

Being unable to locate a published Minutes

Of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

For the year 1899

It has been ordered that we substitute

A copy of the typewritten copy of the minutes

From the Original Sardis Association Minute Book

Until such time a published copy of this Minutes may be located.

Brother Archie Prince, Clerk

July 20, 2011

M I N U T E S
OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION

-OF-

REGULAR BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH THE

BIG BRANCH CHURCH,

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

--ON--

September 15, 16, 17, 1899.

M I N U T E S

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 15th, 1899.

The Sardis Association met according to previous adjournment with the Big Branch Church, at the stand prepared in a nice grove near the mouth of the Sycamore Fork of John's Creek, Pike County, Kentucky.

Services were opened by Rev. Jason Raines.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. A. L. Dempsey, who preached from St. Matthew, chapter XXVIII, verse 19:

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

The delegates then retired to the school house near the residence of Friend Henderson Scott. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. R. Hopkins, after which the Association proceeded to business.

Letters from the different churches were called for, and the following responded:

1. Received one from the Sardis Church at the hands of Stanley Vernatter and Lewis Cary, which was read and received and delegates took seats.
2. Received one from Brushy Fork Church at the hands of Wm. Lowe, E. F. Fields, and Joseph Ray, which was read and received and delegates invited to a seat.
3. Received one from the Enon Church at the hands of O.B. Kessee.
4. Received one from the Big Branch Church at the hands of Moses Harvil, Jordan Morrison and J. E. Taylor, which was read and received and delegates invited to seats.
5. Received one from Bethlehem Church at the hands of J. Yates, Sr., and J. Yates, Jr., which was read, received and delegates invited to seats.

6. Received one from Mount Pleasant Church at the hands of Granville D. West and Joshua West, which was read and delegates invited to seats.

7. Received one from Rebecca Church at the hands of Hi Maynard and Ira L. Farley, which was read, received and delegates invited to seats with us.

8. Received one from the Bent Branch Church at the hands of J. W. Bevins and G. W. Elswick, which was read, received and delegates invited to seats with us.

9. Received one from the Little Dove Church at the hands of James S. Dempsey and J. A. Blair, which was read, received and delegates invited to seats.

The Association then organized by choosing G. W. Maynard Moderator and John Keesee Clerk.

1. Called for newly constituted churches. None responded.

2. Called for corresponding letters from sister Associations, and received one from Zion Association at the hands of Elder P. B. McCoy and Eld. Al Ward, which was read, received and delegates invited to a seat with us by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

3. Received one from the New Salem Association at the hands of Elders W. R. Hopkins, W. H. Layne and Bros. G. W. Honaker and P. C. Justice; read, received and delegates invited to a seat by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

One from Pineville District Association, at the hands of Elder Jason Raines and Bro. James F. Belcher, which was read, received and delegates invited to a seat by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

One from Bethlehem Association, at the hands of Elders D. K. Frazier, W. F. Smith and Mateson Smith, which was read, received and delegates invited to a seat by the Moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

3rd. Transient ministers called for, and J. W. Smith, A. L. Dempsey, W. H. Bowlen, John Keesee and W. C. Hensley came forward and received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

4. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

5. Brethren Ira L. Farley and John Yates, Sr., were appointed to see that the stand be furnished with ministers.

6. Moved that we correspond with Zion, New Salem, Pineville and Bethlehem Associations.

7. Ordered that the following brethren be appointed to write corresponding letters to sister Associations, to-wit:

A. L. Dempsey to write one to Zion Association; P. B. McCoy, to write one to Bethlehem Association; Hi Maynard, to write one to Pineville Association; John Keesee, to write one to Salem Association.

8. One delegate from each church was appointed to select ministers to preach on Saturday, who reported, first, W. R. Hopkins; second, Hi Maynard; third, Jason Raines; fourth, P. B. McCoy.

9. A. L. Dempsey, J. W. Smith, Hi Maynard, J. E. Taylor, Wm. Lowe and Stanley Vernatter were appointed, with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange the business for tomorrow. Corresponding and visiting brethren invited.

10. Resolved, That we adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Layne.

SEPTEMBER 16th, 1899.

The Association met according to adjournment, and, after prayer by Bro. P. C. Justice, proceeded to business.

1. Called the roll. Delegates all present.
2. Constitution read.
3. Committee on Arrangements made its report and was discharged.
4. Brethren who were appointed to write corresponding letters to sister Associations made their report and were discharged.

I. Zion letter received and delegates appointed as follows to bear same, to-wit: Elders W. C. Hensley, J. W. Smith, G. W. Maynard, John Keesee and Bro. Stanley Vernatter. Letter in hands of J. W. Smith.

II. New Salem letter received and delegates appointed to bear same, as follows: John Keesee, Monty Williams and Hi. Robnett. Letter in hands of John Keesee.

III. Pineville District letter was read, received and delegates appointed to bear same, as follows: W. C. Hensley and John Yates. Letter in the hands of W. C. Hensley.

IV. Bethlehem letter was received and delegates appointed to bear same, as follows: J. W. Smith, W. C. Hensley, Lewis Cary. Letter in the hands of J. W. Smith.

