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Minutes

OF THE

Sixty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

South Arkansas

Primitive Baptist Association

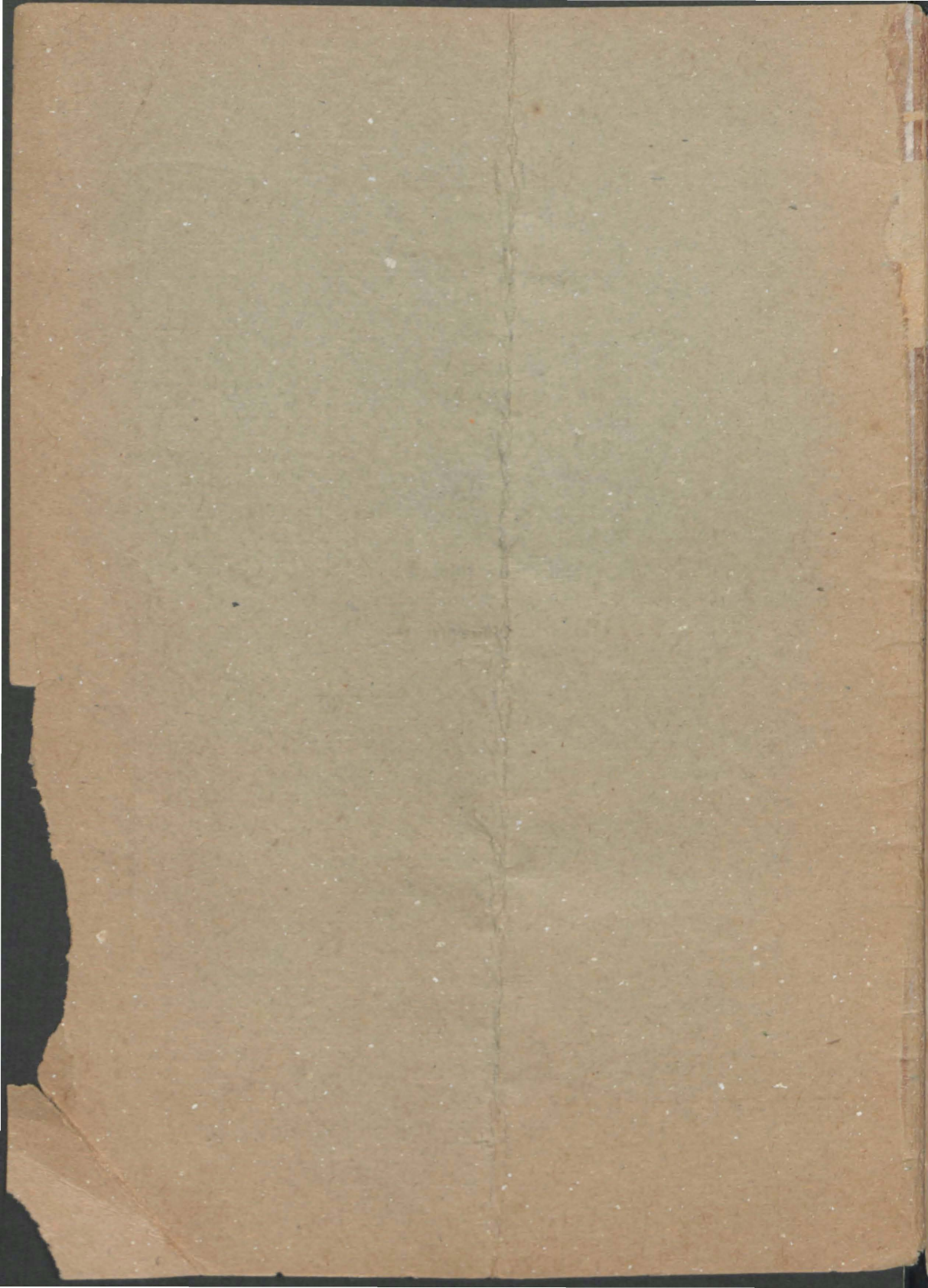
HELD WITH

Sardis Church

Hot Spring County, Arkansas

SEPT. 14, 15, 16, 1918

*Raymond Miller
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Minutes

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14TH, 1918.

