

Being unable to locate a published Minutes

Of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

For the year 1900

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

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SARDIS ASSOCIATION

OF

REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE

LITTLE DOVE CHURCH,

MINGO COUNTY, W.VA.

ON

SEPTEMBER 14 and 15, 1900.

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FRIDAY'S SESSION,

SEPTEMBER 14, 1900.

The Sardis Association met according to previous adjournment with the Little Dove Church at the stand prepared in a nice grove on Pigeon Creek, Mingo County, West Virginia.

Services were opened by Rev. J. Estep. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. J. W. Smith, who preached from Psalms 133, chapter and 1st verse: How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, etc.

The delegates then retired to the school house known as the Dempsey school house. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Estep after which the association proceeded to business.

Letters from the different churches called for and the following responded with delegates as shown in the foregoing table.

1. Received one from Sardis Church at the hands of Stanley Vernatter, James Maynard and Wm. A. Farley, which was read and received and delegates took seats.

2. Received one from Brushy Fork Church at the hands of Wm. Lowe and Joseph Ray which was read, received and delegates took seats.

3. Received one from Enon Church at the hands of Jeff Davis which was read, received and delegate took seat.

4. Received one from Big Branch Church at the hand of John E. Taylor which was read, received and delegate took seat.

5. Received one from Bethlehem Church at the hands of John Blackburn, John Yates and Abraham Phillips, which was read, received and delegates took seats.

6. Received one from Mount Pleasant Church at the hands of Jerry Smith and James Hensley which was read, received and delegates took seats.

7. Received one from Rebecca Church at the hands of Ira J. Farley and Lee Hall which was read, received and delegates took seats.

8. Received one from Bent Branch Church at the hands of J. C. Pinson and H. Boldin which was read, received and delegates took seats.

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

The association then organized by electing Rev. J. W. Smith, moderator and Rev. G. W. Maynard, assistant moderator and Hi Maynard clerk and J. Davis assistant clerk.

Called for newly constituted churches and none responded.

Called for corresponding letters from sister associations and received delegates from Zion, to-wit: Rev. Wm. H. Blankenship, J. E. Hensley and J. F. Fields had no letter but was received to a seat by moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Received one from New Salem association at the hands of Eld. John Akers, L. Farmer, and Bro. G. W. Honaker which was read, received and delegates took seats by moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Received one from Pineville District association at the hand of Rev. S. H. Anvill, which was read, received and delegate took seat by moderator extending to him the right hand of fellowship.

Received one from Bethlehem association at the hand of Bro. Calvin Brewer and Jas. Dillon which was read, received and delegates took seats by moderator extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

Transient Ministers called for and Rev. A. L. Dempsey and J. Estep came forward and received the right hand of fellowship and took seats.

It is ordered that Bro. Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Moved, That we correspond with Zion, New Salem, Pineville and Bethlehem Associations and that Bro. James Hensley write a letter to New Salem, J. F. Fields one to Pineville, Ira L. Farley, one to Bethlehem and Hi Maynard one to Zion associations.

Moved, That one delegate from each church be appointed to select ministers for preaching at the Bland on Saturday, who reported: first, S. H. Anvill; second, J. E. Hensley; third, John Akers; fourth, L. Farmer.

Moved, That W. B. Estep, J. Estep and G. W. Maynard and moderator and clerk arrange this business for tomorrow and corresponding and transient ministers invited.

On motion of Rev. A. L. Dempsey we adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed by prayer by Bro. Wm. Lowe.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1900.

The Association opened by prayer by Eld. Brother W. H. Blankenship; then proceeded to business.

1. Roll called.
2. Constitution read.
3. Committee on arrangements made their report and was dismissed.
4. Letter to Zion association read, received and delegates to bear same appointed as follows: B. W. Maynard, J. W. Smith, Hi Maynard and J. Estep. Letter in hand of G. W. Maynard.
5. Letter to New Salem association read, received and delegates to bear same appointed as follows: Eld. A. L. Dempsey and W. B. Estep, J. C. Pinson and H. Baldin. Letter in hand of Rev. A. L. Dempsey.
6. Pineville District letter read and received and delegates to bear same as follows: Eld. G. W. Maynard and Bros. Abraham Phillips and John Yates, Sr. Letter in hand of G. W. Maynard.
7. Letter to Bethlehem association read, received and delegates to bear same as follows: Elders W. B. Estep and A. L. Dempsey. Letter in hand of A. L. Dempsey.

Brethren Ira L. Farley and James Hensley were appointed finance committee who reported twelve dollars and five cents (\$12.05) received. Committee discharged.