5. Brethren Ira L. Farley and Granville D. West were appointed finance committee, who reported \$12.74 received, and the committee was discharged.

6. Moved that we correspond with Zion, New Salem, Pineville and Bethlehem Associations.

7. Moved that the brother Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribution of the same, and that he have 600 copies printed.

8. Moved that the Treasurer make a report. He reported \$5.38 in treasury. Report received and Treasurer retained.

9. By motion it is ordered that we donate what is now in the Treasurer's hands to the Moderator and Clerk, dividing it equally between them.

10. Brethren who were appointed in union meetings and Associations made their report, which was satisfactory.

11. By request it was ordered that our next Association be held with the Little Dove Church, in Mingo County, West Virginia about three miles from Lenore station on the N. & W. railroad, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1900, and continuing three days.

12. Ordered that J. W. Smith shall preach the introductory sermon at our next Association. Hi Maynard shall be his alternate.

13. By motion it is ordered that J. W. Smith is appointed, with the Moderator and Clerk, to write the obituary of Brother Fields, deceased, and it be placed in the Minutes.

14. Ordered that the same committee on ministry for Saturday shall stand for Sunday; who reported, first, W. T. Smith; second, P. B. McCoy; third, W. R. Hopkins; fourth, W. H. Layne.

15. In advice, we, the Sardis Association, will say to our churches and members in general not to mingle with Sunday schools in any event.

16. Motion that we now adjourn to the time and place above mentioned. Closed with prayer by Rev. Ali Ward.

17. We, the Sardis Association, tender our thanks to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity who so kindly opened their doors and so freely entertained us during this Association.

G. W. MAYNARD, Moderator.

JOHN KEESEE, Clerk.

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SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1899.

The brethren met a large and well composed congregation at the stand. Services were opened by Brother P. C. Justice, then, First, W. T. Smith preached from St. John, XIII:17:

"If ye know these things, happy are you if ye do them."

Second, P. B. McCoy preached from Psalms LXVIII:11:

"The Lord gave the word."

Third, W. R. Hopkins preached from Acts II:39:

"For the promise is unto you and to your children."

Fourth, W. H. Layne preached from St. Mark I:3:

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness."

The brethren labored as if they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit, and the people seemed to be interestingly entertained.

Now may the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rest with the Sardis Association and all the true worshipers of God, both now and forever. Amen.

JOHN KEESEE, Clerk.

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UNION MEETINGS.

ENON.-- One beginning on the first Saturday in August, 1900. Elders W. B. Estep, Sheridan Curry, John and G. W. Maynard attend.

SARDIS.-- One beginning on the fourth Saturday in July, 1900. Elders John Keese, J. W. Smith, G. W. Maynard, Jason Raines and Hi Maynard to attend the same.

REBECCA.-- One beginning on the second Saturday in August, 1900. Elders Jason Raines, Hi Maynard, G. W. Maynard and J. W. Smith to attend.

BETHLEHEM.-- One beginning on the third Saturday in August, 1900. Elders William C. Hensley, Hi Maynard, J. W. Smith, W. B. Estep and Sheridan Curry to attend.

MOUNT PLEASANT.-- One beginning on the second Saturday in July, 1900. Elders J. W. Smith, G. W. Maynard, John Keese, W. C. Hensley and Ali Ward to attend.

BIG BRANCH.-- One beginning on the fourth Saturday in July, 1900. Elders A. L. Dempsey, John Keese, J. W. Smith, Matt Smith and Ali Ward to attend.

Bent Branch.-- One beginning on the third Saturday in June, 1900.

Elders Ali Ward, J. W. Smith, W. T. Smith, W. H. Layne and A. L. Dempsey to attend.

BRUSHY FORK.-- One beginning on the first Saturday in July, 1900. Elders A. L. Dempsey, Jason Raines, G. W. Maynard, J. W. Smith and John Keesee to attend.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Excluded	Dead	Present Members.	Days of meeting.	Contribution.
Sardis,	: S. Vernatter and L. Cary.	:14:	:	:	:	:3:	140:	4:	\$2.00
Brushy Fork,	: Wm. Lowe, Joe Ray and E.F. Fields.	: 4:	:	:	:	:1:	116:	1:	2.00
Enon,	: D. B. Keesee.	:	:	:1:	2:	2:	33:	1:	1.00
Big Branch,	: M. Harvil, J. Morrison, J.E. Taylor	: 2:	:	:1:	1:	43:	3:		1.70
Bethlehem,	: J. Yates, Sr., J. Yates, Jr.	:	:	:	:	:17:	3:		1.00
Mt. Pleasant,	: G. D. West, Joshua West.	: 5:	:	:1:	3:	34:	2:		1.00
Rebecca,	: Hi Maynard, Ira L. Farley.	:	:	:2:	5:	52:	2:		1.64
Bent Branch,	: J. W. Bevins, G.W. Elswick.	: 2:	1:	:3:		:40:	3:		1.50
Little Dove,	: J. S. Dempsey, J. A. Blair.	: 5:	:	:	:	:25:	1:		.90
		:32:	1:	1:	9:	15:	500:	12:	74