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MINUTES

OF THE

49th Session

OF THE

RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held with the White Oak Baptist Church

AT

Garvinsville, - Texas,

October 1st, 2d, and 3d, 1892.

OFFICERS:

GEO. B. DEAN,	- - - - -	Moderator.
THOS. C. HOLT,	- - - - -	Clerk.
W. B. TERRY,	- - - - -	Treasurer.



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RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY.

The Red River Baptist Association met with White Oak Church Oct. 1, 1892, at 10 a. m., and was called to order by the former Moderator. Introductory sermon preached by Eld. J. F. Whitson, appointee, from 2 Cor. 12:2. Adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2:30 p. m. Called to order by Moderator; prayer by Bro. Holt.

Moderator appointed Bros. W. W. Lawson and Thos. C. Holt reading clerks. Letters were presented and read from the following churches, and the names of the messengers were enrolled :

Clarksville.—S. W. Harman, Eld. F. M. McConnell.

Clairmount.—J. N. Miller, J. M. Bell, S. E. Fortner, Sisters Susan Miller and Nannie Fortner.

Kalcedonia.—B. B. Lain.

Loan Oak.—Eld. C. P. Pearson, C. Pretre, J. G. Barnett.

Macedonia.—J. P. Sales, Lee Hinson, J. Mauldin.

Midway.—W. Herron, G. W. Ratcliff.

Eanon.—L. Medford, J. W. Clifton, C. H. Harris.

Providence No. 1.—E. D. Latimer, J. J. Gaston.

Providence No. 2.—Eld. G. B. Furgerson, H. Bryant.

Pilgrims' Rest.—Eld. Thos. C. Holt, W. W. Lawson, I.

H. Lawson, J. M. Sivley.

White Oak.—Eld. C. A. Worley, Eld. A. G. Pitman, A. McCulloch, J. S. Alexander.

Liberty.—Eld. N. B. Terry, W. Coffman, J. S. Patterson, G. H. Hollingsworth.

Shamrock.—C. J. Moore.

Salem.—H. C. Hill, G. T. Cole, Eld. J. M. Stanphel.

Binion Lake.—Robt. Foister, A. W. Tyson.

Bethlehem.—N. B. Hinson.

Brewster's Prairie.—R. N. Edwards, E. L. Terry, Mollie

LaMaster.

Concord.—D. M. Hooser, E. K. Hodges, D. Clananan, J.

F. Pace.

Bethany.—W. H. Mayes.

Blanton's Creek.—J. F. Bivens, W. E. Teague.

Hopewell No. 1.—B. F. Neal, T. L. Crookston.

Oak Grove.—N. H. Lovett, Sister R. C. Lovett.

Prayer by Bro. Pearson. The Association proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. Bros. Whitten and Holland were appointed tellers. Bro. G. B. Dean was again elected Moderator. Proceeded to ballot for clerk. Eld. Thos. C. Holt was elected clerk, and Bro. W. B. Terry was elected treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Bro. J. F. Whitsen, a correspondent from Lamar County Association, and Bro.

J. B. Lumbly, Sunday school worker and Colporteur, and Bro. Lewis Holland, in the interest of Baptist Observer, were invited to seats with us. Also Eld. R. Wharton from Lamar county, was invited to sit with us.

Motion carried, that Bro. Worley furnish us a form for letter of correspondence.

Bros. W. W. Lawson, H. C. Hill and J. W. Clifton were appointed corresponding messengers to the Texarkana Association; Bro. J. M. Bell appointed correspondent to Lamar County Association; Bro. J. S. Patterson to the Rehoboth Association.

Committee on Divine Service, composed of pastor and deacons of White Oak Church, to report at any time.

Adjourned till 7 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 7 p. m. Preaching by Eld. J. B. Lumbly, after which the following standing committees were appointed:

On Local or Home Missions.—S. W. Harmon, C. J. Moore, J. S. Patterson.

On Education.—Eld. C. P. Pearson, J. P. Sales, S. E. Fortner.

On Religious Literature.—Eld. N. B. Terry, H. C. Hill, J. S. Alexander.

On Sunday Schools.—W. W. Lawson, D. M. Hooser, J. D. Childress.

On Temperance.—Eld. G. B. Furgerson, Jeff Davis, E. L. Terry.

