

MINUTES

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

Of The
**ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Held With
Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church
Martinsville, Virginia

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY
MAY 17th, 18th and 19th, 1991

*THE NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
LEATHERWOOD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
LOCATED IN HENRY COUNTY, ROUTE 5,
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN
MAY 1992.*

OFFICERS

ELDER SAMMY COLEMAN, MODERATOR
Route 1, Box 587-A, Fieldale, Virginia 24089

ELDER L. J. CORN, ASSIST. MODERATOR
P. O. Box 100 / Patrick Springs, Virginia 24133

ELDER THOMAS L. RADFORD, CLERK
Route 1, Box 697 / Bassett, Virginia 24055

BROTHER JAKE DIVERS, ASSIST. CLERK
Route 5, Box 196 / Bassett Virginia 24055

| NAME OF CHURCH | FIFTH SUNDAY | ASSOCIATION | UNION |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Grace | March, 1992 | | Sept., 1990 Fourth Sunday |
| Leatherwood | June, 1991 | May, 1992 | October, 1988 |
| Martinsville | December, 1991 | May, 1991 | October - Fifth Sunday, 1989 |
| Spoon Creek | July, 1989 | | October, 1987 |
| Zion Hill | | May, 1986 | |
| Sugartree | Sept., 1991 | May, 1990 | October, 1991 Third Sunday |
| Charity | Sept., 1990 | | |

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THIRD
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE
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MARTINSVILLE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
May 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1991.

FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. The Association met with Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church, Friday, May 17, 1991 at 10:00 a. m. After singing hymns of praise, prayer was offered by Elder Randall Saunders.
2. The Moderator called for letters of the churches composing the Association. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to dispense with the reading of the letters.
3. A motion was made that the respective Messengers be seated to represent their respective churches in any business that is brought before the body.
4. A motion was made and seconded to elect Elder Sammy Coleman as Moderator, Elder L. J. Corn as Assistant Moderator, Elder Thomas Radford as Clerk, and Brother Jake Divers as Assistant Clerk.
5. The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None were offered.
6. The Moderator called for correspondence from Sister Associations. Visitors from Associations and Churches were recognized and welcomed:

Charity Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Randall Saunders.*

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

Cincinnati Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Lasserre Bradley, Jr.*

Good Home Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Kenneth Bowles*

Grace Primitive Baptist Church: *Deacon Franklin Riggs,
Sister Irene R. Turner.*

Little River Association of Georgia: *Elder Edward Cagle, Elder C. Wayne Clayton, Elder Roy H. Davis, Brother Jerry Kelley, Sister Velma Kelley, Elder Ray Wagner, Sister Shirley Wagner.*

Little River Association of North Carolina: *Brother Willie Roberts,
Sister Bettye Roberts.*

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Joyce Hodges, Elder Thomas B. Mann.*

New Dan River Primitive Baptist Church: *Brother James L. Shelor.*

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Ronald Bowman, Sister Iola Goad, Brother Roby McCraw, Sister Myrties McCraw, Deacon Waltrude Slusher, Sister Emma Jean Slusher, Deacon Clifton Stone, Sister Nadine Stone.*

Richmond Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Raymond Wyatt.*

South Arkansas Association: *Elder Sonny Phelan, Elder C. B. Sandage,
Brother Arnold Sandage, Sister Ellen Sandage.*

Others Present: *Harry Jack Carter, Jo Carter, Bobby Carter, Jackie Carter, Jesse Carter, L. B. Hawkins, Jr., Susie Trout and many others who did not complete visitors' cards.*

7. The Moderator appointed a committee on arrangements. The following were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk: Elder L. J. Corn, Elder Robert Ashby, Elder J. R. Rakes, and Deacon Fred Keatts.
8. The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee: Elder John Ashby, Deacon Frank Keatts, Deacon Landon Keatts, and Deacon Weldon Wood.

