

MINUTES

of the

Red River-Bowie

Missionary Baptist Association

Held with the

Hopewell Baptist Church

1945

OFFICERS

- Moderator..... D. D. Miller, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas
- Clerk..... Jim Dotson, Rt. 2, Detroit, Texas
- Treasurer..... J. A. Bramlett, Rt. 5, Paris, Texas

The next session of the Association will be held with the Austin Chapel church, near DeKalb, Texas, on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1946. Introductory sermon by Eld. W. H. Snead; alternate, G. E. Pinkham.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters; Enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Petitionary Letters.
5. Miscellaneous Business.
6. Appointment Committees on Divine Service.
7. Special Order of Business.
8. Associational Missions.
9. State Missions.
10. Foreign Missions.
12. Christian Education.
13. Denominational Literature.
11. Sunday School.
14. Temperance.
15. Orphans' Home.
16. Old Ministers' Relief.
17. Special Reports.
18. Treasurer's Report.
19. Financial Report.
20. County Missionary's Report.
21. Resolution of Thanks.



#### Thursday Evening

The body was called to order by the Moderator, Elder D. D. Miller, after a song and devotional by Elder J. D. McClung.

Motion prevailed to hear the missionary's report at this time. The report showed \$49.90 unpaid. A collection was taken at this time to cover that amount.

Motion prevailed to re-elect Elder J. E. Watson, Missionary, for full time.

Motion prevailed we pay the missionary \$150 per month, which was accepted by Elder J. E. Watson.

#### FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Brothers Ross Mitchell, J. T. McNabb and A. H. Hodgson.

The next session of the Association was voted to Austin Chapel and the Fifth Sunday meeting to the Friendship Church.

Elder A. J. Findley was selected to preach Thursday night and Elder C. E. Gillentine Friday morning.

#### Thursday Night

The body was called to order by the Moderator pro tem, J. B. Watson, after singing led by Forest Gammil and devotional by Elder Duren.

Elder Findley brought a great message from Hebrews 10:1 and John 18:36.

Session adjourned until 10 A.M. Friday.

#### Friday Morning

The body called to order by singing "Showers of Blessings."

Devotional by Elder Hassell Johnston. Lesson: Hebrews 11.

Prayer by D. D. Miller

Elder E. C. Gillentine brought a great message from John 1:6.

#### Friday Evening

The body was called to order by Moderator D. D. Miller after singing "Empty Mansions" and prayer led by Brother A. S. Crow.

Motion prevailed to take a collection at this time to be divided between the distressed ministers or their widows, if there be any; if none, the collection to be applied on an ear phone for Elder J. L. Turner. A collection of \$30.25 was taken.

A collection of \$14.45 was taken for the orphans' home.

Clerk's report received and adopted.

Motion prevailed for the clerk to have 250 minutes printed and retain the remainder of the \$64.93 for his pay.

Motion prevailed we grant the missionary thirty days to adjust his business and start the mission work.

Motion prevailed the pastor of the church preach the introductory sermon. G. E. Pinkham, alternate.

Motion prevailed Brother McNabb send the \$14.45 direct to the orphans' home.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1946.

#### CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH MESSENGERS AND

#### ALTERNATES

AIKIN GROVE—Brothers R. S. Patterson, John Malone and Elmer Stroud. Alternates, any member present.

AUSTIN CHAPEL—Brothers A. H. Hodgson, Andra Bunger and Sister Andra Caddenhead. Alternates, Sisters Neta Bunger, Katherine Shaver and Ina Joe Caddenhead.

AVERY—Brother and Sister A. M. J. Martindale and Sister W. F. Brooks. Alternates, Brother and Sister A. M. Carey and Brother F. F. Proctor.

BETHLEHEM—Brothers W. S. Pirtle, J. E. Vaughn, Bob Pope. Alternates, Brothers Joe Cooper, W. T. Pirtle, J. T. Pirtle.

CONCORD—Brothers J. L. Watson, Allen Wilson, Paul Quick. Alternates, Sisters J. L. Watson, Allen Wilson, and Brother Everette Webb, or any member present.

FRIENDSHIP—Brother W. J. Reed and Sisters W. J. Reed and Ethel Adkins. Alternates, Sisters Sherley and Cross and Brother W. E. Adkins.

GREENWOOD—Brothers R. H. Varner, Bill and C. F. Richson.

HODGSON—Brothers G. E. Pinkham, Jim Green and Paul Shook. Alternates, Brothers Ous Rogers, Ernest Bishop and Sister Cecil Shook.

HOPEWELL—Brothers Roy Garrett, J. T. McNabb and Luther Lewis. Alternates, Sisters Bessie Garrett, Rutlie McNabb and Jewell Lewis.

