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# Red River Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

ANTIOCH CHURCH, LAMAR CO, TEXAS,

September 2 and 3, A. D. 1881.

## OFFICERS.

TOM. A. CARTER..... MODERATOR.  
JOHN L. WRIGHT..... CLERK.  
J. D. WILLIAMS..... TREASURER.

The next Session of this Association will be held with the Baptist church at Paris, Texas, beginning on Friday before the first Sabbath in September, 1882.



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## PROCEEDINGS.

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The Red River Baptist Association met with Antioch Church, Lamar county, on Friday, the 2d day of September, 1881.

Eld. J. S. Ethridge and alternate being absent, on motion, Eld. T. W. Anderson preached the introductory sermon, from a portion of the 9th verse and 8th chapter of Romans.

The body was called to order, and after prayer by the Moderator, the delegates were requested to come forward and report their names to the Clerk.

The Moderator then appointed a committee on credentials. [See committee report No. 1.]

[NOTE.—The report was lost or mislaid.]

Adjourned until 3 o'clock.

### EVENING SESSION.

Association met, and after prayer by the Moderator, J. H. L. Bray and James Duncan were requested to act as reading clerks, and letters were called for and read, and delegates from the various churches enrolled as follows:

Antioch—J. L. Wright, E. D. Wright, J. W. Barnet, Wm. Porter.

Annona—Eld. T. W. Anderson, J. B. Crain, T. W. Anderson, Jr.

Blossom Prairie—J. H. L. Bray, G. B. Eads, J. J. Martin.

Bethlehem—M. G. McCarver, J. Cagle, Joseph Cagle, R. A. Counsel.

Bethany—E. J. Ward, J. D. Hays, R. D. Hutchinson.  
Clarksville—J. P. Dale, J. J. Sivly, T. A. Carter, H. C. Hooks.

Claremont—Eld. R. Blanchard, S. E. Fortner, W. A. Johnson, W. A. Carpenter.

Center Springs—H. W. Townsend, John Johnson.  
Cedar Creek—A. H. Doss.

Hepzibah—G. F. Ligget, H. M. Terry, W. A. McMurray.

Hopewell—J. R. Mowery, J. A. Collins, A. Cookstun, C. W. Williams.

Helcedania—Eld. N. B. Terry, J. M. Whittle, B. H. Martin, T. C. Davis.

Liberty—G. B. Dean, L. C. Taylor, Joseph Patterson.  
Providence No. 2—F. L. Roach, R. F. Neal.

Pine Spring—Eld. Wm. Blake, J. L. Clowers, John Ashly, H. Mays.

Paris—B. F. Fuller, H. Petty, J. D. Williams, Eld. L. J. Burton.

Sham Rock—J. W. Moore, Eld. J. F. Duncan.  
Shiloh—Eld. J. F. Meyer, J. N. Ogletree.

Sylvan—M. D. Bray, Frank Graves.

Mt. Pleasant—J. H. Holt, Wm. Bolton, G. W. Barnet, W. B. Barnes.

Union Grove—Eld. Silas Crain, J. J. Anderson.  
White Oak—J. A. Dickson, N. J. Carter, N. B. Carter, L. W. Lassiter.

Red Oak—G. W. Duncan, G. W. Davis, Thos. Smith.

The body then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. J. D. Williams and L. W. Lassiter were appointed as tellers, and, on counting the votes, Tom. A. Carter was declared elected Moderator, and J. L. Wright, Clerk.

The Moderator announced preaching at night by Eld. Wm. Blake.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

## SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 A. M.

The body met and was opened with prayer by J. W. Moore.

The body then proceeded to elect a Treasurer, and G. W. Dean was duly elected.

The Moderator then called for petitionary letters, and a letter was presented from Red Oak Church, asking to be admitted into this body, which request was granted.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates from Red Oak.

Called for corresponding letters and delegates from sister associations. None.