On Finance.—W. W. Lawson, J. W. Clifton, N. B. Hinson.

On State Missions.—Eld. C. A. Worley, I. H. Lawson, J. J. Gaston.

On Foreign Missions.—Eld. F. M. McConnell, W. D. Carrol, B. B. Lain.

On Aged Ministerial Relief.—Eld. J. M. Bell, J. N. Sivley, W. H. Mayes.

On Nominations.—Eld. A. G. Pitman, J. G. Barnett, B. F. Neal.

Orphans' Relief.—S. W. Harmon, J. F. Bivens, G. H. Hollingsworth.

On Obituaries.—Eld. Thos. C. Holt, R. N. Edwards, W. Coffman.

Adjourned to meet Sunday 9 a. m.

SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Sunday school mass meeting. An address by Bro. Harmon to the children, followed by Bro. Lumbly.

Bro. Hardee, representing Texas Baptist and Herald, and Bro. Givens, representing Howard Paine College, coming in, were invited to sit with the Association.

Committee on Divine Service appointed Eld. F. M. McConnell to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m. The hour having arrived, Bro. McConnell preached from Matt. 27:51.

Took up collection for Local Missions, amount in cash and pledges, \$149.75.

Adjourned for dinner until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met and had a sermon from Bro. Givens. Eld. C. P. Pearson was appointed to preach at 7 p. m., followed by Eld. C. A. Worley.

Association adjourned to meet Monday at 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY.

Monday, Oct. 3, at 9 a. m. Association called to order by the Moderator, after song and prayer it was moved and carried not to read the Minutes till close of the Session.

Reports of committees were then called for, and reported in the following order :

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report the following :

Considering the immense progress made in all branches of knowledge, and the necessity of our keeping abreast of this advancement, we recommend that free and full use be made of all means available for the dissemination of light and knowledge among our people; but in the selection of high schools and colleges that preference be given to our denominational institutions. Further; while we highly appreciate the eminent services and usefulness of many of our ministers who have not had the advantages of a thorough and liberal education, we yet believe that a sound theological education will increase their power and efficiency, especially in confuting the numerous heresies of the day and defending the doctrines as delivered unto the saints.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. PEARSON,
S. E. FORTNER,
J. P. SALES.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Religious' Literature, recommend and beg leave to recommend that our people use and read the Bible and Sunday school literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention.

N. B. TERRY, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report the following:

Whereas, drunkenness is an offense against the laws of Christ, and is a crime, excluding man from the kingdom of God; and whereas, the saloon business, the selling of whisky and other intoxicants and making drunkards is disreputable and a great crime against God and man, as a business; that it is the sense of the Word of God and this Association as the professed followers of Christ, that any church holding members who sell whisky, drink whisky as a beverage or a hospitality, or gets drunk shall not be regarded as in good standing by this Association.

GEO. B. FURGERSON, Chairman.
J. J. DAVIS,
E. L. TERRY.

By motion C. A. Worley, C. Pretre and H. C. Hill were appointed a committee on ministers and postoffices.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, would respectfully report the following:

We find from the letters from the churches to this Association that there are in operation within the bounds of the Association only three Baptist Sunday schools with a membership of 165; officers and teachers, 17; number of books in library, 100. That from said schools there have been two conversions. That said schools have contributed during the year for school expenses, \$32; for Foreign Mission, \$9.50; to Orphans Home, \$43.50; to state Sunday schools, \$2; to the poor, \$20; total during the year, \$106.85.

We recommend that this body encourage Baptist Sunday schools, organized under the direction of Baptist churches. We express our deep regret at the state of indifference among our churches, and almost universal neglect of Sunday schools by our ministers.

We recommend a close study of Christ's last words in the

commission, and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. LAWSON, Chairman,
J. D. CHILDRESS.

ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, your committee, report as follows: We believe it is right to support our broken down ministers. We urge the churches to help in this cause liberally.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. BELL, Chairman,
W. H. MAYES.

The Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with singing.
Prayer by Bro. Bell.

