



MINUTES

Of The

*One Hundred and Eighty-Seventh
Annual Session*

Of The

ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

*Leatherwood Primitive
Baptist Church*

Henry County — Martinsville, Virginia

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY
MAY 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1985**

*Next session convenes with Zion Hill Church
located in Patrick County, Vesta, Virginia
on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1986.*


OFFICERS

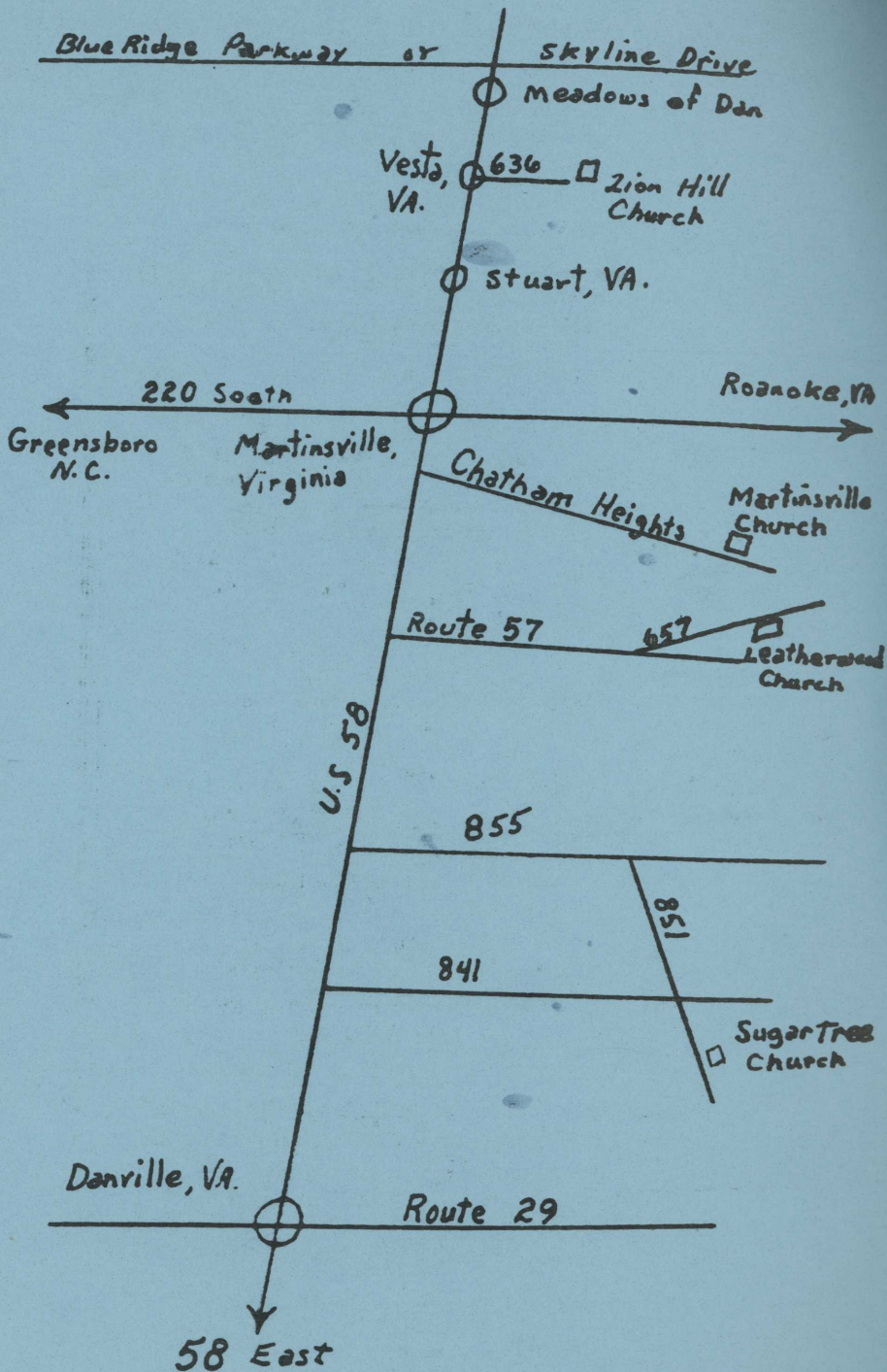
ELDER JOHN J. ASHBY, MODERATOR
ROUTE 5 — MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA 24112

