



# Minutes

OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVENTH  
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE  
ORIGINAL MAYO  
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH  
MARTINSVILLE CHURCH  
HENRY — MARTINSVILLE, VA.  
MAY 16 - 17 - 18, 1975

Next Session convenes with Leather Wood Church.  
Located just off Rt. 57 - 5 miles east of Martinsville, Va.  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday before the 4th or 5th Sunday in  
July 1976.

## OFFICERS

Elder Leonard J. Corns \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator  
Elder Robert Ashby \_\_\_\_\_ Ass't. Moderator  
Weldon Wood \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk  
Fred Keatts \_\_\_\_\_ Ass't. Clerk





## PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred and Seventy Seventh Annual Session of the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association held with Martinsville Church, Henry County Virginia, Friday May 16, 17, 18. Opened with an humble heart-felt prayer by Elder Michael McGrady.

Introductory Sermon by Elder Shirley Kelley, Isaish Chapter 40.

Prayer offered by Elder David Bridgman in opening the business session of the Association.

Called for letters of the different churches composing of said Original Mayo Association. Read letters and approved as read and enrolled messengers as per statistical table:

**AXTON CHURCH** Delegates-Deacon Weldon Wood, Bro. Jim Bray-Elder Robert Ashby-Sister Lizzie Roach Alt.

**LEATHERWOOD CHURCH** Delegates- Deacons Eugene Minter, Landon Keatts, Bro. Posy Donovan, Bro. Boyd Ashby Alt.

**MARTINSVILLE CHURCH** Delegates- Deacon Noel Wilson, Elder L. J. Corns. Bro. J. E. Divers, Bro. John Shumate Alt.

**ZION HILL CHURCH** Delegates- Deacon Eugene Newman, Sister Velva Clifton, Sister Violet Newman, Elder Robert Ashby Alt.

**SUGARTREE CHURCH** Delegates- Deacons Fred and Frank Keatts, Bro. H. C. Brumfield, Bro. C. B. Keatts Alt.

Called for Petitionary Letters, move offered.

Invited Visiting Sister Churches of like faith and order to seats with us and to feel at home.

Moved and second to elect Elder Leonard J. Corns Moderator and Elder Robert Ashby Assistant. Moderator. Also moved and second we retain our present Clerk, Bro. Weldon Wood and Bro. Fred Keatts assistant Clerk.

Moved and second to appoint committees as follows:

Preaching Committee; Elder John Ashby, Bros. Noel Wilson, Frank Keatts, Eugene Newman.

Finance Committee: Elder Robert Ashby, Bros. Jake Divers, Landon Keatts, Weldon Wood.

A motion was made and carried unanimously for the clerk to write a petitionary letter to Mud Creek and Flint River Associations asking for formal correspondence. Elder L. J. Corns and Bro. Noel Wilson are to carry letters to these Associations.

Bros. Frank Keatts, Noel Wilson, Elder John Ashby, agreed to attend Little River of Georgia Association.

Leatherwood Church ask to entertain next Association. Motion made-second and granted her wishes.

The body voted unanimously to change the meeting time to 2 p.m. Friday of the last week-end in July; whichever it falls on the 4th or 5th week-end, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Called for correspondence of our Sister Association. Little River of Georgia, Elder W. S. Kelley, Bro. Jerry Kelley and son Tony, Bro. Ray Wagner and daughter Anita.

Called for visiting Association and Churches of our same faith and order  
Mud Creek Association, Alabama- Elder Leon Etheredge, Sister Betty Etheredge, Elder Ray Berry, Sister Carol Berry, Bro. Garland V. Mc-Peters, and Elder H. L. Crumbly.

Flint River Ala.- Elder K. W. Yeager and Sister Janie Yeager.

First Primitive Baptist Association of Okla.- -Elder Charles Wortman.

Ebenezer of Northern Va.- Elder Raymond Pressley and Sister Margie Pressley, Licentiate Frank Coppedge and Sister Kitty Coppedge.

Salem Association of Arkansas- Elder Don Farris and son Kevin.

Silver Creeks Association of N. C.- Elder Gene Watson.

Union Church of Ala. - Elder David Bridgman.

Greasy Creek Church- Elder Michael McGrady and Sister Marcia McGrady, Sister Brenda McGrady.

Pucket Memorial Church- Elder Melvin McGrady, Sisters Vera Mae McGrady, Irene Sumner, Carolyn Sumner, Gladys Hill, and Bro. Troy Hill.

**Spoon Creek Church-** Elder R. L. Jefferson and wife Sister Carrie, Sisters Virgie Southers, Becky Cassell, Madaline Shively, Ida Arledge, Ethel Woodall, Annie Sue Jefferson, Mildred Maxey, Elane Goad, Elva Plaster, Katherin Corns, Bros. R. C. Plaster and C. E. Jefferson.

**Blue Ridge Church-** Elder A. J. Hylton.

**Old Mill Church-** Elder W. H. Lewis.

**Mt. Olive Church-** Elder William Clifton and Sister Ruth Clifton.

**Martin Church-** Bro. Maynard Vass and Sister Ethel Vass.

**Fellowship Church-** Bro. Lemuel Vass, Sister Rita Vass, Bro. Guy Cassell and Vivian Cassell.

**Other visiting Associations and Churches:**

Brother Elijah Corns and Sister Elva Corns, North View Church

Bro. J. E. Hatcher and Sister Edna Hatcher Jacks Creek Church New River Association.

