

# MINUTES

Of The

*One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth  
Annual Session*

Of The

**ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
HELD WITH**

*Sugartree Church*

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, AXTON, VA

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY  
MAY 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1987**

*Next session convenes with Martinsville Church,  
located at 1223 Chatham Road, Martinsville, Virginia  
on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1988.*

## OFFICERS

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

ELDER ROBERT C. ASHBY, ASSISTANT MODERATOR  
Route 5, Martinsville, VA 24112

ELDER THOMAS L. RADFORD, CLERK  
Route 1, Box 697, Bassett, VA 24055

BROTHER JAKE DIVERS, ASSISTANT CLERK  
Route 5, Box 196, Bassett, VA 24055





**PROCEEDINGS**  
*OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINTH  
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL  
MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD WITH SUGARTREE PRIMITIVE  
BAPTIST CHURCH, AXTON, VIRGINIA  
May 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1987.*

FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. The Association met with Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church, Friday, May 15, 1987 at 11:00 a. m. After singing hymns of praise, prayer was offered by Deacon Noel Wilson.
2. The Moderator called for letters of the Churches composing the Association and the letters were read by Deacon Fred Keatts and Elder Thomas Radford.
3. A motion was made that the respective Messengers be seated to represent their respective Churches in any business that is brought before the body.
4. A motion was made and seconded to elect Elder J. R. Rakes as Moderator, Elder Robert Ashby as Assistant Moderator, Elder Thomas Radford as Clerk, and Brother Jake Divers as Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None were offered.

6. The Moderator called for Correspondence from Sister Associations. Representatives of the Little River Association of Georgia were welcomed and seated.
7. VISITORS FROM ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Derle McGee.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Brother Jerry D. Kelley, Elder W. S. Kelley, Sr., Sister Velma Kelley, Elder James Pruitt, Brother Jeff Ray, Sister Anita Ray, Brother Ray Wagner, and Sister Shirley Wagner.

SOUTH ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION: Elder Charles B. Sandage.

CHARITY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Randall Saunders.

CHRISTIAN VIEW CHURCH: Irvin Clifton, Deanna and Robert Clifton.

GRACE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Brother Franklin Riggs, Elder R. W. Turner, and Sister Irene Turner.

LITTLE FLOCK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Don Farris.

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce Hodges.

CHESTNUT GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Sister Iva L. Kidd.

SPOON CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Brother Clinton Jefferson, Sister Annie Jefferson, Sister Arledge.

ST. CLAIR'S BOTTOM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Everett Blevins.

8. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements. The following were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk: Elder John Ashby, Deacon Weldon Wood, Elder L. J. Corn, and Deacon Fred Keatts.
9. The Moderator appointed Brethren Frank Keatts, Landon Keatts, Jake Divers, and Noel Wilson to the Finance Committee.
10. The Arrangements Committee appointed Elder Sammy Coleman to write the Corresponding Letter for next year, 1988. Also called for this year's letter to be read and approved. The Corresponding Letter was read by Elder Thomas Radford.
11. Elder L. J. Corn, Elder J. R. Rakes and others were appointed to attend our corresponding Associations and Churches.
12. The Clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed and distributed.
13. Report on deceased members - see obituaries.
14. The next Union Meeting will be held with Spoon Creek Primitive Baptist Church on the third Sunday in October, 1987.
15. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this Association until next year at Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church on the third weekend of May, 1988.