The South Arkansas Primitive Baptist Association met according to previous appointment with Sardis Church Hot Springs County Arkansas.

The introductory discourse was delivered by Elder V. R. Harris from Ephesians 2nd Chapter 4th Verse. After which refreshments were served. Messengers then assembled at the Arbor for business.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Singing and prayer by Elder J. B. Hardy. The Moderator appointed Elder J. H. Blythe and L. J. Gresham to preach to the people assembled at the stand.

Letters from the Churches were then called for and read and messengers names enrolled as in Statistical table.

By motion Elder G. R. Hathcock was chosen Moderator and M. H. Thrash Clerk.

On motion the Moderator proceeded to the usual business order.

1. Called for petitionary letters. None received.
2. Called for and received correspondence as follows:

North Ouachita Association, none received; New Hope, by her messengers, Elder J. D. Best, J. B. Hardy, J. H. Blythe and Brother J. F. Daniel; Cadron, by the hand of Brother J. C. Sparks with letter; Sulphur Fork, by Brethern, S. M. Hill and J. L. Wiggins; South Ouachita, no messengers.

On motion agreed to return correspondence to all the above associations, and that any of our orderly Brethern bear our correspondence. The Moderator appointed Elder V. R. Harris to write our corresponding letter.

4. Invited visiting Ministers of our Faith and Order to seats with us, and the Moderator extended to all correspondents the right hand of fellowship.

5. On motion the Moderator appointed Committees as

follows:

On preaching, Brother W. A. May, R. F. Lee and T. W. Fulton.
On finance, Brethern W. C. Horton, Q. D. Robertson and B. H. Horn.
On District and District Meeting, Brethern John Reynolds, A. M. Peterson and O. E. Dodgen.

6. The Committee appointed a year ago to further work on the record of our Association reported as follows: Nothing done since our last Association. On motion the Association agreed to relieve Elder G. R. Hathcock and J. B. Worthington from that Committee and appointed Elder V. R. Harris, Brethern W. C. Horton and John Reynolds to continue the work on our record.

7. Committee on Preaching reported that services begin Sunday at 10 o'clock by Elder L. J. Gresham followed by Elder J. B. Hardy, afternoon by Elder G. R. Hathcock. Monday morning at 10 o'clock by Elder W. M. Little. Closed by the Moderator.

8. On motion to adjourn till Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15TH.

The ministers appointed to preach came forward in the order of their appointment and preached in the Power and Spirit of God, and we believe to the glory of God and the comfort of his people.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16TH.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder V. R. Harris.

1. Called the roll and a quorum being present the Association proceeded to business.

2. Called for, read and adopted corresponding letter as ordered Saturday, said letter to be printed in our minutes.

3. The Committee on District and District Meeting reported as follows:

First District. Meeting to be held with White Water church, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in Aug. 1919.

Second District. Meeting to be held with Macedonia church, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in July 1919.

Third District. Meeting to be held with Mt. Zion church, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July.

4. The Committee on Finance reported, to which is added the Clerk's report as follows:

Contributed by the churches	\$33.20
For printing and mailing	\$16.00
Allowed Clerk	\$12.00
Balance on hand	\$ 5.20
Total	\$33.20

By motion, the report of the above Committees were received and Committees discharged.

5. On motion directed that the Clerk have 500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches, reserving 125 for corresponding purposes.

6. On motion appointed the next session of this body be held with Deceiper Creek church Clark county Arkarsas three miles south east of Gurdon on the Iron Mountain Ry. Beginning on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September 1919 and continue 3 days.

7. On motion the Association agreed to begin their meeting on Friday instead of Saturday and continue three days.

8. On motion, Resolved that we express our thanks to God for His blessing during past lives, and that the Moderator be directed to express to the brethern, sisters and kind friends of the vicinity for their kindness to us during our stay among them.

9. On motion, read, corrected and adopted the minutes, and informally arose, repaired to the stand, and were there dismissed in order at the close services.

