

MINUTES

OF THE

SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF
REGULAR BAPTISTS.

SARDIS CHURCH,
LOGAN COUNTY, W. VA.

Friday & Saturday, October 12th, 13th., 1894.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 12th., 1894.

The SARDIS REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, convened pursuant to adjournment with Sardis Church, Logan Co., W. Va., on Friday before the 2nd. Saturday in October 1894. After prayer by Elder L. Farmer and the introductory sermon by W. T. Smith, who preached from the 3rd chap. and 3rd verse of Amos; after which the association proceeded to business,

1. Motioned and seconded that W. W. Field be and he is appointed Moderator of this association, and O. B. M. Lowe, Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. Moved and seconded that the letter from Brushy-fork Church, be received together with its delegates: W. L. Lowe, W. L. Lowe, A. A. C. Lowe, E. F. Fields, Jeremiah Smith, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

3. Letter from Sardis read and received together with the delegates Henry Varney, W. A. Farley, Samuel Davis, Steward White, John Adair, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

4. Letter from Big Branch Church, read and received with the delegates W. M. T. Smith, John E. Taylor, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

5. Called for lettets from newly constituted churches, and received one by the hands of John Yates Sr., of Bethlehem Church, which was read and received together with the delegate John Yates, who received the right hand of fellowship and took a seat with us.

6. Received letter from Mount Pleasant, which was read and received together with the delegates John W. Bevins, Evan Francisco, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

7. Letter from Enon Church which was read and received together with the delegates Evan Ferell, who received the right hand of fellowship and took a seat with us,

8. Church from Zion association named Rebecca, read and received together with the delegates George Evans, William Estep, William Runyon, A. J. Maynard, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

9. Moved and seconded that Elders William Layne and L. Farmer, be received as delegates from New Salem association, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us, though no letter.

10. Moved and seconded that the letter by the hands of Elder William Blankinship from Zion association, be received together with the delegate William Blankinship, who received the right hand of fellowship and took a seat with us.

11. Moved and seconded that we have letters of correspondence with Zion association, and New Salem association—Letter delegates.

12. Appointed, that William A. Farley write a letter to New Salem association, and A. T. Dempsey write a letter to Zion association, and have them ready to be read by to-morrow.

13. Called for transient ministers, and brethren Harvey Curry, John Mulins, A. L. Dempsey, G. W. Maynard, Joseph Smith, and Ivin Garfield forward and received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

14. Resolved that we now appoint a committee on arrangements, consisting of brethren Thomas Smith, Evan Ferrell, Joseph Smith and A. J. Maynard, moved and seconded that the association adjourn until to-morrow, Nine o'clock.

And the evening and the morning were the first day.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13th., 1894.

The association met pursuant to adjournment on Saturday, October 13th. 1894, and after prayer by Elder William Blankinship, proceeded to business.

1. Moved and seconded that the committee of arrangements be received and the committee discharged.

2. Letter to Zion association read and received and delegates appointed, G. W. Evans, G. W. Maynard, William Runyon, Harvey Curry, John Mulins, A. L. Dempsey, John Yates, Joseph Smith. A letter from Zion association received from the hands of Elder William Blan-

kinship, who received the right hand of fellowship and took a seat with us. Also a letter prepared to New Salem association when convened with Stone Coal Church, Friday before the 4th Saturday in September 1895. New Salem, Floyd Co. Ky., we received your delegates William Layne and L. Farmer, who received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us, though no letter.

3. Letters to New Salem association messengers, to bear the same Joseph Smith, John Mulins, G. W. Evans, Harvey Currey, Wm. T. Smith and W. W. Fields. Moved and seconded that preaching be adopted at the Stand Rebecca Church, which desires a union meeting to be held Friday before the 1st Saturday in September 1895, William Layne, L. Farmer, Wm. H. Blankinship, Wm. T. Smith, Harvey Currey, Joseph Smith, and W. W. Field attend. Also Sardis Church desires union meeting held with them Friday before the 4th Saturday in August 1895, L. Farmer, Joseph Smith, Wm. T. Smith, W. W. Field, attend. Also Union meeting called for with Mount Pleasant, Friday before the 2nd. Saturday in Aug 1895, William Layne, L. Farmer, W. W. Fields, Joey Smith, W. T. Smith, attend. Also Union meeting called for with July 1895, G. W. Evans, G. W. Evans, Harvey Currey, Wm. T. Smith, W. W. Field, A. L. Dempsey, attend.

5. Moved and seconded that Brother O. B. M. Lowe, superintend the printing of the Minutes. Bethlehem Church, Mate One P. O., Logan Co., W. Va. Rebeeca Church and Sardis Church, Birch P. O., Logan Co., W. Va. Mount Pleasant Church, Canada P.O., Pike Co., Ky. Enon Church, Mate One P. O., Logan Co., W. Va.

5. Moved and seconded that the Lords Supper and Foot washing, be adopted in Sardis association.

6. Resolved that Sardis associatiou be held with Breshy Fork Church in Pike Co., Ky., Friday before the 2nd Saturday in October 1895, and that Bro. Harvey Currey, preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. A. L. Dempsey his alternate, and resolved that the articles of Faith be annexed to these minutes.

7. Moved and seconded that each ordained minister take at least, the oversight of church, instructed that Elder G. W. Evans. take the oversight of Enon Church.

8. Moved and seconded that the association now adjourn.

9. Resolved that we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends for their hospitality during this association. After prayer by Elder W. W. Field, the association adjourned until our next meeting.

Done and signed by order of the Association,

ELDER W. W. FIELDS, Moderator.

“ O. B. W. LOWE, Clerk.

This Written by Shadle R. Pauley.

Articles of Faith.

We the churches of Jesus Christ of regular baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz :

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the creator of the heavens and all things that are therein contained.

2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal son of God, who is the head and king of the church.

3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the sealer and applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the infallible word of God, and take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added to it or taken from it.

6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ, and that he tasted death for every man, and that salvation is offered to all men on the terms of the gospel.

7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, are necessary previous to baptism, and that immersion is the only right way of administering the ordinance.

8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church, and that it will finally persevere through grace to eternal glory.

9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is taking the bread and wine in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God till his second coming.

10. We believe that feet-washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by his church until his second coming.

11. We believe in the resurrection from the dead, and that he lives forever.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

13. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked, and in the eternal happiness of the righteous.

Statistical Table.

Days of Meetings							
Contributions	\$2,15	\$3,00	,60	\$2,00	,90	,25	\$13,95
Total Membership	118	78	29	49	20	14	68
Died	1	1					2
Excluded	5						5
Restored		5		1	1		7
Dismissed by Letter	12						12
Received by Letter				2			2
Received by Baptism	12	12	2				26

Names of Messengers.

Churches,

Sardis.....	Henry Varney, Samuel Davis, Louis Currey, William A. Farley, Stewart White, J. Adair.
Breshy Fork.....	W. L. Lowe Jr., W. L. Love Sr., E. F. Fields Jeremiah Smith.
Enon.....	Evan Ferrell.
Big-Branch.....	Wm. T. Smith, John E. Taylor.
Koumt Pleasant.....	John W. Bevins, Evan Francesco.
Bethlehem.....	John Yates Sr.,
Rebecca.....	G. W. Evans, William Lepp.

18 Messengers.

7 Churches.