

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION

MINUTES

of the

Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist  
Association

Held With

Concord Baptist Church

September 1, 1943

Moderator—L. H. Patterson, Route 2, Detroit, Texas.

Clerk—A. I. Bond, Route 1, Bogata, Texas.

Treasurer—Z. C. Humphrey, Route 5, Clarksville, Texas.

The next session of the Association will be held with the Maple Creek Church, twelve miles southeast of Clarksville, on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1944. Introductory sermon by Elder W. R. Davis; alternate, Elder L. H. Patterson.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Special Order of Business to be called first).

- 1 Introductory Sermon.
- 2 Reading of Letters—Enrolling Messengers.
- 3 Election of Officers.
- 4 Petitionary Letters.
- 5 Miscellaneous Business.
- 6 Appointment of Committees:
  - 1 Divine Service.
  - 2 Associational Missions.
  - 3 State Missions.
  - 4 Foreign Missions.
  - 5 Sunday School.
  - 6 Christian Education.
  - 7 Denominational Literature.
  - 8 Temperance.
  - 9 Orphan's Home.
  - 10 Old Minister's Relief.
  - 11 Inter-State Missions.
- 7 Special Reports:
  - 1 Treasurer's Report.
  - 2 Financial Report.
  - 3 Clerk's Report.
  - 4 County Missionary's Report.
- 8 Resolution of Thanks.

## PROCEEDINGS

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The One Hundredth Annual Session of Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association met Wednesday night, September 1, 1943, and the body was called to order by the Moderator, W. R. Davis. After singing a song, "What a Fellowship," and prayer led by Elder J. D. McClung, a devotional service was conducted by Elder L. H. Patterson. Elder J. B. Watson preached the introductory sermon. Lesson, I John 3. Subject, "Love."

### Thursday Morning

The house was called to order by the Moderator, W. R. Davis. After singing two songs and a prayer by Brother Z. C. Humphreys, Elder Jim Dotson conducted a devotional service.

The Moderator appointed D. D. Miller and Elder L. H. Patterson as reading clerks.

The letters were read, and a motion prevailed to receive the letters as read and seat the Messengers.

Elder L. H. Patterson was elected as Moderator; his election was made unanimous. A. I. Bond was elected as Clerk. Brother Z. C. Humphrey, Treasurer. Elder L. A. Stidham preached the noonday sermon. Lesson, Heb. 11:13-17. Text, Matt. 5:5.

### Thursday Afternoon

The Moderator called the house to order. After song service and prayer led by Brother Jim Watson, Elder Eugene McClung conducted a devotional service.

Motion and second prevailed that all visiting brothers be seated with us in our deliberations.

Petitionary letters were called for. There was a letter presented from the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Clarksville and a letter from Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church, asking for membership in our Association. The letters were read and adopted as read, and the Messengers seated.

Miscellaneous business was called for. Maple Creek was selected as the home for the 1944 session of our Association. The location is four miles east of Cuthand, Texas, twelve miles southeast of Clarksville, Texas. The meeting will be on the Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1944. Elder W. R. Davis will preach the introductory sermon; alternate, L. H. Patterson.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be at Greenwood, north of Clarksville.

A letter of the missionary rally was read by Elder Jim Dotson and stood adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and spoken on by Elder Jim Dotson and Elder L. A. Stidham.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted as read, and spoken on by Elder L. B. Neal, Elder J. D. McClung, A. I. Bond and Brother J. C. Humphrey.

The body adjourned to meet again at 8:00 p.m.

#### Evening Service

After song service and prayer led by Elder J. B. Watson, Brother Z. C. Humphrey conducted a devotional service. Elder J. D. McClung preached the evening sermon. Lesson, Rom. 20:11-15. Subject, "A Birth Certificate."

Report on State Missions was read and adopted and spoken on by Elder J. D. McClung. A cash collection was taken to the amount of \$10.00 (ten dollars).

Motion and second to adjourn until 10:00 Friday morning.

#### Friday Morning, 10 o'Clock

The house was called to order by the Moderator. After song and prayer, led by Elder J. E. Watson, Brother J. D. Sidden conducted a devotional service.

Report on Old Ministers' Relief was read and spoken on by Elder J. D. McClung. A cash collection was taken to the amount of \$7.32, to be sent to Sister W. F. Brooks and Sister Deviney.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted as read, and spoken on by Brother Z. C. Humphrey, Brother Jay Sidden, Elder J. D. McClung, Sister Adkins, Brother Adkins.

Elder A. I. Bond preached the noon-hour sermon. Text, St. John 1:29.

#### Friday Afternoon

The Moderator called the house together after song service and prayer, led by Elder J. D. McClung, and prayer led by Elder Jim Dotson.

Report on Orphans Home was read and spoken on by Elder J. B. Watson and a cash collection was taken to the amount of \$6.86, and was adopted as read.

Report on Association Missions and Interstate Missions was read and spoken on by Elder J. E. Watson, and adopted as read.