ON LOCAL OR HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

We very much regret to have to report that while there is very great destitution in our midst, there has been no missionary work done in our bounds by our denomination during the Associational year just closing. We hope that such will not be the case during the coming year. We have had blessings in the work in past years, which should stimulate us to greater work. There are several churches within our boundary that are useful churches in the work of the Master, which are the fruits of Missionary work. We call special attention to the fact that not one petitionary letter was presented for membership in our body at this session, while at our former sessions we have nearly always had from one to three applications for membership with us, coming from churches organized by our Missionaries. Brethren, let this be a

solemn warning to us, and let us resolve that by the help of God we will keep a Missionary at work in our bounds at least half, if not all the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PATTERSON,
S. W. HARMON,
Committee.

ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

Texas is our field. What a magnificent territory; unparalleled resources. Right on our own border and about us are thousands that must hear the gospel through our labor and efforts in our missionary work in the next decade. The countries of Mexico, under God depends upon our efforts. We can and ought to do more than heretofore, because of the success of the past. Most of the leading churches in Texas are the result of the State Mission work in the past, and this should stimulate us for the future, besides the needs should urge us on to efforts. There are 2,000,000 people in Texas who are out of Christ. This should emphasize the importance of the work. The Baptists number more than two-fifths of the church membership of the state, excepting Romanism. We have over 207,000 Baptists in Texas. Last year, or the Association year just closed, we had 143 Missionaries employed; organized 107 churches, with a membership of 1,173; had 2,432 baptisms; 3,812 professed conversion, besides efficient Sunday school work; distributed 814, 693 pages of religious literature; built 33 church houses at a cost of \$22,460; collected \$35,570.

The success we have had should encourage us to go on in the work. Brethren, this is our centennial mission year. Let us look back for the century and take courage and say, the Lord be praised for past success. May the Lord be with us, bless and help us in this, the Lord's work.

C. A. WORLEY,
I. H. LAWSON.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Messengers of Red River Association:

We recognize that the Foreign Mission work is the work of Christ, and as this is the centennial year of modern missions, we recommend that every pastor in our bounds preach often this year on Foreign Missions, and collect all they can to spread missions to the utmost extent.

F. M. McCONNELL,
W. D. CARROLL,
B. B. LAIN.

ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

We recommend that the Missionary Board meet regularly with the Workers' Institute, which meets on Thursday night before each fifth Sunday, and that it be composed of the Moderator for chairman, and F. M. McConnell, W. W. Lawson, F. A. Honeycutt and J. A. Dixon, and that they meet Saturday before the fifth Sunday, at 3 p. m., and that any member of a church belonging to this Association who may be present at any meeting with a contribution from his church may be and is recognized as a member of the Board for that meeting, and any three members present shall constitute a quorum to transact business that may come before the Board; and we further recommend that a Missionary be put in the field as soon as practicable.

A. G. PITTMAN,
B. F. NEAL,
J. G. BARNETT.

ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home, beg leave to make the following report:

There are something over 200 orphans in the Buckner Orphans' Home, who are helpless, and are looking to us and other people of God for their support. Our Heavenly Father has placed them at our door, and like Lazarus at the rich man's gate,

May 6.	I. F. Techner, Home Missions,	- - -	5.00
	Total received during year,	- - -	\$125.75
	Paid out during year,	- - -	104.75
	Balance in my hands to date,	- - -	\$ 21.00
	Received since meeting of this body:		
Oct. 3, 1892,	From Finance Committee,	- - -	\$ 74.05
" "	From Board,	- - -	1.40
	Cash in hand,	- - -	\$ 97.45
	Respectfully submitted,		
	W. B. TERRY, Treasurer.		

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Red River Baptist Association, now in session with White Oak Church, to the Associations with which we correspond —Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are now in the midst of our annual session. Our churches are nearly all represented. Many of them bring the cheering news of God's saving power manifested among them during the past year, and we have very great reasons to thank God and take courage.

Your correspondent and our dear brother, Eld. J. F. Whitson, was gladly received by us, and we were very much strengthened and edified by his counsel and preaching. We desire to continue and strengthen, and if possible our correspondence with you, and while we do not want to dictate, but only to suggest, and hope that many of your brethren will visit us next year, and especially hope you will send Brother Whitson again. Any of our brethren bearing a copy of our Minutes may be our messenger to you.

May the God of all grace be with you.