Order that Bro. Clerk superintend the printing of our minute and distributing of same and that he have six hundred minutes printed this year.

Moved, That Bro. Clerk be appointed secretary and treasurer.

Ordered that our present treasurer go and settle with old treasurer and get the record and also what money that was left in hands of old treasurer last year.

Moved, That the amount of money left in hands of old treasurer last year be divided equally between moderator and clerk.

Brethren who were appointed in union meetings and associations made their reports satisfactorily, which reports were received.

It is ordered that our next association be held with the Brushy Fork church, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1901.

It is ordered that Elder W. B. Estep preach the introductory sermon and Elder A. L. Dempsey be his alternate in case of absence.

The committee on ministry reports for stand preaching on Sunday as follows: first, Wm. H. Blankenship; second, J. E. Hensley; third, J. W. Smith; fourth, W. B. Estep.

It is ordered that our constitution and articles of faith be annexed in these minutes this year.

We, the Sardis Association, do tender our thanks to the brethren of Little Dove Church and the citizens of this vicinity for their kind entertainment and good treatment toward all the brethren during this association.

Moved that we adjourn to the time and place above mentioned.

Closed by prayer by Elder Bro. S. H. Anvill.

ELDER J. W. SMITH, MODERATOR, HI MAYNARD, CLERK.

Sardis Church, one beginning on the fourth Saturday in July, 1901. Elder W. H. Blankenship, J. W. Smith, A. L. Dempsey, J. Estep and G. W. Maynard attend same.

Mount Pleasant, one beginning on the second Saturday in July, 1901. Elder J. Estep, Hi Maynard, A. L. Dempsey, G. W. Maynard, J. W. Smith and John E. Hensley attend same.

Bethlehem, one beginning on the third Saturday in July, 1901. W. B. Estep, W. H. Blankenship, G. W. Maynard, Hi Maynard and J. W. Smith attend same.

Bent Branch Church, one beginning on the third Saturday in July, 1901. J. Estep, W. B. Estep, A. L. Dempsey, Hi Maynard and S. H. Anvill attend the same.

Enon Church, one beginning on the first Saturday in August, 1901. J. W. Smith, G. W. Maynard, Hi Maynard, W. B. Estep and J. Estep attend the same.

Rebecca church, one beginning on the second Saturday in August, 1901. A. L. Dempsey, W. H. Blankenship, J. W. Smith, John E. Hensley, G. W. Maynard and S. H. Anville attend same.

Little Dove Church one beginning on the first Saturday in August, 1901. Elder W. B. Estep, J. Estep, J. F. Fields and Hi Maynard attend same.

On Sunday morning a vast congregation met together at the stand and after the opening remarks and prayer by Hi. Maynard.

1. Wm. Blankenship preached from Rev. 22nd chapter and 14th verse: Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have a right to the tree of Life, etc.

2. Elder J. E. Hensley preached from St. Matthew 3rd chapter and a part of the 2nd. verse "Repent Ye."

The brethren labored hard in preaching for us and it seemed under the influence of the Holy Ghost so may much good be the result of their labors among us in this part of God's Vineyard. Now may the blessings of God rest with the Sardis Association and all true worshippers for ever. AMEN.

HI MAYNARD, Clerk.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES:	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by							Contributions.
		Hyper. and Bapt.	Letter.	Restora.	Recom.	Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	
								Pres. number.	
SARDIS	:S. Vernatter, Jas. Maynard, W. Farley	:6	:1	:1	:4	:3	:141	: \$2	10
BRUSHY FORK	:Wm. Lowe and Joseph Ray	:	:	:	:3	:	: 80	: 1	30
ENON	:Jeff Davis	:2	:	:	:1	:	: 34	: 1	35
BETHELHEM	:A Phillips, John Yates, John Black-	:2	:1	:	:	:	: 20	: 1	10
MT. PLEASANT	:Jerry Smith, J.M. Hensley. (burn.	:2	:4	:	:	:	: 40	:	60
BIG BRANCH	:John E. Taylor	:	:	:	:	:	: 43	: 1	30
REBECCA	:Ira L. Farley and Lee Hall	:2	:2	:	:3	:2	: 53	: 1	80
BENT BRANCH	:J. C. Pinson and H. Boldin.	:3	:	:2	:	:	: 48	: 1	50
LITTLE DOVE	:J. S. Dempsey, J.A. Blair, John Hall.	:2	:1	:	:1	:1	: 26	: 1	00
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Total		19	63	37	77	5	485	12	05