

MINUTES

of the

Red River-Bowie

Missionary Baptist Association

Held with the

Austin Chapel Baptist Church

1946

OFFICERS

Moderator ..... J. B. Watson, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Tex  
Clerk ..... Jim Dotson, Rt. 2, Detroit, Tex  
Treasurer ..... A. H. Hodgson, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Tex

The next session of the association will be held with the Hodgson Church about 3 miles southwest of DeKalb, Texas, on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1947. Introductory sermon by the pastor, J. B. Watson. Alternates G. W. Hooten.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters; Enrolling Messengers.
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## PROCEEDINGS

Of The

One Hundred and Third Annual Session

Of The

RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The

AUSTIN CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night, August 28th, 1946

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder D. I. Miller; after singing "Blessed Assurance" and "Amazing Grace" and prayers led by Elders E. W. Faulkner and J. B. Watson.

By motion, Elder W. O. McClung, was chosen to bring the introductory sermon from Acts 27: 21-28.

## Thursday Morning

The body was called together by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and prayer.

Bros. G. W. Hooten and W. O. McClung were appointed reading committee.

By motion the letters were adopted as read and the messenger seated.

By motion, Elder W. H. Sneed was selected to bring the message following the election of officers,

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion prevailed to vote for moderator, clerk and treasurer, the same ballot.

Moderator, Elder J. B. Watson; Clerk, Jim Dotson; Treasurer, A. H. Hodgson.

By motion, the vote was made unanimous for Bros. Watson and Dotson.

Motion prevailed to express our appreciation to Bro. Miller by standing in his presence.

Motion prevailed that all visiting ministers be seated with us in our deliberations.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until 1:30.

#### Thursday Evening

The body was called together by singing "There is Power in the Blood," and prayer led by Bro. Duren.

Petitionary letter from the Whaley Missionary Baptist Church was read and accepted in this Red River-Bowie Association, and the messengers seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Elder A. J. Findley was elected to bring the message Thursday night.

By motion, we adjourned until 8 p. m.

#### Thursday Night

The body was called together by singing led by Bro. Tidwell and prayers led by Elders Jim Dotson and A. H. Hodgson.

Elder Findley, being present, brought a great message from Ezek. 47:12 and Rev. 22:2.

By motion, we adjourned until 10 a. m. Friday.

#### Friday Morning

The body was called together by singing "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Devotional by E. W. Faulkner from John, 9th Chapter

Prayer by Elder D. D. Miller.

Elder G. D. Hooten was selected to bring the message at this

hour.

By motion, we adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

#### Friday Afternoon

The body was called together by song and prayer.

Motion and second the clerk receive a letter coming to him after the close of the association. Motion lost.

Motion prevailed to elect a missionary at this time.

Elder G. W. Hooten was elected for full time.

By motion, the missionary's salary was set at Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month.

By motion the Finance Committee turned the money on hand over to the treasurer.

The Clerk was instructed to have 250 minutes printed and retain the remainder of the \$59.50 for his hire.

Motion prevailed to have a board meeting September 14th at 2 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned to meet with the Hodgson Church Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1947.

#### CHURCHES REPRESENTED, WITH MESSENGERS AND

##### ALTERNATES:

Austin Chapel—Sister Evelyn Kasha, Bros. James Lyn Bunge and H. C. Tidwell. Alternates: Bros. A. H. Hodgson, L. C. White and James Louis Tidwell.

Avery—Bros. F. F. Proctor and W. B. Megason and Sister W. E. Brooks. Alternates: Any member present.

Bethlehem—Bro. Tom Pirtle and Sisters Florence Pirtle and Jewell Pope. Alternates: Any member present.

Concord—J. L. Watson, Allen Wilson and Walter Hill. Alternates: Any member present.

Friendship—J. B. Watson, G. A. Hines and A. E. Ward. Alternates: Sisters Florinich Watson, Jim Pollack and R. A. Ward.