C. A. WORLEY.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved; That the thanks of this Association be and the same is hereby tendered to the members of this church, and the

christian brethren of other denominations, and all other people of this community, for the kindness shown us during our deliberation.

Resolved; That our thanks are tendered Bro. G. B. Dean for the just and impartial manner in which he has presided over us as our Moderator.

Clairmont Church was selected as the place of our next meeting; time, on Thursday night before the full moon in October, 1893.

Eld. C. A. Worley was elected to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. F. M. McConnell, alternate.

The Clerk was requested to have published and to distribute 500 copies of these Minutes, and that he receive \$10 for his services.

The Association ratifies the action of our Treasurer in his arrangement with Bro. J. M. Carroll.

Adjourned to meet as above stated. Before parting we sung one of the sweet songs of Zion, and gave each other the right hand of fellowship.

PLEDGES FOR BAYLOR UNIVERSITY.

F. M. McConnell.....	\$10 00
C. A. Worley.....	5 00
John Dixon.....	5 00
J. N. Miller.....	2 50
G. W. Stallings.....	2 50
S. E. Fortner.....	2 50
I. H. Lawson.....	2 50
H. C. Hill.....	2 50

W. H. Mayes.....	2 50
J. F. Whitson.....	1 00
J. M. Stanphil.....	1 00
W. P. McClure.....	1 00
J. S. Alexander.....	1 00
J. S. Patterson.....	1 00
R. N. Edwards.....	1 00
G. B. Dean.....	2 50
B. D. Robertson.....	2 00
Thos. C. Holt.....	1 00
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Total	\$46 50

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

N. B. Terry, Detroit.	T. M. Garrett, Manchester.
G. W. Barnes, Detroit.	E. C. Martin, English.
G. W. Duncan, Detroit.	John McElroy, English.
C. A. Worley, Clarksville.	J. E. Horner, Bogota.
I. N. Franks, Manchester.	C. P. Pearson, Deport.
A. G. Pittman, Cuthand.	W. F. Beadle, Manchester.
K. L. Keen, Isaaca.	Eld. Oldham, Clarksville.
R. R. Fry, Rosalie.	T. C. Holt, Annona.
D. P. Mace, Lydia.	G. W. Braddock, Manchester.
G. B. Ferguson, Bogota.	J. B. Stanfield, Box Elder.
J. W. Bell, Fulbright.	J. B. Traylor, Clarksville.
F. M. McConnell, Clarksville.	

LICENTIATES.

B. D. Robertson, Halesboro.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WORLEY.



STATE MISSIONS.

Clarksville	\$ 5 00
White Oak	5 00
Lone Oak	2 00
Clairmount	5 00
Liberty	2 50
Mt. Pleasant	2 00
Prairie Grove	2 50
Enon	2 50
Annona	4 00
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Total	\$30 50

HOME MISSIONS.

PLEGDED BY CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS.

Clairmount	\$ 6 00
Clarksville	25 00
Concord	2 00
G. B. Dean	5 00
Enon	2 50
Liberty	2 50
Lone Oak	2 00
Pilgrims' Rest	25 00
Providence No. 2	5 00
Salem	5 00
White Oak	5 00
J. C. Moore	5 00
S. W. Harmon	5 00
Levi Blessard	2 00
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Total	\$97 00

OBITUARIES.



Dear Brethren of Red River Association:

We report to you the sad news of the death of Brother Thos. M. Crow, a member of White Oak Church. He died Aug. 20th, 1892; was born April 11th, 1855; professed faith in Christ at about the age of 15 years, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church. He was a useful, consistent member until the day of his death. His death was triumphant—telling the writer and others, as the earthy was passing away, he said the inner man was stronger, and stronger, and all was “brighter! brighter!! brighter!!!” and with a wave of his feeble hand he exclaimed: “My way is clear.” Thus he passed away.

Our loss is his eternal gain, and we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

THOS. C. HOLT,
For Committee.



TABLE OF FINANCES.

