



*Minutes*  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
ORIGINAL MAYO  
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
HELD WITH  
LEATHERWOOD CHURCH  
HENRY CO., MARTINSVILLE, VA  
JULY 23-24-25, 1976

Next Session convenes with Zion Hill Church located Patrick Co., Vesta, Va. Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1977.

ELD. ROBERT C. ASHBY \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator  
ELD. LEONARD J. CORN \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Moderator  
WELDON WOOD \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
FRED KEATTS \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Clerk



## PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and seventy eighth Annual Session of the original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association of Virginia. Held with the Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Leather Wood Henry Co. Va. July 23-24 and 25th 1976. The Association was opened with prayer by Elder W. G. Fletcher and business carried out as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the churches of this Association, which was read and seated in Order The Messengers names was enrolled as will be found in the statistical table.

2. Callef for petitionary letters from any other church of the same faith and order, who desire seats with us. Received none.

3. By motion second and agreed to elect Elder Robert C. Ashby for Moderator, Elder Leonard J. Corn., Assistant Moderator, Brother Weldon Wood, Clerk, Brother Fred Keatts, Assistant Clerk, to serve until next election of officers. Motion seconded and agreed to invite all corresponding and visiting associations and churches of our same faith and order to be seated with us and was received as follows: From LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, Elder W. S. Kelley, Sis. Verma Kelley and GGRANDDAUGHTER, Brother Jerry D. Kelley, Brother Ray Wagner, Lo LOWER WETUMPKA ASSOCIATION, ALABAMA, Elder Harry and Ruby Bridgman, Elder Michael McGrady and Sis. Susan McGrady, MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA, Sister Kathryn Thomas, Sister Elnora Rocesseau, Sister Donna Kennamer, Sister Susan Brothers.

3A Motion Second and of order that we conduct our main business session before the Introductory Sermon and also motion made and seconded and agreed for Moderator to appoing the committes

(a) Committe on Arrangements of Divine service: Brethren Noel Wilson, Eugene Minter, Eugene Newman, Elder John Ashby-to serve with Moderator and Clerk.

(b) Committee of Finance: Brethren Laudon Keatts, Fred Keatts, Frank Keatts, Weldon Wood.

(c) Committee of Deceased members: Elder Leonard Corn.

(d) To write corresponding letter for this minute.; Brother Frank Keatts.

(3B) Motion second and agreed to send Minutes and visitors to our corresponding and visiting associations the following agreed to go::

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, Elder Robert Ashby, Elder Leonard Corn, Brother Weldon Wood.

KETOCTOU ASSOCIATION, Elder John Ashby, Brother Noel Wilson Bro. and Sis. James W. and Betty Bayles from New Hope Primitive Baptist Church of Montgomery Ala., SALEM ASSOCIATION OF ARK., Elder Don Farris, Sis. Emma, Linda and Bro. Henry Farris of Mena, Ark. Also would like to mention we were so sorry that Elder Charles Sandage of SOUTH ARK. ASSOCIATION Donaldson Ark. was called back home after having several appointments in the area, before the Association counvened or the day it was to begin. KETOCTON ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN VA.

Elder W. G. Fletcher, and Sister Alicia Fletcher. BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION, N. C. Elder F. W. Stack, Bro. C. J. Mullis, Greasy Creek Church, Sister Marcia McGrady, Puckett Memorial Church- Elder Melvin McGrady, Sis. Vera McGrady, Sister Irene Hill Sumner, Sister Gladys Hill, Bro. Troy B. Hill.

..4. Motion second and agreed to have 500 copies of minutes printed and to set aside \$130.00 for printing, mailing, etc.

5. Appointed the time and place for the next association meeting of the original Mayo Association. Zion Hill Church ask to entertain Association next year. Priviledges granted-that next Association be held with Zion Hill Church, beginning Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1977.

..(B) Motion second and agreed to hold the next union at Martinsville Church-to begin on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May 1977 at 10:30 a.m.

6. Called for Miscellaneous business.

Introductory sermon by Elder W. S. Kelley John 1-4 followed by Elder W. G. Gletcher, Luke 1-1-2-3&4.

Friday night prayer by Elder Fletcher and Elder F. W. Stack preaching from the book of Hebrews-followed by Elder Don Farris.

Saturday morning prayer by Elder F. W. Stack followed by Elder W. G. Fletcher 1st Cor. followed by Elder Melvin McGrady, Isaiah 6: 1-1, followed by Elder Walter Lewis.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Wm. T. Clifton  
Elder F. W. Stack  
Elder H. J. Hylton  
Elder Don Farris

#### SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night  
Elder Melvin McGrady, Prayer  
Elder Michael McGrady  
Elder Harry Bridgman  
Benediction by Elder Don Farris

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Elder Wm. Clifton offered opening prayer.  
Preaching by Elder Leonard Corn with closing.  
Sermon by Elder Don Farris.  
Dismissed by Prayer, Elder John Ashby.