Hodgson—Bros. J. A. Gunn, O. B. Rogers and Bryant Elliott. Alternates: Sisters Gunn, Rogers and Elliott.

Hopewell—Bros. W. B. Duren, J. T. McNabb and Sister McNabb. Alternates: Bros. Luther Lewis, J. E. Watson and Sister Bessie Garrett.

Liberty—Bros. Dennis Pearce, C. W. Pollan and Jim Dotson. Alternates: Any member present.

Lydia—Bro. W. J. Tucker and Sisters Osie McKinney and Winnie Tucker. Alternates: Bro. Oscar Pinkham, Sisters Ada Laffert and Laura Pinkham.

Malta—Bros. Carroll Anderson, Vergil Skages and O. H. Walke. Alternates: Any member present.

Maple Creek—Bros. G. G. Garmon, Edmond McConnell and Jas Sidden. Alternates: Any member present.

Mt. Pleasant—Bros. Oscar Childress, Edgar Dycus and Eldon Hassell Johnson. Alternates: Any member present.

New Haven—Bros. Ross Mitchell, Ike Thompson and Robe Tull. Alternates: Sisters Bonnie Ship, Ruby Mitchell and Floren Tull.

New Hope—Bros. S. E. Holcomb, Jack Henson and Robert Shumake. Alternates: Sister Dorothea Hawkins, Sister Henson and Sister Robert Shumake.

Post Oak—Bros. Wallace Lee, Jim Lee and J. J. Payne. Alternates: Grady Gibbs, Robert Vickers and Mitchell Lee.

Pleasant Valley—Bros. Graydon Cass, J. A. Bramlett and Johnnie Dunn. Alternates: Any member present.

Whaley—Bros. McPherson, Blackman and Sister Hodgins.

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

##### SUPERINTENDENTS

Austin Chapel—Elder W. H. Snead, Ashdown, Ark. Clerk, H. C. Tidwell, DeKalb, Texas, Rt. 3. Supt., A. H. Hodgson, DeKalb, Texas, Rt. 3.

Avery—W. A. B. Jones, Rt. 8, Box 583, Texarkana, Ark. Clerk, A. M. Carey, Avery, Texas. Supt., A. M. Carey, Avery, Texas. Board Member, Morris Downs, Avery, Texas.

Bethlehem—A. J. Bond, Bogota, Texas. Clerk, J. E. Vaughan, Johntown, Texas. Board Member, John Roach. Supt., H. C. Henson, Johntown, Texas.

Concord—A. I. Bond, Bogota, Texas. Clerk, C. E. Webb, Clarksville, Rt. 1. Supt., Allen Wilson, Clarksville, Rt. 1.

Friendship—J. B. Watson, Clarksville, Rt. 6. Clerk, G. A. Hines, Clarksville, Rt. 1. Supt., A. E. Ward, Clarksville. Board Member, J. B. Watson, Clarksville, Rt. 6.

Hodgson—J. B. Watson, Clarksville, Rt. 6. Clerk, Paul Shook, DeKalb, Texas, Rt. 2. Supt. W. S. Cox, DeKalb, Texas.

Hopewell—Hassell Johnston, Bagwell, Rt. 1. Clerk, Bunnis Watson, Clarksville, Rt. 6. Supt., Lewis Fryar, Clarksville, Rt. 6.

Liberty—Hassell Johnston, Bagwell, Rt. 1. Clerk, Jim Dotson, Detroit, Rt. 2. Supt., W. W. Fisher, Detroit, Rt. 2. Board Member, C. W. Pollan, Detroit, Rt. 2.

Lydia—No pastor. Clerk, Mrs. W. J. Tucker, DeKalb, Rt. 1. Supt., Mrs. W. J. Tucker, DeKalb, Rt. 1.

Malta—G. W. Hooten, New Boston. Clerk, Mrs. Lilla Lewis, New Boston, Rt. 2. Supt., Luther Durin, New Boston, Rt. 2.

