Grace that give God all the glory. He joined Chattanooga Church on September 12, 1976 and was ordained as an elder on January 18, 1981. Those that served in the Presbytery included Elders Joe Hildreth, T.C. Mooney, Lawrence Mooney, Paul Mooney, Ed Smith, Jason Davis, Ralph Howell, Wayne Peters, Leon Etheridge, and Ray Berry. Elder Flick has served the following churches, Chattanooga, (TN), Sweeten's Cove (TN), Mud Creek (AL), Corinth (GA), and Friendship Church (GA). He is married to the former Clara Mildred

Elkins, and they have two children, Randall Duane, b. July 18, 1980, and Emily Anna, b. February 27, 1982. At the present writing his secular employment is in the mental health field as a Psychiatric Technician.

ELDER SAMUEL T. FLOWERS

Elder Samuel Turner Flowers was born April 25, 1891, the seventh of eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Flowers. In August 1910, he was married to Myrtle Morgan, who was a Sunday School teacher for the Missionary Baptists. Later, she became converted to the Primitive Baptist faith and both united with the church near Erick, Okla. They became the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters.

Bro. Flowers was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1939 and soon was called to the care of the Walnut Valley Church in Blanchard, Okla. For many years he made the trip each month, mostly by bus, a distance of 150 miles; but in 1950 they purchased a home in Blanchard. He is the author of the book, "A Bunch of Flowers" that describes early life in Oklahoma when most people lived and reared their families on the farms and a man's word was as good as his note and life was more simple.

On October 20, 1973, before he passed away (on October 24) he lay in his hospital bed and preached one hour and forty minutes and sang all the verses of two songs, "Master the Tempest is Raging" and "Precious Memories." The last words he spoke were, "The spirit goes back to God who gave it."

ELDER GEORGE WASHINGTON FLOYD

Elder Floyd, son of Amos Kinchen and Anna Luttia (McDaniel) Floyd, was born in Pulaski County, Georgia about the year 1855. He married Miss Savannah Davis in Pulaski County on December 19, 1875.

During his later years he resided in Empire, Georgia and was actively preaching the Gospel among the Primitive Ebenezer Association of Primitive Baptists in Georgia. Union and Pleasant Plains Churches called Brother Floyd to serve as their pastor and he was esteemed highly among these people.

ELDER JOE E. FLOYD

WRITTEN BY ELDER EDWARD G. MORGAN: Elder Joe Floyd was born August 17, 1896 at Mexia, Alabama. His parents were W. T. Floyd and Lula Nall Floyd. In the spring of 1905 the Floyd family moved to the Barrineau Park community of Escambia County, Florida. Elder Joe spent the greater part of his life here. He was living on his parents' old home place when he went to sleep in Jesus on August 26, 1989.

Elder Floyd was married to Ida Nail on February 28, 1926.

Elder Joe Floyd's love for his Saviour began in his boyhood. He witnessed as Little Flock Church budded and blossomed into an established church. He asked for and was given a home with Little Flock at the age of eighteen. For many years Elder Floyd spoke as he was called upon in church. He was licensed to preach the gospel in November of 1941 and was ordained to the full work of the ministry in March of 1946. Elder Floyd was called to pastor Little Flock Church in November of 1947 and, with the exception of a brief period of time in the early ruffles, he served the rest of his life. In addition to his service at Little Flock he also rendered periods of service to Salem, Ramah, Macedonia, Pleasant Home, and Shiloh (Perry, Florida) Churches. Elder Floyd's last preaching was at Little Flock on Saturday before the first Sunday in May of 1989.

ELDER LEWIS G. FLOYD

WRITTEN BY ELDER EDWARD G. MORGAN: Elder Lewis G. Floyd began his earthly pilgrimage at Mexia, Alabama on January 8, 1904. His parents W. T. Floyd and Lula Nall Floyd moved the family to the Barrineau Park Community of Escambia County, Florida in 1905. Elder Floyd developed a love for the Lord and His Church in his early childhood. He asked for and was granted a home with Little Flock Church on October 2, 1920. Brother Lewis was ordained to the office of Deacon November 30, 1940. He was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry May 1, 1976. He was called at this time to serve as co-pastor of Little Flock Church. He became Pastor at the death of Elder Joe Floyd. He served humbly and faithfully until the end of his life.



