

# MINUTES

Of The  
*One Hundred and Ninety-Sixth  
Annual Session*

Of The  
**ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Held With  
*Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church*  
Martinsville, Virginia

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY  
MAY 13th, 14th and 15th, 1994**

**THE NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH  
LEATHERWOOD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
LOCATED IN  
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA  
ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY  
IN MAY 1995.**

## **OFFICERS**

**ELDER J. R. RAKES, MODERATOR**  
P. O. Box 150 / Patrick Springs, Virginia 24133

**BROTHER WELDON WOOD, ASSIST. CLERK**

NAME OF CHURCH	FIFTH SUNDAY	ASSOCIATION	UNION
Grace			1990
Leatherwood		May, 1992 May, 1995	1994
Martinsville	Dec. 31, 1994 Jan. 1, 1995	May, 1994	1993
Spoon Creek	July, 1994		1992
Good Home			
Sugartree	May, 1994	May, 1996	1991

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIXTH  
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH  
MARTINSVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH,  
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA  
May 13th, 14th and 15th, 1994.

## FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. The Association met with Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church, Friday, May 13, 1994 at 10:00 a. m. After singing hymns of praise, prayer was offered by Elder J. R. Hayman.
2. The Moderator called for correspondence from Sister Associations. Visitors from Associations and Churches were recognized and welcomed:

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Handy*

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

Community Primitive Baptist Church: *Brother Bob and Sister Doris Roach, Brother O'Baine Hylton.*

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

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

Grace Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Estelle Rakes*

Little River Association of Georgia: *Brother Jerry Kelly, Sister Velma Kelley.*

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

Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church: *Brother Clinton Jefferson,*  
*Sister Ernestine Maxie, Sister Calherene and two Sisters*

**Please forgive any one omitted for I'm sure to have missed someone,**  
**(Clerk) A Brother Cox - Donaldson AK.**

*We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to God  
for His many blessings down through the years and ask  
for strength thy bountiful hand, that we may be granted  
the privilege and conduct our lives in a God honoring  
way before thy people. Manifesting our love for each  
other and to our maker and creator of Love. In Him  
we ask for leadership in our pilgrimage here. Thanks to  
you dear brethren in our churches.*

- ORDER OF SERVICES -

**Thursday Night Before Association, May 12, 1994**

Prayer by Elder Sammy Coleman

Elder J. R. Rakes.....*Deuteronomy 5:29*

Elder Thomas Mann.....*Matthew 5:48*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Jim Turner

**FRIDAY MORNING**

Prayer by Elder J. R. Hayman

Elder Jay Harris.....*Colossians 1:18*

Elder Danny Parker.....*Isaiah 53:6*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder L. J. Corns

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Prayer by Elder Jim Turner

Elder Randall Saunders.....*I John 1:7*

Elder Bob Dickerson.....*Acts 14:8-19*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

Elder Raymond Wyatt.....*Hebrews 2:14-18*

Elder Don Farris.....*Romans 5:1-5*

Dismissed with prayer by Brother Fred Keatts, Sr.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

Prayer by Elder L. J. Corns

Elder J. R. Hayman.....*John 3:14-15*

Elder Sammy Coleman.....*Psalms 85:1-13*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Don Farris

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

Prayer by Elder Kenneth Bowles

Elder Ray Wagner.....*Ephesians 6:10*

Elder L. J. Corns.....*Romans 10:1*

Dismissed with prayer by Brother Fred Keatts, Sr.

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

Prayer by

Elder J. R. Hayman.....*Hebrews 10:4-10*

Elder Jim Turner.....*Ephesians 2:13*

Elder Don Farris

Dismissed with prayer by Brother Franklin Riggs

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Prayer by Elder Thomas Radford

Elder Don Farris.....*1 Corinthians 13: 1-13*

Elder Jim Turner.....*Galatians 1:10-24*

Elder J. R. Rakes.....*Hebrews 13:9*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Robert Ashby

**ELDERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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Route 5, Box 42 - Martinsville, VA 24112

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Route 1, Box 507 - Bassett, VA 24055

COLEMAN, SAMMY.....703-673-6179  
Route 1, Box 587-A - Fieldale, VA 24089

CORNS, LEONARD J.....703-694-3810  
P. O. Box 100 - Patrick Springs, VA 24133

DICKERSON, BOB.....912-242-8742  
P. O. Box 2262, Valdosta, GA 31604

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1304 Janda Drive, Rogers, AR 72756