## HOME MINISTERS

Elder Robert Ashby, Rt. 5 Martinsville, Va. 24112  
Elder John Ashby, Rt. 5 Martinsville, Va. 24112  
Elder Thomas L. Radford, Rt. 1, Box 685, Bassett, Va. 24055  
Elder Leonard J. Corn, Patrick Springs, Va. 24133

## VISITING MINISTERS

Elder William T. Clifton, Rt. 7, Box 140 Roanoke, Va. 24018  
Elder Harry Bridgman, Rt. 2, Box 238, Eclectic, Ala. 36024  
Elder Michael McGrady 2626 Madison Ave., Montgomery, Ala. 36107  
Elder W. S. Kelley Rt. Carron, Ga. 30502  
Elder Don Farris, Rt. 8, Box 121 Mena, Ark. 71953  
Elder W. G. Fletcher, 530 Wentworth Drive, Winchester, Va. 22601  
Elder Melvin McGrady, Hillsville, Va. 24343  
Elder A. J. Hylton, Rt. 3, Willis, Va. 24380  
Elder W. H. Lewis, Rt. Box 25B Keeling, Va.  
Elder F. W. Stack, 707 Southerland Ave. Monroe, N. C. 28110.

## OTHER VISITORS

Sister Ruth Clifton, Roanoke Va. Mt. Olive Church  
Sisters Ida Arledge, Nellie Cassell, Catherine Corn  
Beckie Cassell, Ehtel Woodall, Elaine Goad, Ernestine Maxie, Madeline  
Shively, Vergie Souther, Cluclice Sheppard, Elva Plaster, Bro. Lewis  
Sheppard, R. C. Plasters, Spoon Creek Church, Bro. Elijah and Sis. Elva  
Corn, North View Church, Martin Church, Bro. Maynard and Sister Ethel  
Vass, Bro. Tommy Edmonds, Good Home Primitive Baptist Church, Sis.  
Wanda Moore, Sister Beatrice Cox, Ebenezer Church, Bro. Harry Carter.

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Sister Lizzie Roach, deceased member from Axton Church. Knowing our loss is her eternal gain and that she's at rest from her labors, and trial of this time world.

The Original Mayo Association now holding its One Hundred and Seventy-Eighth Annual Session with the Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church at Leatherwood.

We do wish to extend our love and appreciation to our corresponding associations and churches. We are thankful to God that he has once again blessed us to be able to meet together in sweet peace and fellowship and enjoy the presence of our Lord when we meet.

We are thankful to God that so many Elders which he has called and set apart to preach the unsearchable riches of his Grace were mindful to come and visit us in our association bringing us good tidings and great joy to our hungry souls. We are also thankful of our Brothers and Sisters who had a mind to come and visit us and the sweet fellowship that we had one with another.

Our prayers to God are that he will bless each of you and the association, and churches, that the love and fellowship and visitation may continue that you will visit us as often as you can. We ask an interest in your prayer that we will continue in peace and love and fellowship at home that our love and fellowship may continue with all of you.

A Brother in Love,  
Frank Keatts

#### FINANCE REPORT:

Received from Churches	\$350.00
Received from Friends	196.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$546.00</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Printing Minutes	\$130.00
Visiting Ministers	361.00
Home Ministers	55.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$546.00</b>

We would like to thank everyone for their efforts and contributions to make this meeting possible and give our thanks to God for his blessings and for your presence.

Motion and Second-agreed we adjourn until Association meeting time next year.

## 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 before 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.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

1. Of God and the Holy Family...We believe in one only 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. Of the Holy Scriptures...We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God. And are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; that they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness; and they contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men.

3. Of the Atonement...We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, does now or ever will believe on His name; and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth His praise.

4. Of Foreknowledge, Election, and Predestination. We believe that all whom God did foreknow He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that God elected, according to His foreknowledge through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all saints, and that none came to Christ, only those whom He loved with an everlasting love and in due time to everlasting glory.

5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

8. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

10. 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.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

12. We believe that punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

13. 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.

14. 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESENTERS	Annual or Communion	Sunday of Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Zion Hill	Deacon Eugene Newman, Eld. Robert Ashby Sis. Violet Newman, Sis Betty Ruth Goard Alt.	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	25.00
Martinsville	Deacon Noel Wilson, Eld. L. J. Corn, Bro. W. D. Ingram, Bro. J. E. Divers Alt.	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	115.00
Axton	Deacon Weldon Wood, Eld. Robert Ashby, Bro. Jim Bray.	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	50.00
Sugartree	Deacons Fred and Frank Keatts, Bro's. H. C. Brumfield and C. B. Keatts Alt.	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	60.00
Leatnerwood	Deacon Eugene Minter, Eld. John Ashby Elder Robert Ashby Sis. Lillie Gray Ashby, Alt.	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	100.00