A committee on divine services was appointed, composed of pastor and deacons of Antioch Church.

Called for report of Executive Committee. Not ready, and longer time was granted.

Called for Treasurer's report. Not ready, and longer time granted.

The body then proceeded to elect an Executive Board. J. H. L. Bray, G. B. Eads, J. D. Williams, J. P. Dale and James Jordan were duly elected.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Finance—J. W. Barnet, A. B. Carter, J. D. Hays.  
Foreign Missions—B. F. Fuller, L. C. Taylor, C. M. Terry.

Ministerial Support—Eld. Silas Crain, J. M. Whittle, S. E. Fortner.

Colored Population—W. A. Carpenter, L. W. Lassiter, G. B. Eads.

Religious Literature—Eld. Wm. Blake, Henry Petty, R. A. Counsel.

Sabbath-schools—Eld. J. F. Duncan, G. F. Ligget, H. M. McCarver.



Temperance—J. H. L. Bray, Eld. L. J. Burton, F. L. Roach.

The body then selected some one to preach the next ensuing introductory sermon. The choice was J. E. Horner; L. J. Burton alternate.

Messengers to sister associations:

Eld. Silas Crain, North Sulphur; T. W. Anderson, Jr., Rehoboth; Henry Petty, Sister Grove; Eld. Wm. Blake, Texarkana; General Association, J. F. Duncan, Henry Petty, Eld. T. W. Anderson, T. W. Anderson, Jr., Eld. J. E. Horner, Eld. L. J. Burton, J. D. Williams, Eld. Silas Crain and T. A. Carter.

White Oak Church presented certain resolutions in their letter, which was read, and, on motion, was referred to a special committee, composed of J. W. Moore, J. J. Martin, Joseph Cagle, A. H. Doss, J. R. Mowery, J. W. Barnet and J. B. Crain.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the body met, and after prayer, proceeded to business.

Executive Board report read and adopted. [See report No. 2.]

Treasurer's report read and adopted. [See report No. 3]

Report on Temperance read and adopted. [See report No. 4]

Report on Religious Literature read and adopted. [See report No. 5]

Report on Ministerial Support read and adopted. [See report No. 6.]

Report on Colored Population read and adopted. [See report No. 7.]

Report on Sabbath-schools read and adopted. [See report No. 8.]

Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted. [See report No. 9.]

Report on Special Fellowship read, and 26 voting for and 12 against, the Moderator ruled that it was a question touching fellowship and required a unanimous vote. Certain delegates being dissatisfied, arose and left the house, with the avowed purpose of forming a new association.

Finance Committee report read and adopted. [See report No. 10]

The Treasurer elect withdrawing from our body, the body proceeded to elect a Treasurer. J. D. Williams was duly elected.

Motion to return to the withdrawing churches the amount of money contributed by them for minutes or send them minutes in proportion to the money paid by them.

Proceeded to select a place to hold the next annual session, and Paris was selected.

The following was presented and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we pledge our churches to pay the amount due our missionary and amounts advanced by brethren to keep him in the field, and after. This Association shall pay all that may be raised on to-morrow. We promise upon our return home to give our attention at once to the raising of the amount that shall be unpaid and as much more as we can for the use of future missionary work, and report same to the Executive Board.

The following was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the citizens of this neighborhood for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during the sitting of this body.

The clerk was allowed seven dollars and fifty cents for his services.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

No. 1—*Resolved*, That that part of article first of rules of decorum, requiring the moderator to appoint a committee on credentials, be stricken out.

No. 2. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD—We, your executive board, beg leave to make the following report: After last Association we employed Elder J. F. Meyer as missionary, at a salary of thirty dollars per month, and kept him in the field until June the 1st, 1881, and we now him a balance of \$31.10. We owe to the other parties who advanced to J. F. Meyer about \$40. Amount due \$71.10. So soon as we found we were getting behind, and some churches failing to send amounts they had pledged, we discontinued the services of brother Meyer.