Report on Denominational Literature was read and spoken on by Sister Adkins, Elder L. H. Patterson, Brother Z. C. Humphrey, and was adopted as read.

The body adjourned to meet with the Maple Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1944.

#### Resolution of Thanks

Whereas, we, the Red River-Bowie Association, have been entertained by the Concord Baptist Church. And, whereas, we have been

entertained wholeheartedly. And, whereas, we have felt the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Be it resolved on to you, we, the Association, offer our heartfelt thanks for your hospitality and fellowship.

Committee:

J. D. McClung

#### PASTORS, CLERKS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

##### SUPERINTENDENTS

Maple Creek—Pastor, A. I. Bond, Route 1, Bogata. Clerk, J. D. Sidden, Route 1, Bogata. Sunday School Superintendent, W. L. McConnell, Route 1, Board Member, J. D. Sidden.

Lone Pine—Pastor, ———. Sunday School Superintendent, W. C. Parker, Route 6, Clarksville. Clerk, Miss Bessie Garrett, Route 6.

Lyda—Pastor, D. D. Miller, Avery, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Lodla Huckabay.

Aken Grove—Pastor, A. I. Bond, Clerk, Hubert Humphrey, Clarksville. Board Member, R. S. Patterson, Clarksville. Sunday School Superintendent, Cal Bean, Route 2, Clarksville.

Pleasant Valley—Pastor, W. R. Davis, 379 W. Austin St., Paris, Texas. Clerk, J. A. Bramett. Sunday School Superintendent, Morris Cass, Route 4, Paris, Texas.

Concord—Pastor, J. B. Watson, Route 6, Clarksville. Clerk, Marie Wilson. Sunday School Superintendent, Allie Wilson.

New Hope—B. C. Pastor, Elder G. E. Pinkham, DeKalb, Texas. Clerk, Loyd Carlton, DeKalb.

New Hope—R. R. Pastor, A. I. Bond, Clerk, Albert Eudy, Route 5, Clarksville. Board Member, Lee Roy Rice, Route 5. Sunday School Superintendent, Clifton Stevens, Route 5, Clarksville.

Liberty—Pastor, J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk, L. H. Patterson, Route 2, Detroit, Texas. Sunday School Superintendent, Jim Dotson, Route 2, Detroit, Texas.

Post Oak—Pastor, J. B. Watson. Clerk, Charlene Stevens. Board Member, Butler Stevens.

Hopewell—Pastor, L. H. Patterson. Clerk, C. C. Roberts, Route 6, Clarksville. Board Member, J. T. McNabb.

New Haven—Pastor, J. D. McClung. Clerk, R. H. Tull. Sunday School Superintendent, Ross Mitchell.

Hodgson—Pastor, G. E. Pinkham. Clerk, Paul Shoik.

Friendship—Pastor, J. B. Watson. Clerk, Sister W. E. Adkins. Treasurer, G. G. Garmon. Board Member, G. G. Garmon. Sunday School Superintendent, G. G. Garmon.

Greenwood—Pastor, H. T. Eudy, Route 1, Bogata. Clerk, Mrs. R. H. Varner. Sunday School Superintendent, Alvie Ritchson.

#### REPRESENTING CHURCHES WITH MESSENGERS AND

##### ALTERNATES

Maple Creek—T. H. Eudy, A. I. Bond, Ennis Moore. Alternates, Brother J. E. McConell, Sister Bernice Knowles and Mrs. Modie White.

Lone Pine—W. C. Parker, Sister Bessie Garrett and Maud Burnett. Alternates, Ray Garrett, Sister Lula Parker, Miss Blanche Burnett.

Lydia—W. J. Tucker, Ada Lafferty, Sister Lodia Huckabay. Alternates, Sister Minnie Tucker, Mary Lafferty and Dessie Studivant.

Aken Grove—Z. C. Humphrey, R. S. Patterson, B. M. Kerren. Alternates, O. K. Stroud, John Malone, Herbert Humphrey.

Pleasant Valley—Elder W. R. Davis, J. A. Bramlett, C. G. Cass. Alternates, Mrs. Edith Cass, Everett Lamb, B. L. Miller.

Concord—Allie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson. Alternates, J. C. Hooser, Jodie Tidwell, Everett Webb.

New Hope—B. C. D. D. Miller, Sister Miller and Sister Pearl Neely. Alternates, Loyd Carlton, Homer McMillan, Sister Ina McMillan.

New Hope—R. R., Lee Roy Rice, Mrs. Bob Fowler and Albert Eudy. Alternates, Mrs. Sam Rice, Mazell Minter and Elder Rice.

Liberty—Elder L. H. Patterson, Dennis Pearce, E. F. Milam. Alternates, every member present.

Post Oak—Brother and Sister Butler Stevens, W. T. Mitchell. Alternates, Brother and Sister Bill Lee and Jim Lee.

Hopewell—Brother Claud Roberts, Byron Dutton, Brother J. T. McNabb. Alternates, Sister Ina Roberts, Luther Lewis and Brother Albert Carey.

New Haven—Brother and Sister Ike Thompson, Brother Robert Tull.

