

Being unable to locate a published Minutes

Of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

For the year 1913

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
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

SARDIS ASSOCIATION

--OF--

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

--HELD WITH THE--

BIG BRANCH CHURCH, PIKE CO. Ky.

SEPTEMBER 19 and 20, 1913.

ELDER J. W. SMITH, Moderator,
BRO. J. M. HENSLEY, Clerk.

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M I N U T E S

FRIDAY'S SESSION, SEPTEMBER 19 , 1913.

The Sardis Association of churches of Jesus Christ, of Regular Baptists, met with the Big Branch church at the stand prepared.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. B. Estep. Text, 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter and 2nd verse: Preach the word.

The delegates then assembled at the house and the song, "Brethren we have Met Again" was sung.

Prayer by Elder W. M. Crum.

Letters from the different churches called for, read and received, and Delegates seated as shown in the statistical table.

The Association organized by electing Elder J. W. Smith Moderator, Elder A. L. Dempsey Assistant, and J. M. Hensley Clerk, and W. B. Estep, Assistant.

Newly organized Churches called for, and none responded.

Ordered that the Moderator appoint the committees today as follows:

1st. Committee on Ministry for Sunday. L. T. Preston, J. M. Mullet, W. M. Crum and Floyd Kirk.

2nd. Committee on Finance: Elder W. J. Fields and Frank Fields.

3rd. Committee on Business Arrangements for tomorrow: Elders G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey, H. M. Runyon, W. B. Estep, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Letters from Associations called for, read and received as follows:

ZION--Letter at the hands of Elders W. M. Crum, J. W. Mullet and Aaron Stepp.

BETHLEHEM--Letter at the hands of Elder Kerrick Queen.

Transient Ministers called for and Elders W. J. Fields, Robert Elswick, W. B. Estep and Joe Cline came forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

Ordered that we correspond with the Zion, New Zion, Bethlehem and Pineville District Associations.

The following brethren were appointed to write corresponding letters:

Elder A. L. Dempsey, write one to Zion.
Elder W. J. Fields, write one to New Zion.
Elder T. J. Muncy, write one to Bethlehem.
Brother J. M. Hensley write one to Pineville.
On motion the Association adjourned until tomorrow.
Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Aaron Stepp.

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SATURDAY'S SESSION, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1913.

1. Song and prayer led by W. M. Crum.
2. Roll call. Rules of Decorum read.
3. Committee on Arrangements made their report. Report received and Committee discharged.
4. The Finance Committee made their report, which showed a total contribution of \$31.15. Report received and Committee discharged.
5. No report of Treasurer.
6. Appointees in Union meetings and Associations last year made their report. Reports accepted and failures excused.
7. Letters to Associations called for, read and received and Delegates appointed to bear the same as follows:
ZION--Brother Sam Crum, Elders H. M. Runyon, A. L. Dempsey, W. B. Estep, Stanley Vernatter and J. W. Smith.
BETHLEHEM--Elders W. J. Fields, A. L. Dempsey, J. W. Smith and Joe Cline.
NEW ZION--Elders A. L. Dempsey, G. W. Maynard, J. Estep, W. J. Fields, Chas. Jude, John Keesee and W. B. Estep.
PINEVILLE DISTRICT--Elder Hi Maynard and Brother F. M. Preece.
8. Committee on Ministry, reported for tomorrow, the Lord's Day, as follows: 1st, W. M. Crum; 2nd, Aaron Stepp; 3rd, J. W. Mullet; 4th, J. W. Smith.
9. Ordered that Elders W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard and A. L. Dempsey examine Brother Hamilton Blevins to be ordained. Report received and Elders G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey and W. A. Whitlock ordained him.
10. Ordered that the following churches have union meetings:
BETHLEHEM--Third Saturday in August, 1914, Elders A. L. Dempsey, W. A. Whitlock, Henry Hensley and G. W. Maynard attend.
MT. PLEASANT--Second Saturday in August, 1914, Elders A. L. Dempsey, Henry Hensley, L. T. Preson and J. W. Smith attend.
BIG BRANCH--Third Saturday in July, 1914, Elders H. M. Runyon, Joshua West and J. W. Smith attend.
ENON--First Saturday in August, 1914, Elders H. M. Runyon, A. L. Dempsey, Mordecai Maynard, G. W. Maynard and W. A. Whitlock attend.
LENORE--Second Saturday in August, 1914, Elders Joshua West, H. M. Runyon, Chas. Jude and Joe Cline attend.
PLEASANT HOME--Fourth Saturday in July, 1914, Elders A. L. Dempsey, Mose Maynard, J. W. Smith and H. M. Runyon attend.
SARDIS--Fourth Saturday in August, 1914, Elders A. L. Dempsey, W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard and Mordecai Maynard, attend.
LITTLE DOVE--First Saturday in September, 1914, Elders W. A. Hurley, J. W. Smith, J. E. Taylor, G. W. Maynard and H. M. Runyon attend.
BRUSHY FORK--Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1914, Elders Hi Maynard, Joe Cline and W. J. Fields, attend.
ELK FORK--Third Saturday in August, 1914, Elders W. B. Estep, J. M. Marcum, W. H. Hensley and Mose Williamson, attend.
BEULAH--Second Saturday in August, 1914, Elders G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey and W. A. Hurley attend.