J. H. L. BRAY, Chairman.

No. 3. REPORT OF TREASURER—Paid to clerk, \$10; paid for printing minutes, \$24; paid to J. F. Meyer, by order of the board, \$35.25; total amount, \$69.25. Amount received from former treasurer, \$64.30.

J. D. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

No. 4. REPORT ON TEMPERANCE—Perhaps no period in the history of the world has been more acutely alive to the wide wasting uses and ravages of the grand moral evil of intemperance than the present, and perhaps no age has witnessed a more determined effort to stay the ruinous tide. Christianity, humanity, philanthropy and every nobler sentiment of the human heart calls in feeling tones to the lovers of God and the world to raise the voice of holy pleading, that the world may awaken from the deep slumber of slavery under which it has slept for ages. The Church of Christ has been subjected to reproaches, and even church members have seemed to forget that God has said "no drunkard shall ever inherit the kingdom of God." How we feel that the sentiment of this body as Christians should be, is hereby expressed in opposition to the use of alcoholic beverages at all times and under all circumstances, and that we hereby express a God-speed to the cause of prohibition, either local or general.

J. H. L. BRAY, Chairman.

No. 5. CHURCH LITERATURE—First of all, we recom-

mend a careful study of the Bible and thus fulfill the command of our blessed Savior by searching the scriptures, for in them we think we have eternal life, for they are, they which testify of me; for the lack of a diligent and prayerful study of them has proven very detrimental not only to our associations and churches, but to many of our individual members. We recommend *The Texas Baptist*, *Ford's Christian Repository*, also *Kind Words*, and the *Battle Flag*, edited by D. B. Ray.

WM. BLAKE, Chairman.

No. 6. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Your committee report that we deeply regret the lack of ministerial support in our bounds. There are but few, if any of our churches, which have not pastors. Yet we have great reason to believe that our churches do not contribute as liberally to the support of their several pastors as the circumstances demand, and as their duty requires. Your committee to recommend that the ministers of this association instruct our churches more fully concerning their duty in this particular, believing that it is as much the duty of the churches to support the pastor as it is his duty to preach to them, and we believe that our brethren will do their duty if they know it.

SILAS CRAIN, Chairman.

No. 7. REPORT ON COLORED POPULATION—We, your committee, being aware of the fact that the colored population are making strong efforts to an advancement in Christianity, recommend that our ministers and brethren use every effort to instruct them in the true Gospel. We would have our fathers recommend that the association adopt some means to more fully disseminate the truths of the pure Gospel among them.

L. W. LASSITER, Chairman.

No. 8. REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS—Since we recognize the Sabbath-school as the church at work, we insist on the importance of giving this question earnest and prayerful consideration. We find that the spirit of Sabbath-schools has ever run through the churches of God. We find that Moses commanded the people to assemble with their children on the Sabbath days and read to them and expound the scriptures. Wherever we find true churches of God at work we find the Sab-



bath-school. It is in fact the nursery of the church. Wherever there has been great revivals of religion, nine times out of ten they begin with Sabbath-school children. We, therefore, recommend that each and every church in our association organize at once Sabbath-schools and labor in them earnestly, knowing that the children of to-day are to be the men and women of to-morrow, and as our children are, so will our men and women be. Let each of our churches take this matter under immediate consideration and as early as possible organize into a Sabbath-school convention, to meet by delegation yearly with this body, for the better and more perfect advancement of our Lord's Zion.

JAS. F. DUNCAN, Chairman.

NO. 9. REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—As this Association has not hitherto attempted to do anything in the field of foreign missions, and as we do not now seem to be in a condition to engage actively in this work, it might be thought out of place to say anything on this subject. Yet, if we have not a dollar to send to foreign fields for missions and cannot send a single missionary to work, still we do hope that we shall not forget that Christ has said go into the world and preach my Gospel to every creature; and keep always in our hearts an affectionate desire to convey out this great behest of our Savior by contributing at every opportunity as the Lord may prosper us.