ELDER THOMAS L. RADFORD, ASSISTANT MODERATOR
ROUTE 1, BOX 685 — BASSETT, VIRGINIA

ELDER THOMAS L. RADFORD, CLERK
ROUTE 1, BOX 685 — BASSETT, VIRGINIA

DEACON WELDON WOOD, ASSISTANT CLERK
ROUTE 1 — AXTON, VIRGINIA





PROCEEDINGS
*OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL
MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH LEATHERWOOD PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
MAY 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1985*

FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. The Association met with Leatherwood Church, Friday, May 17, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. After singing Hymns of Praise, prayer was offered by Elder Robert Ashby.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Thomas L. Radford. Text Rev. 2. Elder L. J. Corn followed. Text II Tim. 2:15, Rev.

Sang a song and gave the invitation for reception of members and was dismissed with prayer by Elder John Ashby.

2. After intermission for lunch of about one hour, singing began in the church and the congregation assembled for the afternoon service. The Moderator called the body to order and Elder Thomas L. Radford was asked to offer prayer opening the business session of the associated body.
3. Moderator called for letters of the Churches composing the Association and letters were read by Elder Thomas L. Radford and Deacon Weldon Wood.
4. Motion was made that the respective Messengers be seated to represent their respective Churches in any business that is brought before the body.
5. Motion was made and seconded to elect Elder John J. Ashby as Moderator

Assistant Moderator - Elder Thomas L. Radford

Clerk - Elder Thomas L. Radford

Assistant Clerk - Deacon Weldon Wood

6. Called for Petitionary Letters. (None offered)

7. Called for Correspondence from Sister Association.

Welcomed and seated Brother Ray Wagner and son from the Little River Association of Georgia.

8. VISITORS FROM ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES:

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Brother Joe Wagner, Brother Ray Wagner.

NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION: Brother Darney Shelor, Sister Dora Shelor.

STAUNTON RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Randall Saunders.

AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Sister Bernice Handy, Brother Thurman Jones, Sister Jerline Jones, Sister Elaine Martin, Elder Lonnie R. Mozingo, Jr. (Afton Road and Old Mill Churches).

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Sister Iva L. Kidd.

GRACE CHURCH: Elder Sammy Coleman, Elder R. W. Turner, Sister Irene Turner.

NORTHVIEW CHURCH: Brother L. B. Hawkins, Jr.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM CHURCH: Elder Everett Blevins, Elder Hugh M. Blevins.

SPOON CREEK CHURCH: Brother Clinton Jefferson, Brother Louis G. Sheppard, Sister Claudia Sheppard, Sister Madeline Shively.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sister Lois Clifton Cockram, Sister Betty Jean Kirby, Hilda Moseley, Brother Jay Parks, Ala C. Rupard, Sister Lorna C. Souza, and numerous others who did not sign visitor's cards.

9. Moderator appointed Committee on Arrangements. The following were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk:

Brother Fred Keatts and Elder L. J. Corn.

10. Moderator appointed Finance Committee - Brethren Landon Keatts, Frank Keatts, Robert Ashby, and N. L. Wilson.

11. Arrangement Committee appointed Elder L. J. Corn to write the Corresponding Letter for next year, 1986.

Also called for this year's letter to be read and approved. The Corresponding Letter was read by Elder Thomas L. Radford.

12. Appointed Brethren to attend our Corresponding Associations and Churches:
Elder John Ashby, Elder L. J. Corn, and Deacon Weldon Wood.
13. Instructed clerk to have 500 minutes printed and distributed.
14. Next Union Meeting to be held with Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church on the first Sunday in October, 1985.
15. Moved and seconded to adjourn this Association until next year at Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church on the third weekend of May, 1986. Closed with prayer by Elder John Ashby. Recessed for 10 minutes and reassembled in the church for preaching.

FRIDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Robert Ashby
Introductory Sermon by Elder Thomas L. Radford Revelation 2
Elder L. J. Corn II Tim. 2:15, Rev.
Dismissed with Prayer by Elder John J. Ashby

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder L. J. Corn
Elder Robert Ashby Isaiah 53
Elder John J. Ashby II Sam. 22:1-3, Acts 16:25
Dismissed with Prayer by Bro. Ray Wagner

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Hugh Blevins
Elder R. W. Turner I Peter 4
Elder Lonnie R. Mazingo, Jr. I Thess. 1
Dismissed with Prayer by Elder Sammy Coleman

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Bro. Ray Wagner
Elder Everett Blevins I Peter 5:5
Elder Hugh Blevins John 13:34
Dismissed with Prayer by Elder Thomas L. Radford

SUNDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Robert Ashby
Elder L. J. Corn II Sam. 23:1-5, Heb. 13:18, Eph. 1:4-5 & 10-11
Elder J. R. Rakes. I Peter 2:9-10, Heb. 13:15-16, Heb. 12:1
Elder John J. Ashby. Luke 17:12-18
Dismissed with Prayer by Elder Thomas L. Radford

ELDERS PRESENT

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ASHBY, ROBERT.	703-638-4529 Route 5, Martinsville, VA 24112
BLEVINS, EVERETT	703-686-5615 Route 2, Box 43, Rural Retreat, VA 24368
BLEVINS, HUGH M.	703-646-5491 Route 2, Box 169, Chilhowie, VA 24319
COLEMAN, SAMMY	703-673-6179 Route 1, Box 587-A, Fieldale, VA 24089
CORN, LEONARD J.	703-694-3810 P O Box 100, Patrick Springs, VA 24133
MOZINGO, LONNIE R., Jr.	804-836-6418 Route 3, Box 510-11, Danville, VA 24541
RADFORD, THOMAS L.	703-673-1018 Route 1, Box 685, Bassett, VA 24055
RAKES, J. R.	703-694-3918 P O Box 3, Patrick Springs, VA 24133
SAUNDERS, RANDALL	919-635-1077 Route 3, Box 679, Eden, NC 27288
TURNER, R. W.	703-647-7039 232 East View Drive, Collinsville, VA 24078

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance from 1984	\$122.40
Contributions from Churches.	750.00
Contributions from Friends.	119.00
Total.	\$991.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing of Minutes	\$189.95
Ministers	650.00
Mailing supplies, postage, etc. (Approx.)	25.00
Total.	\$864.95

Ending Balance (Approx.) \$126.45

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia, meeting in our one hundred eighty-seventh year with Leatherwood Church in Henry County.

To our corresponding and visiting associations and churches of our faith and order.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we wish to thank God that we have been blessed once again to assemble ourselves together in the presence of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ with his people. We are thankful for our visitors whom the Lord has blessed to meet with us in 1985, and we want to walk and be found in that straight and narrow way to the praise and honor of His glorious name.

May we be found in the good old way that you will want to come and worship with us at every opportunity that you have.

Submitted in Love,
Elder John J. Ashby

101 - YEAR - OLD MEMBER ATTENDS 1985 ASSOCIATION

The Lord once again blessed Sister Josie Davis Bullington to attend this year's Association at Leatherwood Church. She joined Axton Church in June, 1915, and was a faithful member there until the church disbanded and united with Martinsville Church. She served as clerk for Axton Church for many years. For several years she has made her home with her daughter, Doris Wall, in Danbury, NC.

OBITUARIES

SISTER LOTTIE THOMERSON MARTIN of Route 5, Martinsville, VA died February 22, 1985. She was born December 6, 1894, and was a member of Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church. Sister Lottie was the widow of Stuart Martin. Surviving are three sons, George Edward Martin, Frank Marshall Martin, and Buford Arnold Martin; one daughter, Mrs. Della Flanagan; five grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday, February 25, 1985 in the Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel. Elder John Ashby, Rev. J. D. Hunt, and Rev. Dan Turner officiated. Burial was in the Roselawn Burial Park.

SISTER VERA ASHBY SPENCER, 75, of 119 Maple Street, Martinsville, VA passed away September 18, 1984. She was born January 21, 1909, and was a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church. Her first husband was Brother Andrew Ashby. She was later married to John E. Spencer who died on August 27, 1983. Surviving are four sons, Cecil W. Ashby, Buford R. Ashby, Bobby Gene Ashby, and Charles (Eddie) Ashby; two daughters, Mrs. Arnold (Lois) Johnson and Mrs. Harold (Betty) Draper; two stepsons, William C. (Bill) Spencer and Charles W. Spencer; twenty-two grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church on Chatham Heights on Friday, September 21, 1984. Elders Leonard Corn, Thomas Radford, and Rupert Turner officiated. Burial was in Roselawn Burial Park.

