

MINUTES

Of The

*One Hundred and Ninety-First
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, 1989

*THE NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
SUGARTREE CHURCH LOCATED IN
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, AXTON, VIRGINIA
ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY, 1990.*

OFFICERS

ELDER JOHN J. ASHBY, MODERATOR

Route 5, Box 2 / Martinsville, Virginia 24112

ELDER ROBERT C. ASHBY, ASSIST. MODERATOR

Route 5, Box 42 / Martinsville, Virginia 24112

ELDER THOMAS L. RADFORD, CLERK

Route 1, Box 697 / Bassett, Virginia 24055

BROTHER JAKE DIVERS, ASSIST. CLERK

Route 5, Box 196 / Bassett, Virginia 24055

Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church: *Brother Blane Goad, Sister Opal Goad, Sister Sadie Horton, Brother Arnold J. Quesenberry, Sister Kathleen Waller.*

Grace Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Rupert W. Turner, Sister Irene Turner.*

Little River Association Of Georgia: *Brother Jerry D. Kelley, Sister Anita Ray, Brother Jeffrey Ray, Brother Glenn Ray, Lic. Ray Wagner, Sister Shirley Wagner.*

Martin Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Ethel A. Vass.*

Mount Olive Church: *Sister Joyce V. Hodges.*

St. Clair Bottom Church: *Elder Everett Blevins, Sister Thelma E. Blevins.*

South Arkansas Association: *Elder Charles B. Sandage, Brother Arnold Sandage, Sister Ellen Sandage, Sister Virginia Mae Sandage.*

Spoon Creek Church: *Sister Catherine Corn, Deacon Clinton Jefferson, Sister Annie Mae Jefferson, Sister Ernestine Maxey, Sister Mildred Maxey, Sister Ethel Woodall.*

Stonewall Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Roma T. Stanley.*

West Providence Association: *Brother Frank Noble, Sister Oleta Noble.*

Others Present: *Harry J. Carter, Jo Catherine Carter, James Compton, P. Dillard Dove, Fred Dove, Marie Harmon, Martin Jay Williams, Velma L. Williams, Tammy Harbour, Bobby Carter, Jessie Carter, Jackie Carter.*

7. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements. The following were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk: Elder Robert Ashby, Brother Jake Divers, Deacon Noel Wilson, and Deacon Frank Keatts.
8. The Moderator appointed Deacon Fred Keatts, Deacon Weldon Wood, Elder L. J. Corn, and Brother James Minter to the Finance Committee.
9. The Arrangements Committee appointed Elder J. R. Rakes to write the Corresponding Letter for next year, 1990. 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, Elder J. R. Rakes, and Deacon Frank Keatts 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. See obituaries on page 9.
- 13. The next union meeting will be held with Martinsville Church on the fifth Sunday in October, 1989.
- 14. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this Association until next year at Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church on the third weekend in May, 1990.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Dismissed with Prayer
 Elder Charles Sandage
 L. C. Ray Wagner
 Prayer by Deacon Noel Wilson

SATURDAY MORNING

Dismissed with Prayer by Deacon Frank Keatts
 Elder Robert Ashby
 Elder Everett Blevins
 "Masters of Joy and Sorrow"
 "I Don't Do Pass Through"
 Elder R. W. Turner
 Prayer by Elder J. R. Rakes

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Dismissed with Prayer by Elder R. W. Turner
 Elder J. J. Corn
 Elder J. R. Rakes
 Prayer by L. C. Ray Wagner
 "Redemptive Power of God"

SATURDAY NIGHT

Dismissed with Prayer
 Elder J. R. Rakes
 Elder John Ashby
 Prayer by Deacon Franklin Riggs
 II Peter

— ORDER OF SERVICES —

FRIDAY MORNING

Prayer by Lic. Ray Wagner
Introductory Sermon by Elder Charles Sandage *Romans 10*
Dismissed with Prayer by Elder L. J. Corn

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Robert Ashby
Elder L. J. Corn *I Thess. 3*
Elder J. R. Rakes
Dismissed with Prayer by Deacon Weldon Wood

FRIDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Deacon Noel Wilson
Lic. Ray Wagner *I Timothy*
Elder Charles Sandage *Hebrews 9:27-28*
Dismissed with Prayer

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder J. R. Rakes
Elder R. W. Turner *Ephesians 4*
Elder Everett Blevins *"Mixtures of Joy and Sorrow,
I Daily Do Pass Through."*
Elder Robert Ashby
Dismissed with Prayer by Deacon Frank Keatts

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Lic. Ray Wagner
Elder J. R. Rakes *"Redemptive Power of God"*
Elder L. J. Corn
Dismissed with Prayer by Elder R. W. Turner

SATURDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Deacon Franklin Riggs
Elder John Ashby *II Peter*
Elder J. R. Rakes
Dismissed with Prayer

SUNDAY

Prayer by Lic. Ray Wagner
 Elder Thomas Radford *Joel 2:1*
 Elder R. W. Turner *II Kings 4:38*
 Elder Sammy Coleman *Mark 8:22-25*
 Dismissed with Prayer by Elder J. R. Rakes

BLEVINS, EVERETT
 Route 2, Box 43 — Rural Retreat, VA 24388

COLEMAN, SAMMY
 Route 1 Box 587-A — Fidelity, VA 24089

CORN, LEONARD
 P. O. Box 100 — Patrick Springs, VA 24133

RADFORD, THOMAS J.
 Route 1, Box 697 — Bassett, VA 24055

RAKES, J.R.
 P. O. Box 3 — Patrick Springs, VA 24133

SANDAGE, CHARLES B.
 P. O. Box 104 — Donaldson, AK 71941

SAUNDERS, RANDALL
 120 East Fisher Avenue, Apt. C — Greensboro, NC 27401

TURNER, R. W.
 322 East View Drive — Collinsville, VA 24078

— LICENTIATE PRESENT —

WAGNER, RAY
 3320 Longstreet Road — Alpharetta, GA 30201

— ELDERS PRESENT —

- ASHBY, JOHN J.703/632-2704
Route 5, Box 2 — Martinsville, VA 24112
- ASHBY, ROBERT703/638-4529
Route 5, Box 42 — Martinsville, VA 24112
- BLEVINS, EVERETT703/686-5615
Route 2, Box 43 — Rural Retreat, VA 24368
- COLEMAN, SAMMY703/673-6179
Route 1, Box 587-A — Fieldale, VA 24089
- CORN, LEONARD J.703/694-3810
P. O. Box 100 — Patrick Springs, VA 24133
- RADFORD, THOMAS L.703/673-1018
Route 1, Box 697 — Bassett, VA 24055
- RAKES, J.R.703/694-3918
P. O. Box 3 — Patrick Springs, VA 24133
- SANDAGE, CHARLES B.501/384-2494
P. O. Box 104 — Donaldson, AK 71941
- SAUNDERS, RANDALL919/275-1910
129 East Fisher Avenue, Apt. C — Greensboro, NC 27401
- TURNER, R. W.703/647-7039
232 East View Drive — Collinsville, VA 24078

— LICENTIATE PRESENT —

- WAGNER, RAY404/475-3883
3320 Longstreet Road — Alpharetta, GA 30201

SATURDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Deacon Franklin Suggs

Elder John Ashby

Elder J. R. Rakes

Dismissed with Prayer

— FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT —

Balance from 1988	\$ 3.23
Contribution from Churches	1,125.00
Contribution from Friends	124.00
Total	\$1,252.23

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing of Minutes (approx.)	130.00
Ministers	900.00
Mailing supplies, postage (approx.)	20.00
Total (approx.)	\$1,050.00

Ending Balance (approx.) \$ 202.23

March 17, 1989
 Submitted in love
 He was employed by the Tire Company for 14 years
 and he retired due to illness of Grace Primitive
 Baptist Church.
 Surviving are his wife, Melvie G. Fuqua of the home and
 daughter, Mary Virginia Whake of Bassett, one sister, Laura Wilkins
 of Moore, N.C., two brothers, Aubrey Fuqua of Yanceyville, N.C. and
 Eugene Fuqua of Redville, N.C.; and two grandchildren.
 The funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 1989 at
 Stone Funeral Home with Pastor L. R. Rakes, Rupert Turner and
 Stanley Chapman officiating.