Elder Lewis married Lois Wilkinson August 24, 1927. She was his faithful companion for almost 71 years. They were blessed to raise four sons.

Elder Lewis fell asleep in Jesus August 4, 1998.

ELDER O. C. FLOYD

I was born March 30th, 1895, in Leon County, Texas to Sam and Crissie Floyd. I was the oldest of nine children. We moved to Comanche County, Texas in 1904, then in 1908, I saw myself a lost sinner in the sight of God. For two long years I prayed and tried to get saved. In 1910, I was made to see Jesus as my personal Saviour, after which I began to look for the Church that Jesus had built. In 1912 I found the Old Baptist Church and was baptized in August.

We moved to Scurry County Texas in the fall of 1913, located the Church here and joined by letter. We have never had a charge against us. Then in August 1920, I made my first attempt in the stand, and thought it would be the last but alas we began trying again in the late 20's and have been trying ever since.

I was ordained in November 1932, the Presbytery consisting of: Elder I. F. Richardson, M. I. Richardson, R. B. Hester, Lewis N. Barrow, C. I. L. Bolinger and W. D. Alldredge. Deacons: G. H. Barnhart, I. H. Hergroves, L. L. Bodine and A. A. Freeman.

I have had a regular appointment here at our home Church since 1930, and had three other appointments here in the County at the time I was ordained. I have tried to serve our home Church as Pastor about 10 years, besides acting as assistant Pastor part of the time. I have tried to serve other Churches as Pastor.

ELDER LEON Z. FOLMAR

FROM AN OBITUARY IN THE "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST:" Elder Folmar was born in Alabama September 21, 1888 and died July 21, 1954. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church August 14, 1915, at McCullough, Alabama. He was ordained to the full gospel ministry on November 19, 1921.

Brother Folmar had lived in Grady County, Georgia for the past 20 years, where he had a host of friends who loved him dearly. He was widely known and loved by all who knew him.

ELDER JOSEPH FORD

WRITTEN BY HIS WIFE IN "PRIMITIVE MONITOR:" Elder Ford was born in Allen County, Ohio, Jan. 6, 1847, and died at his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 4, 1928. On Aug. 1868, he was married to Elizabeth Hunt, of Rushmore, Ohio. To this union two sons and three daughters were born. In October, in the year of his marriage, he and his wife moved to Kansas, locating five miles northeast of Seneca, where they lived and farmed for forty years. In 1908 he moved to Seneca, Kansas. On June 21, 1913, his wife passed away.

On Nov. 17, 1915, he was married to Mrs. Alice Stevens of York, Neb. In the fall of 1920 he moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he made his home until the time of his death.

He joined the Primitive Baptist Church called Harmony, Nemaha County, Kansas in August. 1874. He was ordained as deacon November 6, 1875 and was liberated to preach April 30, 1881. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry May 15, 1886. I cannot find words to express his faithfulness to his calling. For many weeks and sometimes months at a time he would lay aside everything of natural or worldly affairs, and give himself wholly to reading and writing, and to study of the word. It could be truthfully said of him that he coveted no man's gold or silver, going when called upon without any question in his mind that the God he was serving would supply all of his needs. He was always willing to help the poor of the flock.



ELDER TINSLEY C. FORD

Elder Ford was born Nov. 29, 1891, and passed away Oct. 5, 1958. He was united in marriage to Jennie M. Barbarick, Oct. 6, 1912. To this union eleven children were born. One preceded him in death.

He united with Round Prairie Church in December 1914, at Louisburg, Mo. He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry in June 1932. He was a wonderful man in the Cause, always humble, a peace loving man, always ready to defend the truth. He not only preached with his mouth, but by his walk also.



