



MINUTES

Of The

*One Hundred and Eighty-Eighth
Annual Session*

Of The

ORIGINAL MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Entertained At

MARTINSVILLE CHURCH
1223 Chatham Road / Martinsville, VA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY
May 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1986

*Next session convenes with Sugartree Church
located in Pittsylvania County - Axton, Virginia
on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1987.*

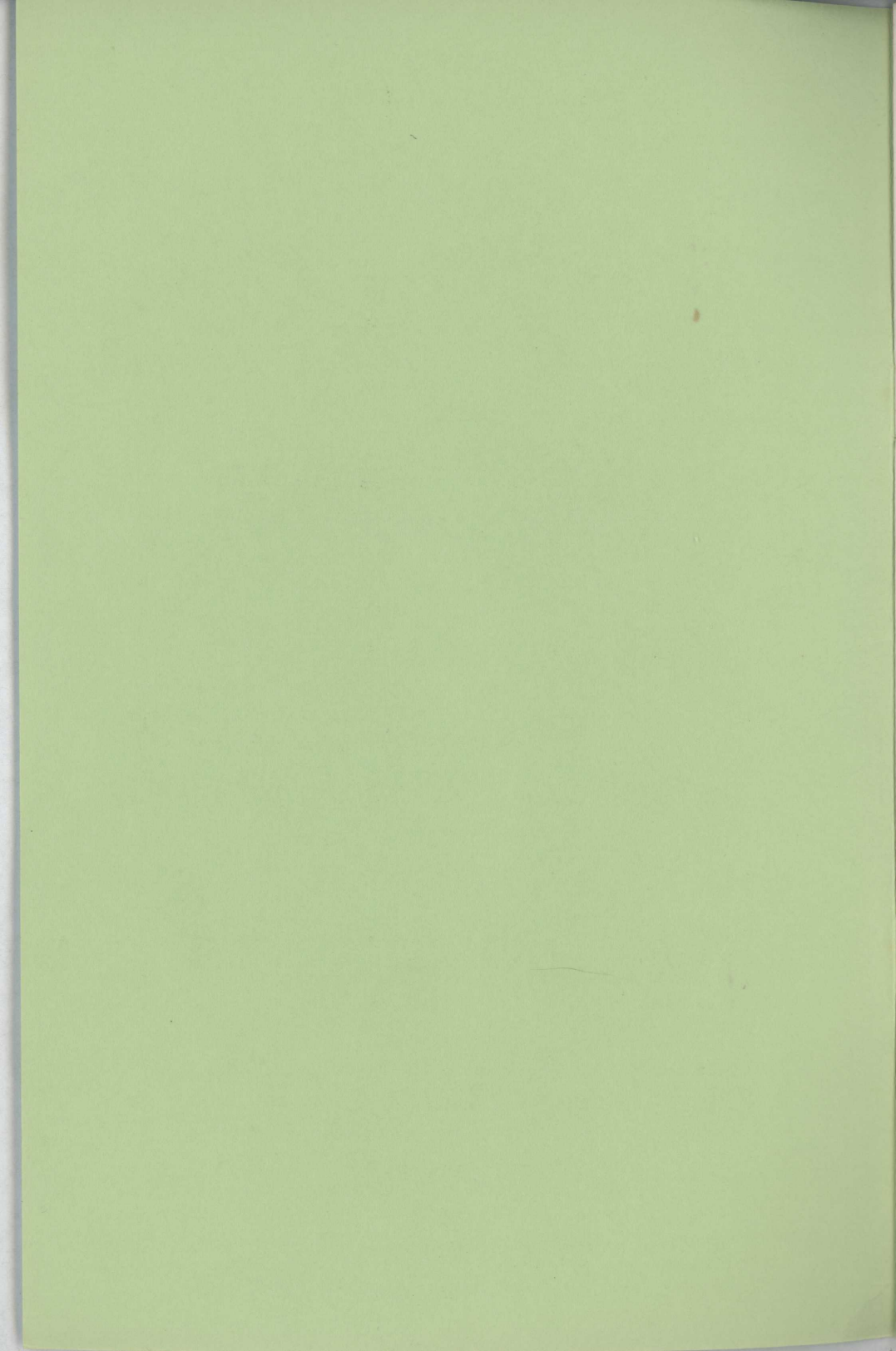
OFFICERS

ELDER ROBERT C. ASHBY, MODERATOR
ROUTE 5 — MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA 24112