Hodgson—Brother and Sister J. A. Gunn and Elder G. E. Pinkham. Alternates, Brother Bryant Elliott, Cora Lee Bishop and Sister Lois Gunn.

Friendship—Brother and Sister M. E. Atkins and G. A. Hines. Alternates, Brother and Sister G. G. Gannon, Brother Jim Pollock.

Greenwood—C. F. Ritchson, Alvie Ritchson and R. H. Varner. Alternates, Bill Ritchson, Sister R. H. Varner, Bill Holt.

#### Report on State Missions

Your committee on State Missions is glad to report that our mission work generally is in the best condition it has enjoyed in many years.

Our people are more liberal and our work is more extensive. Five men are now on the field, and are busy.

State Missions is only a part of our world-wide obligation as given in Matt. 28:19-20.

We recommend to the churches that they keep on supporting this phase of our work, and that we now make our offering to State Missions.

Respectfully,

L. A. Stidham  
J. D. McClung  
Bonnie Shipp  
W. L. McConnell

#### Interstate Mission Report

We, your committee, wish to make the following report:

We recommend that the Red River-Bowie Association co-operate with the American Baptist Association in mission work.

We further recommend that closer consideration be given mission work.

Signed by Your Committee:

J. E. Watson  
Jim Dotson  
C. M. Currin

#### Sunday School Report

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following: Sunday School is one way we carry out the commission to teach. We need to be careful in selection of teachers for the classes. We recommend the Sunday School literature published by the Sunday School Committee at Texarkana. We recommend that all teachers be Christians.

Signed:

Z. C. Humphrey  
Allen Wilson  
J. D. Siddens

#### Foreign Mission Report

We, your committee, make the following report: Since the Lord gave the commission to the church, and that in missions we should know no boundary save to the uttermost parts of the earth, and as Baptists we believe this, responsibility rests on the church. We do not believe that any church should be satisfied until she has put forth a reasonable effort in the Foreign Mission work.

We recommend that the work be kept continually before the churches.

We further recommend that prayer and financial support be made regularly for Foreign Missions.

Elder J. B. Watson  
C. C. Roberts  
Jim Dotson  
C. G. Cass

#### CONSTITUTION

Article 1.—This Body shall be known as the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 2.—The Object of this Body shall be to awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the denomination, to cultivate a closer union between the churches and to produce and perpetuate the very greatest activity as to missionary and educational enterprises, and to widen the scope of denominational benevolence.

Article 3.—This Body shall be composed of such regular Baptist Churches as may agree to unite with this Association by means of messengers to carry out the objects set forth in Article 2 of this Constitution; such messengers to present letters of petition for admission from their respective churches.

Article 4.—The messengers holding the annual session of this Body shall be chosen by their respective churches, such action being certified by the churches in their letters to the Association.

Article 5.—Each Church composing this Body shall be entitled to three messengers.

Article 6.—This Association shall be in nature a joint auxiliary to the churches composing it. It is not formed by any ecclesiastical end, but merely benevolent purposes, but reserves the right to withdraw from any church which becomes heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Article 7.—Each Church shall be the sole judge of her messengers.  
Article 8.—This Association shall recognize freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievement of its work.

#### OFFICERS

Article 9.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot from the messengers composing the Body and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are chosen.

Article 10.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the Body, to keep order, and discharge such other duties as belong to the office.

Article 11.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of each session of this Body and to have same published and distributed to the churches as the report of the Association to the churches.

Article 12.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed, and he shall make a report of same to the Association during its annual session.

Article 13.—This Association shall have an Executive Committee composed of one member from each church in this Association, to be chosen by their respective churches at the time the church elects its messengers to the annual meeting of the Association, to report at the next annual session of the Association. Five members of the said committee shall compose a quorum; the Moderator to be the chairman of the said committee, to have charge of the work outlined by the messengers to the annual meeting of the Body.

Article 14.—In order to change or amend this Constitution, the amendment or amendments must be offered in writing and be presented in open session on the first day of the session, and said amendment or amendments must lie over until the second day's meeting, and then it shall take a two-thirds vote of the messengers present to change or amend the Constitution.

Article 15.—This Constitution shall be effective and in full force from and after its adoption.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

- 1.—This Body shall be opened with song and prayer.
- 2.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator and await his recognition.
- 3.—When a member has been recognized by the Moderator he shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from his subject, or uses personal or indecorous language.
- 4.—No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject.
- 5.—No one shall be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes on any one subject unless granted an extension of time by the Body.

#### Treasurer and Clerk Report

Minutes	\$ 40.76
Old Ministers' Relief	8.17
State Missions	99.71
Orphans Home	316.71

#### Old Ministers' Relief

We, your committee on Old Ministers' Relief, beg leave to report: We feel that if the old ministers in this Association are not properly cared for that we surely do not have the Christian spirit that we should have. We recommend that each church in this Association take care of those in need, if there be any.

Signed by Committee:

D. D. Miller  
Rhoda Lee  
C. E. Webb