HARRIS, J. S. ....703-980-3891  
12 Foxchoft Circle, Pilaski, VA 24301

- HAYMAN, J. R. ....  
Route 7, Box 293, Leesville, VA 71446
- MANN, THOMAS.....701-989-6592  
900 Summit Way, S.W., Roanoke, VA 24014
- PARKER, DANNY.....804-724-1632  
Rt. 7, Box 906, Danville, VA 24540
- RADFORD, THOMAS L.....703-673-1018  
Route 1, Box 697, Bassett, VA 24055
- RAKES, J. R.....703-694-3918  
P. O. Box 150, Patrick Springs, VA 24133
- SAUNDERS, RANDALL.....910-275-1910  
819 G Dana Place, Greensboro, NC 27406
- TURNER, JIM.....501-235-2576  
400 Maplewood Drive, Little Rock, AR 72211
- WAGNER, RAY.....404-475-3883  
3320 Longstreet Road, Alphahitte, GA 30201
- WYATT, RAYMOND.....804-458-3419  
2006 Lee Street, Hopewell, VA 23860

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**- CHURCHES -**

**SUGARTREE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH\***

Pastor, Elder J. R. Rakes  
Meeting - 3rd Saturday Night & Sunday  
1st Sunday Night  
Communion - 4th Sunday in July

**MARTINSVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH\***

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

- CHURCHES -

LEATHERWOOD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH\*

Pastor, Elder John Ashby  
Meeting - 4 Sundays a Month  
Communion - 4th Sunday in October

GRACE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, (None at Present)  
Meeting - 4 Sundays a Month  
Communion - 4th Sunday in August

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

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

OLD MILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Paster, Elder Danny Parker  
Meeting - 1st & 2nd Sunday Morning, 10:30 A.M.  
3rd Sunday Night  
Communion - 2nd 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

\* Original Association Members



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.

5TH SUNDAY MEETINGS

JANUARY 1994

Martinsville - 5th Weekend  
Spoon Creek - 5th Sunday, July

UNION MEETING TO BE HELD WITH LEATHERWOOD  
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SECOND WEEKEND IN  
OCTOBER.

**- FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT -**

Contributions from Churches.....	\$1,320.00
Other Contributions.....	1,636.68
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,956.68</b>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Church Supplies.....	\$ 198.54
Ministers.....	2,450.00
Minutes, postage (approx.).....	308.14
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,956.68</b>

## - OBITUARIES -

### *Sister Lillie Moore Ashby*

Sister Lillie Minter Moore Ashby of Route 5, Dyers Store Community had a heart attack while eating breakfast on Friday morning, September 17, 1993. She got up out of her chair and started towards her husband as he was washing dishes. His back was towards her and she fell at his feet.

She joined Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church many years ago. She loved her church and was a faithful member. She was always ready to help in any way she could. She entertained the brethren and sisters in her home up to the end.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Elder John Ashby of Martinsville, VA; one son, Larry D. Moore of Pine Knoll Shores, NC.; Three sisters, Bessie Keatts of Cascade, VA; Victoria Goggins of Martinsville, VA; Evelyn Smith of Collinsville, VA; two brothers, Sam Minter and Ronnie Minter, both of Martinsville, VA; two step daughters, Linda Secrest and Peggy Barnes both of Martinsville, VA; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and four step great-grandchildren.

She was a faithful mother to her family and also her husband's family. Everyone was benefited by having her in the family.

Sister Lillie was born on October 14, 1912, making her stay on earth - 80 years, 11 months and 27 days. Our loss is heavens gain.

Elder John Ashby

**- 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 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 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 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 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 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 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.

*In Memory of*

SPOON CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

- Sister Virgie L. Southers - Passed away July 6, 1992*  
*Brother Lewis S. Shephard - Passed away March 11, 1994*  
*Sister Claudice S. Shephard - Passed away March 24, 1993*  
*Sister Elva Frances Plaster - passed away May 5, 1994*

MARTINSVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

- Sister Daisy Ferguson Slaughter - passed away December 2, 1993*  
*Sister Josie Davis Bullington - passed away February 20, 1994*

LEATHERWOOD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

- Sister Lillie M. Ashby - Passed away September 17, 1993*



