

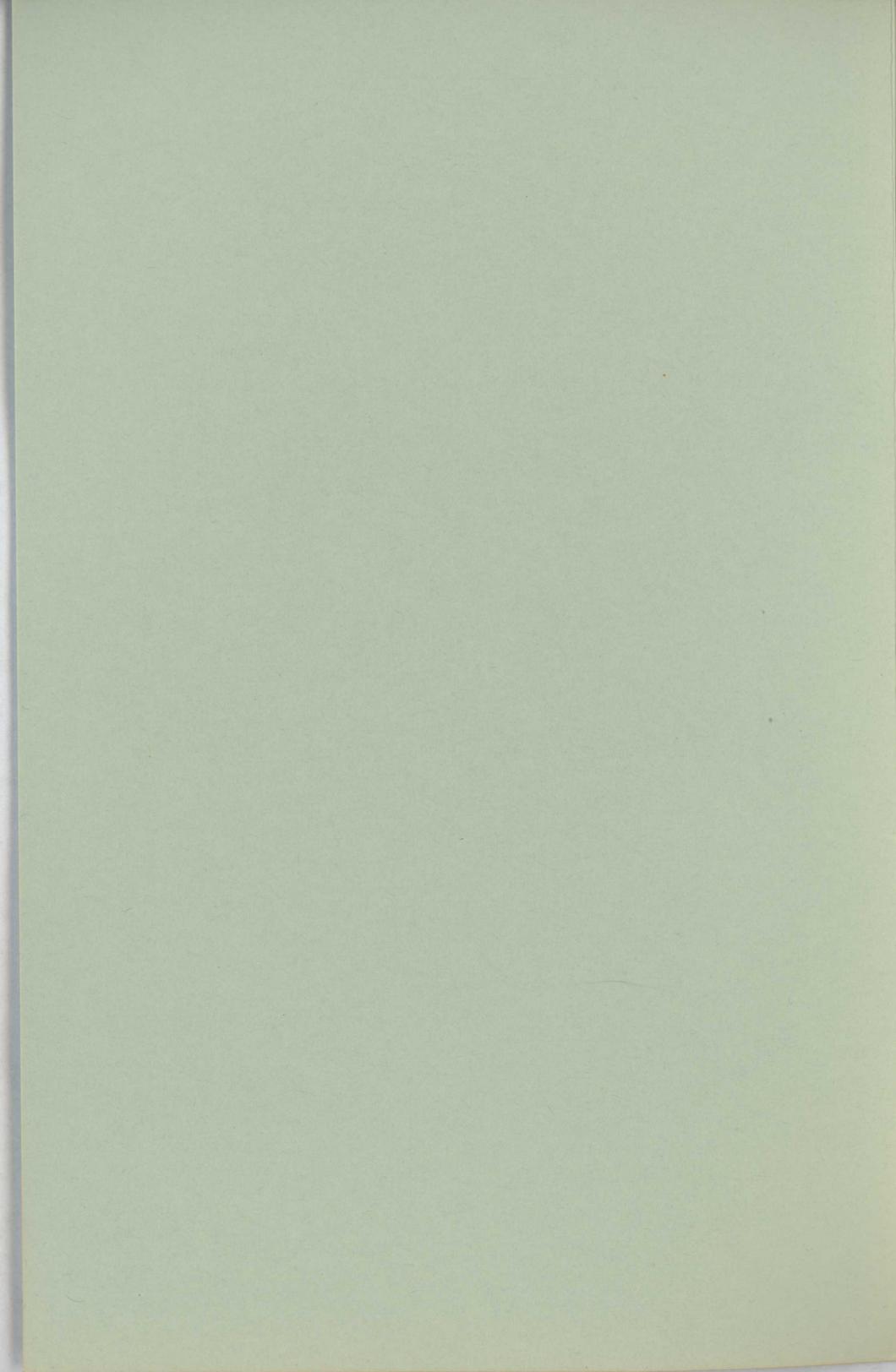
*Minutes*  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST  
ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
ORIGINAL MAYO  
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
Held With  
Axton Church  
Axton, Virginia  
May 18, 19, 20, 1979

Next session convenes with Martinsville Church, located at Chatham Heights, Martinsville, Virginia on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in May, 1980.

OFFICERS

ELDER ROBERT ASHBY ..... Moderator  
Rt. 5, Martinsville, Va.  
ELDER JOHN ASHBY ..... Assistant Moderator  
Rt. 5, Martinsville, Va.  
WELDON WOOD ..... Clerk  
Axton, Va.  
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Axton, Va.

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## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
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CIATION HELD WITH AXTON CHURCH, HENRY COUNTY,  
AXTON, VIRGINIA.