9. The Arrangements Committee appointed Elder John Ashby to write the Corresponding Letter for next year, 1992. This year's Corresponding Letter was read by Elder Thomas Radford.
10. Members were encouraged to attend Corresponding Associations and Churches.
11. The Clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed and distributed.
12. For the report on deceased members, see obituaries on page 10.
13. The next Union Meeting will be held with Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church the third Sunday in October, 1991.
14. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this Association until next year at Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church on the third weekend in May, 1992.

- ORDER OF SERVICES -

FRIDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Thomas Mann

Elder Lasserre Bradley.....Matthew 5:14-16

"Ye are the light of the world...Let your light so shine"

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

Elder Roy Davis.....John 15:1-5

"I am the true vine"

Elder Edward Cagle.....1st Chronicles 15:25-31;

Psalms 96:7-10; Romans 12:1-3; Psalms 145:1-6; John 4:4, 4:19-24

The purpose of worship.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder John Ashby.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder Raymond Wyatt

Elder Wayne Clayton.....Hebrews 9:11-17; John:1:1-4

Elder Charles Sandage.....Hebrews 9:18-28;

Rev. 20:12-15; Romans 5:12, 5:18; Rev. 5; Romans 7:4-7

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Robert Ashby.

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Sonny Phelan

Elder Ronnie Bowman.....Matthew 16:13-18

"Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?"

Elder Edward Cagle.....Philippians 2:14-25;

Rev. 1:12-13, 2:1; I Corinthians 12:27-31, 13:1-3

A more excellent way.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder John Ashby.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Roy Davis.

Elder Raymond Wyatt.....I John 4:7-15

"Beloved, let us love one another"

Elder Sammy Coleman.....Zechariah 9:9; Luke 19:29-40

"Rejoice greatly"; this colt-man's near Kinsman

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Thomas Radford.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder Charles Sandage

Elder Ray Wagner.....I Corinthians 8:1-3

Knowledge

Elder Sonny Phelan.....Marks of the Church

Dismissed with prayer by Deacon Frank Keatts

SUNDAY

Prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

Elder Sonny Phelan.....Acts 28:3-6;

II Tim. 2:1-3; IICor. 9:10; Matt: 5:13; Proverbs 6:6-8; Psalms 137:4-6; Matt. 25:10;

Lamentations 3:37-39

Extreme Positions

Elder Charles Sandage.....I Tim. 3:16; Matt. 13:10-11;

I Cor. 16:25, 2:4-9; Ephesians 3:1-6; Colossians 1:25-27; Job 9:1-2;; I Cor. 15:51-

53; Rev. 10:5-7

"Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness."

Elder J. R. Rakes.....John 1:6

"Kingdom of God; end of mystery

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Raymond Wyatt

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- FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT -

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance from 1990..... | \$47.84 |
| Contribution from Churches..... | \$1,407.00 |
| Contributions from Friends..... | \$331.00 |
| Total..... | \$1,785.84 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Association Announcement in Newspaper..... | \$28.20 |
| Printing of Minutes (approx.)..... | 130.00 |
| Ministers..... | 1,575.00 |
| Mailing supplies, postage (approx.)..... | 30.00 |
| Total (approx).... | \$1,763.20 |
| Ending Balance (approx.)..... | \$22.64 |

- CORRESPONDING LETTER -

Mayo Association 5-15-91

Once again the gracious Lord has blessed us to assemble together at this yearly meeting. May our hearts and thoughts be knit together in love not only for each other but most of all for our Lord.

I would ask each one in attendance to make our theme of this year's gathering one of thanksgiving. For the few hours that we meet together, let each soul render thanks for the manifold blessings God has graciously rendered unto us.

Can there be found among this assembly today, whether church member or not, one that would dare deny the mercies of our God upon us from birth to death and, yea, even beyond?

If we are not careful, the bounties of modern life tend to cause us to take for granted and express so little praise and thanks to the One from Whom all blessings flow.