PAID OUT DURING THE YEAR

CHURCHES.	Value of Ch. Building	PAID OUT DURING THE YEAR										Total
		Church Building	Pastor's Salary	Assoc'n Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Missions of Home B'rd	Aged Ministers	Orphans Home	Minute Fund	Miscellan.	
Annona	\$200 00											\$ 2 50
Brewster Prairie			\$ 60 00	50	1 00	1 00	50			1 50		64 50
Blanton Creek								75	2 50			3 25
Binion Lake				2 00						50		2 50
Bethany									5 00	1 50		6 50
Bethlehem										75		75
Clarksville		189 00	870 00		10 00	11 00	10 00				75 00	1165 00
Concord			75 00							2 00		77 00
Clairmount							3 75			2 00		5 75
Enon									1 50			1 50
Hopewell									1 70			2 80
Kalcedonia									1 60			1 60
Lone Oak			50 00	2 00	2 00					50		54 50
Liberty										1 40		1 40
Mt. Pleasant										70		70
Midway			75 00						2 10	75		77 85
Macedonia										1 00		1 00
Oak Grove										1 00		39 00
Prairie Grove			35 00	2 00	1 00					2 00		75 00
Pilgrim Rest	500 00		200 00		9 50				12 00	2 00	27 00	750 50
Providence No. 1										1 00		1 00
Providence No. 2			50 00				5 00					55 00
Shamrock			75 00		6 50	7 50			6 00	1 00		96 00
Salem										1 50		1 50
White Oak	800 00									1 00		801 00

* But few Churches reported property in their letters

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	INCREASE			DECREASE			Totals	DAYS OF MEETING.	
				Baptism	Letter	Restorat'n	Statement	Letter	Expulsion			Death
1 Annona	N. B. Terry	J. R. Melton	English	15	11	2				2	68 4	Saturday & Sunday
2 Brewster's Prairie	N. B. Terry	R. N. Edwards	Clarksville	3	7						44 1	Sun. & Satur. before
3 Blanton's Creek	G. W. Braddock	W. L. Bivens	Bagwell						1	3	24 4	" " "
4 Binion Lake	C. P. Pearson	Robt. Forster	Halesboro								13 2	" " "
5 Bethany	D. P. Mace	H. H. Hutchinson	Clarksville	8	5					5	49 2	" " "
6 Bethlehem	R. R. Fry	N. B. Hinson	Bogota								21 2	" " "
7 Clarksville	F. M. McConnell	H. S. Thomas	Clarksville	5	7	1		6	2	3	94	Every Sunday
8 Concord	N. B. Terry	H. C. Moore	Annona	11	8			9	7	3	158 2	Sun. & Satur. before
9 Clairmount	J. M. Bell	L. R. Lassiter	Fulbright	5	8	1					39	" " "
10 Enon	D. P. Mace	J. W. Clifton	Lyda	9	12	2	1	3	4	1	46 3	" " "
11 Hopewell	I. F. Swarts	B. R. Lane	Ira	9	5	4		3	6	1	57 4	" " "
12 Kalcedonia	N. B. Terry	J. A. KingWald	Manchester	17	6	6		1		1	85	" " "
13 Lone Oak	A. B. Viteto	G. A. Gilliam	Deport	1	3		4				25 3	" " "
14 Liberty	G. B. Furgerson	J. S. Patterson	Detroit	19	17	3		10		1	108 1	" " "
15 Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Braddock	W. J. Ray	Manchester	3					3	2	9	" " "
16 Midway	M. H. Whitson	John W. Harris	Detroit		4			1	1		32 4	" " "
17 Macedonia	C. A. Worley	R. Vickory	Rosalie		2			6			50	" " "
18 Oak Grove	J. M. Stanphil		Clarksville								1	" " "
19 Prairie Grove	C. A. Worley	S. T. Smith	Clarksville	3	2			1			23 4	" " "
20 Pilgrim Rest	J. A. Jackson	W. W. Lawson	Annona	3	5			8	4	2	93 3	" " "
21 Providence No. 1	R. Blanchard	J. J. Gaston			1			2			39 1	" " "
22 Providence No. 2	G. B. Furgerson	H. Bryant	Bogota	1	3			6	2	2	65 4	" " "
23 Shamrock	Chas. Hoover	G. W. Thompson	Clarksville	4	1			3		1	36 4	" " "
24 Salem	C. A. Worley	J. B. Upchurch	Box Elder		2			2	6		50 2	" " "
25 White Oak	N. B. Terry	A. W. Alexander	Cuthand	10	1			8	2	3	80 3	" " "