

MINUTES

Of The

*One Hundred and Ninetieth
Annual Session*

Of The

**ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

MARTINSVILLE CHURCH

1223 Chatham Road/Martinsville, VA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY

May 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1988

*Next session convenes with Leatherwood Church
located in Henry County, Martinsville, Virginia
on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1989
(Daily meeting time on page 9)*

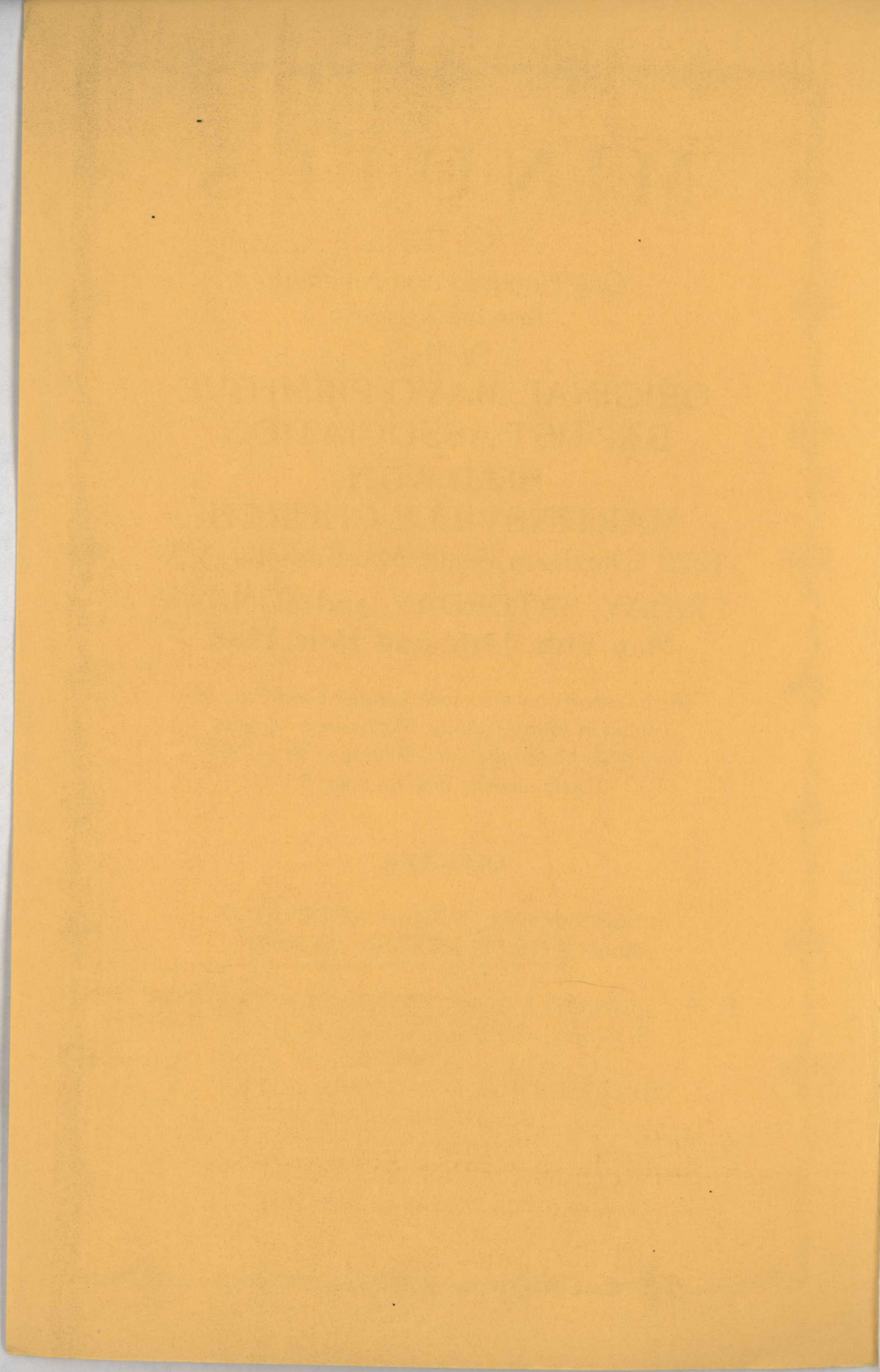
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL
MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH MARTINSVILLE PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
May 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1988.

FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. The Association met with Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church, Friday May 13, 1988, at 10:30 a. m. After singing Hymns of Praise, prayer was offered by Deacon Noel Wilson.
2. The moderator called for letters of the Churches composing the Association and letters were read by Elder Thomas Radford.
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. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations. Welcomed and seated messengers from the Little River Association of Georgia.
- 6A. Visitors from Associations and Churches were recognized and welcomed.

AFTON ROAD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Sister Bernice Handy, Sister Jerline Jones, Brother Thurman Jones.

ANGIER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Devon Harris.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Guy Parks.

CHARITY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Randall Saunders.

CHESTNUT GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Sister Iva L. Kidd.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Elder Randall Cagle, Elder C. Wayne Clayton, Elder James Pruitt, Sister Anita Ray, Brother Jeffrey Ray, Brother Glenn Ray, Brother Ray Wagner, Sister Shirley Wagner.

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce V. Hodges.

NORTHVIEW CHURCH: Brother L. B. Hawkins.

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Brother Roby McCraw, Sister Myrties McCraw, Brother Waltrude Slusher, Sister Emma Jean Slusher.

SOUTH ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION: Elder Charles B. Sandage.

STONEWALL CHURCH: Sister Roma T. Stanley.

WEST PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION: Elder Ed Kirkpatrick, Sister Gloria Kirkpatrick.

OTHERS PRESENT: Elder Ronald Bowman, Brother William J. Bryant, Jr., Elder W. L. Everett, Elder Don Farris, Sister Sadie Horton, Brother Arnold Quesinberry, Brother Robert Waller, Sister Kathleen Waller, Sister Tammy Waller, Elder John Tidwell, Elder Bob Dickerson, Sister Marjorie Dickerson.

7. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements. The following were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk: Elder John Ashby, Elder J. R. Rakes, and Brother Landon Keatts.
8. The Moderator appointed Brethren Frank Keatts, Fred Keatts, Noel Wilson, and Weldon Wood to the Finance Committee.
9. The Arrangements Committee appointed Elder John Ashby to write the Corresponding Letter for next year, 1989. Also called for this year's letter to be read and approved. The Corresponding Letter was read by Elder Thomas L. Radford.
10. Elder L. J. Corn and Elder J. R. Rakes were appointed to attend our Corresponding Associations and Churches.
11. The Clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed and distributed.

- 12. Report on deceased members - none.
- 13. The next Union Meeting will be held with Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in October, 1988.
- 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, 1989.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder J. J. Harris
Dismissed with prayer by Brother Kay Wagner

Elder John Tidwell
Elder W. L. Everett
Roman 2:19-20
John 12

SUNDAY

Prayer by Elder James Pruitt
Elder John Harris

Elder Ed Kurpatrick
Elder Wayne Clayton
Matt. 22:34-37
Love, Abandonment & Intolerance

Acts 17:23-24
John 6:39
Heb. 10:9-10 &
Rom. 12:17

Dismissed with prayer by Elder J. J. Harris

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder W. L. Everett
Elder Devon Harris
Elder Charles Stodaszko

FRIDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder James Pruitt
Elder Wayne Clayton
Elder Ed Kurpatrick
Dismissed with prayer by Brother Glen Edwards

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Devon Harris
Elder Randall Castle
Elder W. L. Everett
Elder John Tidwell
Dismissed with prayer by Elder Thomas L. Radford

ORDER OF SERVICES

FRIDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Randall Cagle
Introductory Sermon by Elder Guy Parks John 5:25-29
Dismissed with prayer by Brother Ray Wagner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Devon Harris
Elder Randall Cagle Gal. 2:20-21
Elder W. L. Everett Romans 5:19-20
Elder John Tidwell John 12
Dismissed with prayer by Elder Thomas L. Radford

FRIDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder James Pruitt
Elder Wayne Clayton Matt. 22:34-37
Elder Ed Kirkpatrick Love; Abraham's Inheritance
Dismissed with prayer by Brother Glen Edwards

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder W. L. Everett
Elder Devon Harris Acts 17:23-24
Elder Charles Sandage John 6:39
Heb. 10: 9-10 &
Rev. 22:17
Dismissed with prayer by Elder L. J. Corn

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Don Farris
 Elder Randall Saunders. Heb. 12:28
 Elder Bob Dickerson Mark 6:1-6
 Dismissed with prayer by Elder Charles Sandage

SATURDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder J. R. Rakes
 Elder James Pruitt Heb. 13:8 &
 Matt. 10:9
 Elder Don Farris
 Dismissed with prayer

SUNDAY

Prayer by Elder James Pruitt
 Elder Don Farris Gal. 3:16
 Elder Ronald Bowman Luke 19:1-5
 Elder Ed Kirkpatrick Isaiah 54:13 &
 Titus 2:11
 Dismissed with prayer by Elder Thomas L. Radford

**CORRESPONDING LETTER
MAYO ASSOCIATION
MAY 13, 1988**

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." These are the words or thoughts that David penned down under the inspiration of the Lord many years ago.

As we are once again assembled together for this association, we the members would like to express our appreciation for our visitors, who have put forth an effort to come and worship with us.

The key word in the above quoted scripture from Psalms 122, verse 1 is "glad."

Let us approach this ingathering with glad hearts and thankfulness to our great God and Savior. Let us be glad that we are privileged to be a part of the Lord's Kingdom here on this earth.

Let us be glad and rejoice that we in America still have the opportunity to assemble together and worship our Lord according to the dictates of our spiritual conciousness.

Let us be glad most of all that we are given assurance from time to time that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

We at our very best offer unto the Lord only a very small portion of our time, thoughts and energies. Even in such times, often we do not approach our Lord with gladness and singleness of heart, but rather in a cold half-hearted attitude.

As we spend the few days together in this association, let us strive to rid ourselves of every worldly care and thought that so often robs us of the manifold blessings that the Lord has in store for us.

Be glad and rejoice as the songs of praise ring out and warm our cold and indifferent hearts.

Be glad and rejoice as the brother approaches the throne of Grace in prayer.

Be glad and rejoice as words of comfort and instruction are preached by the elders among us.

David said also in another place, "This is the day the Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice in it."

In the Hope of His Grace,
Elder Sammy Coleman

1989 MAYO ASSOCIATION

The one hundred and ninety-first annual session of the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association will be held with Leatherwood Church, Henry County, Martinsville, Virginia on May 19th, 20th and 21st, 1989. 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.

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 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, throughly 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 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 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.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESENTERS	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 John Ashby Elder Robert Ashby Brother Landon Keatts Sis. Patricia Knight, Alt.	10	1, 2, 3, 4							16	\$275.00
Martinsville Elder Sammy Coleman Elder Thomas Radford, Asst.	Bro. Jake Divers Route 5 Bassett, VA 24055	Deacon N. L. Wilson Deacon Weldon Wood Elder Sammy Coleman Bro. Jake Divers, Alt.	6	1, 2, 3, 4					2		23	\$516.00
Sugartree Elder J. R. Rakes	Bro. Frank Keatts Route 1 Axton, VA 24054	Bro. Frank Keatts Bro. Barry Robertson Bro. Fred Keatts Sis. Mary Lou Keatts, Alt.	7	3							16	\$300.00
Zion Hill Elder Robert Ashby	Sis. Betty Jenkins	Elder Robert Ashby Bro. Eugene Newman Elder John Ashby Sis. Evelyn Dalton, Alt.	9	4							5	\$50.00
		Totals					0	0	0	2	60	\$1141.00