1989 MAYO
 ASSOCIATION

The One Hundred and Ninety-second Annual Session of the
 Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association will be held with
 Sugarree Church, Pittsylvania County, Axton, Virginia on May 18th,
 19th, and 20th, 1990. Starting time each day will be 10:00 a.m.
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 Saturday with lunch and dinner served at the church. Services will
 end Sunday at noon with lunch served thereafter.

**CORRESPONDING LETTER
MAYO ASSOCIATION
MAY 19, 1989**

To the Primitive Baptist Churches composing the 191st Session of the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ,

We have been blessed once again to meet in another session of the Association. We hope and pray in the presence of the Almighty God to preach, pray and sing of the goodness of our Saviour. Let us come together holding His name above every other name. Let us esteem our brother better than self. May we be found walking in the straight and narrow way. May we let our light shine that others can see our good works and glorify our Father, which is in Heaven. We trust we have met for one purpose — to give glory to God our Saviour. We want to welcome our visiting Brethren and Sisters and may we live in such a way that they will want to visit often. We love and appreciate all our visitors. May we all find sweet fellowship and rest for our weary souls. May the Lord give us Grace to overcome the trials and sorrows of this world.

Submitted in love,

ELDER JOHN ASHBY

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— OBITUARIES —

CLARENCE KEATTS

DANVILLE — Clarence Barrow Keatts, 88, of the Camelot Nursing Home died Sunday, May 29, 1988 at the Memorial Hospital of Danville.

Born March 16, 1900, in Pittsylvania County, he was a son of the late Alva B. Keatts and Augusta Barrow Keatts and widower of Julia Ruth Eanes Keatts, who died November 8, 1986.

Keatts lived most of his life in the Brosville community, where he was a farmer. He was a member of Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Edward Keatts and Jimmy Lee Keatts, both of Axton; a daughter, Aileese Keatts Lovelace of Saxe; a sister, Little Brumfield, Newport News; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 1988 at Swicegood Funeral Home Chapel by the Elder R. J. Rakes. Burial was in the Keatts family cemetery.

BERNARD ALLEN FUQUA

Bernard Allen Fuqua, 54, of the Preston Community, died Friday, March 17, 1989 at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Born on August 25, 1934, in Person County, N. C., he was the son of the late William Frank Fuqua and Lois Taylor Fuqua.

He was an employee of Fuller-Gray Tire Company for 14 years until he retired due to illness, and was a member of Grace Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Melvie G. Fuqua of the home; one daughter, Mary Virginia Whalen of Bassett; one sister, Laura Wilkins of Mebane, N.C.; two brothers Aubrey Fuqua of Yanceyville, N.C. and Eugene Fuqua of Reidsville, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 1989 at Stone Funeral Home with Elders J. R. Rakes, Rupert Turner and Sammy Coleman officiating.

Burial was in Roselawn Burial Park.

— 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, 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 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 & PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENERS	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	Deacon Landon Keatts Brother James Minter Sister Cindy Keatts Sister Linda Secrest, Alt.	10	1, 2, 3, 4	1						17	\$375.00
Martinsville Elder Sammy Coleman Elder Thomas Radford, Asst.	Bro. Jake Divers Route 5, Box 196 Bassett, VA 24055	Bro. Walter Ingram Deacon N. L. Wilson Deacon Weldon Wood Elder Sammy Coleman, Alt.	6	1, 2, 3, 4					2		21	\$450.00
Sugartree Elder J. R. Rakes	Deacon Frank Keatts Route 1 Axton, VA 24054	Deacon Frank Keatts Bro. Barry Robertson Deacon Fred Keatts Sis. Mary Lou Keatts, Alt.	7	3						1	13	\$250.00
Zion Hill Elder Robert Ashby	Sis. Betty Jenkins	Elder Robert Ashby Deacon Eugene Newman Sis. Evelena Dalton Sis. Betty Jenkins, Alt.	9	4							5	\$50.00
		TOTALS			1	0	0	0	2	1	56	\$1,125.00