ELDER CHARLES FORSIE

This venerable and faithful servant was born in Powhatan County, Virginia in the year 1754. He received a hope in Christ in 1776 and began to exercise in public speaking in 1785. He was ordained and called to pastor Skinquarter Church in 1799. This church was located in Chesterfield County in Virginia and was constituted in 1778.

Elder Forsie was married to Miss Rebecca Branch on April 26, 1826 at his home in Chesterfield County, by Elder Edmund Goode.

The patriotic call came to Charles Forsie in 1777. He enlisted as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Harris of the regiment commanded by Col. Carrington of the Virginia Line. He served for six months.

All the early Baptists of Virginia knew and loved Elder Forsie. He was recognized by his clear, precise, ringing gospel delivery. It was not until his health failed in 1834 did he step down from his pastoral duties at Skinquarter Church. The death angel visited the home of Elder Charles Forsie and took this faith servant on June 14, 1836.



ELDER D.C. FOSTER

Elder D. C. Foster was called from the walks of this life on Dec 3, 1968. At the time of his death, he was 70 years old and had lived a full and rich life. He joined the church in 1924.

He was married to Mary Vivian Childress in 1920 and to this union four sons and two daughters were born.

Many things could be said about Brother Foster but to know him was to know peace, quietness, meekness and love. He was a very gentle man, yet firm in the things he believed. He believed in the doctrine of grace and lived that belief to the end. He would attend church even when he didn't feel physically able to.

Brother Foster was ordained a gospel minister in 1943 and strived to serve his God in that capacity as long as he was able in his later years when he was not able to preach, he still would sit down and talk about the Bible and in those quite moments of time much wisdom and knowledge could be had.

ELDER JAMES GRIFFIN FOWLER



Elder Fowler was born February 3, 1883 in Perry County, Alabama. He passed away December 28 1967 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lockhart Hospital. He was married to Gertrude Stanley near Crockett, Texas, on May 08, 1904.

Elder Fowler joined the church at Maud, Texas, and was baptized by Elder T. L. Webb in 1916. He joined Bethel Church by letter in June 1928. He was ordained to the ministry at Bethel Church in May 1949. He served La Pryor Church as pastor for a number of years.

ELDER R. M. FOWLER

FROM A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT BY NEW HOPE CHURCH OF OKLAHOMA IN THE "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST:" Elder Fowler died on Sept. 8, 1951 at the age of 92. He had spent many years of his life trying to serve that God whom he loved so well. He spent many years in his late life preaching the unsearchable riches of God to the dear children of God.

ELDER W. W. FOWLER



Dr. William West Fowler was the only son born to Sallie Harris and David Fowler, on October 12, 1871, near Farmersville, Collin County, Texas. He graduated with a medical degree at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1903, and moved to Dallas in August 1914, six days after the First World War started.

During his long ministry he served churches in Dallas, Ft. Worth, Cleburne, Pottsville, and Farmersville as pastor. He served the First Primitive Baptist Church of Dallas for over 40 years. His grandfather was Elder W. S. Harris.

Elder Fowler was licensed to preach the gospel by the Lake Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, a Missionary Baptist Church. Finding the truth, he left the Missionary Baptists and came to the Primitive Baptists. He was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry May 2, 1897. Elder W. S. Harris was the moderator of the presbytery, Elder W. C. Burks examined him, and Elder A. P. Koen offered the prayer and gave the charge during his ordination. Elder Fowler was pastor of the First Primitive Baptist Church at Dallas, Texas, at the time of his passing on September 10, 1956.

ELDER EDWIN E. FOWLKES

WRITTEN BY ELDER HARTSEL CAYCE IN "GOSPEL APPEAL:" Elder Fowlkes, author of the book "House of Cornelius" and many articles printed in *The Primitive Baptist*, passed away Sunday morning, March 8 about 3:30. Elder Fowlkes had requested that Elder B. Isaacs and I conduct his funeral and that Elder Andrew Isaacs direct the singing, which we tried to do to the best of our abilities.

