

MINUTES

Of The
*One Hundred and Ninety-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 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1995**

**THE NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
SUGARTREE CHURCH
LOCATED IN
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, AXTON, VIRGINIA
ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY
IN MAY 1996**

OFFICERS

ELDER J. R. RAKES

Moderator

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ELDER THOMAS L. RADFORD

Acting Clerk

Route 1, Box 697

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NAME OF CHURCH	FIFTH SUNDAY	ASSOCIATION	UNION
Grace			1990
Leatherwood		May, 1995	1994
Martinsville OLD & NEW YEAR SINGING Dec. 31, 1995 - Jan. 1, 1996	Dec., 1995	May, 1994	1993
Spoon Creek	July, 1995		1992
Good Home			
Sugartree	Oct., 1995	May, 1996	1995

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH
LEATHERWOOD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

May 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1995

FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. The Association met with Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church, Friday, May 19, 1995, at 10:30 a.m.
2. A motion was made and seconded to elect Elder J. R. Rakes as Moderator.
3. The Moderator appointed a committee on arrangements. The following were appointed to serve: Elder Robert Ashby, Deacon Frank Keatts, Deacon Fred Keatts, Deacon Landon Keatts.
4. The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee: Deacon Landon Keatts, Deacon Frank Keatts, Deacon Fred Keatts, Deacon Weldon Wood, and Deacon Noel Wilson.
5. Visitors from Associations and Churches were welcomed:

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Dan Parker.*

Cat Creek Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Bob Dickerson.*

Chestnut Grove Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Iva L. Kidd.*

Community Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Madeline Shively.*

Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church: *Brother Harry J. and Sister Jo Carter and Children, Bobby, Jackie and Jessie.*

Good Home Primitive Baptist Church: *Brother C. Leroy Conner, Brother Aubrey and Sister Carrie Westmoreland.*

Grace Primitive Baptist Church: *Brother David Coleman, Brother Michael Coleman, Elder Sammy Coleman, Sister Shirley Coleman, Sister Estelle Rakes, Brother Franklin Riggs, Sister Angela Roark, Brother John Roark.*

Healthy Plains Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Randall Saunders.*

Little River Association of Georgia: *Brother Jerry Kelly and Elder Ray Wagner.*

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Joyce Hodges.*

New River Association: *Sister Virginia Key.*

Puckett Memorial Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder William Melvin McGrady.*

Richmond Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Raymond Wyatt.*

Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Catherine Corns, Elder L. J. Corns, Sister Alice Dunner, Deacon Clinton Jefferson and Sister Ernestine Maxie.*

6. Report on deceased members: Brother Harry C. Brumfield of Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church passed away November 25, 1994.
7. The next Union Meeting will be held with Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church the fifth Saturday and Sunday in October 1995.
8. The Association was adjourned until next year at Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church on the third weekend in May 1996.

-ORDER OF SERVICES-**FRIDAY MORNING**

Prayer by Elder Robert Ashby

Elder Danny Parker.....*Luke 10:17-20**"rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven"*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Raymond Wyatt

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Raymond Wyatt

Elder Bob Dickerson.....*Jeremiah 8:14-22, 46:11; Eccl. 10:1**"Is there no balm in Gilead?"*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Sammy Coleman

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

Elder Raymond Wyatt.....*Colossians 1:13**"...increasing in the knowledge of God."*Elder Randall Saunders.....*Luke 16:19-31**The rich man and Lazarus*Elder J. R. Rakes.....*no special text**Elect of God*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder L. J. Corns

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder L. J. Corns

Elder Melvin McGrady.....*Acts 20:29-31, Colossians 2:14**Unity of God's people*Elder Sammy Coleman.....*Ephesians 4:11; Exodus 3:2-3, 7-10**"...pastors and teachers."*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Randall Saunders

SUNDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Thomas Radford

Elder L. J. Corns.....*Romans 10:1**Prayer that Israel might be saved.*Elder Ray Wagner.....*Romans 12:4-8**Gifts to the church.*Elder Sammy Coleman.....*Psalms 144:1-4, 11-15**"...happy is that people, whose God is the Lord."*Elder J. R. Rakes.....*II Corinthians 9:7-8**"...God loveth a cheerful giver."*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder John Ashby

ELDERS IN ATTENDANCE

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Route 1, Box 587-A • Fieldale, VA 24089
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P.O. Box 100 • Patrick Springs, VA 24133
- DICKERSON, BOB.....912-242-8742
P.O. Box 2262 • Valdosta, GA 31604
- McGRADY, WILLIAM MELVIN.....540-728-3303
P.O. Box 798 • Hillsville, VA 24343
- PARKER, DANNY.....804-724-1632
Route 7, Box 906 • Danville, VA 24540
- RADFORD, THOMAS L.....540-673-1018
Route 1, Box 697 • Bassett, VA 24055
- RAKES, J. R.....540-694-3918
P.O. Box 150 • Patrick Springs, VA 24133
- SAUNDERS, RANDALL.....910-855-6125
4219-C Bernau Ave. • Greensboro, NC 27407
- WAGNER, RAY.....404-475-3883
3320 Longstreet Road • Alpharetta, GA 30201
- WYATT, RAYMOND.....804-458-3419
2006 Lee Street • Hopewell, VA 23860

CHURCH DIRECTORY

AFTON ROAD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Elder Danny Parker

Meeting - 1st Sunday Night, 6:00 p.m.

2nd Sunday Night, 6:00 p.m.

3rd & 4th Sunday Morning, 10:30 a.m.

Communion - 4th Sunday in May

EBENEZER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Elder Thomas L. Radford

Meeting - 1st Sunday Morning, 10:30 a.m.

