

Being unable to locate a published Minutes

Of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

For the year 1898

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

OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
--OF--

REGULAR BAPTISTS
HELD WITH THE
REBECCA CHURCH

MINING COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
--IN--

SEPTEMBER, 1898.

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FRIDAY MORNING,
SEPTEMBER, 1898.

The congregation met at the stand, services were opened by Elder C. Runyon, the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Hi Maynard from the first Epistle of John, third Chapter, 1st verse: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." After which delegates retired to the house. Prayer was delivered by Elder J. Estep, letters from the different churches called for the following responded: 9 c

Sardis--By the hands of Thomas Maynard, W. A. Farley, who took seats with us.

Brushy Fork--By the hands of Booker Keesee and W. Boger, who took seats with us.

Enon--By the hands of J. Davis, O. B. Keesee and J. Stafford, who took seats with us.

Big Branch--By E. C. Hale, J. E. Taylor and Jordan Morrison, who took seats.

Bethlehem--By J. Yates, Sr., J. Yates, Jr., and John Blackburn, who took seats.

Mount Pleasant--By J. M. Hensley and Evans Francisco, who took seats.

Rebecca--By Hi Maynard, Leander Hall and W. B. Estep, who took seats.

Bent Branch--By Monty Williamson who took a seat.

Little Dove--By J. A. Blair, J. Marcum and William Hall, who took seats.

The Association then organized by appointing Elders G. W. Maynard, Moderator and John Keesee, Clerk.

1.--Called for newly constituted churches, none responded.

2.--Letters from sister Associations called for, received one from Zion by J. E. Hensley, W. J. Fields and Moses Ferrell.

One from Pineville by Eld. Isaac Morgan, all of whom received the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator and taken a seat with us.

3.--Transient ministers called for and Elders J. Estep, Thomas Muncy, J. W. Smith, A. L. Dempsey, John Keesee and C. Runyon came forward and received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

4.--By motion it was ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. P. M. Evans, Samuel Davis and Jacob Spaulding were appointed to see that the stand was supplied with ministers.

5.--By motion it was ordered that the old letters stand with their delegates to attend to the New Salem and Pineville Associations and J. M. Hensley write one to Zion.

6.--By motion it was ordered that one delegate from each church shall select ministers for the stand on Saturday, who reported: 1st--Isaac Morgan, 2nd--J. E. Hensley, 3rd--Thomas Muncy, 4th--J. W. Smith,

7.--By Motion it is ordered that A. L. Dempsey, J. W. Smith, J. Estep, J. E. Taylor and O. B. Keesee be appointed with the Moderator and Clerk to arrange the business for Saturday, the corresponding and transient ministers invited.

8.--It is ordered that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING,
NINE O'CLOCK.

The Association met according to adjournment. After prayer by J. W. Smith, proceeded to business.

1.--Called the roll, delegates all present, preamble and constitution read, committee on arrangements made their report and was discharged.

2.--Letter to Zion read, received and delegates appointed: W. C. Hensley, John Keesee, C. Runyon, G. W. Maynard and John Blackburn to bear the same.

3.--Brethren Ira L. Farley, Sheridan Curry were appointed finance committee, who reported \$ 13.65 for printing minutes.

4.--Union meetings appointed as follows:

Enon one first Saturday in August, 1899. Elders J. W. Smith, Hi Maynard, John Keesee, W. B. Estep and G. W. Maynard attend.

Rebecca one Second Saturday in August, 1899. Elders J. W. Smith, A. W. See and John Hensley, attend.

Little Dove one on first Saturday in August, 1899. Elders

J. E. Taylor, C. Runyon, J. E. Hensley, Monty Williamson and John Keesee, attend.

Mount Pleasant one the second Saturday in August, 1899. Elders Thomas Muncy, J. Estep, J. E. Hensley, J. W. Smith, attend.

Bent Branch one the third Saturday in July, 1899. Elders W. W. Fields, A. L. Dempsey, John Keesee and J. W. Smith, attend.

Sardis one on the fourth Saturday in July, 1899. Elders J. Estep, A. B. Estep, Hi Maynard, G. W. May, J. W. Smith and A. L. Dempsey, attend.

Brushy Fork one first Saturday in September, 1899. Elders W. W. Fields, J. Estep, W. B. Estep and A. L. Dempsey, attend.

5.--Ordered that we correspond with Zion, Pineville and New Salem Associations.

6.--It is ordered that we appoint delegates to visit the Bethlehem Association now in correspondence with Zion, to revive correspondence with her and that J. W. Smith, C. Runyon and W. C. Hensley prepare a letter and go as delegates to said Association.

7.--It is ordered that the brother Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and distribution of the same and that he have six hundred printed.

8.--Query from the Bent Branch church shall we ordain a man to the ministry who is double married? Answer: We do not advise you to do so. Query from Rebecca Church: Shall a brother commune with other denominations? Answer: We say not, we therefore endorse the actions of the Rebecca Church in said case.

9.--Ordered that the treasurer make his report, who reported: \$ 12.30 in the treasury.

10.--By motion of Elder J. Estep the report was received and treasurer retained.

11.--It was ordered that the same committee that was appointed to select ministers for Saturday, serve for Sunday, who reported: 1st--G. W. Maynard, 2nd--John Keesee, 3rd--A. M. See.

12.--It is ordered that ministers who were appointed in Union meetings last year make their report, which was made satisfactory.

13.--By motion it was ordered that we donate out of the funds in the treasurer's hands to our Moderator and Clerk; \$ 5.00 each.

14.--By request it is ordered that our next Association be held with the Big Branch Church, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1899, and that Elder J. Estep is appointed to preach the introductory sermon and A. L. Dempsey be his alternate.

15.--Resolved that we tender our thanks to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their kindness toward this Association.

G. W. MAYNARD, MODERATOR,
JOHN KEESEE, CLERK.