

MINUTES

Of The
*One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth
Annual Session*
Of The
**ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**
Held With
Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church
Martinsville, Virginia

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY
MAY 15th, 16th and 17th, 1992**

**THE NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
SUGARTREE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
LOCATED IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY,
AXTON, VIRGINIA
ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY
IN MAY 1993.**

OFFICERS

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

ELDER ROBERT ASHBY, ASSIST. MODERATOR
Route 5, Box 42 / Martinsville, Virginia 24112

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Route 1, Box 697 / Bassett, Virginia 24055

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Route 5, Box 196 / Bassett, Virginia 24055

NAME OF CHURCH	FIFTH SUNDAY	ASSOCIATION	UNION
Grace	January, 1993		Sept., 1990 Fourth Sunday
Leatherwood	June, 1991	May, 1992	October, 1988
Martinsville	November, 1992	May, 1991	October - Fifth Sunday, 1989
Spoon Creek	May, 1992		October, 1992 2nd Sat. & Sun.
Zion Hill		May, 1986	
Sugartree	Aug., 1992	May, 1993	October, 1991 Third Sunday

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH
LEATHERWOOD PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
May 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1992.

FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. The Association met with Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church, Friday, May 15, 1992 at 10:00 a. m. After singing hymns of praise, prayer was offered by Elder Ray Wagner.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Bob Dickerson. Text: II Timothy 3:16-17. He was followed by Elder L. J. Corn and Elder J. R. Rakes.

The morning session closed with a song and was dismissed with prayer by Elder Sammy Coleman.

2. After intermission for lunch of about one hour, the congregation assembled in the church for the afternoon session. The Moderator called the body to order and Deacon Frank Keatts was asked to offer prayer opening the business session of the associated body.
3. 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.
4. A motion was made that the respective Messengers be seated to represent their respective churches in any business that is brought before the body.
5. A motion was made and seconded to elect Elder L. J. Corn as Moderator, Elder Robert Ashby as Assistant Moderator, Elder Thomas Radford as Clerk, and Brother Jake Divers as Assistant Clerk.

6. The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None were offered.
7. The Moderator called for correspondence from Sister Associations. Visitors from Associations and Churches were recognized and welcomed:

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Dan Parker*

Cat Creek Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Bob Dickerson, Sister Marjorie Dickerson.*

Charity Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Randall Saunders.*

Ebenezer Association of Virginia: *Elder J. Toliver Utz*

Good Home Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Kenneth Bowles, Brother C. Leroy Conner, Brother Aubrey Westmoreland, Sister Carrie Westmoreland.*

Grace Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Angie Rakes Evans, Sister Estelle Rakes, Sister Irene R. Turner.*

Ketocton Association: *Elder Bill Z. Dillon.*

Little River Association of Georgia: *Brother Jerry Kelley, Sister Velma Kelley, Brother Glen Pruitt, Elder James Pruitt, Elder Ray Wagner.*

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

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Joyce Hodges.*

New River Association: *Sister Virginia Key.*

Oak Grove Church: *Brother Charles Cagle, Jr.*

Puckett Memorial Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder William M. McGrady.*

Pulaski Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Jay S. Harris, Sister Reba H. Harris.*

Richmond Primitive Baptist Church: *Elder Raymond Wyatt.*

South Arkansas Association: *Elder Sonny Phelan.*

Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Ida Arledge, Sister Alice Dunner, Deacon Clinton Jefferson, Sister Ernestine Maxie.*

Tidewater Primitive Baptist Church: *Sister Mildred Rakes Ellicott.*

Others Present: *Elder W. L. Everett, Susie Trout, Elder DeWitt Wilkinson, and others who did not complete visitors' cards.*

8. The Moderator appointed a committee on arrangements. The following were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk: Elder Robert Ashby, Elder John Ashby, and Deacon Noel Wilson.
9. The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee: Deacon Landon Keatts, Deacon Frank Keatts, Deacon Fred Keatts, and Deacon Weldon Wood.
10. The Arrangements Committee appointed Elder L. J. Corn to write the Corresponding Letter for next year, 1993. This year's Corresponding Letter was read by Elder John Ashby.
11. Members were encouraged to attend Corresponding Associations and Churches.
12. The Clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed and distributed.
13. For the report on deceased members, see obituaries on page 10, 11, 12 and the Statistical Table.
14. The next Union Meeting will be held with Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church the second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1992.
15. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this Association until next year at Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church on the third weekend in May, 1993.