3rd Sunday Morning, 10:30 a.m.

Communion - 1st Sunday in May

GOOD HOME PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Elder Kenneth Bowles

Meeting - 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday Morning, 10:30 a.m.

Communion - 3rd Sunday in May; 3rd Sunday in October

GRACE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Elder Freddie Boen

Meeting - 4 Sundays a Month

Communion - 4th Sunday in August

HARMONY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Elder Thomas L. Radford

Meeting - 4th Sunday Morning, 10:30 a.m.

Communion - 4th Sunday in August

LEATHERWOOD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH *

Pastor, Elder John Ashby

Meeting - 4 Sundays a Month

Communion - 1st Sunday in October

CHURCH DIRECTORY

MARTINSVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH *

Pastor, Elder J. R. Rakes
Meeting - 4 Sundays a Month
Communion - 4th Sunday in June

OLD MILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Elder Danny Parker
Meeting - 1st & 2nd Sunday Morning, 10:30 a.m.
3rd Sunday Night
Communion - 2nd Sunday in May

SPOON CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Elder Sammy Coleman
Meeting - 2nd Saturday, 2:00 p.m. - Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Communion - 2nd Sunday in August

SUGARTREE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH *

Pastor, Elder J. R. Rakes
Meeting - 3rd Saturday Night & Sunday
1st Sunday Night
Communion - 3rd Sunday in July

**Members of Original Mayo Association*

MARTINSVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
WILL HOST A NEW YEAR'S EVE SONG SERVICE
DECEMBER 31st
TO SING THE OLD YEAR OUT
AND THE NEW YEAR IN.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

July, 1995: Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church
October, 1995: Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church
December, 1995: Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church

UNION MEETING

The Union Meeting will be held with
Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church
on the fifth weekend in October, 1995.

1996 MAYO ASSOCIATION

The One Hundred and Ninety-Eighth Session of the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association will be held with Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church, Axton, Virginia, on May 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1996. Starting time each day will be 10:00 a.m. Services will be held morning, afternoon and evening on Friday and Saturday with lunch and dinner served at the church. Services will end Sunday at noon with lunch served thereafter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance from 1994.....	\$156.60
Contributions from Churches.....	1,317.00
Contributions from Friends.....	401.00
Total.....	\$1,874.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing of Minutes (Approx.).....	\$350.00
Ministers.....	1,000.00
Mailing Supplies, postage (approx.).....	30.00
Total (approx.).....	\$1,380.00

Ending Balance (approx.).....\$494.60

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with an humble heart that I attempt to write this Corresponding Letter.

We have no words that can adequately express our feelings of love, gratitude and fellowship as we gather from far and near each year to worship God. We feel love for God and love for His people here, gratitude to God for His many blessings and gratitude to our brothers and sisters as we enjoy fellowship with God and with each other. The meeting of our Association each year provides us a wonderful and God-given opportunity to give honor to our Lord and to feel the sweet fellowship that flows from breast to breast.

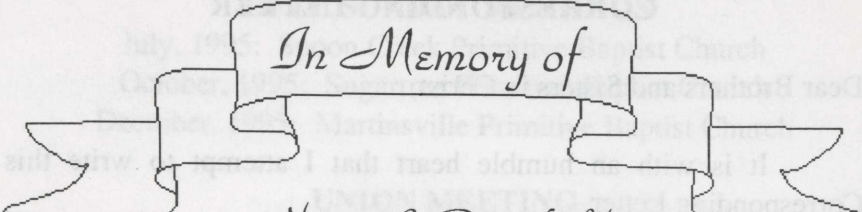
We entreat God for His guidance that we may walk together in peace and love and enjoy the friendship of God's people everywhere on our journey through this life.

We think of our Association meeting mainly as a time to worship and fellowship together. While some business matters must be dealt with, we attempt to keep the formal business meeting as brief as possible.

Let us start now to pray and prepare as we look forward to meeting again next year.

Written in Love,

Elder Thomas L. Radford



In Memory of

Harry C. Brumfield

Harry Claude Brumfield, 92 formerly of Route 1, Axton, died Friday, November 25, 1994, at the Virginia Veteran Care Center, Roanoke.

Born in Salem on July 23, 1902, he was the son of the late Edward Brumfield and the late Roxie Ann McCune Brumfield.

A resident of Axton most of his life, he worked for many years with the Virginia Highway Department, and later as a farmer in Axton.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and was the recipient of the WW II Victory medal.

Brumfield was a member of Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church, and was preceded in death by two sisters, Emma Brumfield Keatts and Blanche Brumfield; and a brother, Eugene Brumfield.

His survivors are nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, November 27, 1994 at Swicegood Funeral Home in Danville with Elders J. R. Rakes and Robert Ashby officiating. Burial was in the Keatts family cemetery on Virginia 855 in the Axton community.

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 and unchangeable; and this God has revealed Himself in His word, under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these 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 perfect 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 of election was a 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 Super 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 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.

CHURCHES & 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	All Members	1st Sun. Oct.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	\$350.00						
			2															
			3															
			4															
Martinsville Elder J. R. Rakes	Bro. Jake Divers Route 5, Box 196 Bassett, VA 24055	All Members	4th Sun. June	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	19	\$467.00						
			2															
			3															
			4															
Sugartree Elder J. R. Rakes	Deacon Frank Keatts Route 1 Axton, VA 24054	Deacon Frank Keatts Bro. Barry Robertson Deacon Fred Keatts	3rd Sun. July	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	\$300.00						
			1st Sun. pm															
Grace Church												\$200.00						
TOTALS																		
											5	0	0	0	0	1	57	\$1317.00

