

MINUTES

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The Third

ANNUAL MEETING

—OF—

SARDIS ASSOCIATION

—OF—

REGULAR BAPTISTS.

*Held with Brushy Fork
Church, Pike County,
Kentucky, on October
11, and 12, 1895.*

CHURCHES, MESSENGERS.

	Gain.	Loss.							Total.
	Baptisms.	Kindion.	Restored.	Letters.	Excluded.	Deceased.			
S Vernatter, L. Curry.	20	0	0	2	0	7	2		131
Wm. Hensley, W. R. Vernatter, Sam Davis.									
Brushy Fork, John Keezee, T. J. Muncy, W. Nichols, J. Smith, W. L. Lowe, Wm. Lowe.	24	5	0	1	0	0	5		117
Enon, O. Keezee, J. Davis	4	0	0	3	0	0	2		32
Big Branch, J. E. Taylor, J. Maynard,	1	0	0	0	3	0	2		22
Mt. Pleasant J. Bevins, M. Maynard, E. Sisco.	1	2	0	0	0	0	2		32
Bethlehem, J. Yates, sr. J. Yates, jr. John Mullins	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		17
Rebecca, W. R. Estep, A. J. Maynard,	4	0	0	2	4	11	0		55
Total	57	7	0	8	7	18	13		424

Minutes of Sardis Association of Regular Baptists, held with Brushy Fork Church, Pike County Ky., on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in October 1895.

After prayer by elder L. Farmer the introductory sermon was preached by elder A. L. Dempsey from Math. 16.18, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." At the conclusion of which the delegates repaired to the church house and the business session was opened with prayer by Brother P. C. Justice.

1, Letters from the churches read, received and delegates' names enrolled.

Moved and unanimously adopted that Moderator and Clerk of our last association serve at this association.

3, A Letter from Zion association received and the messengers who presented same, elders R. F. Farley, W. G. Sparks and W. H. Blencenship were admitted to seats with us, also, Brother P. C. Justice and elder A. L. Farmer, messengers from New Salem were admitted to seats with us without a letter.

4, Brethren A. L. Dempsey and T. J. Muncy were appointed to prepare letters of correspondence to New Salem and Zion associa-

RULES OF DECORUM.

Section 1 The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2 A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3 Only one member shall speak at the time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking and shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before or make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter, as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5 No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the association.

6 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

7 No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8 No member of the association shall address another by any title or appellation than that of brother.

The Moderator shall not interrupt a member until he gives consent upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

10 The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

11 The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

12 Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

13 But three members shall take a seat in the association from each church.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We the churches of Jesus Christ of United 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 his 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 by 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 by the church of Jesus Christ 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 that Jesus Christ is the first 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.

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