



**ORGANIZATION  
OF THE  
FELLOWSHIP UNION OF  
THE ORIGINAL MAYO ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH  
AXTON CHURCH  
Henry County, Axton, Virginia  
JULY 28, 1973**

Next Union convenes with Martinsville Church  
located on Route 57 North of Martinsville.

Beginning at 10:30

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1973**



The churches met at Axton Primitive Baptist Church Saturday night before the 5th Sunday in July 1973. After song services the meeting was opened by prayer by Elder Charles Alderton of the Ebenezer Association of Brightwell, Virginia. The meeting was called together by Elder John Ashby. Letters called for concerning the request of the Original Mayo Association to join together in forming a Union. Letters were received from Leatherwood, Axton, Sugartree, Spoon Creek, Martinsville Primitive Baptist Churches. The letters being read and all delegates being seated, a motion was made to nominate Elder L.J. Corns as moderator and Frank Keatts as Clerk. Elder James Pruitt from the Little River Association of Georgia was called upon to offer Prayer unto God on the behalf of the Union. Elder Shirley Kelly from the Little River Association of Georgia was asked to deliver the charge to the churches. This being completed the churches came together into their Business Session.

1. Motion was made and carried that the clerk obtain a record book to keep the minutes of each meeting and that the book be passed from clerk to clerk as appointed each time in order to keep an accurate record.

2. Motion was made and carried that we call the Union the Fellowship Union of the Original Mayo Association.

3. Motion was made to adopt the Articles of Faith of the Original Mayo Association which read as follows:

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 Scripture . . . 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 and 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 ordiances, 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.

**4. Rules of Decorum were read and approved to adopt as follows :**

1. The Union 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.

2. The Union shall first be opened and closed by prayer.

3. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage.

4. The Union when convened shall be governed by a proper and regular decorum.

5. The Union shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen of the body at each session of the Union by the suffrage of the delegates present .

6. New churches may be admitted into the Union by petitionary letter and after being examined and found Orthodox and orderly they shall be received by the Union and manifested by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Union not exceeding three. All home Elders shall be standing delegates.

8. There shall be two committees appointed, the Finance and Preaching committees by the Moderator. Each consisting of three members to serve with the Moderator.

9. This Union will have no fellowship with Secret Orders or any Institution set up by men. This Union will have no fellowship with the illegal transferring of members from one church to another without first being approved by their home church. It must be done by letter for convenience only. Excluded members from an Orthodox church can only be restored to fellowship by the church which excluded them.

10. In case of necessity to take care of members who are forced out by some unorthodox principle. After scriptural labor has been bestowed to save the church and all efforts have failed. Those that desire to remain in the Orthodox principles of the gospel may be received by relation of faith. No member or members that have been forced out or excluded may be set up as a church body. We will only recognize churches that are Orthodox established.

For we believe the only way a church can be set up by Orthodox principles is for members of a church that are Orthodox to first receive letters from their home church and joining together by calling a presbytery of the sister churches and come together for the purpose to establish a church. They must have their constitution and rules of decorum and articles of faith. Therefore by the sister churches finding them capable to keep house for the Lord. They shall be recognized as an Orthodox church.

11. The Union shall have the power to inquire the cause why a church or churches of this Union fail to represent themselves in the Union.

12. The Union shall have the power to withdraw from any church violating the rules of this Union or from the Orthodox principles of religion.

13. We the Union do believe that when a church believes a man is called by God to preach the gospel. The church calls together a presbytery consisting of the deacon and elders of the sister churches. The presbytery finding the man qualified for the ministry. Then the laying on of hands and the work of the presbytery being completed the presbytery then returns the Elder back to the church in which his membership is. We do believe that the Elder is also under the jurisdiction of the church and must be subjected to the wishes of the church as any other member. The deacons are also under the same jurisdiction.

14. The Union shall appoint the time and place for the next Union meeting.

5. Motion was made and carried to have the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, the name, time of meeting, and names and addresses of all home Elders printed in a book form. Leaving blank pages in order to add other names when needed.

6. Motion was made and carried to have two Union meetings per year one to be held in the Summer and the other in the Fall.

7. Motion was made and carried to hold the next Union at Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church in December. The meeting to be held two days with Introductory Sermon to begin at 11:00 on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in December.