LIBERTY: Brothers Jim Dotson, Dennis Pearce and C. W. Pollan. Alternates, any member present.

LYDIA—Brother W. J. Tucker and Sisters Ada Lafferty and Minnie Tucker. Alternates, Sisters Loda Huckabee, Lula Taylor and Mary Lafferty.

MALTA—Brothers A. H. Anderson and Luther Duren and Sister Duren. Alternates, Sister Gene Duren.

MAPLE CREEK—Brothers A. J. Bond, I. E. McConnell and J. D. Siddens. Alternates, G. G. Garmon, W. L. McConnell and B. C. Lovell.

MT. PLEASANT—Elder H. L. Johnston and Sisters Eva Hays and Clara Dycus. Alternates, any member present.

NEW HAVEN—Brothers Robert Tull, Ike Thompson and Cordie Billingsley. Alternates, Brother Ross Mitchell and Sisters Ollie Thompson and Bonnie Ship.

NEW HOPE (Bowie County)—Brothers D. D. Miller, Henry Neely and Ila B. Taylor. Alternates, Ernest Holcombe, Lloyd Carlton and Sister D. D. Miller.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Elder W. R. Davis, Brother J. A. Bramlett, Sister Gaynell Bramlett. Alternates, any member present.

POST OAK—Brothers R. T. Stevens, J. L. Turner and Fred Ramsey. Alternates, Brother Jim Lee, Sister Cora Lee Ramsey and Sister Alma Stevens.

PASTORS, CLERKS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

AIKIN GROVE—A. I. Bond, pastor, Clarksville, Texas; Charlie Wolfe, clerk, Route 2, Clarksville, Texas; Uious Humphrey, superintendent, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas.

AUSTIN CHAPEL—W. H. Snead, pastor, Ashdown, Arkansas; H. C. Tidwell, clerk, Route 3, De Kalb, Texas; A. H. Hodgson, superintendent.

AVERY—D. D. Miller, pastor, Route 1, Avery, Texas; A. M. Carey, clerk, Route 2, Avery, Texas; W. B. Megason, superintendent, Avery, Texas; W. B. Megason, Board member.

BETHLEHEM—A. I. Bond, pastor; J. E. Vaughn, clerk; W. S. Pertle, superintendent, Johnstown, Texas; Elder John Roach, Board member, Bogata, Texas.

CONCORD—W. R. Davis (called), Paris, Texas; Paul Quick, clerk, Route 4, Clarksville, Texas; Allen Wilson, superintendent, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas.

FRIENDSHIP—J. B. Watson, pastor, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas; G. A. Hines, clerk, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas.

GREENWOOD—Troy Endy, pastor; Sister R. H. Varner, clerk, Route 1, Wexley, Texas; Brother Elmer Roberts, superintendent, Route 1, Wexley, Texas.

HODGSON—G. E. Pukham, pastor; Paul Shook, clerk.

HOPEWELL—Hassell Johnston, pastor, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas; Ruthie McNabb, clerk, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas; Byron Duren, superintendent, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas.

LIBERTY—Hassell Johnston, pastor, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas; Jim Dotson, clerk, Route 2, Detroit, Texas; W. W. Fisher, superintendent, Route 2, Detroit; Dennis Pearce, Board member, Route 2, Detroit, Texas.

LYDIA—D. D. Miller, pastor, Avery, Texas; Sister W. J. Tucker, clerk, Route 1, DeKalb, Texas; W. J. Tucker, Board member, Route 1, DeKalb, Texas.

MALTA—A. J. Findley, pastor (supply), Omaha, Texas; Lilla Lewis, clerk, New Boston, Texas; Buster Saeggs, superintendent, Route 2, New Boston, Texas.

MAPLE CREEK—A. J. Bond, pastor, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas; J. D. Siddens, clerk, Route 2, Clarksville, Texas; G. G. Garmon, superintendent, Route 2, Clarksville, Texas; G. G. Garmon, Board member, Route 2, Clarksville, Texas.

MT. PLEASANT—Hassell Johnston, pastor, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas; Sister Lola Jeffers, clerk, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas; O. E. Childress, superintendent, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HAVEN—J. D. McClung, pastor, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Sister Ollie Thompson, clerk, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas; Ross Mitchell, superintendent, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas.

NEW HOPE—D. D. Miller, pastor, Avery, Texas; Leo McMillan, clerk, Route 2, DeKalb, Texas; Henry Neely, superintendent, Route 2, DeKalb, Texas; D. D. Miller, Board member, Avery, Texas.

PLEASANT VALLEY—W. R. Davis, pastor, 1469 W. Austin St., Paris, Texas; J. A. Bramlett, clerk, Route 5, Paris, Texas; C. G. Cass, superintendent, Lamar Avenue, Paris, Texas.

