

Being unable to locate a published Minutes

Of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

For the year 1903

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
ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION

--OF--

R E G U L A R B A P T I S T S

HELD WITH

OLD SARDIS CHURCH,

MINGO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA,

--ON--

SEPTEMBER 18 and 19, 1903

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The Sardis Association met with the Old Sardis Church, Mingo, Co., W. Va., September 18, 1903, at the stand prepared by the brethren.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. B. Estep, from Dan.ii.44--"In the days of these Kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom," etc., after which the delegation from the different churches handed in their respective and were received and enrolled as shown in the following table:

CHURCHES	MESSENGRS' NAMES	Rec'd by Letter	By Relation	Restored	Dismissed by L.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number
Sardis.....	: P. S. Johnson, M. Evans, J. Curry	: 9	: 1	: 2	: 5	: 140		
Brushy Fork....	: Wm. Lowe, W. L. Lowe, W. Nichols.	: 4	: 2	: 1	: 3	: 87		
Enon.....	: A. Kezee, John Satfford.	: 1			: 1	: 33		
Bethlehem.....	: A. Phillips, J. Blackburn, J. Yates, Sr.	: 2			: 2	: 22		
Mt. Pleasant...	: J. M. Hensley, J. West, A. Smith	: 2				: 43		
Big Branch.....	: Hindered by sickness	: 7				: 50		
Rebecca.....	: I. L. Farley, A. Fouch, W. Hurley.	: 4	: 1	: 2		: 53		
Bent Branch....	: John Williams.					: 46		
Little Dove....	: H. Dempsey, J. Hall, J. A. Blair.	: 1				: 28		

Newly constituted churches called, but none responded.
The Association organized by electing Elder W. B. Estep, Moderator, and Hi Maynard, Clerk.

1. Brethren John Hall and Eli Curry were appointed to see that the stand be occupied by ministers.
2. Letters from sister Associations called for and received as follows:

ZION--Letter by the hands of Elder Ira Estep and Wm. Crum.

NEW SALEM--Elder L. Farmer, delegate, but no letter.

PINEVILLE DISTRICT--Letter, but no delegate.

BETHLEHEM--Elder C. Cole, delegate, but no letter.

All corresponding brethren invited to seats with us.

3. Transient ministers called for and John Kezee, J. W. Smith, J. Estep, G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey, W. J. Fields and A. S. Maynard came forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

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

5. Elder A. L. Dempsey appointed to write a letter to Zion, J. M. Hensley one to New Salem, W. A. Hurley one to Bethlehem, and Elder John Kezee one to Pineville Association.

6. A committee of one delegate from each church are appointed to arrange the ministry for tomorrow; reported first, Wm. Crum; second, L. Farmer; third, W. J. Fields; fourth, John Kezee.

7. Elder G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey, John Kezee and J. Estep, with Moderator and Clerk, are appointed committee on arrangements, corresponding and transient ministers invited.

8. On motion we adjourn until to-morrow morning. Closed by prayer by Elder J. W. Smith.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1903.

In pursuance to adjournment the Association met and after prayer by Elder Ira Estep proceeded to business.

1. Roll of delegates called.

2. Constitution and Rules of Decorum read.

3. Committee on arrangements made their report and were discharged.

4. Letters to sister Associations called for, read and received, and messengers appointed to bear the same as follows: To Zion--Hi Maynard, W. B. Estep, J. Estep and A. L. Dempsey, letter in the hands of Hi Maynard.

To New Salem--J. F. Fields, A. S. Maynard, Wm. Nichols and John Kezee.

To Bethlehem--Ira L. Farley, John Kezee, J. F. Fields and G. W. Maynard, letter in the hands of G. W. Maynard.

To Pineville--Hi Maynard, Henry Dempsey and A. Phillips, letter in the hands of Hi Maynard.

5. Elder J. W. Smith and Brother Ira L. Farley are appointed finance committee. Committee reported and were discharged.

6. Moved that Brother Clerk be our Treasurer.

7. Brethren appointed in union meetings and Associations last year reported satisfactorily.

9. Ordered that we have an Assistant Moderator and an Assistant Clerk elected at our next Association.

10. Committee on ministry reported for to-morrow, the Lord's day, first, J. W. Smith; second, Ira Estep; third, C. Cole.

11. Moved that our Brother Clerk superintend the printing of our minutes and the distribution of same, and that he have 700 copies printed this year.

12. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Mt. Pleasant church, Pike Co., Ky., beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1904.

13. Ordered that Eld. A. L. Dempsey preach the introductory sermon and Hi Maynard his alternate.

14. Moved that we annex Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum in our minutes this year.

15. Moved that Eld. W. B. Estep, Hi Maynard and A. L. Dempsey write the obituary of our beloved sister, Peggie Staton, deceased, and annex the same in our minutes.

16. We, the Sardis Association do hereby tender our thanks to the brethren of Old Sardis Church and to the people in general of this vicinity for their kind entertainment and hospitality during this Association.

On motion we adjourned to the time and place before mentioned.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER W. B. ESTEP, Moderator.

HI MAYNARD, Clerk.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

On Sunday morning a large congregation assembled at the stand and after prayer by Hi Maynard, Eld. J. W. Smith preached from Rev. viii. 1; second, Ira Estep from Gen. xxviii, 12; third, C. Cole from Acts ii. 37; At the close of the services the brethren were enthused with that spirit that makes glad the souls of men.

May much be accomplished by this service in building the church of the living God.

HI MAYNARD, Clerk.

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UNION MEETINGS.

Sardis--One beginning the fourth Saturday in August, 1904. Eld. J.W. Smith, G. W. Maynard and C. Cole attend.

Brushy Fork--One on the first Saturday and Sunday in July, 1904. Eld. A. L. Dempsey, Hi Maynard and W. B. Estep attend.

Big Branch--One on the third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1904. J. W. Smith, P. H. S. Curry, W. J. Fields and A. S. Maynard attend.

Enon--One on the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1904. G. W. Maynard, J. W. Smith and C. Cole attend.

BENT BRANCH--One on the third Saturday in August, 1904. Wm. Crum, J. Estep and L. Farmer attend.

Bethlehem--One on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1904, J. W. Smith, C. Cole, W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard and Hi Maynard attend.

Rebecca--One on the Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1904. W. B. Estep, Hi Maynard, J. Estep, C. Cole and Wm. Crum attend.

Little Dove--One on the Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1904, W. B. Estep, Hi Maynard, J. W. Smith and G.W. Maynard attend.