

Being unable to locate a published Minutes

Of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

For the year 1905

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

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION

--OF--

REGULAR BAPTISTS

--HELD WITH--

REBECCA CHURCH,

MINGO CO., W.VA.

--ON--

SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 1905.

MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1905.

The Association convened with the Rebecca Church, Mingo County, W.Va., on Sept. 15, 1905.

After prayer by Eld. W. H. Blankenship, the introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. W. B. Estep; text, Luke 16 ch. 18v. "Thou art Peter" etc.

The delegates from the different churches retired to school house and after prayer by Eld. C. Cole, the letters from the different churches called for and the following received as shown in the table.

Called for newly organized churches and received one at the hands of C. White and Joe Curry, called Elk Fork Church. Received into our union. One at the hands of Jeremiah Smith and Hi Robinet, called Mary Elizabeth church. Received into our union.

The association organized by electing Eld. W. B. Estep Moderator, Eld. J. W. Smith assistant, and Eld. Hi Maynard Clerk and T. B. Curry assistant.

Bros. A. J. Maynard and Wm. Ooten appointed to see that the stand be occupied by ministers.

Letters from Sister Associations called for and received the following:

ZION--Letter at the hands of Elds. Elias Stepp and Wm. H. Blankenship.

NEW SALEM--By the hand of Eld. W. B. Mullins with a pack of minutes.

BETHLEHEM--By the hand of Eld. Sam Vance.

NEW ZION--At the hands of Eld. J. M. Marcum, A. J. Perry and D. K. Vance.

PINEVILLE--By the hands of Elds. S. H. Auvill and W. R. Estep.

All the corresponding letters received with delegates by Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Transcient ministers called for and Elds. G. W. Maynard, J. W. Smith, C. Cole, P. H. S. Curry and A. L. Dempsey came forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

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

Moved that we receive Elds. B. F. Mullins and Samuel Mullins from Gauley River Association to a seat with us.

The following brethren appointed to write corresponding letters:

Eld. G. W. Maynard write one to Zion.

Eld. Hi Maynard write one to New Zion.

J. M. Hensley write one to Bethlehem.

Eld. A. L. Dempsey write one to New Salem.

Abraham Phillips write one to Pineville Dist.

Committee on ministry reported 1st W. B. Mullins, 2nd S. H. Auvill, 3rd W. R. Estep and 4th Elias Stepp.

Committee on arrangements appointed as follows:

Eld. J. W. Smith, W. J. Fields and G. W. Maynard, with moderator and clerk and visiting brethren invited. By request the committee met at Eld. W. B. Estep's place.

Moved to adjourn till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. W. B. Mullins.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1905.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W. H. Blankenship.

Roll called.

Committee on arrangements made their report.

Report received and committee discharged.

Eld. A. L. Dempsey and Bro. Ira L. Farley appointed finance committee. They reported \$15.60. Committee discharged.

Treasurer reported \$3.40 in hands. Report accepted.

Brethren appointed in Associations and Union Meetings last year reported. Reports received satisfactorily.

Letters to associations called for and read, received and delegates appointed to bear the same as follows:

TO ZION--Eld. W. B. Estep, Hi Maynard, J. Estep, Wm. Runyon and Ira L. Farley.

TO BETHLEHEM--W. J. Fields, John Kezee and J. M. Hensley.

TO NEW SALEM--John Kezee, W. J. Fields and Mont Williamson.

TO NEW ZION--Elds. J. Estep, Hi Maynard and G. W. Maynard.

PINEVILLE DISTRICT--Eld. Hi Maynard, W. A. Hurley and Bro. Abraham Phillips.

We, the Sardis Association, do accept the work of the Pineville Association when done legally and orthodox and would advise her that she reorganize the Gauley River Association in such a manner that the origin may be orthodox if she be found in harmony with the Bible.

Committee on ministry reported 1st, W. H. Blankenship, 2nd S. H. Auvill, 3rd W. R. Estep, 4th J. M. Marcum.

