

Minutes
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ORGINIAL MAYO
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With
Zion Hill Church
Patrick County - Vesta, Virginia
May 14, 15, 16, 1982

Next Session convenes with Sugartree Church, located in Axton, Virginia, on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1983.

OFFICERS

ELDER ROBERT C. ASHBY Moderator
Rt. 5, Martinsville, Va.
ELDER L.J. CORNS Assistant Moderator
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ELDER THOMAS L. RADFORD Clerk
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BRO. WELDON WOOD Assistant Clerk
Rt. 1, Axton, Va.



PROCEEDINGS

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FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1982

1. The Association met with Zion Hill Church Friday May 14, 1982 at 11:00 a.m. After singing many good hymns, Elder Melvin McGrady offered prayer.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John J. Ashby - John Chap. 15 and Matthew Chap. 25. We then sang and gave the invitation for the reception of members. Dismissed with prayer by Elder David P. Bridgman.

After intermission for about one hour, singing began back in the church and the congregation assembled for the afternoon service.

The moderator called the body to order and Bro. Ray Wagner was asked to offer prayer opening the business session of the associated body.

3. Moderator called for letters of the churches composing the Association and letters were read by Elder L.J. Corns and Deacon Frank Keatts.

4. Motion was made and seconded that the respective messengers be seated to represent their respective churches in any business that was brought before the body and so ordered.

5. Motion was made and seconded to elect Elder Robert C. Ashby as Moderator, Elder L.J. Corns, Assistant Moderator, Elder Thomas L. Radford, Clerk and Bro. Weldon Wood, Assistant Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters (none offered).

7. Called for correspondence from sister associations. Welcomed and seated Bro. Ray Wagner, Bro Jerry Kelley, and others from the Little River Association.

8. Read and approved corresponding letter and ordered it be printed in the Minutes.

Visitors from churches and associations:

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA: Elder Elmer S. Skeen and Sister Tessie Skeen, Elder Tolliver Utz and Brother Aubrey E. Utz.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Bro Jeff Garner, Sister Anita Garner, Bro. Jerry D. Kelley, Sister Kelley, Bro. Dwight Hansard, Sister Pat Hansard, Bro. Johnny Cagle, Sister Mildred Cagle, Bro. Nathaniel Hansard, Sister Vivian Hansard, Bro. Joe Wagner, Bro. Ray Wagner, Sister Shirley Wagner, Elder James Pruitt and Sister Faye Pruitt.

NEW RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: Elder R.P. Hall and Sister Jewell Hall
INDIAN CREEK CHURCH: Bro E.W. Henley

MARTIN CHURCH: Elder Everett C. Goad, Sister Hassie M. Goad
PUCKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH: Elder Melvin McGrady, Sister Vera Mae McGrady, Bro. Rufus Nester, Sister Maggie Nester, Elder William T. Clifton, Sister Ruth Clifton.

SPOON CREEK CHURCH: Bro. Lewis Sheppard, Sister Claudia Sheppard, Bro. C.E. Jefferson, Elder Lee Jefferson, Sister Carrie Jefferson, Sister Madeline Shively, Sister Elaine Goard.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Bro. Guy Cassell, Sister Vivian Cassell, Bro. Dale Cassell, Bro. Roscoe B. Branscome, Sister Hattie S. Branscome, Bro. Arnold Quesinberry, Sister Hassie Quesinberry, Sister Reta Vass, Sister Hattie Branscome.

OTHERS VISITING: Elder Wayne Gibbons, Elder J.A. Langham, Bro. Ralph Hargrave, Elder David P. Bridgman, and Bro. L.D. Light. Doris Wall and Johnnie, Patrica, Jason and Wesley Knight were also present.

9. Moderator appointed committee on arrangements: Brethern Eugene Newman, Frank Keatts, Elders John J. Ashby and Thomas L. Radford were appointed to serve with the Moderator.

9a. The committee appointed Elder Thomas L. Radford to preach the introductory sermon for 1983 and Bro. Landon Keatts to write the corresponding letter.

10. Moderator appointed a Finance Committee: Brethern Noel Wilson, Fred Keatts, Weldon Wood, Landon Keatts and Elder L.J. Corns were appointed.

11. Instructed clerk to have 500 Minutes printed and mailed or distributed.

12. Appointed brethern to attend corresponding associations and churches: Elder L.J. Corns, Elder Robert C. Ashby and Deacons Frank and Fred Keatts.

13. Sugartree Church will host the next union meeting on Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend of October 1982. Sugartree Church also asked to entertain the next association.