SISTER EUNICE MARTIN INGRAM, 89, of 1004 Graves Street, Martinsville, VA died March 6, 1985. She was born in Smyth County on February 29, 1896, to Elder and Mrs. Robert Martin. She was a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church since May, 1940, when she was baptized by Elder Robert J. Wilson. She is survived by her husband, Brother Walter D. Ingram; one daughter, Roberta S. Stowe; one sister, Nancy Vooheers; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert D. Blevins. Funeral services were held Friday, March 8, 1985 at Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church. Officiating ministers were Elder Leonard J. Corn, Elder Thomas Radford, Elder John J. Ashby, and Rev. Robert W. McGuire. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

1. We believe in only one true and living God, who rules all things after the counsel of His own will; and that He who created all things is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, goodness; eternal, immortal, invisible and unchangeable; and this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one: and there are three that bear witness in earth; the water, the Spirit and the blood, and these agree in one.
2. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as contained in the King James Version are the written word of God and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice and that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
3. We believe that Adam fell from the good and moral state in which he was made, and that he involved himself and all his natural offspring in a state of death, by transgression which is the original sin, and that it is utterly out of the power of man to recover himself from this fallen state by his own free will and ability.
4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to His people, which were chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world, whom He predestinated to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself and that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all which were given to Him by the Father, and that the choice or election was particular and eternal, unconditional on the part or will of man.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only and by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
6. We believe that God's elect will be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
7. We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.
8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of these ordinances, and that baptism is by immersion.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.
10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
11. We believe in predestination, as taught in the Scriptures and preached by the Apostle Paul and condemn the doctrine of the absolute predestination of all things.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our district duly sent in their associated capacity whom they judge best qualified: and by producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats. In letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those received by experience and by letters and restored; those dismissed by letters, excluded and dead since the last report.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a proper and regular Decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each session of the Association by the suffrage of the members present. Moderator can only succeed himself one time.

5. New churches may be admitted into the union upon examination, if found orthodox, and orderly by the Moderator, giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association not exceeding three.

7. Queries presented by a church or the Committee of Arrangements may be disposed of as the Association may think proper.

8. That the Association have a fund for defraying the expenses thereof and that the churches shall send by their messengers such sums of money as they may think proper for this purpose, which when received will be paid out under the direction of the Association.

9. The Minutes shall be read and corrected if necessary and approved by the Association and signed by the Moderator and Clerk and recorded by the Clerk in a suitable book for that purpose.

10. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

11. The Association shall have power:

1. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communion among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire the cause why such churches as fail to represent themselves in the Association.

5. To appointment any member or members by his or their consent to transact any business which may be assigned to them.

6. To withdraw from any church violating the rules of the Association or the orthodox principles of religion.

7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry to seats if they think proper.

8. To appoint the time and place for the next Association, and adjourn.

9. There shall be a Committee on Arrangements consisting of the Moderator and Clerk and three other members chosen as the Association may deem best.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Annual or Communion	Sunday of Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Leatherwood Elder John Ashby Elder Robert Ashby	Sis. Peggy Barnes Route 5 Martinsville, VA 24112	Elder John Ashby Elder Robert Ashby Bro. Landon Keatts Sis. Peggy Barnes, Alt.	10	1,2, 3,4						1	13	\$250.00
Martinsville Elder L. J. Corn Elder Thomas Radford, Asst.	Bro. Jake Divers Route 5 Bassett, VA 24055	Deacon N. L. Wilson Deacon Weldon Wood Bro. Jake Divers Elder L. J. Corn, Alt.	6	1,2, 3,4						2	25	250.00
Sugartree Elder J. R. Rakes	Sis. Mary Lou Keatts Route 1 Axton, VA 24054	Bro. Frank Keatts Bro. H. C. Brumfield Sis. Mary Lou Keatts Sis. Mary Elizabeth Keatts, Alt.	7	3							16	200.00
Zion Hill Elder Robert Ashby	Sis. Betty Ruth Goard	Elder Robert Ashby Bro. Eugene Newman Sis. Betty Ruth Goard Sis. Velva C. Clifton Alt., Sis. Evelena Dalton, Alt.	9	4							5	50.00
		Totals			0	0	0	0	0	3	59	\$750.00