ELDER L. J. CORNS, ASSISTANT MODERATOR
P. O. BOX 100 — PATRICK SPRINGS, VIRGINIA 24133

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PROCEEDINGS

*OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL
MAYO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH MARTINSVILLE PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA*

MAY 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1986

NOTE: This session was originally scheduled to meet with Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church at Vesta; Virginia. However, due to health conditions existing among its members, Zion Hill requested that a change be made, and the meeting was moved to Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church.

FRIDAY'S SESSION

1. The Association met with Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church, Friday, May 16, 1986, at 11:00 a. m. After singing Hymns of Praise, prayer was offered by Elder Robert Ashby.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. J. Corns. Text I Timothy 2:1 - 8.

Sang a song and gave the invitation for reception of members and was dismissed with prayer by Elder Sammy Coleman.

2. After intermission for lunch of about one hour, singing began in the church and the congregation assembled for the afternoon service. The moderator called the body to order and Elder Thomas Radford 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 and letters were read by Elder Thomas Radford and Elder L. J. Corns.
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 Robert Ashby as Moderator, Elder L. J. Corns as Assistant Moderator, Elder Thomas Radford as Clerk, and Deacon Weldon Wood as Assistant Clerk.

6. Called for Petitionary Letters. (None offered).
7. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations. Welcomed and seated Brother Ray Wagner from the Little River Association of Georgia.

8. VISITORS FROM ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES:

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA: Brother Ray Wagner.

SEQUATCHEE VALLEY-BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION: Brother J. B. Parker and Sister Parker.

SMITH RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Randall Saunders.

AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Sister Mary Griffin, Sister Jerline Jones, and Sister Elaine Martin.

CAT CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Bob Dickerson and Sister Marjorie Dickerson.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Sister Iva L. Kidd.

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

NEW FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Sister Lucy Lewis.

SAINT CLAIR BOTTOM CHURCH: Elder Daniel Blevins.

ZION'S REST PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder James M. Land, Jr. and Sister Hazel Land.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sister Vala Cockram, Sister Bernice Handy, Brother C. E. Jefferson, Sister Geneva Myrick, Sister Lorna Souza, and Sister Lula Wood.

9. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements. The following were appointed to serve with the Moderator and Clerk: Elder John Ashby, Deacon Weldon Wood, and Elder L. J. Corns.
10. The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee: Brethren Frank Keatts, Landon Keatts, and Noel Wilson.
11. The Arrangement Committee appointed Elder Robert Ashby to write the Corresponding Letter for next year, 1987. Also called for this year's letter to be read and approved. The Corresponding Letter was read by Elder L. J. Corns.