Maple Creek—Hassell Johnston (call). Clerk, Jay Sidden, Clarksville, Rt. 2. Supt. G. C. Garmen, Clarksville, Rt. 2.

Mt. Pleasant—Hassell Johnston, Bagwell, Rt. 1. Clerk, Mrs. Lottie Jeffers, Bagwell, Rt. 1. Supt., O. E. Childress, Negley, Texas.

New Haven—J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk, Sister May Collins, Clarksville. Supt., Ross Mitchell, Clarksville, Rt. 6.

New Hope—D. D. Miller, Avery, Rt. 1. Clerk, Sister Erma Shumake, DeKalb, Rt. 2. Supt., E. R. Hawkins, DeKalb, Rt. 2.

Post Oak—J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Buttler Stevens, Detroit, Rt. 3.

Pleasant Valley—No pastor. Clerk, Mrs. Annie Roberts, Paris, Rt. 4. Supt. C. G. Cass, Paris, Rt. 4.

#### FINANCE

Minutes	\$ 59.51
State Missions	350.16
Foreign Missions	61.00
District Missions	362.56
Orphans' Home	673.55

## Reports

### Foreign Missions

We, your Committee of Foreign Missions report as follows: Foreign missions if preaching the gospel to foreign lands, to people of other languages. The New Testament sets forth the example of foreign mission. The churches supported Paul and Barnabas who had been called by the Holy Spirit to that work, Acts 13:1-5. They went into foreign countries to preach the gospel to other creatures.

We have some foreign missions under the supervision of the American Baptist Association. We do not know just how many, but let it be few or many, they need our cooperation, both in prayer and contributions. May God help us to remember them in every way possible.

A. J. Findley  
A. J. Bond  
A. H. Anderson

### Denominational Literature

First, we recommend the Bible which is the Word of God and the foundation of all denominational literature. We also recommend the reading the Baptist Progress, a paper filled with Bible truths and the literature for Sunday Schools, and other publications of the American Baptist Association.

Hassell Johnston  
Tom Pirtle  
J. W. Lee

### State Mission Report

When we speak of missions we should not think of county or state lines, for Christ said "Go." He gave us a starting place—Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria—then to the uttermost parts of the world.

We recommend that all churches make regular monthly offerings for workers are doing some lasting work. Several more churches have been organized this year. They need your prayers. We recommend that a cash offering be taken at this time.

W. O. McClung  
J. W. Arban  
W. L. McClung

#### Orphans' Home

We, your committee on Orphans' Home, make the following suggestions: We recommend that each pastor ask his church once each month for a freewill offering for the Orphans' Home.

We also recommend that each pastor ask the Sunday School superintendent to give the offerings of one Sunday each month for the Orphans' Home.

We also recommend that the Baptists of this Association keep the Homecoming Day for the Orphans' Home in full support.

A. S. Hodgson  
Ross Mitchell  
W. J. Tucker

#### Christian Education

We, your Committee on Christian Education, submit the following: We recommend the Bible above all books in Christian Education and that in the Bible only we get the words of eternal life which is the real purpose of Christian Education. We believe that our people should avail themselves of all opportunities afforded by our Baptist schools and colleges. We also do not believe that education makes preachers but that it does help the God-called man to understand God's Word.

A. H. Hodgson  
O. B. Rogers  
C. R. Cass

#### Sunday School

The commission given to the churches, Matt. 28:13-20, teaching them to observe all things. We recommend that every church have a Sunday School, using only the Bible and Baptist literature. American Baptist service. The Sunday School being under the supervision of the church, we urge seriously the parents of children and all members of the local church to support the Sunday School of their church, claiming the blessings of God in the study of His Word.

V. H. Spead  
Ailin Wetsan  
C. H. Walker

#### Association Missions

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg to report that we have had a half-time missionary on the field for approximately eight months; and as a result, we can see and feel much good

has been accomplished from both a financial and spiritual standpoint.