Elder Fowlkes had been a supporter of *The Primitive Baptist* for many years, helping us bear our burdens in a financial way and remembering us in his prayers. He suffered much pain in his long battle against cancer. He loved his Lord, the doctrine of salvation by the grace and mercy of our Lord. He had a sweet hope in the resurrection.

ELDER WILLIE FOX



WRITTEN BY ELDER AFTON E. RICHARDS: Sunday afternoon, July 26, 1959, great man among men, Elder Willie H. Fox was called from this life by death, into the world of the future. Brother Fox was known and loved by people in many states and the sad news of his passing has cast a shadow of mourning over us that will not soon be lifted.

Yet in middle age, only 55, we felt he had just reached the zenith of the glory in his work as a minister of the gospel, and it is hard even yet, to realize that he is gone from us. But to this we must become reconciled. Brother Willie was a man who had found the simple key to greatness in the kingdom of God. It is a simple little thing, yet so few people really find it.

Jesus told His disciples once: he that would be the least in the kingdom shall be the greatest. By his feeling of littleness, his humble spirit, his willingness to be a servant and spend his life in service to others is the stair by which he climbed to the pinnacle of greatness in the cause of Christ and the Church.

He was a man who made unceasing sacrifices to serve the people he loved -- his family his friends and his Church. And even those who disagreed with him loved him for his honesty and sincerity.

I well remember the last time I saw him. After being sick and spending much time in the hospital he was up and going again ... not really able but going anyway; he came late in the evening to the sacred harp singing at Lubbock and of course he was called on to lead. He went the leader's position slowly and asked the number of "The Christian Warfare." He was told the number and this he sang (A hymn of reconciliation to God's will). And as I took his hand in mine that day to bid him farewell not realizing it would be the last time I would be able to look into his smiling face we both had tears in our eyes. I asked him "Brother Fox when will I see you again?" He smiled through his tears and patted me on the shoulder and said, "When it's the Lord's will." and we parted.

Now, in closing remarks, may I say that he died in the same way that the Apostle Paul finished his course. He prepared to administer the ordinance of baptism, as he stepped down into the baptismery, he fell over with a heart attack and was dead almost instantly, not touching the water.

ELDER TOM FRANCE

Elder France was injured in a car wreck on October 20, 1945. He died on October 29 at 3:30 p.m., just falling to sleep peacefully. For thirty-five or forty years he had been a strong preacher and defender of Old Baptist doctrine and had sacrificed much to serve his God and brethren.

ELDER MOSES FRAZEE

Elder Frazee was born in Covington, Kentucky, in the year 1800. He was the son of Moses Frazee, Sr., who also was an able Primitive Baptist minister, who was born in France in the year 1756 and came to America with Lafayette's army. He enlisted in the New Jersey militia and fought in the battles of the Revolution. The Frazees were first from the Scottish Highlands, but when unable to maintain their independence, they with many others removed to France, from whence they came to America. The subject of this note united with the Primitive Baptist Church in Champaign County, Ohio. In 1825, he married Miss Sarah Die. He came to Illinois about 1840; his former wife having died, he married Susanne Foster in 1841. He remained in this state until 1846, when he returned to Ohio, where he died in 1847, and was buried near Lost Creek Church.

ELDER THOMAS N. FRAZEE

Elder Frazee was born near Urbana, Ohio, July 5, 1827. He united with Lost Creek Church and was ordained by that church. He came to Illinois in the early 1860's and by letter united with Providence Church in Hancock County. He was very active among the churches of Salem Association until his death, which occurred March 24, 1873.

ELDER CLARENCE ROMEY FRAZIER



WRITTEN BY ELDER CHARLES W. ALDERTON: Elder Frazier fell asleep in death on Friday, October 28, 1977. He was born December 24, 1894. Elder John B. Jenkins baptized him on November 18, 1920. He was ordained a deacon in June 1922 and an Elder on December 15, 1935. For almost 42 years he faithfully served the Lord and pastored many churches during that time; among them, Thornton's Gap, Brock's Gap, Mt. Bethel, Greenwood, Independent Hill, Goose Creek, North Fork, South River (Browntown), Barrow's Run and others. At the time of his death he pastored the last four named churches and had done so for many years. Brother Clarence was the oldest minister in the Ketoc-ton Association. His presence and sweet, humble, preaching was loved in all our churches. He performed from 800 to 1,000 marriage services over the years.

