

Church Records of Rockdale Church

For the Year 1847, (May 29)

According to previous arrangements there was a meeting held at the Old Rockdale Church, Newton County, Saturday, May 29, 1847. The meeting

was organized with James R. George, chairman, and John H. Sneed, Secy.

On motion of William Pitts, it was unanimously agreed that we unite ourselves as a regular

Baptist church, and to be constituted under the name of the Rockdale Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

It was then agreed that we meet again on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in June, for the purpose of being constituted together, and also agreed that

the elders, James R. George, Nathan Johnson, Stephen Mayfield and James Nix, be requested to meet at the time appointed for a Presbytery.

June, 18

- Agreeable to the above proceedings the meeting was held, and after a sermon by the Rev. James R. George, the meeting was organized with James R. George, Chairman and J. H. Sneed, Secretary, after which the following Brethren and Sisters presented letters of dismission from the following Church: viz:-

- Union Grove Church. -

John E. Reagan, William Pitto,
 John McClung, Mary Reagan,
 Elizabeth Pitto, Sarah McClung,
 Mary McClung, and Nancy McClung

- Long Shoals Church,
 Elias Wooley.

- Sharon Church

E. O. Dameron, and Emily Dameron

- Rock-Bridge Church.

John G. Sneed, and Mary Sneed.

→ Then the secretary read the
 Articles of Faith, under which
 they were willing to be constitu-
 ted: Goods as follows:-

1st We believe in one only true
 and living God - the Father
 Son and Holy Ghost - Three in One.

2nd We believe that the Scriptures of (is)
 the Old and New Testaments are
 the Word of God, and the only
 true Rule of Faith and Practice.

3rd We believe in the doctrine of
 Original Sin.

4th We believe in man's impotence
 to recover himself from the

5th We believe in the doctrine of election through the Sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the sinner.

6th We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Jesus Christ.

7th We believe the saints shall persevere ⁱⁿ grace and ^{not} finally fall away.

8th We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the ^{only} proper subjects, and conscientiously do believe that the true mode is immersion.

9th We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and general judgment.

10th We believe that the joys of the Righteous, and that the punishment of the Wicked will be eternal.

11th We believe that ^{no} minister has a right to administer the Ordinances only such as has been called of God, as was Aaron

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and come under the imposition of - by the Presbytery.

72^{1/2} He believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. :-

June 19. Adopted our present Doctrines.
" " Elected James R. George Pastor
" " J. G. Sneed Clerk, and John E. Reagan Treasurer.

July 10 Elected John E. Reagan, Deacon

Aug 12 Ordained John E. Reagan, to the office of Deacon. - James R. George. and Stephen Mayfield, Presbytery.

Aug 13 Received by letter John Wingate appointed the first delegates to the Association, which was held at Long Shoals Church. The appointees were J. E. Reagan and William Pitts -

Sept 18. William Wingate was received by letter, and Martha Stewart by experience -

Oct 15 Mary Wingate was received by experience -

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Oct	16.	Received by experience Drury Sparks and Sarah Sparks.
Nov	19	Excluded Martha Stewart, on the ground that she refused to be baptized -
Dec	18.	Henry Collins was elected pastor at the Nov. meeting but refused to serve - James P. George still served the church as pastor. Received by letter Jane Anderson.

The Year 1848

Feb	19	Received James Wood by letter.
Mar	18.	Received Matthew Hammond by letter
May	20	Received by letter L. A. Jackson and Mary Jackson.
July	20	Received by Experience Elizabeth Mann.
11	22	Henry Mann was received by expe- rience.
Aug	18	Received Lucinda Lewis by experience
Oct	13	Excluded H. Mann from the church charge. Drunkenness.
Nov	18	Elected James Vix Pastor.