ORDER OF SERVICES

FRIDAY MORNING

Prayer by Brother Ray Wagner  
Introductory Sermon by Elder Rupert Turner. . . . . Rev. 22:14  
Elder J. R. Rakes. . . . . Matthew 16:17-18  
Dismissed with prayer by Elder John Ashby

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Brother Ray Wagner  
Elder W. S. Kelley . . . . . Romans 8:28  
Elder Randall Saunders. . . . . Acts 10:1-8  
Dismissed with prayer by Elder James Pruitt

FRIDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder W. S. Kelley  
Elder James Pruitt  
Elder Don Farris

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Everett Blevins  
Elder W. S. Kelley . . . . . "No Room At The Inn For Jesus"  
Elder James Pruitt . . . . . I Timothy 6:10-19  
Dismissed with prayer by Elder L. J. Corn

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Charles Sandage  
Elder Derle McGee. . . . . Matthew 16:13-20  
Elder Everett Blevins . . . . . Matthew 8:1-3  
Dismissed with prayer by Elder Don Farris

SATURDAY NIGHT

Prayer by Elder Robert Ashby  
Elder Don Farris . . . . . "Power Of God"  
Elder Charles Sandage . . . . . Psalm 19

SUNDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder James Pruitt  
Elder Charles Sandage . . . . . Hebrews 1:1-4  
Elder Don Farris . . . . . Joshua 24  
Dismissed with prayer by Brother Ray Wagner

ELDERS PRESENT

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- ASHBY, ROBERT. . . . . 703-638-4529  
Route 5, Box 42, Martinsville, VA 24112
- BLEVINS, EVERETT . . . . . 703-686-5615  
Route 2, Box 43, Rural Retreat, VA
- COLEMAN, SAMMY . . . . . 703-673-6179  
Route 1, Box 587-A, Fieldale, VA 240
- CORN, LEONARD J.. . . . . 703-694-3810  
P. O. Box 100, Patrick Springs, VA 24133
- FARRIS, DON . . . . . 501-636-4367  
1304 Janda Drive, Rogers AK 72756
- KELLEY, W. S., SR. . . . . 404-245-7179  
Route 1, Box 220, Canon, GA 30520
- McGEE, DERLE . . . . . 919-894-3158  
Route 1, Box 187, Angier, NC 27501
- PRUITT, JAMES. . . . . 404-475-4332  
2165 Birmingham Road, Alpharetta, GA
- RADFORD, THOMAS L. . . . . 703-673-1018  
Route 1, Box 697, Bassett, VA 24055
- RAKES, J. R. . . . . 703-694-39  
P. O. Box 3, Patrick Springs, VA 241
- SANDAGE, CHARLES B.. . . . . 501-384-2494  
P. O. Box 104, Donaldson, AK 71941
- SAUNDERS, RANDALL . . . . . 919-635-1077  
Route 3, Box 679, Eden, NC 27288
- TURNER, R. W. . . . . 703-647-7039  
232 East View Drive, Collinsville, VA 24078

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Balance from 1986	\$88.30
Contributions from Churches.	756.00
Contributions from Friends.	728.00
Total.	\$1572.30

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Printing of Minutes (approx.)	\$150.00
Ministers	1400.00
Printing supplies, postage (approx.)	22.30
Total (approx.)	\$1572.30
Ending Balance (approx.)	\$00.00

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The funeral was held Tuesday, May 5, 1987 at Stone Funeral Home Chapel. ... officiated. Burial was in ... near Fancy Gap, Virginia.

Mrs. LAMON KEATTS, 83, died November 8, 1986. She was a member ... since July, 1936. She is survived ... two sons, Dennis Keatts and Jimmy ... Norma Rogers; five grandchildren; and eight great-grand-

The funeral was held on November 10 at 4:00 p. m. at Swisgood Funeral Home. Elders John Ashby and Robert Ashby officiated. Burial was in the ...

CORRESPONDING LETTER

As the days have passed we again, the sister Churches of the Original Mayo Primitive Baptist Association, have come together for one purpose we trust, to worship the Lord.

To all our corresponding and visiting Associations and Churches of our faith and order, we welcome you. We are so glad you came to worship with us, so feel at home, dear brothers and sisters. So let us come in the mind of Christ, and we extend to all of you a hearty welcome.

So come and be with us with a prayer upon your hearts that the Lord will be in the arrangements.

In Sweet Hope.

Elder R. C. Ashby

FARRIS, DON

KELLEY, W. K. SR.

MAGPHEE, DEWLE

FRISBY, JAMES

KADYFORD, THOMAS L.

