

Being unable to locate a published Minutes

Of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

For the year 1902

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
TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION

--OF THE--

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

HELD WITH

BENT BRANCH CHURCH,

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

BEGINNING

SEPTEMBER 19, 1902.

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M I N U T E S
OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1902.

The Brethren met with the Bent Branch Church, Pike County, Kentucky. Services were opened by Elder W. B. Estapp. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder A. L. Dempsey.

The Delegates then retired to the school house and the services were opened with Prayer by Elder W. R. Hopkins.

The letters from the different Churches were called for, read and received, and Delegates' names enrolled in the following statistical table.

| CHURCHES | MESSENGRERS' NAMES | Rec'd by Ex. & Bap. | Reg'd by letter | Reg'd by Relation. | Restored | Dismissed by letter | Excluded | Decesed. | Total Number | Sat. Meeting Day | Contributions |
|----------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sardis. | P. S. Curry, C. White and S. Vernatter | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 137 | 4 | 2 35 |
| Brushy Fork. | Wm. Lowe, W.L. Lowe and J. Lowe, | 3 | 2 | | | | 1 | | 84 | 1 | 2 00 |
| Enon. | J. Stafford, J. Davis and O. B. Keesee. | | | | | | 1 | | 33 | 1 | 1 00 |
| Bethlehem. | A. Phillips, J. Blackburn, | 3 | | | | | | | 23 | 3 | 1 00 |
| Mount Pleasant | J. Hensley, J. West and J. Varney | 2 | | | | | | 2 | 41 | 2 | 1 35 |
| Big Branch. | J. E. Taylor, N. Taylor and E. C. Hale. | | | | | | 1 | | 42 | 3 | 1 00 |
| Rebecca. | Lee Hall, W. A. Hurley and L. Farley. | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 53 | 2 | 1 60 |
| Bent Branch | J.W. Bevins, G.W. Elswick | 3 | | | | | 1 | | 46 | 3 | 2 00 |
| Little Dove. | A. Dempsey, H. Dempsey and L. Dempsey | 4 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 3 | | 28 | 1 | 1 00 |
| Totals | | 20 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 138 | 487 | | | \$13.30 |

1. The Association the organized by appointing Elder A. L. Dempsey, Moderator, and Elder Jho. Kazee, Clerk.

2. It was ordered that Brethren Elbert Bevins and Moses Maynard be appointed to see that the stand was furnished with Preachers.

3. Letters from different Associations were called for and the following were received:

One from Zion at the hands of Elders Elias Stepp, Ali Ward and Wm. Crum.

One from New Salem at the hands of Elders W. R. Hopkins. John Akers, Brethren C. Compton, William Tacket, G. W. Homaker and Steven Osborn.

One from Pineville Association. No Delegates.

One at the hands of Elders J. Preston and Brother James Matthews.

All of the above delegates came forward and received Right Hand of Fellowship and took seats with us.

4. Transient Ministers called for and Elders G. W. Maynard, John Kazee, E. F. Fields, W. J. Fields, Robert Elswick, C. Cole, and Mont Williamson came forward and received Right Hand of Fellowship and took seats with us.

5. Moved that we correspond with Zion, New Salem, Pineville, Bethlehem Associations. W. B. Estep to write the letter to Zion; J. M. Hensley to New Salem; A. Phillips to Bethlehem; and W. A. Hurley to Pineville.

6. It is ordered that one Delegate from each Church be appointed to select Ministers to preach to-morrow who reported 1st. Wm. Crum. 2nd. John Akers. 3rd. W. R. Hopkins. 4th. Ali Ward. 5th. C. Cole.

7. It is ordered that Elders G. W. Maynard, W. B. Estep, P. H. S. Curry, Bros. O. B. Keesee and J. Blackburn be a Committee on arrangements, with corresponding Delegates and Transient Ministers invited.

8. Ordered that we adjourn until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed in Prayer with Elder E. F. Fields.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1902.

Saturday morning at 9 o'clock the Association met according to adjournment, and after Prayer by Elder C. Cole, then proceeded to business in the following order:

1. Called the roll. Delegates all present.

2. Constitution read.

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

4. Brethren appointed to write letters to Sister Associations, made their report which was received and Delegates appointed to bear the same as follows: Zion, Elders W. B. Estep, John Keesee, A. L. Dempsey and J. Estep. Letter in the hands of A. L. Dempsey. New Salem, Elders John Keesee, Mont Williamson and Bro. James Hensley. Letter in hands of John Keesee.