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Year 1849

Feb	17	St. H. McDaniel, Malissa McDaniel and David McClung were received by letter - Appointed St. H. McDaniel Singing clerk.
Mar.	17	Received by letter St. C. Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, S. M. Johnson M. A. Johnson.
Apr.	14	John Hale, and Milly Hale ^{received} by letter.
Aug	17	Received by letter Rev. James Nix Sophia Nix.
"	19	Received by experience Bro Lewis Pope.
Sept.	16	Received James Plunkett, by Experience.
"	18	Received by experience Minnie McClung, Adaline Bush, Louiza Johnson, and Minnie Hunt.
"	19	Received by experience Solomon McClung, Franklin McClung.
"	20	Received by Experience Lucy Christian
"	22.	" " " Rosa Johnson.
Oct.	20	Received Elizabeth Hill by letter, and John G. St John and Elizabeth St. John by experience.
Dec	15	Re-elected James Nix Pastor. = for the following year =

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Year 1850

Apr	20	Received Timothy Granade a Deacon by letter, and William Johnson, ^{wife} Mary Johnson, James Phillips and his wife Pamela Phillips, J. L. O. Mix and Nancy Mix by letter.
June	15	Received by letter Hettie Golding.
Aug	16	Received by letter Elizabeth Hunt.
"	17	By experience Elizabeth Butler.
Nov.	16	Elected David McCleung Past Clerk and James R. George Pastor for the ensuing year.

Year 1851 -

March	15	Received by letter, J. P. McCollum, S. J. McCollum, William Wingate, Mary Wingate, J. Hardin and wife Edithy, Elizabeth Hardin, Editha Hardin - and Addie Hardin (Col)
July	19	Received by letter P. A. Hutchisson and wife, Eliza Hutchisson.
Aug.	15	Received by letter experience, Blake Bartlett and Famine Bartlett and William Johnson.
"	17	Sarah Davis by experience

Year 1852

Jan 17 Elected Stephen Mayfield Pastor.

Feb 27 Received by letter Robert McClung,
and H. P. Miller, a licensed minister.

Apr 24 Received by letter Jane Plunkett.

June 26 Received by letter Miles Barnett
and Martha Barnett.

July 23 Received by experience Nathan Plunkett
H. P. McClung, and Martha Stewart
and by letter Lewis Spinks
and wife Martha Spinks.

Nov 27 Elected Stephen Mayfield Pastor.

Year 1853 -

Aug 27 Received by experience:
Rebecca Hunt, Mahala Norton
Eliza Wood, Lucy Hamilton
George Hamilton, Martha Hamilton
Elizabeth Clark, John Wood,
Martha Jane Hamilton,
Phoebe Ann Reagan, Jane Johnson
Margaret Simms, and by letter
Nancy Spinks and Nancy Jane
Spinks.

Sept 24 J. W. Granade, and Thomas
Norton were received by
experience.

Nov 26. Received by Experience Jude Dry (Col)

" " Relected Stephen Mayfield Pastor
for the following year.

Year 1854 -

Aug 18 Received by experience
Rachel Johnson (Col)

Nov. 18. Relected Stephen Mayfield Pastor.

Year 1855

Feb 3. The church agreed to change
the time of meeting from 3rd
to 1st Sunday.

May, 5' Received by letter Obadiah Seaman

Aug. 3. Received by experience,
R.M. Plunkett, Elizabeth Bramblet,
Cynthia Plunkett, P.A. Jones,
Mocca ~~Plunkett~~ Bartlett, Elizabeth
Bartlett, Sarah Wood, M.F. Plun-
kett, and Kitty Seaside (Col)
by letter Charles J. Jones,
William Johnson, and wife
Lucinda Johnson.

Oct 6. Received by experience Teresa
Seaman, Sarah Seaside,
Rebecca Plunkett, and John
D. Hodier -

" " Elected O. Seaman and David

Year 1856.

July	5	Received by letter, Martha Stewart,
"	6	" " " " " Look Huson (Colg)
Oct	21	Reelected S. B. Churchill Pastor
Dec	6	Change the time of meeting from 1 st to 4 th Sunday in each month -

Year 1857.

Mar.	21	Received W. J. Willson by letter and also his wife Mary Ann Willson
Sept	5	Received by experience Eliza Gauade.
Sept	26	Received by letter, William F Chaffin and Mary A. E. Chaffin, and by experience Mary Ann McClung.
Oct	17	Reelected, S. B. Churchill Pastor

Year 1858.