BAKES, J. R.

SANDAGE, CHARLES B.

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## OBITUARIES

**SISTER ALMA S. CRUISE**, 83, of Route 2, Ridgeway, Virginia, died Friday, November 14, 1986. She was the widow of Tom J. Cruise and the daughter of the late Tom W. Smith and Maggie Donavant Smith. She was a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth C. Harliss of Stoneville, North Carolina and Mrs. Mary Inez Miller of Washington, Maryland; three sisters, Mrs. Margie Evans, Mrs. Leona McFarlin, and Mrs. Bessie Mabe; two brothers, Ben Smith and Joseph P. Smith; three grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sunday, November 16, at Stone Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Cruise Family Cemetery. Elder Leonard J. Corn and Tom C. Miller officiated at the service.

**CARL DAVID MOORE**, 57, died May 2, 1987. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margie Mozelle Moore, who is a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Lynn M. Weaver and Mrs. Rebecca Ann M. Edminsten; three step-daughters, Mrs. Joyce Marie Farmer, Mrs. Annie Jean Pickerel, and Mrs. Linda Gail Watkins; one half-brother, Ralph Moore; one half-sister, Mrs. Fannie F. Francisco; six step-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Tuesday, May 5, 1987 at Stone Funeral Home Chapel. Elders Thomas L. Radford and Sammy Coleman officiated. Burial was in the Susie Hawks Cemetery near Fancy Gap, Virginia.

**JULIA EANES KEATTS**, 83, died November 8, 1986. She was a member of Sugartree Primitive Baptist Church since July, 1936. She is survived by one daughter, Aileese K. Lovelace; two sons, Dennis Keatts and Jimmy Keatts; one sister, Norma Rogers; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on November 10 at 4:00 p. m. at Swicegood Funeral Home. Elders John Ashby and Robert Ashby officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

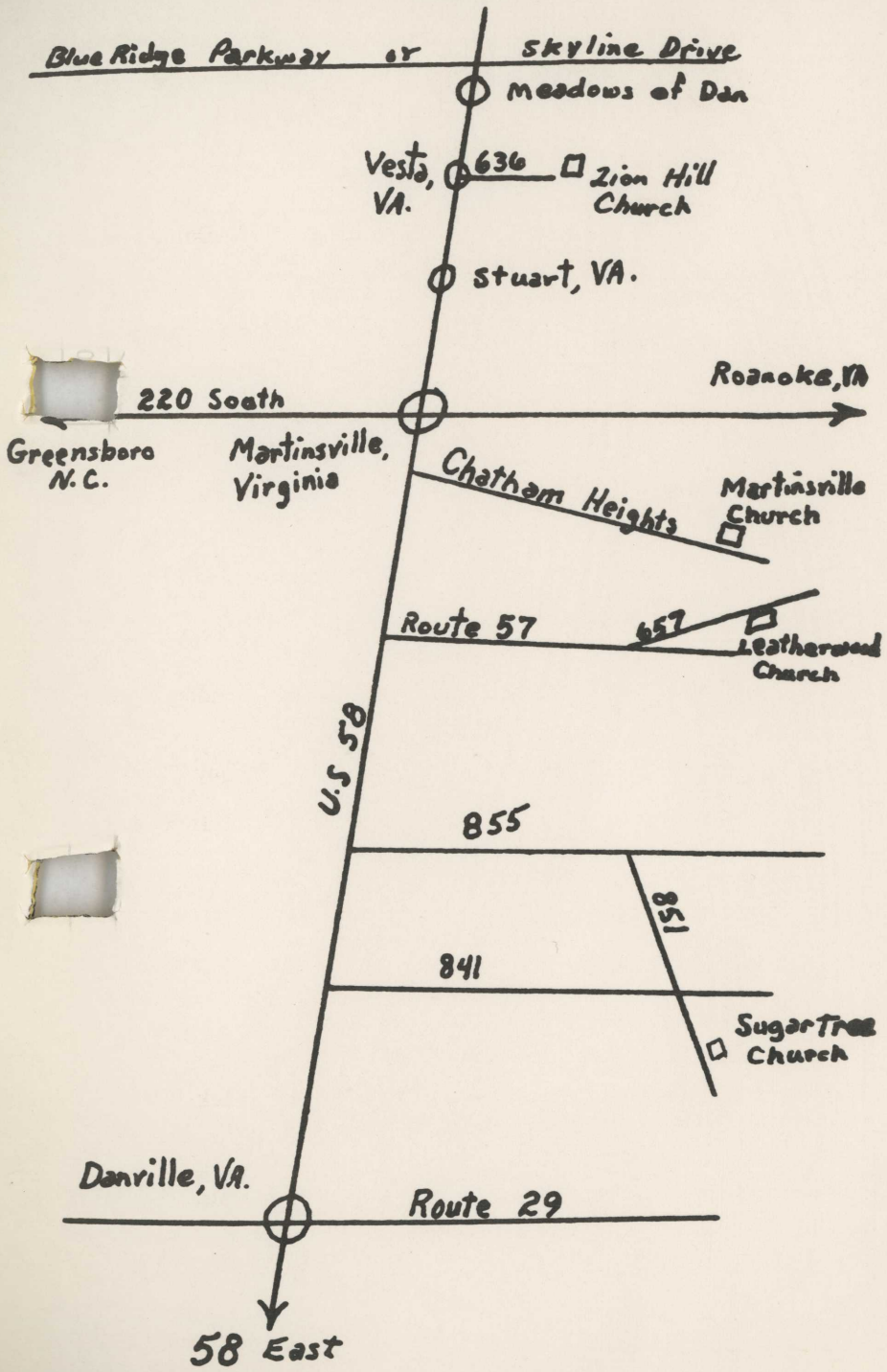
The following Articles of Faith were read and adopted without a dissenting voice:

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 mortal 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.  
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.  
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 AND 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, Asst.	Sis. Peggy Barnes Route 5 Martinsville, VA 24112	Elder John Ashby Elder Robert Ashby Bro. Landon Keatts Sis. Peggy Barnes, Alt.	10	1,2, 3,4	2						16	\$250.00
Martinsville Elder Sammy Coleman Elder Thomas Radford, Asst.	Bro. Jake Divers Route 5 Bassett, VA 24055	Deacon N. L. Wilson Deacon Weldon Wood Elder Sammy Coleman Bro. Jake Divers, Alt.	6	1,2, 3,4						1	25	\$206.00
Sugartree Elder J. R. Rakes	Bro. Frank Keatts Route 1 Axton, VA 24054	Bro. Frank Keatts Bro. H. C. Brumfield Bro. Fred Keatts Sis. Mary Lou Keatts, Alt.	7	3	2					1	19	\$250.00
Zion Hill Elder Robert Ashby	Sis. Betty Ruth Goard	Elder Robert Ashby Bro. Eugene Newman Elder John Ashby Sis. Betty Jenkins, Alt.	9	4							5	\$50.00
		Totals			4		0	0	0	2	65	\$756.00



CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERGY AND ADULTS	MESSINGERS	Other	Other
Leathersfoot Elder John Ashby	Sis Peggy Brown North VA Martinsville VA 24112	Elder John Ashby Elder Robert Smith Bro. Landon Kent Bro. Matt Bacon, A	10	10
Martha Elder Sam Colony Elder Thomas Radford, Jun.	Bro. Jake Davis Fonda Ranney, Va 24087	Dorcas M. L. Wilson Joseph William Wood Miss Susanna Colburn Bro. Jake Davis, A	6	6
Sugartown Elder Elder	Bro. Paul Horns I Arlon VA 24094	Bro. Frank Kenby Bro. H. C. Brumfield Bro. Fred Kasitz Bro. Mary Lee Kasitz, Alt	7	7
Elder Elder	Bro. Paul Horns I Arlon VA 24094	Elder Robert Ashby Mrs. Virginia Elder John Ashby	9	9