8. The Moderator appointed the two committees, the Preaching Committee to be Deacon N.L. Wilson of Martinsville, Deacon A.B. Via of Spoon Creek, Deacon Weldon Wood of Axton Churches. The Finance Committee, Deacon R.C. Plaster of Spoon Creek, Deacon Fred Keatts of Sugartree, Brother Boyd Ashby of Leatherwood.
9. Visitors from sister churches and other Associations were :
- Puckett Memorial Church – Elder & Sister Melvin McGrady,  
Sister Irene Sumner
  - Martin Church – Sister Ethel A. Vass
  - Meadow View Church – Brother & Sister Troy Hill
  - Greasy Creek Church – Elder Michall McGrady, Sister Brenda  
McGrady, Sister Marica McGrady, Deacon & Sister Avis  
McPeak, Brother & Sister Lacy Bowman
  - Old Fellowship Church – Brother & Sister Lenvol Vass,  
Sister Revia Vass
  - Harmony Grove Church – Brother Mayard Vass
  - Robinson River Church Ebenezer Assoc. – Elder & Sister  
Charles Alderton, Sister Retha Alderton.
  - Big Creek Church Little River Assoc. of Georgia – Elder &  
Sister W.S. Kelly & Granddaughter, Sister Jennie Tolbert,  
Elder & Sister James Pruitt & Children
  - Blue Ridge Church – Elder A.J. Hilton
  - Stuart Church – Brother J.W. Roberson & Wife, Brother L.E.  
Fain & Wife
  - Community Church – Brother Dolphus Fain, Sister Marie Hughes
  - North View Church – Brother Cranford Priddy, Brother & Sister  
E.L. Corns
  - Shilo – Brother & Sister Brim, Elder Bernie Joyce
10. Services on Sunday – After Song Service and Prayer by Elder Burnice Joyce, Order of Preaching Sunday Morning: Elder Hilton, Hebrews, Chapters 10 and 11, Elder Michall McGrady, Romans, Ch.12, Elder W.S. Kelly, Luke Ch. 18, Corinthians, Ch.20.  
Order of Preaching Sunday Evening :Elder Melvin McGrady, Deuteronomy, Ch. 1, Elder Charles Alderton, Elder James Pruitt, Philippians, Ch. 2, Elder L.J. Corns, Isaiah.
11. The Union was dismissed by Elder John Ashby.

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## CHURCHES IN THE UNION ARE :

**AXTON** - Meeting Time, Second Sunday, 10:30 A.M. and Saturday before at 7:00 P.M. Elder **ROBERT C. ASHBY**, Pastor, Route 5, Martinsville, Va. Phone no. 638-7816, Ass't Pastor, Elder **CLAUDE PULLIAM**, Route 2, Box 7A1, Eden, N.C., Phone No. 627-4911. Church located at Axton, Virginia on Route 58 about 8 miles east of Martinsville, Va.

**MARTINSVILLE** - Meeting Time, Third Sunday Night at 7:00 P.M. and Fourth Sunday at 10:30 A.M. and Saturday before at 7:00 P.M. Elder **L.J. CORNS**, Pastor, P.O. Box 63, Patrick Springs, Va., Phone No. 694-3810. Church is located on Route 57 on Chatham Height Road in Martinsville, Va.

**SPOON CREEK** - Meeting Time, Fourth Sunday Night at 7:00 P.M. and 2nd Sunday at 10:30 A.M. and Saturday before at 7:00 P.M., Elder **L.J. CORNS**, Pastor, P.O. Box 63, Patrick Springs, Va., Ass't Pastor, Elder **LEE JEFFERSON**, Route 1, Patrick Springs, Va., Phone No. 629-8276. Church is located about 10 miles east of Stuart, turn left on 697 church is 2 miles on the left side.

**LEATHERWOOD** - Meeting Time, Fourth Sunday at 10:30 A.M. and Saturday before at 7:00 P.M. Elder **ROBERT C. ASHBY**, Pastor, Route 5, Martinsville, Va. Phone No. 638-7816, Ass't Pastor Elder **JOHN J. ASHBY**, Route 1, Martinsville, Va., Phone No. 638-4255. Church is located off 57 North of Martinsville about 7 miles, turn left on Dyer Stoer Rd., church is 1 mile on the right side.

**SUGARTREE** - Meeting Time, Third Sunday at 10:30 A.M. and Saturday before at 7:00 P.M., Elder **ROBERT C. ASHBY**, Pastor, Route 5, Martinsville, Va. Phone No. 638-7816, Ass't Pastor, Elder **JOHN J. ASHBY**, Route 1, Martinsville, Va., Phone No. 638-4255. Church is located off 58 West of Danville 12 miles turn at Sugartree Recreation Area on 855 about 1 mile turn right on 851 about 5 miles church is on the left side.

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