B. F. FULLER, Chairman.

NO. 10. REPORT ON FINANCE—We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report that we received, for minutes, \$24.10.

J. B. CARTER, Chairman.

The committee on finance withdrawing from the house, there was a collection taken up for the purpose of raising the minute fund, and \$8.85 was raised and was not counted in their report, making a total of \$32.45. The Association then adjourned to meet with the Paris church, Friday before the first Sabbath in September, 1882.

TOM A. CARTER, Moderator.

JOHN L. WRIGHT, Clerk.

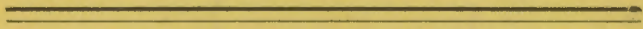
## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Postoffice.	County.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Rec'd by Let- ter & Relat'n.	Expe- lence.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Total.	Day of Meeting.	Amount Minutes
Antioch*	Blos'm Prairie	Lamar ...	R Blanchard	J L Wright ...	3	7	9	1	39	2	\$3 00
Annona*	Clarksville...	Red River.	J C Price	T W Anderson	4	3	2	..	39	..	3 00
Blos Prairie*	Blos'm Prairie	Lamar ...	J J Burton ...	J A Brewer...	5	9	3	..	127	2	2 50
Bethany.....	Clarksville ...	Red River.	T C Holt.....	H Hutchinson	4	..	4	..	37	3	.....
Bethlehem.....	Clarksville....	Red River	R Blanchard..	M S McCarver	1	3	2	1	27	4	.....
Cedar Creek*	Dalby Spring.	Bowie....	J A Petty	J J Peters ...	1	..	5	1	21	3	1 75
Claremont ...	Fulbright .....	Red River.	R Blanchard..	W A Johnson	4	2	5	2	54	1	.....
Center Spring*	Paris.....	Lamar ...	J C Price	J C Bea-on ...	..	..	..	..	56	1	1 50
Clarksville*	Clarksville ...	Red River.	..	T A Carter .....	..	..	1	..	37	..	2 00
Hepzibah*	Milton.....	Lamar ...	J McCullough	H M Terry .....	3	3	21	3	47	4	1 35
Hopewell.....	Clarksville ...	Red River..	N B Terry .....	J M Rabearn..	9	22	5	2	51	4	.....
Liberty.....	Bennett.....	Red River	N B Terry.....	S B Dean.....	10	9	..	3	71	4	1 85
Helcedonia ...	Manchester.	Red River.	N B Terry .....	..	9	10	2	10	65	2	.....
Paris*.....	Paris.....	Lamar ...	J H Boyet	B F Fuller .....	23	14	5	5	207	..	4 00
Pleas't Grove*	Pattonville ...	Lamar ...	J McCullough	..	6	1	..	..	16	..	50
Pine Springs*	Isaac .....	Red River.	T W Anderson	J L Clowers .....	4	8	1	1	33	..	2 00
Providence, 2*	Bogota.....	Red River.	J E Horner...	R F Neal.....	4	1	4	1	30	2	2 00
Red Oak*.....	Bennett.....	Red River	S W Duncan ..	Thos E Smith..	..	..	..	..	9	1	.....
Shamrock.....	..	Red River.	..	J W Moore .....	2	..	..	..	28	..	1 00
Sylvan*.....	Blos'm Prairie	Lamar ...	Silas Crain...	M D Bray.....	..	..	1	..	36	1	3 50
Union Grove**	Paris.....	Lamar ...	W J Owens	T L Anderson	5	2	4	1	37	2	1 50
White Oak....	Cuthand.....	Red River,	J McCullough.	J A Dickson..	1	2	1	..	26	1	1 00

\*Those marked with a star remained. The delegates from the rest withdrew.

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Tom A. Carter  
Clarksville, Texas



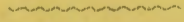
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