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FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1979

1. The Association meet with Axton Church, Friday, May 18th, 1979 at 11:00 a.m. Services were introduced with singing and prayer by Elder Phillip Johnson. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Leonard Corns—text: 1st Peter 3:1, also Acts: 20:28. The Association was dismissed with prayer by Elder R. F. Sandage.
2. Intermission for about an hour for lunch. Then the congregation gathered back into the church and after song service, the Association was seated and opened the business session with prayer by Elder James Pruitt and Elder L. J. Corns.
3. The Moderator, Elder Leonard J. Corns opened the business session calling for letters from churches composing the Association and were read by Elder Thomas Radford.
4. Letters were read and approved by motion and second, and so ordered all messengers were seated as recorded in Statistical Table.
5. Motion was made, seconded and so ordered to elect Elder Robert Ashby, Moderator; Elder John Ashby, Assistant Moderator, also to retain our present Clerk, Bro. Weldon Wood, and Assistant Clerk, Bro. Fred Keatts.
6. Petitionary letters were called for of any church of same faith and order desiring to be seated in the Association. None came.
7. Moderator appointed the following committees:  
*Arrangement Committee:* Bros. Noel Wilson, Eugene Newman, Frank Keatts (together with Moderator and Clerks).  
*Finance Committee:* Bros. Landon Keatts, Fred Keatts, Elder John Ashby.
8. Motioned and seconded that we recognize all orderly Baptist and seat same.
9. Motion being made and seconded for Clerk to have 500 Minute books printed and distributed, also mail Minutes to South Arkansas, Salem, Little River, Ketocton and Ebenezer Associations.

10. Elder Leonard J. Corns agreed to visit Little River of Georgia. Elder John Ashby and Brother Fred Keatts agreed to visit Ketocton Association.

11. Brother Frank Keatts was asked to write Corresponding letter.

12. Arrangement Committee recommends: Martinsville Church be granted the privilege of entertaining the Association in 1980 and Elder Robert Ashby preach the introductory sermon and Elder John Ashby, alternate.

13. Moved and seconded that the changed Articles of Faith be included in our Minutes.

14. Called for correspondence from sister associations:  
*Little River of Georgia:* Elder James Pruitt, Bro. Ray Wagner  
Called for visitors from visiting Associations and churches:  
*Ebenezer Association:* Sister Evelyn R. Mellon  
*Ketocton Association:* Elder and Sister Phillip Johnson and son, Brother Steven Johnson, Sister Anna Catherene Ashby.  
*South Arkansas Association:* Elder R. F. Sandage  
*Salem Association of Arkansas:* Elder Don Farris  
*Old Mill Church:* Elder W. H. Lewis, Bro. & Sis. Henry Winn  
*North View Church:* Sis. Elva L. Corn, Bro. Elijah Corn  
*Fellowship Church:* Bro. Arnold Quesinberry  
*Spoon Creek Church:* Elder Lee, Sis. Carrie Jefferson, Sis. Vergie Southern, Bro. & Sis. Clinton Jefferson, Bro. & Sis. R. C. Plaster, Bro. & Sis. Lewis Sheppard, Sis. Elaine Goad, Sis. Vera Corn, Sis. Madeline Shively, Sis. Becky and Nellie Cassell, Sis. Woodall.  
*Pucket Memorial Church:* Elder Melvin McGrady, Sis. Vera McGrady, Bro. & Sis. Hill

15. Martinsville Church ask for Union Meeting to be held 4th Saturday and Sunday in October, 1979.

16. Finance Report:

Received from Churches .....	\$510.00
Received from Friends .....	\$185.00
	\$695.00
Disbursements - Minutes .....	\$ 80.00
Gave Visiting Ministers .....	\$575.00
Gave Moderator .....	\$ 40.00
	\$695.00

17. *We, the Mayo Association wish to express our thankfulness to God for His blessings and the friends, who through their thoughtfulness and kindness helped to make this a joyful meeting. We wish to give God the praise for your presence and kindness, and the Clerk wishes to apologize for any one that has been over looked.*

18. Motion and seconded that we adjourn until next year.  
Dismissed by Elder Thomas Radford

19. Obituaries:

Brother Eugene Minter passed away August 17, 1978. He was born the son of Harvey and Essie Dove Minter on October 1, 1911, making his stay on earth 66 year. He would have been 67 years old on October 1. Brother Eugene grew up on the farm. In later years he operated a grocery store for a number of years. Afterwards, he worked for the City of Martinsville of which job he retired.

