

Being unable to locate a published Minutes

Of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist

For the year 1897

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

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

SARDIS ASSOCIATION. It was ordered that the following brethren be appointed with the Moderator and Clerk to arrange the business for tomorrow.

REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE

SARDIS CHURCH MINGO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

1897

M I N U T E S

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The Association was opened by prayer by Elder Jason Rains. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder John Keesee from first Corinthians, first Chapter and latter clause of 21st verse. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Letters from the different churches were read and received and the following table prepared. The Association then organized by choosing G. W. Maynard, Moderator and John Keesee, Clerk, Treasurer, and Secretary.

- 1.--Called for newly constituted churches, none responded. 2.--Corresponding letters received as follows:

- Zion--By the hands of P. B. McCoy and J. Estep. Pineville--By the hands of Jason Rains, T. C. Blankenship, and Sampson Collins. New Salem--By the hands of W. B. Mullins.

The above named delegates received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

3.--Transient Ministers called for the following: Brethren Al L. Dempsey, John Keesee, J. W. Smith, W. C. Hensley, W. B. Estep, Hi Maynard, John Murphy, P. S. Johnson, J. Hensley, Mat Smith and A. J. Bryant came forward and received the right hand of fellowship and took seats with us.

4.--It was ordered that the following brethren write corresponding letters to sister Associations: A. L. Dempsey write one to Zion, J. M. Hensley write one to New Salem, Hi Maynard one to Pineville. Letters were read and received and brethren excused and delegates appointed to bear same as follows: To Zion, when convened with the Concord Church, Wayne County, W. Va., Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1898. Hi Maynard, John Keesee, W. C. Hensley and Stanley Vernatter bear the same to New Salem when convened with the Caney Fork Church, Knott County, Kentucky, Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1898. John Keesee, J. C. Pinson, Stanley Vernatter and A. L. Dempsey bear the same to Pineville when convened with the Andy Branch Church, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the fourth

Saturday in September, 1898. Lewis Cary, M. W. C. Hensley, J. M. Hensley, G. W. Maynard, John Mullins, John Yates and W. B. Estep bear the same.

5.--It was ordered that W. L. Dempsey, J. E. Taylor, Steven Atkins and J. M. Hensley be appointed with the Moderator and Clerk to arrange the business for tomorrow.

6.--Adjourned until Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING,

NINE O'CLOCK

The services were opened by prayer by Elder J. Estep.

1.--Called the roll.

2.--The committee on arrangements made their report and were discharged.

3.--Rules of Decorum and Constitution were read and it was ordered that article the seventh of our constitution be amended so as to allow but three delegates from each church to represent them in the Association.

4.--J. C. Pinson and Ira L. Farley were appointed as finance committee who reported \$11.35 for printing minutes.

5.--The following churches have Union meetings:

Bent Branch one beginning on the third Saturday in July, 1898. Elders W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey, John Keesee attend.

Sardis one beginning on the fourth Saturday in July, 1898. Elders John Hensley, John Keesee and G. W. Maynard, attend.

Brushy Fork, One beginning on the first Saturday in September, 1898. Elders W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard, A. L. Dempsey and G. W. Maynard attend.

6.--The Clerk is appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have six hundred printed and that he buy a record book and settle with the old treasurer and record all of the business of the Association and report at our next Association.

7.--It is ordered that we have stand preaching at our Associations here-after.

8.--Our next Association is appointed with the Rebecca Church, Mingo County, W. Va., beginning Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1898.

9.--It is ordered that Elder G. W. Maynard preach the introductory sermon, J. W. Smith his alternate.

10.--This Association tenders its thanks to brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kindness toward the visiting brethren during this session.

G. W. MAYNARD, MODERATOR,

JOHN KEESEE, CLERK.