Ordered that brother clerk superintend the printing and distributing of our minutes this year and have seven hundred copies printed.

Ordered that our next association be held with the Big Branch, Church, Pike County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 1906.

Ordered that Eld. A. L. Dempsey preach the introductory and Eld. W. B. Estep be his alternate.

Ordered that we annex articles of faith, constitution and rules of decorum in our minutes.

Moved that Bro. Ira L. Farley be Secretary of our Association.

We, the Sardis Association, do hereby tender our thanks to the brethren of this vicinity for their hospitality during this association.

By order of the association.

ELD. W. B. ESTEPP,

Moderator.

ELD. HI MAYNARD, Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS.

SARDIS CHURCH--4th Saturday in August, 1906, G. W. Maynard, W. B. Estep, Hi Maynard and J. Estep.

REBECCA CHURCH--2nd in August, 1906, Elders W. H. Blankenship, W. J. Fields, A. J. Perry, T. J. Webb and J. M. Marcum.

BRUSHY FORK--1st Saturday in August, 1906, A. L. Dempsey, Hi Maynard, John Kezee, W. J. Fields and E. F. Fields.

BENT BRANCH--3rd in August, 1906, A. L. Dempsey, Hi Maynard, W. H. Bolden and J. W. Smith.

BETHLEHEM--3rd in August, 1906, G. W. Maynard, P. H. S. Curry and C. Cole.

LITTLE DOVE--1st in September, 1906, G. W. Maynard, Hi Maynard, A. L. Dempsey and P. H. S. Curry.

MT. PLEASANT--2nd in July, 1906, J. W. Smith, Hi Maynard, C. Cole and A. L. Dempsey.

ELK FORK--3rd in August, 1906, W. B. Estep, Hi Maynard, C. Cole and P. H. S. Curry.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

On Sunday morning a large and well ordered congregation met together at church house. Services were introduced by Eld. Hi. Maynard. Then 1st Eld. W. H. Blankenship preached; text, Luke 20 ch. 10 v. 2nd Eld. J. M. Marcum; text, Math. 16 ch. 18 v. 3rd Eld. S. H. Auvil; text, Isaiah 42 ch. 1 v. 4th Eld. W. R. Estep; texts, Zach. 4-12 and Hab. 3-4. The brethren seemed enthused with that Spirit that makes glad the souls of men and in our farewell services the fruits of that hope was manifested among the brethren, all reluctant to part but separated with the consoling hope to finally meet in the association of the redeemed of the Lord.

HI MAYNARD, Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SARDIS
ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Rec'd by Expe. & Baptism	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recom- Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Death	Membership	Contributions
SARDIS	M. Evans, S. Vernatta, P. A. Farley.	8	3		14	1		139	\$2 10
BRUSHY FORK	John Kezee, W. J. Fields	14	1		8	2		80	1 80
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BIG BRANCH	J. E. Taylor, H. McCoy.	1						53	1 15
BETHLEHEM	A. Phillips, J. Maynard, Wm. Pennington.	1				2		25	1 25
MT. PLEASANT	J. M. Hensley, J. West, A. Smith.	4			8	1		39	1 50
REBECCA	I. L. Farley, Wm. Runyon, L. Hall.	18	2	1	8	4	2	63	2 50
BENT BRANCH	Mont Williamson, H. Robinet.	7	1					46	1 50
LITTLE DOVE	J. Hall, J. A. Blair, H. Dempsey.	2			2			27	75
ELK FORK	T. McNealy, C. White, J. Curry.	13	9				1	34	2 00
M. ELEIZABETH	Jeremiah Smith	3	1					19	1 05
TOTALS		71	13	5	40	5	8	558	\$15 60

This report was prepared by the Sardinia Association and is published for the purpose of showing the progress of the work of the Association during the year. It is not intended to be a complete record of the work of the Association, but only a summary of the same. The figures are based on the reports of the messengers and are subject to change. The Association is indebted to the messengers for their faithful service and to the churches for their cooperation.