Elder Clarence was never idle: always visiting the sick, shut-ins and needy people whenever he was not in church service, always taking along a friend, neighbor or member. He never made many preaching tours to other states, but loved to be among home folks, and was ever mindful and faithful to tend the flocks of which he was shepherd. I have known him all my life and we would meet together as often as possible, with never a discord or disagreement.

ELDER JAMES ASHBY FRAZIER



WRITTEN BY ELDER C.W. MILLER: Elder Frazier, born September 1, 1875, died October 30, 1949, at his home in Warrenton, Va. He was a son of the late Andrew and Mary Magdalene (Pullen) Frazier.

Brother "Jim" began preaching 36 years ago, and was pastor of four churches most of the time, and for two years he was Moderator of (Ketocton) Association. His members were devoted to him, and his churches grew. He died suddenly while sitting in his chair, waiting for his wife; they were preparing to go to church.

ELDER JAMES ROBERT FREDERICK

WRITTEN BY HIS GRANDSON, ELDER VERNIS STANALAND: Elder James Robert Frederick was born on February 9, 1853 in Marion, County Alabama, the second son of Jefferson and Mary Cindy Frederick. In 1871, at the age of eighteen, he married Martha Moriah Hall Hanson and to this union nine children were born. Martha Moriah died and he later married Mary Wiginton and they had two children. Mary also died during childbirth. J. R., as he was commonly called, was only eight years old when the Civil War broke out. His family lived in an area ravaged by the war and his father served in the Confederate Army.

In September 1885, he was ordained to preach the gospel at Mt. Joy Church near Troy Alabama. Elder Frederick's second wife Mary passed away, and after her passing he moved to Nacogdoches, County Texas. After sometime in Texas, he met and married Martha Jane Stanaland. Martha Jane was also a widow with four children. His daughter, Martha Moriah, married William Marion Stanaland, the father of the late Elder W. V. Stanaland, and grandfather of Elder Vernis J Stanaland.

Elder Frederick lived and ministered in the area of Nacogdoches, County Texas until his death in 1899.

ELDER W. B. FREEMAN

Elder Freeman was born November 13, 1877 and died April 17, 1956. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at 17 years of age and preached the gospel for 60 years. He was, at the time of his departure, a member and assistant pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Texarkana, Ark.

ELDER IRA M. FRY

FROM THE DIARY OF ELDER FRY IN HIS OWN HAND: Ira M. Fry, second son of L.T and Mary E. Fry. Born near Peoria, Illinois in the year of 1913, the 11th day of June. Moved with the family the year of 1919 to Fowler, Colorado. Where I met Miss Rose Andersen and married her Jan 3, 1925. Joined the church at Ordway, Colorado, Sept 24. 1923. Baptized of Elder W. C. Perdue same day. Licensed by Fowler Church 1925. Moved to Fowler Church 1924. Ordained by Fowler Church May 1928 by Elder S. I. Gardner, Deacon. R. L. Bybee, O. F. Riggs, W. B. Symmonds and E. E. Butcher. We have two boys, Gerald Wayne born May 31, 1926 and Donald Hubert born

October 19, 1930.

HE LISTS CHURCHES SERVED AS:

Friendship	Fowler, Colorado	1928 - 1939
Little Zion	Ordway, Colorado	1930 - 1949
Shiloh Church.	Kimball, Nebraska	1931 - 1969
Bethel	Lamar, Colorado	
Kim Mesa View	Kim, Colorado	1938 - 1940
Pikes Peak	Colorado Springs	1936 - 1991
First Zion	Cozad, Nebraska	1949 - 1951
Clear Creek	Delta, Colorado (Olathe)	1947 - 1970
Friendship	Denver, Colorado	1950 - 1980

ELDER RALPH H. FRY

FROM AN OBITUARY IN THE "PRIMITIVE BAPTIST:" Elder Fry died in 1956. He passed away while driving his car. He was born on August 23, 1901, the first of four children born to Louis and Mary Fry. He took for his wife Dessie Marguerite Holdren, and the Lord blessed this union with two girls and four boys. On December 3, 1936, the church asked for the ordination of Elder Fry, seeing his calling the ministry. In the following years, he performed this solemn office with high dignity and great love. His desire to see that his community was a better place led him to assume heavy duties, for his happiness was to lend a helping hand.