ELDER, G. R. HATHCOCK Moderator

M. H. THRASH, Clerk.

ELDERS

Names and addresses Elders of churches:

T. Peterson, Gurdon, Ark.

V. R. Harris, Fordyce, Ark.

D. M. Thrash, Glenwood, Ark.

J. H. Rawls, Gurdon Ark.

G. R. Hathcock, Deroche, Ark. H. Langston, Alpine, Ark,
W. M. Little, Pine Grove, Ark.

DEAD

Sardis, Margret Lane, Chapel Hill, W. J. Everitt,
One at Bethel, no name given.

CLERKS

Bethel, J. M. Cooper, Bearden, Ark.
Pilgrim's Rest, W. C. Horton, Ellisville, Ark.
Liberty, Wiley Womack, Fordyce Ark.
Antioch, W. H. Praffit, Locust Bayou, Ark.
White Water, J. L. Watson, Tinsman Ark.
Macedonia, C. M. Honeycut, Dalark, Ark.
Chapel Hill, J. T. Everitt, Ouachita, Ark.
Sardis, M. E. Thomas, Lono, Ark.
Harmony, G. R. Freeman, Elmore Ark.
Little Hope, S. V. Coffie, Deroche, Ark.
Mt. Zion, No clerk, Kirby, Ark.
Pleasant Grove, F. C. Thrash, Kirby, Ark.
Deceiper Creek, O. E. Dodgen, Gurdon, Ark.
Cedar Hill, Elisi Langston, Alpine, Ark.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association which shall be opened and closed by prayer by the Moderator or some other individual.

2. The privilege and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all members, yet he shall not be arbitrary in exercising them. He shall decide questions of order and propriety, but from his decision appeal, if seconded, may be taken to the Association and shall be binding on all parties.

3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless the Association be equally divided, then he shall rise, give the casting vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he call some other member to the chair.

4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject, or makes use of personal re-

flections. He shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, except to explain what has been misunderstood.

No person shall vacate his seat without leave of the Moderator.

5. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject of requiring the members on the affirmative side to rise from their seats and if it be necessary, those on the negative to rise from their seats also. The Moderator shall announce his decision before he resumes his seat.

6. Motion and amendments to motions, if seconded, must be considered, unless withdrawn. The usual order of deliberate bodies shall be observed in disposing of them by this Association.

7. The list of names of messengers shall be called over and the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, or any part thereof, read as often as the Association may direct.

8. These rules may be altered or amended at any time when thought necessary by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that God has made known his mind and will to the children of men in his word, which we believe to be of divine authority, and a sufficient and only rule of faith and practice and the same comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original Sin.

5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the state of sin he is in.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only in the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints will be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are proper subjects and that immersion is the only baptism.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel of God, but one regularly baptised, called of God, and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptized persons have a right to commune together at the Lord's table.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The South Arkansas Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with Sardis Church, Hot Springs County, Arkansas, September 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1918, to her sister associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth greetings in the Lord.

Beloved Brethern: It is by and through the goodness and mercy of an Alwise, tender, loving and merciful God that we have again been blessed to meet, and we do humbly hope for no other purpose saved to honor and glorify His great name.

This, we realize has been to us a great blessing, and sure that none but like precious faith have, and that because of His Great love and goodness toward us and too without any merit on our part.

It has been a source of great comfort to us to receive your messengers and ministers bearing love and sweet fellowship to us, and sweetly desire a continuance of your further correspondence with us and to this end we commend to you any of our orderly ministers and brethern who may be present at any of your re-

spective associations.

Dear Brethern: Visit us as often as you can, not only at our associational meetings, but any that you can as we appreciate your presence at any time, and joining with us at any and all services to our God, and testimonies to Him for his mercies and goodness to us as our blessed Savior Jesus Christ.

Dear Brethern: Farewell in the Lord until we shall be blessed in His goodness and mercies to meet again in another associational capacity.

ELDER G. R. HATHCOCK, Moderator,

M. H. THRASH, Clerk