SIDNEY--Fourth Saturday in August, 1914, Elders W. B. Estep, W. M. Crum, J. W. Smith and W. J. Fields, attend.

REBECCA--Second Saturday in August, 1914, Elders Epp Ward, W. J. Fields, John Keezee, Hi Maynard and W. B. Estep, attend.

DICK'S FORK--First Saturday in August, 1914, Elders Henry Hensley, Hi Maynard, Mont Williamson and Joshua West, attend.

FRIENDSHIP--Fourth Saturday in August, 1914, Elders J. W. Smith, Joshua West, Hi Maynard and H. M. Runyon, attend.

11. Ordered that we have 800 minutes printed and that J. M. Hensley superintend the printing and distribution of same.

12. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Bent Branch church, Pike County, Ky., Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1914.

13. Ordered that A. L. Dempsey preach the introductory sermon and W. J. Fields be his alternate.

14. Is it right for our brethren to belong to secret orders and worldly institutions?--Yes.

15. We, the Sardis Association, do advise the Sidney Church to get rid of Henry Preece for preaching Heresy. We also advise all the churches of our Union to not admit or allow Heresy doctrine preached by their ministers. We also advise our churches to keep strict watch over their ministers.

16. Shall we accept Elder John Keesee's confession? Yes.

17. Shall we drop the item of sending Ministers to the Association to be examined for preaching? Yes.

18. Committee appointed to go and investigate the doctrine of Henry Preece. Elders J. W. Smith, J. W. Dempsey, H. M. Runyon and W. B. Estep are appointed.

19. On motion we tender our thanks to the members and vicinity of the Big Branch Church.

20. On motion the Association adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

21. Closing remarks and prayer by Elder A. L. Dempsey.
By order of the Association.

ELDER, J. W. SMITH, MODERATOR.

BROTHER J. M. HENSLEY, CLERK.

SUNDAY'S SERVICE.

On Sunday a large and well behaved audience assembled at the stand and after the introduction of services by W. M. Crum, Elders Aaron Stepp preached from Eccl. 4th Chapter, 12th verse, "and a three fold cord is not quickly broken." J. M. Mullet, Romans 1st chapter 16th verse, For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

Elder Mose Maynard closed the services by a warm exhortation. It seemed that peace and brotherly love once more abounded among the brethren. May God bless and enable it to continue.
Amen.