- ORDER OF SERVICES -

FRIDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

Elder Bob Dickerson.....*II Timothy 3:16-17*

Elder L. J. Corn.....*Revelation 20:6; II Timothy 2:11-12*

Elder J. R. Rakes.....*II Timothy 3:14-15*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Sammy Coleman

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Bill Dillon

Elder Randall Saunders.....*Philippians 3:6-10*

Elder DeWitt Wilkinson.....*Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 5:8-11,
6:11-18; Romans 12:1-2; Proverbs 4:18-19.*

Elder Danny Parker.....*Acts 11:19-26; Romans 1:16-17.*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Kenneth Bowles

FRIDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder Raymond Wyatt

Elder Bill Dillon.....*Ezekiel 14:14*

Elder Toliver Utz.....*No Special Text*

Dismissed with prayer

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Ray Wagner

Elder Sonny Phelan.....*Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*

Elder Jay Harris.....*Proverbs 29:18;*

Jeremiah 23:16; Lamentations 2:9; Deuteronomy 8:18-20, 11:16.

Elder Melvin McGrady.....*Hebrews 10:7, 9-19*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder J. R. Rakes

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder John Ashby

Elder Ray Wagner.....*I Corinthians 15:19;*

Romans 10:1; Acts 22:3

Elder Raymond Wyatt.....*Micah 7:18-20; Matthew 1:21*

Elder W. L. Everett.....*John 1:11-14, 16*

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Thomas Radford

SATURDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Brother Jerry Kelley
Elder Kenneth Bowles
Elder James Pruitt
Dismissed with prayer

SUNDAY

Prayer by Elder John Ashby
Elder Ray Wagner.....*Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-18*
Elder James Pruitt.....*Galatians 5:1; Luke 16:14-25; Deuteronomy 28:1-7*
Elder L. J. Corn.....*Hebrews 1:1-2, 13; 2:1-3*
Dismissed with prayer by Deacon Noel Wilson

ELDERS IN ATTENDANCE

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- ASHBY, ROBERT.....703/638-4529
Route 5, Box 42 - Martinsville, VA 24112
- BOWLES, KENNETH.....703/629-7365
Route 1, Box 507 - Bassett, VA 24055
- COLEMAN, SAMMY.....703/673-6179
Route 1, Box 587-A - Fieldale, VA 24089
- CORN, LEONARD J.....703/694-3810
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P. O. Box 798 - Hillsville, VA 24343
- PARKER, DAN.....804/724-1632
Rt. 7, Box 906 - Danville, VA 24540
- PHELAN, SONNY.....501/337-1115
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- PRUITT, JAMES.....404/475-4332
2165 Birmingham Rd. - Alpharetta, GA 30201
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P. O. Box 3 - Patrick Springs, VA 24133
- SAUNDERS, RANDALL.....919/275-1910
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- UTZ, J. TOLIVER.....703/948-4803
HCR 5, Box 540 - Madison, VA 22729
- WAGNER, RAY.....404/475-3883
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- WILKINSON, DeWITT.....601/746-7182
Rt. 2, Box 37C - Yazoo City, MS 39194
- WYATT, RAYMOND.....804/458-3419
2006 Lee Street - Hopewell, VA 23860

- FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT -

Balance from 1991.....	24.55
Contribution from Churches.....	1305.00
Contributions from Friends.....	180.00
	Total.....1509.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing of Minutes (approx.).....	130.00
Ministers.....	1300.00
Mailing supplies, postage (approx.).....	30.00
	Total (approx.).....1460.00
Ending Balance (approx.).....	49.55

- CORRESPONDING LETTER -

Mayo Association 5-15-91

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We, the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, have been blessed by the help and mercy of our God to meet once again. Therefore, having these promises, let us come together in humble submission to our heavenly Father, loving one another as God has loved us, esteeming our brother better than self.

We want to welcome each one as we come together, especially our visiting brethren and sisters, neighbors and friends.

This being the one hundred and ninety-fourth annual session of the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, may we be mindful of the glorious work of our Saviour who called us out of darkness into the glorious light of liberty walking in obeisance to His command. Be ye followers of God as dear children and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us and gave Himself for us. My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations, knowing this: that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

In Love,

Elder John J. Ashby.

1993 MAYO ASSOCIATION

The One Hundred and Ninety-Fifth Annual Session of the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association will be held with Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church Axton, Virginia, on May 14th, 15th, and 16, 1993. 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 -**ERNEST M. BRAY, SR.**

Brother Ernest M. "Jim" Bray, Sr., 85, of Rt. 1, Axton died September 23, 1991. He was a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by four daughters, Lucille Self, Mildred Tate, Frances Moore and Betty Pedigo; one son, Ernest M. Bray, Jr.; four sisters, Rosa Cross, Maggie Finney, Bessie Carter and Susie Hundley; one brother, Willie Bray. Eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service was conducted on September 25 at McKee Funeral Chapel. Elders Thomas Radford and Sammy Coleman officiated. Burial was in the Bray family cemetery in Axton.