Sister Phobe Key, Boyles Chapel, Sister Villa Calloway, Boyles Chapel, Sister Rachel Collins, Boyles Chapel, Bro. Coy Collins Boyles Chapel, Little Yakins Association

Sister Virginia Key, Bellspur Primitive Baptist Meadows of Dan, Va.

Bro. Harold Martin and Sister Lena Martin, Little Flock Church Amelia, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay F. Harris and Allen Ridgeway, Va.

Hazel Sayers, Oak Level Church of Christ.

Elder Cecil Coleman White Stone Church of Old Regular Baptist Friendship Association.

Elder Charles B. Lester White Stone Church of Old Regular Baptist Friendship Association.

Rev. Kermit Law Oaks Memorial Baptist.

Appointed Bro. Jake Divers to write Corresponding letter for the Minutes.

Wish to express our sincere regrets and regards for the deceased members- Sister Mary "Polly" Davis of Sugartree Church, Sister Lessie Wilson, and Sister Mary Jones of Martinsville Church.

**Order of Preaching:**

**FRIDAY NIGHT:** Prayer by Elder Michael McGrady. Introductory Sermon by Elder W. S. Kelley, closing prayer by Elder David Bridgman.

**SATURDAY MORNING:** Open with prayer by Elder Lee Jefferson, Elder Raymond Pressley Romans chapter 11. Elder Michael McGrady Deut. Chapter 4. Elder William Clifton; Clerk failed to get text.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON:** Prayer by Frank Coppedge. Elder Gene Watson Gen. chapter 24. Elder Ray Berry 19th Psm. Verse 22. Elder Leon Etheredge John chapter 3-13th 18 verse. Elder A. J. Hylton

**SATURDAY NIGHT:** Prayer by Elder K. W. Yeager. Elder David Bridgman, Elder Don Farris

**SUNDAY MORNING:** Prayer by Elder W. H. Lewis, followed by; Elder K. W. Yeager Mat. 6th verse. Elder Charles Wortman Act. 2-39; Rom. 4th chapter. Elder H. L. Crumbly. Isaish

**Home Ministers:**

Elder Robert Ashby Rt. 5, Martinsville, Va.

Elder John Ashby Rt. 2, Martinsville, Va.

Elder L. J. Corns Patrick Springs, Va.

Licentiate- Thomas L. Radford Bassett, Va.

**VISITING MINISTERS:**

Elder W. H. Lewis Rt. 1, Box 25 Keeling, Va.

Elder Gene Waton 145 Friendly Park Lenoir, N.C.

Elder K. W. Yeager 1011 Big Cove Rd. Huntsville, Ala. 35801

Elder H. L. Crumbly Rt. 2, Woodville, Ala.

Elder Leon Etheredge Rt. 1, Box 621 Owens Cross Rds., Ala.

Elder Ray Berry Rt. 1, Stevenson, Ala.

Elder David Bridgman 3568 Pelger Ave. Montgomery Ala.

Elder Don Farris Rt. 8 Box 121 Mena, Ark.

Elder A. J. Hylton Rt. 3 Willis, Va. 24380

Elder Michael McGrady Hillsville, Va.

Elder Melvin McGrady Hillsville, Va.

Elder Raymond Pressley Brightwood, Va.

Elder William Clifton Roanoke, Va.

Elder Charles Wortman 1105 Shaw Dr. Ada, Okla. 74820

Elder R. L. Jefferson Patrick Springs, Va.

Elder W. S. Kelley Rt. 2 Alpharetta, Ga. 30201

#### CIRCULAR LETTER

The Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association now in session to our Sister Associations with whom we correspond.

Through the Kind Providence of our Alwise Heavenly Father, we have been able to meet again in the name of our Dear Lord.

It has been so good to have each of you dear Brethren and Sisters to meet with us. We have tried with all our hearts to make them feel at home.

There is no strange Doctrine among us. Your God is our God, where you live we want to live. Your dear Ministers came with that good news from home. We hope we can always live in a such a way you will want to come again and bring more glad tidings to our dear loved ones here and that nothing will mar the fellowship between us. We send this by our messenger and trust God will be with you all. Come and see us everytime you can and if we never meet again on earth, we have a sweet and abiding hope to meet you all in heaven, where our meeting will never come to a close.

Farewell in our Dear Lord,  
Humbly yours, J. E. Divers

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Received from Churches \_\_\_\_\_ 295.00

Received from Friends & Neighbors \_\_\_\_\_ 290.00

**Total 585.00**

**DISBURSMENTS:**

Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ 100.00

Gave Ministers \_\_\_\_\_ 485.00

**Total 585.00**

We wish to give our thanks unto God for such a wonderful meeting. Praising Him for Blessings untold and appreciate so much all the kindness shown by everyone. We wish to ask forgiveness for anyone that may have been overlooked.

Moved and second that we adjourn until our meeting next year and so ordered.

**ELDER L. J. CORNS MODERATOR  
WELDON WOOD CLERK**



## 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 shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, chosen for that purpose, who shall keep an accurate account of all sums 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.