Brother Eugene joined Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church on November 22, 1941. He remained a faithful and devoted member to the church. He loved the church and was ready to help in any way he could. He was ordained Deacon of Leatherwood Church on July 26, 1974 of which he was faithful. In the discharge of his duties, he leaves his wife, Sister Elizabeth Minter, two daughters, Mrs. Lois Witt and Mrs. Marlene Meadows; six grandchildren, four sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. His wife has lost a good husband and his children a good father, but, our loss is his Eternal gain. A funeral service was held for Brother Eugene in the McKee Funeral Home in Martinsville, Virginia on August 19, 1978 by Elder John Ashby. Interment was in the Dove Family Cemetery there to await the call of our Lord in the Resurrection of his body to meet with the Lord in the air to forever be with the Lord, singing perfect praise to God the Father around His throne in the Heaven of Heavens. Sleep on Brother Eugene and we hope to meet you on that glorious day when all trials and troubles are at an end.

Submitted in Love,  
Elder John J. Ashby

The one hundred eighty first session of the Original Mayo  
Primitive Baptist Association

To our Corresponding and Visiting Associating Churches:  
Brethren and Sisters who have come to meet with us:

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that he has blessed us once again to meet in an associational capacity and have all of you brethren from all parts of the country to come and meet with us to worship the Lord our God in Spirit and in Truth. Our hearts desire and prayer to God is that He will continue to bless us through this meeting and in the coming year that we may be able to feel His presence when we meet, and our Faith and Love be manifested one to another. We ask that you continue to pray for us that God will lead us by His Spirit that we may walk in such a way that is pleasing in His sight and He may give you a mind to come and visit with us from time to time

When this meeting is over our prayer is that all that has been said and done has been to the praise, honor, and Glory of who has done it all for us and all to Him we owe. Trusting that God will keep us through another year that we may meet you all next year at Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church the third weekend in May, 1980.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

### *Friday Morning:*

Prayer by Elder Phillip Johnson

Introductory sermon by Elder Leonard Corns, text: 1st Peter 3:1,  
also Acts 20:28

Prayer by Elder John Ashby

Elder Phillip Johnson, Exodus 3:4

### *Saturday Morning:*

Prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

Elder R. F. Sandage

Elder Don Farris

### *Saturday Afternoon:*

Prayer by Elder Lee Jefferson

Elder Phillip Johnson, Matthew Chapter 7

Elder James Pruitt

### *Saturday Night:*

Prayer by Elder James Pruitt

Elder Don Farris

Elder R. F. Sandage

### *Sunday Morning:*

Prayer by Elder Melvin McGrady

Elder James Pruitt

Elder Don Farris 1 Cor. 5:17, 1 Cor. 1 & 6, Exodus 11:7

Elder R. F. Sandage, Ezekiel 16:8

## HOME MINISTERS

Elder Robert C. Ashby, Rt. 5, Martinsville, Va. . . . . (703) 638-4529

Elder John J. Ashby, Rt. 5, Martinsville, Va. . . . . (703) 632-2704

Elder Leonard J. Corns, Patrick Springs, Va., Rt. 777 . . . . .  
(703) 694-3810

Elder Thomas Radford, Box 6217, Bassett, Va. . . . . (703) 673-1018

## 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 is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect throughly 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 offsprings 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 was 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 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 judgement, 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 shall 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 and 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 dismission 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 appoint 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 from 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.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	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	Contributions
Axton	Weldon Wood Rt. 1, Axton, Va.	Elder Robert Ashby, Bros. Jim Bray, Weldon Wood, Sis. Josie Bullington, Alt.	Aug.	2					1		6	\$90.00
Martinsville	Jake Divers, Kimberly Rd. Martinsville, Va. Violet Newman Vesta, Va.	Bros. Noel Wilson, Jake Divers, John Shumate, W.D. Ingram, Alt.	June	4	2						29	\$150.00
Zion Hill		Bro. E. H. Newman, Elder Robert Ashby, Sis. Violet Newman, Evelyn Dalton	Sept.	4							5	\$25.00
Leatherwood	Elder John Ashby Rt. 1, Martinsville, Va.	Elder Robert Ashby, Bros. Landon Keatts, Boyd Ashby, Elder John Ashby, Alt.	Sept.	1					2	1	14	\$125.00
Sugar Tree	Frank Keatts Rt. 1, Axton, Va.	Bros. Frank & Fred Keatts, H.C. Brumfield, Sis. Mary Lou Keatts, Alt.	July	3							17	\$120.00
TOTAL									3	1	71	\$510.00

No.	Name	Age
1	John Smith	25
2	Mary Jones	30
3	James Brown	20
4	Sarah White	28
5	Robert Black	35
6	Elizabeth Green	22
7	William Grey	32
8	Jane Hill	27
9	Thomas Lee	38
10	Anna King	24
11	George King	33
12	Charlotte King	21
13	Henry King	31
14	Elizabeth King	26
15	John King	36
16	Mary King	23
17	James King	34
18	Sarah King	29
19	Robert King	37
20	Elizabeth King	25
21	William King	39
22	Jane King	24
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