RUSSELL L. JEFFERSON

The funeral for Elder Russell Lee Jefferson, 83, of Rt. 1, Patrick Springs, who died August 19, 1991 at his home, was conducted August 22, 1991 at Old Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Critz. Burial was in the Mabe-Plaster Cemetery in Patrick Springs. Elders Thomas Radford and L. J. Corns officiated.

Jefferson was an Elder at Old Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Born February 17, 1908, in Stokes County, NC, his parents were the late James William Jefferson and the late Nancy Slate Jefferson. His wife, Carrie M. Jefferson, died February 17, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Harlan (Alice) Dunner of Patrick Springs and Mrs. Billy (Lena) Turner, Jr. of Bassett; four sisters, Bessie Simmons and Lillie Jefferson, both of Westfield, NC, Mary Creasey and Ruth Holt, both of Stuart; two brothers, Charlie Jefferson and Jack Jefferson, both of Westfield; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

SISTER JOSEPHINE DOVE PACE

Sister Josephine Dove Pace, a member of Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church, left this world on Monday, October 21, 1991 to go home to be with her maker. She joined our humble church on November 25, 1967 and was a faithful member for 24 years. She loved her God and her church and filled her seat for as long as health permitted. She left one daughter, twelve grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Pace in December, 1977 and a son Edwin Pace, June 1991. She will be missed by her

surviving family as well as those of us at Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church. We are a much richer church for having known her and we can rejoice, knowing that God has another angel to sing around His throne.

In Loving Memory,

Leatherwood Primitive Baptist Church

ANNIE T. SAPP

Annie Louise Tilley Sapp, 74, of 301 Oakland Drive, Collinsville, died March 31, 1992 at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County.

She was a Patrick County native, born May 25, 1917, to the late William A. Tilley and the late Martha Martin Tilley.

The widow of Paul William Sapp who died in 1987, she was retired from Fieldcrest Mills. She was a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary S. Robertson of Collinsville and Irma S. Merchant of Columbia, SC; four brothers, Leonard Tilley of Fieldale, Richard Tilley of Collinsville, Clyde Tilley of Roanoke, and Perry Tilley of Collinsville, and three grandchildren.

A graveside funeral was held April 3 at Roselawn Burial Park. Elder Sammy Coleman conducted the service.

MAMMIE F. SMITH

Mammie Jane Flippin Smith, 94, of Rt. 6, Bassett, died July 12, 1991, at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County.

Born April 18, 1897, in Surry County, NC, her parents were the late John Henry Flippin and the late Rosanne Flippin. She was the widow of Herman Walter Smith.

She was a member of Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Lois Bridges of St. Lucy, Fla., Lilly Carter of High Point, NC, Virginia Shively of Winston-Salem, NC, and Pauleen Foley of Bassett; a son, Lester Smith of Martinsville; a brother, W. F. Flippen of Bassett; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at Old Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Elder L. J. Corns officiated. Burial was in Spoon Creek Church cemetery.

RUBY VIRGINIA BROWN WILSON

Sister Ruby Wilson, 84, of Blue Ridge Nursing Center, Martinsville, VA died May 25, 1991. She was a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, Jack Wilson; one daughter, Mrs. Roy (Mary Ann) Bryant; one brother, Bill Brown; two sisters, Mrs. Gerty Wiles and Mrs. Mary Lou Turner; 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted on May 27, 1991 at Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church on Chatham Heights Road by Elder Sammy Coleman and Elder Thomas Radford. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery at Ridgeway, VA.

- 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	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	18	\$350.00
Martinsville Elder Thomas Radford, Asst.	Bro. Jake Divers Route 5, Box 196 Bassett, VA 24055	Deacon Weldon Wood, Deacon N. L. Wilson Elder Thomas Radford Brother Jake Divers Alt.	6 1, 2, 3, 4							3	17	\$505.00
Sugartree Elder J. R. Rakes	Deacon Frank Keatts Route 1 Axton, VA 24054	Deacon Frank Keatts Bro. Barry Robertson Deacon Fred Keatts Bro. Jeff Keatts, Alt.	7 3								15	\$350.00
Zion Hill Elder Robert Ashby	Sister Betty Jenkins	Did not receive church messenger letter	9 4								4	
		TOTALS			0	0	0	0	0	4	54	\$1305.00