Mar	20	Received by letter Elizabeth Turner Turner.
May	12	Jesse M. Turner Prussilla Turner, and Alfred L Turner were received by letter, and
Aug	13	Received by experience Litteton Manning, Louisa Manning

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Aug	13	A. J. Spinks, John Pitts, Spinks, Samuel Hordin, Elizabeth Manning.	Garret
Sept	17	Received by experience Timothy Granade.	
"	18	Received by Experience Julia M ^{rs} . Daniell "Dol"	
Oct	30	Reelected S. B. Churchill Pastor Year 1859 -	
Sept	18	Received by letter N. D. Pope	
Oct	30	Elected C. C. White Pastor. Year 1860.	
May	19	Received by letter Rev. C. C. White and wife A. White.	
Sept	15	Received by experience, M. F. Reagan P. E. Reagan, M. E. Reagan, J. G. Hordin, Nancy Johnson, Armanda McCloud, Manda Spinks	
Nov.	17	Received by experience, Sarah Leftwich.	
"	"	Elected C. C. White Pastor. Year 1861 -	
Jan.	19	Received by letter, Lucy Christian and Lucy Christian (Jr) by exper-	

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Apr 20	Received by letter	Margaret Penley, and John and wife Terresa Vickrey.
July 20	Received by letter	Putk Simms.
Aug. 18	Received by experience	Edith McCollin, Lucy Seaman, Matilda Leftwich, Rebecca Simms, Susan Leftwich, William Corrol and Caroline Reagan, "Col",
Sept 14	Received by experience	M.A. Argo, Matilda Reagan, Lillian Spinks, Lucinda Case, Queen Victoria Wood, Martha Reagan, Mary Reagan, Luvenia McDaniell, W P Oldland, Sarah Ann Plunkett, Sarah Hardin, William Reagan, Margaret Reagan, "Anthony Leftwich "Col"
Nov 16	Received by letter	Richard Mitchell and wife Mary Mitchell, and Evaline Tucker.
" "	Elected	C. White indefinitely
Year 1862		
Jan 19		Dorid Argo, wife Nancy Argo and Anninda Argo. also Oliver Reagan a Deacon.
June 14	Were received by letter	
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July 19 Received by letter J. M. Lester
and wife, Susan Lester,
Sarah Hutchisson, and M. C. Goode

Year 1863

Year 1864 -

Mich 19 Received by letter, Martha A
Thomason, -
No business from July '64
until '65

Year 1865

July 15 Received by letter Matilda Soffington

Aug 15. Received by experience, Jane
Granade, Salita Reagan, Ellen
Granade, Arminda Lester,
Cynthia Argo, Julia Tucker, by
letter Palatine Peuly.

Sept 16 Received by letter Mary J. Plunkett,
by experience Ellen Hawby,
Sarah Clotfetter, M. E. Plunkett,
M. J. Hawby, and Windy Reagan

Year 1866 -

Feb 17 Received R. A. Jones by letter.

Mich 17 Received by letter W. H. Hunt
and Rebecca Hunt.

June 16 Received by letter D. F. Clotfetter.

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Year 1867

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| Jan. 19 | Received by letter R. L. Cowan and wife Nancy Cowan. |
| Aug. 16 | Received by experience Nathan Curry, Rebe Plunkett, Lucy Bartlett, Eliza Plunkett, A. C. Hardie, J. M. McCalland, W. A. Hainby, Sallie Clelland, B. P. Butler, Mary Butler. |

Year 1868.

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| Mar. 14 | Received by letter H. J. Chapman |
| Nov. 15 | Released C. L. White as Pastor. |

Year 1869.

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| May 15 | Received by letter G. M. Jones. |
| June 17 | Received by letter Sarah Giles. |

Year - 1870

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| Apr. 16 | Received by letter, Whitfield Williams and wife Sallie Williams. |
| June 18 | Licensed R. M. Plunkett, to preach. The Vigilant Committee was appointed, (the business of which was to look after the members whose conduct demanded such). The Committee were David McClung, O Seaman, and H. H. McDauell. Requested the Church at Union grove to ordain O. Reagan to the Ministry. |
| Oct. 20 | Elected Oliver Reagan Pastor. |
| Nov. 19 | Elected H. H. McDauell Deacon and G. M. Jones Church Clerk. |