PINEVILLE DISTRICT--Elders A. L. Dempsey and Bro. W. A. Hurley. Letter in the hands of W. A. Hurley.

BETHLEHEM--Eld. P. S. Curry, G. W. Maynard, Bros. John Blackburn, John Yates, Jr., and W. A. Hurley. Letter in the hands of G. W. Maynard.

5. Mr. B. Estep was appointed as Finance Committee, who reported \$13.30 for printing Minutes. Committee discharged.

6. It was ordered that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them among the Churches and have 500 printed.

7. Brethren who were appointed to attend Union Meetings and Associations made their report and were excused.

8. It was ordered that the same Committee on Ministry for Saturday serve for Sunday, who reported 1st, W. R. Hopkins; 2nd., Ali Ward; 3rd., C. Cole; 4th., Elias Stepp.

9. Ordered that our next Association shall be held with the Sardis Church, Mingo County, W. Va., beginning Friday before the Third Saturday in September, 1903, and the two following days.

10. Ordered that Elder W. B. Estep shall preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association. A. L. Dempsey, Alternate.

11. Ordered that our Constitution and Articles of Faith be printed in our next Minutes.

12. Ordered that the Obituary of our Brother, Ambrose Morris, be annexed to these Minutes. Brothers J. M. Hensley and Josh Yost to prepare same.

13. Moved that we tender our thanks to the Brethren and friends who did open their doors and so kindly entertained us through this Association.

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UNION MEETINGS.

Rebecca on the second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1903. Elders W. B. Estep, Elias Stepp, J. Estep and Wm. Crum attend the same.

Little Dove on the first Saturday and Sunday in September, 1903. Elders Elias Stepp, Ali Ward, Johnnie Keese, Hi Maynard and W. B. Estep attend.

Bethlehem on third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1903. Elders P. H. S. Curry, G. W. Maynard and C. Cole attend.

Mount Pleasant on the second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1903. Elders W. J. Fields, John Kasee, A. L. Dempsey, G. W. Maynard and C. Cole attend.

Big Branch on third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1903. Elders John Kasee, W. J. Fields, R. Elswick, J. E. Taylor and A. S. Maynard.

Brushy Fork on the first Saturday and Sunday in July, 1903. Elders John Keese, Elias Stepp, G. W. Maynard and A. L. Dempsey attend.

Bent Branch on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1903. Elders John Keese, Ali Ward, W. J. Fields, W. B. Estep, P. H. S. Curry and A. L. Pharmer attend.

Enon on the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1903. Elders W. J. Fields, W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard, John Keese, C. Cole and P. H. S. Curry attend.

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SUNDAY MORNING.

The Brethren met a large and well conducted congregation at the Church house. Services were opened by Brother Wm. Crum. First on the stand was Elder W. R. Hopkins who preached from 1st John the 3rd chapter 1st verse. "Behold what manner of Love." 2nd. Ali Ward preached from 1st Corinthians 15th chapter 22nd verse For as in Adam All Die. 3rd. C. Cole preached from Daniel, 9th chapter, 27th verse. He shall confirm the Covenant. The Brethren seemed to labor as if moved by the Holy Spirit, and

the congregation seemed at rest under the influence of good news.
From a far country now may the Lord bless their Labors.

JOHN KEESEE,
Clerk.



HOME MINISTERS.

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| Elder J. Estep | Myrtle, West Va. |
| " Hi Maynard | " " " |
| " W. B. Estep | " " " |
| " G. W. Maynard | " " " |
| " P. H. S. Curry | " " " |
| " A. L. Dempsey | Eugene, " |
| " J. W. Smith | Peach Orchard, Ky. |
| " John Keezee | Bent Branch, " |
| " Robt. Elswick | " " " |
| " W. H. Bolden | " " " |
| " A. S. Maynard | Gulnare " |
| " E. F. Fields | Pilgrim " |
| " J. E. Taylor | Gulnare, " |
| " Mont Williamson | Bent Branch " |