ORDER OF SERVICES

FRIDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Robert Ashby

Introductory Sermon by Elder L. J. Corns I Timothy 2: 1-8

Dismissed with Prayer by Elder Sammy Coleman

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder J. R. Rakes

Elder James M. Land, Jr. Mal. 3:6, Rom. 3:23, Ish. 12,

Elder Bob Dickerson Gen. 22:1-5, 19

Dismissed with prayer by Elder John Ashby

SATURDAY MORNING

Prayer by Brother Ray Wagner

Elder Bob Dickerson Acts 6:1, 9:31, 12:24

Elder J. R. Rakes. Rev. 3:19-22

Elder James M. Land, Jr.. Psalms 127:1

Dismissed with prayer by Elder R. W. Turner

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Elder Thomas Radford

Elder R. W. Turner I Tim. 4:16

Elder L. J. Corns II Peter 3:9

Elder John Ashby I John 1:1, John 1:1

Dismissed with prayer by Elder R. W. Turner

SUNDAY MORNING

Prayer by Elder Thomas Radford

Elder Sammy Coleman Ezra 3:10-13

Elder J. R. Rakes. I Cor. 14:8, Num. 10:1

Elder Daniel Blevins. Matt. 18:1-4

Elder Robert Ashby. John 14:1-3

Dismissed with prayer by Elder L. J. Corns

ELDERS PRESENT

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ASHBY, ROBERT.	703-638-4529 Route 5, Martinsville, VA 24112
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COLEMAN, SAMMY.	703-673-6179 Route 1, Box 587-A, Fieldale, VA 24089
CORNS, LEONARD J.	703-694-3810 P. O. Box 100, Patrick Springs, VA 24133
DICKERSON, BOB	912-242-8742 P. O. Box 2262, Valdosta, GA 31601
LAND, JAMES M., Jr.	904-964-5957 Route 2, Box 2625, Starke, FL 32091
RADFORD, THOMAS L.	703-673-1018 Route 1, Box 685, Bassett, VA 24055
RAKES, J. R.	703-694-3918 P. O. Box 3, Patrick Springs, VA 24133
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 1985	\$146.27
Contributions from Churches.	683.00
Contributions from Friends.	258.00
Total	\$1,087.27

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing of Minutes (approx.)	\$200.00
Ministers	850.00
Mailing supplies, postage, paper announcement (approx.)	37.27
Total (approx.)	\$1,087.27
Ending Balance (approx.)	\$00.00

CORRESPONDING LETTER

As the time once more has come, we, the churches of Southside, Virginia have met again for the annual session of the Original Mayo Association of Primitive Baptists. We extend to all of you a hearty welcome. We are so glad you all came. Will you feel at home and join with us in the worship of God to the praise of His glorious Grace, which He has given to all of us in Christ our Saviour.

May we all be able to humble ourselves in His Holy presence and pray that the same mind reign in us which was in Christ that we all may be raised above the cares of this old world, for we are dead and our life hid with Christ in God. Our prayers are, "Oh, come, Lord Jesus, and be in our midst that we by faith may be enabled to see Thy face and feel Thy presence and glorify Thy Holy name, while we are here together."

Brothers and Sisters, we love every one of you for His sake. Some of us may never meet again this side of Heaven. So let us use this day in praying, preaching, and singing praises to God our Saviour, striking hands in fellowship in Christ our Lord. Come to see us again any time.

In humble hope,

L. J. Corns

BLEVINS, DANIEL C.
LAND, JAMES M.
RADFORD, THOMAS
RAKES, J. R.
SAUNDERS, RANDALL
TURNER, R. W.
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OBITUARY

MRS. MINNIE SMITH MARTIN, 82, of 406 North Patrick Street, Eden, North Carolina, died Wednesday, April 2, 1986, in Morehead Memorial Hospital. She was a native of Stokes County, a retired employee of Fieldcrest Mills, and a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church. Survivors are daughters, Mrs. Irene Meeks and Mrs. Elmira Priddy of Eden; sons, Dennis Martin, Carlis Martin, and Stafford Martin of Eden; sister, Mrs. Ruth Durham of Burlington; brothers Glenn Smith, Leonard Smith, and Junior Sawyers of Reidsville, Noel Smith and Raymond Sawyers of Clearwater, FL; ten grandchildren. A funeral was held at 2:00 P. M., Friday, April 4, 1986, at Fair Funeral Home Chapel. Elders Sammy Coleman and Thomas Radford officiated. Burial was in Ridgeview 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 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 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 appointment any member or members by his or thier 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	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	1						14	\$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 L. J. Corns Bro. Jake Divers, Alt.	6	1,2, 3,4,		1				1	26	\$258.00
Sugartree Elder J. R. Rakes	Bro. Frank Keatts Route 1 Axton, VA 24054	Bro. Frank Keatts Bro. H. C. Brumfield Sis. Mary Lou Keatts	7	3	2						18	\$125.00
Zion Hill Elder Robert Ashby	Sis. Betty Ruth Goard	Elder Robert Ashby Bro. Eugene Newman Elder John Ashby Sis. Betty Ruth Goard, Alt.	9	4							5	\$50.00
		Totals			3	1	0	0	0	1	63	\$683.00