POST OAK—J. D. McClung, pastor, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Charlene Stevens, clerk, Route 3, Detroit, Texas.

OTHER MINISTERS IN ASSOCIATION—J. L. Turner, Route 3, Detroit, Texas; Ezra Whorton, DeKalb, Texas; Sam Black, John Town, Texas; Jim Dotson, Route 2, Detroit, Texas.

## Reports

### FINANCE

Minutes	\$61.26
State Missions	40.87
Foreign Missions	5.00
District Missions	87.75
Orphans' Home	25.70

## Clerk's Report

Minutes	\$47.67	
Pleasant Valley	3.50	\$51.17
Clerk's Hire	10.00	
200 Copies of Minutes	37.50	47.50
BALANCE		\$ 3.67

## Foreign Mission Report

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report: Since Jesus gave the Commission to the church to go into all the world and preach the gospel, we recommend that the churches of this association support Foreign Mission work through the American Baptist Association. We recommend a cash collection be taken at this time for Foreign Missions.

(Signed) J. D. McCLUNG,  
J. A. BRAMLETT,  
A. S. CROW,  
Committee.

## Christian Literature

First, we recommend the Bible, which is the Word of God and the foundation of all denominational literature.

We also recommend the reading of the Baptist Progress, a paper filled with Bible truths, and the literature published by the American Baptist Association for Sunday Schools.

HASSELL JOHNSTON,  
MRS. A. M. CAREY,  
MRS. W. F. BROOKS.

## State Mission Report

Your Committee on State Missions reports as follows:

We are glad to bring to the churches of this Association this report: That the work over the state is still in good shape from a financial standpoint. Of course, it could be better in every way.

We have had a hard year from the standpoint of services—so much rain and bad roads. The country churches have not had much chance this year. Many of them haven't had a pastor; others could not meet because of rain and bad roads.

There have been several churches organized over the State, and the work has been encouraging.

This has been possible through the cooperation of the churches and pastor.

We trust there shall not be any let up, but a greater effort, as the days come and go.

We need an office of our own, where we can keep books and supplies to supply the public. We cannot do that with the space we have. The rent we are now paying and profit on book sales would go a long way toward paying for such a building. Officers of the state work appreciate your cooperation.

A. J. FINDLEY,  
J. L. WATSON,  
J. D. SIDDEN,  
Committee.

## Christian Education

We, your Committee on Christian Education, submit the following:

We recommend the Bible above all books for Christian Education purposes.

We also believe that our people should avail themselves of the opportunities offered them by our Baptist schools and colleges.

We do not believe that education makes preachers, but that it does help the God-called man in the understanding of God's Word.

ELDER E. L. DUREN,  
A. M. MARTINDALE,  
I. A. B. TAYLOR,

## Orphans' Home Report

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, make the following suggestion:

We recommend that each minister ask his church once each month for a donation to said home.

We also recommend that he insist on the superintendent of the Sunday school to give the offering one Sunday out of each month. We also recommend a cash collection at this time.

L. S. BAGWELL,  
ROBERT TULL,  
J. E. VAUGHN.

## Sunday School Report

In the Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus authorized His church to teach to all newly baptized converts all things commanded them in the Scriptures. The Sunday school is a fine place to do some of this teaching.

We recommend that all our churches maintain evergreen Sunday Schools; that they use none but Baptist teachers and officers, and we recommend that each church use our own literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee, 214 E. Broad Street, Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas.

We recommend that all Sunday Schools be under the direct supervision of the churches.

E. C. GILLENLINE,  
A. H. ANDERSON,  
J. I. TURNER,  
Committee.

### Associational Mission Report

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg to report: We have had a missionary on the field five months, who has done a good work, and has been paid for his services as he went. We recommend that a missionary be put on the field for full time.

J. F. WATSON,  
A. J. BOND,  
W. J. TUCKER,  
A. M. CAREY.

### Temperance Report

We, your Committee on Temperance, make this report:

We should be temperate in all things, such as eating, talking, drinking. We recommend total abstinence from intoxicating drink.

J. F. WATSON,  
W. B. DURBEN.

### Aged Ministers' Relief

We, your Committee on Aged Ministers' Relief, make the following report:

We recommend that our aged ministers be cared for now by taking a cash collection for them, and as regular as this need demands it. We also recommend that their wives be cared for after their death by assisting them in caring for their financial needs.

J. B. WATSON,  
W. L. MCCONNELL,  
ALLEN WILSON.

### Resolution of Thanks

We, your Committee, wish to express our thanks to Hopewell Church, and community for their kindness shown us while in their midst, and we pray God's blessings on them.

(Signed) MRS. E. C. GILLENITNE,  
J. R. ROACH,  
ROY GARRETT.

### 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.—The 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 be 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.