14. Moved and seconded to adjourn this association until next year at Sugartree Church. Benediction by Elder L.J. Corns.

Recessed for 10 minutes and reassembled in the church for the preaching.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Prayer by Elder Melvin McGrady
 Elder John J. Ashby.....John Ch. 15 and Matt. Ch. 25
 Elder Robert C. Ashby.....John Ch. 15
 Elder David P. Bridgman.....Dismissed with Prayer

Friday Afternoon:

Prayer by Elder John J. Ashby
 Elder Thomas L. Radford.....Psm. 37
 Elder L.J. Corns.....Eph. Ch. 2
 Elder Tolliver Utz.....Psm. 23
 Bro. Fred Keatts.....Dismissed with Prayer

Sat. Morning:

Prayer by Elder Everett Goad
 Elder Elmer Skeen.....Jer. Ch. 51 - Rom. Ch. 8
 Elder J.A. Langham.....Titus 3:1 - Acts Ch. 9
 Elder Tolliver Utz.....Titus 2:15
 Elder James Pruitt.....Dismissed with Prayer

Sat. Afternoon:

Prayer by Elder R. Lee Jefferson
 Elder David P. Bridgman.....II Tim. 3:16
 Elder Wayne Gibbons.....Romans 3:10 and II Cor. 2:14
 Elder James Pruitt.....Lam. 3:22
 Elder William Clifton.....Dismissed with Prayer

Sunday Morning:

Prayer by Elder L.J. Corns
 Elder Elmer S. Skeen.....Matt. 11:3 and Heb. 10:14
 Elder Tolliver Utz.....Phil. 2:12 and Eph. Ch. 5
 Elder James Pruitt.....II Kings Ch. 5
 Elder Melvin McGrady.....Dismissed with Prayer

Finance Committee Reports:

Balance from 1981.....	\$ 20.00
Contributions from churches.....	950.00
Contributions from friends.....	217.00
	\$1187.00

Disbursements:

Printing of Minutes.....	\$ 150.55
Postage and Mailing (approx.).....	20.00
Visiting Ministers.....	775.00
Home Ministers.....	100.00
	\$1045.55

Balance In Account.....	\$141.45
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VISITING MINISTERS

- Elder William M. McGrady.....P.O. Box 798, Hillsville, Va. 24343
Elder William T. Clifton.....Rt. 7, Box 140, Roanoke, Va. 24018
Elder David P. Bridgman.....3568 Pelzer Ave., Montgomery, Ala. 36109
Elder J.A. Langham.....654 Linville Rd., Kernersville, N.C. 27284
Elder Wayne Gibbons.....Box 15, Walburg, N.C.
Elder R. Lee Jefferson.....Patrick Springs, Va.
Elder Everett C. Goad.....Route 1, Box 68, Dugspur, Va.
Elder R.P. Hall.....Rt. 1, Box 33, Fancy Gap, Va. 24328
Elder James Pruitt.....16215 Thompson Rd., Alpharetta, Ga. 30201
Elder Elmer S. Skeen.....Rt. 2, Box 65, Palmyra, Va. 22963
Elder Tolliver Utz.....Star Rt. 5, Box 540, Madison, Va. 22727

HOME MINISTERS

- Elder Robert C. Ashby.....Route 5, Martinsville, Va. 24112
Elder John J. Ashby.....Route 5, Martinsville, Va. 24112
Elder Leonard J. Corns.....Patrick Springs, Va.
Elder Thomas L. Radford.....Rt. 1, Box 685, Bassett, Va. 24055

OBITUARY

Brother Clinton Edward Key, born October 25, 1897, passed from this life January 11, 1982.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Virginia Key, one son, and one daughter. The funeral was conducted at Roselawn Funeral Home By Elders Alvin Puckett, L.J. Corns, and Thomas L. Radford. Burial was in Roselawn Burial Park.

Brother Key was a member of the Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church. He will be greatly missed by the church, love ones, and friends.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

We, the Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, extend christian greetings and heartfelt thanks to each Corresponding Association and Church who has met with us at this One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Annual Session.

Our Churches are all in peace and fellowship one with another and our heart's desire and prayer to God is to meet with you visiting brethren and sisters in the Lord to worship and glorify his name.

Desiring the Lord will send down his holy spirit unto each of us and enable his servants to lead us in the old paths that we may sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus our Lord, and hear the gospel of our salvation.

We ask each of you to join with us in prayer to God that his gospel may have a free course over this land and nation of his that his little ones out in the cold, cold world may hear and understand the gospel of their salvation and turn to God for their help in this sinful world.

We enjoy and appreciate our visitors, trusting that we will live in such a way you will continue to have a mind to pray for us and visit with us.

We hope if it is the Lord's will that he will enable us to meet with you and others at our next session to be held with Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church in 1983.

Unworthy Brother in Hope
Frank Keatts

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 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 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 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.

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
Leatherwood	Sis. Peggy Barnes Route 5 Martinsville, Va.	Elders Robert and John Ashby, Bro. Landon Keatts and Sis. Linda Secrest, Alt.	10	1							14	\$230.00
Martinsville	Bro. Jake Divers Route 5 Bassett, Va.	Deacon Noel Wilson, Elder L.J. Cornis, Bro. Jake Divers, Elder Thomas Radford, Alt.	6	2/ 4						1	29	\$190.00
Axton	Bro. Weldon Wood Route 1 Axton, Va.	Bro. Weldon Wood, Bro. Jim Bray, Elder Robert Ashby, Sis. Josie Bullington, Alt.	8	2							4	\$140.00
Sugar tree	Bro. Frank Keatts Rt. 1 Axton, Va.	Brethern Fred Keatts, H.C. Brunfield, Frank Keatts and Sis. Linda Turner	7	3							16	\$340.00
Zion Hill	Sis. Violet Newman Vesta Va.	Bro. Eugene Newman Eld. Robert Ashby, Sis. Violet Newman, Sis. Velva Clifton, Alt.	9	4							5	\$ 50.00
											68	\$950.00

STATISTICAL TABLE