J. M. HENSLEY, Clerk.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. Mont Williamson,Varney, W. Va.
2. J. E. Taylor,Jarad, Ky.
3. J. W. SmithCanada, Ky.
4. Joshua WestCanada, Ky.
5. W. J. Fields,McClure, Ky.
6. E. F. FieldsMcClure, Ky.
7. Jonathan Estep.....Merrimac, W. Va.
8. G. W. MaynardBurch, W. Va.
9. Henry HensleyBurch, W. Va.
10. A. L. DempseyEugene, W. Va.
11. W. A. HurleyMaher, W. Va.
12. H. M. RunyonOppy, Ky.
13. Hi MaynardMyrtle, W. Va.
14. W. B. EstepMyrtle, W. Va.
15. Epp WardInez, Ky.
16. Moses MaynardGulnare, Ky.
17. J. L. DotsonJamboree, Ky.
18. Wm. WhitlockSprigg, W. Va.
19. Ison SlaoneDelorem, W. Va.
20. Evans SlussPilgrim, Ky.
21. P. H. S. Curry.....Bias, W. Va.
22. Mordecai Maynard.....Burch, W. Va.
23. Silas MarcumMyrtle, W. Va.
24. Floyd KirkPilgrim, Ky.
25. Moses HowardPilgrim, Ky.
26. L. T. PrestonCatlettsburg, Ky.
27. Ruben HallMatewan, W. Va.
28. Hamilton Blevins.....Hatfield, W. Va.
29. Will Thornberry.....Canada, Ky.

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FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

_____ P. O.County.

We, the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, called

..... church, now in session, sendeth greeting to the Ministers and Messengers that may compose the Sardis Association when convened with the church, County, on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 19..

Our Dear Brethren we are in peace with each other and our present condition is as follows: Since our last association we have received by Baptism; Letter.....; Restored.....; Recommendation.....; Dismissal.....; Excluded; Died; Our total number is; out of whom we have chosen our beloved, to-wit, and to bear this letter and to represent us in the association.

By order of the church.

.....Moderator.

.....Clerk.

Clerk's address.....P.O.

County..... State.....

TABLE OF CHURCHES.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	By	By	By	By	By	By	Total	
		Restored	Letter	Excluded	Deaths	By letter	By letter		
ELK FORK	:S.Crum, C.White, H.Curry	:1:	:2:	:	:	:	:	68	
MT. PLEASANT	:J.M. Hensley, E.Fran- :cesco, W.Thornberry	:3:	:1:	:	:	:3:	:	32	
BIG BRANCH	:J. E.Taylor, H.McCoy, T.McCoy.	:	:1:	:	:1:	:1:	:2:	56	
BEULAH	:H.Hensley, H. Maynard	:1:	:	:	:	:1:	:	11	
LENORA	:Mose Maynard	:1:	:	:	:	:1:	:1:	17	
ENON	:Robert Hall, J. McCoy	:1:	:	:	:	:1:	:	24	
SIDNEY	:S.Jude, A.Taylor, R.Maynard	:3:	:	:	:	:2:	:	53	
FRIENDSHIP	:Albert Johnson, Jeff Stanley	:	:	:	:	:2:	:	15	
REBECCA	:Paul Runyon, M.Preece	:	:	:	:	:2:	:1:	78	
SARDIS	:G.W. Maynard, M. Maynard, :S. Vernatter	:3:	:	:	:	:	:1:	119	
LITTLE DOVE	:A. L. Dempsey, Henry Dempsey	:6:	:3:	:	:3:	:1:	:	37	
M. ELIZABETH	:No Delegate	:2:	:	:	:	:	:	24	
BENT BRANCH	:G.Elswick, Hi Robnet, Lafe Burris	:7:	:	:	:1:	:1:	:	63	
BRUSHY FORK	:H. Maynard, W.M.Lowe, B.Maynard	:	:	:	:	:	:	71	
BETHLEHEM	:John Hensley, H.Blevins	:5:	:	:	:	:1:	:	38	
DICK'S FORK	:Randolph Crigger	:1:	:	:	:	:1:	:1:	10	
PLEASANT HOME	:H.M.Runyon, Harry Marcum	:8:	:	:	:	:3:	:1:	43	
WOLF CREEK	:Charles Jude, H. Moore	:	:	:2:	:1:	:	:	11	
Total.....		42:	5:	4:	3:	6:	12:	12:	770