ELDER EDWARD SMITH FRYE



SUBMITTED BY ELDER LYNN H. RUSSELL: Elder E. S. Fry was born October 19, 1878 at Brush Creek, TN. He was married to Myrtle Pritchett, July 8, 1900, who died in 1937. To this union were born Paul, Maude and Monies Ann. He remarried to Zula Atwood in 1939. He struggled to get an education and became a school teacher and often rode horse back to school. He was an outstanding mathematician.

He joined Brush Creek Church in 1904. In 1905 he was ordained a deacon. He began to preach in 1909 and was ordained in May 1911. He was called pastor at Brush Creek, November 1911; served until November 1964. He was pastor at Mt View, Smithville TN June 1950 until May 1954. He was pastor of Hickman in Smith County.

ELDER LOYCE M. FULLER



I was born on March 9, 1931, to Curtis E. and Flossie M. (Holladay) Fuller, about a thousand yards west of Mud Creek Church, located in Carroll County, Tenn. I am the middle of three boys. My first notice of the church came when I was very young. I remember Elder R.E. Maughmer preaching at Mud Creek Church on the salvation by the grace of God and I thought, if I could just feel to be a part of that all my worries would be over, but I was much too mean a boy for God to love me. When I was thirteen years old we lost our father in a train accident in Bruceton, Tenn. switchyard where he worked. After that I went to work in a garage with my uncle, James H. Holladay, who is presently a deacon in Mud Creek Church and to whom I owe much for looking out for a hardheaded kid of fourteen.

I was drafted into the United States Marine Corp on Dec. 6, 1951, and served two years during the Korean conflict and came back home without a scratch and I'm thankful to God for this blessing. After I was discharged I ran from the church for many years. I married Miss Marjorie Wilks on Dec. 3, 1951, (the best thing I ever did) and she joined Mud Creek Church on Sat. before the fourth weekend in Oct. 1968. I thought I would join on the following Sunday morning but I made it through without joining and I thought, "Well, you have it made now. You have a good excuse to go to church and help the church without becoming a member." This lasted till the following Sept. 28th when I left my seat to go outside but instead I went down the aisle to Elder T.L. Webb, Jr. and asked for a home in the church, feeling surely they would turn such as I down, but they didn't.

As Elder T.L. Webb, Jr. led me down into the water at Carroll Lake these thoughts came to me, "You are a deceiver and should not be allowed to join." But after being raised up from the water how different the people on the bank looked. I realize now that it was I who had changed, from being disobedient to obedient and I must confess it is a good feeling. The following Sunday morning Elder Grady Eugene Camp invited me into the stand and I felt that I made a poor effort. I told my wife as we went home that this would not happen again but there was more fear in refusing than there was in trying to make the effort to speak. On Dec. 12, 1970, Mud Creek Church called for my ordination, since that time I have been trying to speak each weekend in the Lord's precious name. I must confess that I enjoy preaching when the heavenly Father is pleased to visit with His spirit. So if I am a God-called minister to preach Christ then the Primitive Baptists are the judges and I believe they are the best qualified when they use the measuring rod to judge my case.