I quote from a speech delivered by Abraham Lincoln over one hundred years ago, in which he chastises a nation which had taken their many blessings for granted and had become unthankful:

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

A century and more later, we would certainly conclude that our nation has become much more hardened to the mercies of God and even less thankful than in Lincoln's day. But God forbid that the Church has or is following this same course.

Let us endeavor from this day forward to render our thanks unto our Lord whether in seasons of trials and tribulations or peace and prosperity.

May we begin even in this meeting to become a more thankful people. May the Lord grant unto us a mind and heart that often times during the course of our day causes us to remember Him and His many blessings and lift our heads heavenward in praise and thanksgiving.

Elder Sammy Coleman

1992 MAYO ASSOCIATION

The One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth Annual Session of the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association will be held with Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church, Route 5, Martinsville, Virginia, on May 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1992. 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.

- OBITUARIES -**LINNIE FERGUSON BOURNE**

Sister Linnie F. Bourne, 86, of 3 Sixth Street, Fieldale, VA, died January 22, 1991. She was born March 11, 1904. She was a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband James Otho Bourne; one daughter, Colleen Bourne Daniel; one sister, Daisey Slaughter; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on January 24, 1991 at Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Sammy Coleman and Elder Thomas Radford officiated. Burial was in Roselawn Burial Park.

ELDER RUPERT W. TURNER

Elder Rupert W. Turner, a Primitive Baptist minister at area churches for more than 30 years, died Friday, June 29, 1990, at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County, following a lengthy illness.

Turner was 71 and lived at 232 Eastview Drive, Collinsville.

He was born August 29, 1918, in Patrick County to the late Creed William Turner and Annie Light Turner, and served in the Navy during World War II. For a number of years he owned and operated Turner Lumber Co. in Henry County. He was a member of Grace Primitive Baptist Church in Sandy Ridge, N. C.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Roberson Turner of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Ann Jordon of Spencer; three sisters, Mrs. Carl (Gwen) Lawson of Stuart, Mrs. George L. (Agnes) Thomas of Collinsville and Wanda Sumner of Patrick Springs; two brothers, G. Conway Turner of Bassett and Norman P. Turner of Bassett, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted July 1, 1990 at 2 p. m. at Collins Funeral Chapel at Bassett with Elders Ronald Lawrence, Sammy Coleman, and J. R. Rakes officiating. Burial was in the Community Primitive Baptist Church cemetery in Patrick County.

- 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.

| 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, Asst. | Sis. Peggy Barnes Route 5 Martinsville VA 24112 | Elder Robert Ashby Elder John Ashby Deacon Landon Keatts Brother James Minter, Alt. | 10 1, 2, 3, 4 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 1 | | | | | | 19 | \$350.00 |
| Martinsville Elder Sammy Coleman Elder Thomas Radford, Asst. | Bro. Jake Divers Route 5, Box 196 Bassett, VA 24055 | Deacon Weldon Wood, Elder Sammy Coleman Bro. Jake Divers Deacon N. L. Wilson, Alt. | 6 1, 2, 3, 4 | 1, 2, 3, 4 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 20 | \$657.00 |
| Sugartree Elder J. R. Rakes | Deacon Frank Keatts Route 1 Axton, VA 24054 | Bro. H. C. Brumfield Bro. Barry Robertson Deacon Fred Keatts Bro. Jeff Keatts, Alt. | 7 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | 0 | 15 | \$300.00 |
| Zion Hill Elder Robert Ashby | Sister Betty Jenkins | Did not receive church messenger letters | 9 | 4 | | | | | | 1 | 4 | |
| | | TOTALS | | | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 58 | \$1407.00 |

Grace Church

- NOTES -

| Year | Name | Address | City | State | County | District | Precinct | Total | Notes |
|------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------|--------|----------|----------|-------|-------|
| 1950 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1951 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1952 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1953 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1954 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1955 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1956 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1957 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1958 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1959 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1960 | John Smith | 123 Main St | Springfield | Ill | Clark | 1 | 1 | 1 | |