ELDER H. D. FULMER



Elder Harvey Deward Fulmer, born Sept 16, 1930 near Scranton, Arkansas to Hurley Sylvester Fulmer and Mary Emaline (Anderson) Fulmer Joined Friendship Primitive Baptist Church Sept. 1945 and was baptized by Elder B. Isaacs. I began exercising in Feb. 1947. My father was an invalid all my life until he died in Dec. 1945. Because of need for work to help support the family, we moved to NE Arkansas in the fall of 1947 and I began to work to gather a church in the area of Jonesboro. A church was constituted there in 1950 with 17 members. I was ordained and called to pastor the church the day it was constituted. I remained there until the summer of 1953 and the church had grown to 48 members by that time. I married Ruby Lee Griffith Dec. 25, 1950. She was reared in South Logan County but I did not know her until we moved to N.E. Arkansas. We had five children, two born in Arkansas, two in California and one in Georgia. I have served churches in Arkansas Missouri, California, Tennessee and Georgia and now have settled in the area where I was born and started preaching and am

pastoring Friendship Church where I first joined 54 years ago.

ELDER JIMMY FULMER



Elder Jimmy Roland Fulmer was born to Elder and Mrs. Harvey D. Fulmer Nov. 1, 1951 at Jonesboro, Arkansas. He joined the Bethany Church, Atlanta, Georgia on July 18, 1965, and was baptized on July 25, 1965. On December 3, 1975, Brother Fulmer was ordained by the authority of Paris Church.

Elder Fulmer married Miss Debbie Machiavello in Memphis, TN March 6, 1976. They now have nine children, six of whom are members of the church. He now serves Shoal Creek Church at Newborn, Ga. He has served churches in Idaho, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia

ELDER C. L. FUNK

FROM AN OBITUARY IN "ADVOCATE & MESSENGER" WRITTEN BY ELDER C. W. MILLER: Elder Funk was born March 29, 1844 and died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1929. He had been active until a week before death. His last days were spent in the work of his heart - the ministry. At Sideling Hill meeting in November he preached connectedly for about forty minutes, and assisted with communion service. His membership was at Tonoloway Church, Fulton County, Pa., but he was pastor of Sideling Hill Church (together with the writer) where his body lies buried beside his wife, who preceded him in death nine years. Born in Fulton County, Pa., he spent several years of early-married life near Martinsburg, W. V. Returning to Fulton County in 1876, when his children were young, he bought a farm near Needmore, where he died. Baptized in 1868 by Elder Jos. Correll, his ministry began about the time of his return to Pennsylvania (1876). He was ordained May 15, 1880 by Elders Jos. Correll, Philip, Mcinturff, Wm. D. Rees and John A. Corder, at Tonoloway Church.

If ever a man spent and was spent for the cause he loved, Bro. Funk spent strength and substance that way. His heart yearned toward destitute churches and communities. A man of that disposition never lacks a place to preach, and never gets in the way of other preachers. He baptized Elder Thos. R. Palmer and helped ordain the writer. Unfortunate in many business affairs, as Old Baptist preachers are prone to be (the Lord having taught that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel) he was of sterling honesty and purpose. I never knew a man who had the respect and heartfelt regard of his fellow citizens more than he of his home people.

ELDER CECIL R. FUSON



Elder Cecil Fuson was born June 19, 1907 on a small farm in Hagerstown, Indiana. At the age of thirteen, the Lord changed his heart, and he felt the condemnation of sin and cried often for mercy. It was soon after this that he first felt the call to the ministry, but felt too unworthy to join the church. His father and mother were both Primitive Baptists.

In 1926, he was married to Susie North, and to this union three children were born. They joined the church in 1932 and Bro. Fuson began to exercise the gift the Lord had given him. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry in 1935, and soon was pastoring four churches.

ELDER WAYNE FUSON

WRITTEN BY ELDER DARVIN EDWARDS: Elder Wayne Fuson (52) was born December 16, 1939 and departed this life on January 12, 1992. He was the son of Walter R. Fuson of Detroit, Mi., and Hazel Lun of Louisville, Ky. He married Rebecca Gillam in 1968, and leaves her to mourn his passing, in addition to three sons: Bro. Wayne, Jr., of the home, Jerome and James at Hanes City, Fl.

Elder Wayne united with Marlboro Church, Delaware, Ohio, September 1, 1968, and was ordained to the gospel ministry March 3, 1974. He earnestly contended for his faith until the end.