We are glad to report that the missionary's salary has been paid in full at the time of this report, and there is now in the treasury \$34.86.

We recommend that a full-time missionary be placed on the field. We especially pray that each church and pastor in the Association will give their support and cooperation.

G. W. Hooten  
D. D. Miller  
W. L. McConnell

#### Committee on Temperance

We, your committee on temperance, recommend that as Christians people, we denounce beverage of any kind and at all times, and condemn everything that is not uplifting in this life, especially intoxicating liquor.

J. W. Asken  
Mrs. W. F. Brooks  
J. D. Sidden

#### Interstate Missions

By Interstate Missions, we mean missions in the boundary of the United States. There are several interstate missionaries who are doing much good in their respective fields. Some of the fields now being occupied are: New Orleans, La.; Poplarville, Miss.; Twitt Falls, Idaho; and several other important fields are being covered. We recommend that each church in this Association take regular collections for this work, and send it to Elder Walter Griffin 214 E. Broad St., Texarkana, Ark.-Texas, the treasurer of the American Baptist Association.

E. C. Gillentine  
A. J. Bond  
E. L. Duren

#### Old Ministers' Assistance

We, the committee on aged ministers, do recommend each church in the Association to donate to this purpose in a more liberal way. We think that \$10.00 from each church in the Association should be given each year to aged ministers. We recommend that more than this amount be given when it is possible.

The old minister has spent his life in the cause of Christ, and God has laid a duty on us as members of the churches to care for their temporal needs.

E. W. Faulkner  
Wallace Lee  
S. F. Holcombe

#### Resolution of Thanks

We, your committee, wish to express our thanks to Austin Chapel church, community and pastor for their kindness and hospitality.

shown the Messengers and visitors while in their midst, and pray God's richest blessings on them.

Jim Dotson  
D. D. Miller

### 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 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, an 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, when it shall take a two-thirds vote of the messengers present 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 a subject.

5.—No one shall be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes on a one subject unless granted an extension of time by the Body.

CHURCHES	Additions		Total Membership	Pastor's Salary	Evangelistic	District Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Other Expenses	S.S. Enrollment	No. of Classes	Officers-Teachers	Meeting Days
	Losses													
Anatin Chapel	25	7	264	850 00	155 00	31 80	10 00	10 90	75 27	45 81	87	6	8	2-4
Avery	9	1	1239	25	79 86	21 35	125 00	13 50	51 23	82 47	75	4	6	2-4
Bethlehem	18	7	6136	20	6	68 21	100	13 50	10 00	198 00	32 66	29	4	6-2-4
Concord	8	11	80	188 20	35 00	68 21	100	13 50	10 00	148 50	23	3	5-1-3	3
Friendship	11	9	108	318 00	100 00	35 00	100	13 50	84 10	148 50	63	4	6-2-4	4
Hodgson	6	9	108	318 00	100 00	35 00	100	13 50	84 10	148 50	63	4	6-2-4	4
Hopewell	13	11	78	209 62	74 41	35 43	100	13 50	15 46	100 62	40	4	6-2-4	4
Liberty	4	2	71	94 00	59 50	25 00	100	13 50	3 75	10 35	40	4	6-2-4	4
Lydia	2	2	33	27 00	21 00	33 30	43 42	37 36	60 32	287 99	123	5	7-2-4	5
Malta	5	10	250	602 85	88 00	33 30	43 42	37 36	34 67	39 70	71	4	6-2-4	4
Maple Creek	3	1	89	128 50	61 87	30 40	42 73	100 00	100 00	62 22	41	4	6-2-4	4
Mt. Pleasant	1	3	27	62 73	163 63	10 00	105 00	48 83	78 55	63 00	45	4	6-2-4	4
New Haven	8	6	300	00	12 00	25 00	105 00	48 83	37 56	3 00	40	3	6-2-4	3
New Hope	11	4	281	00	139 00	20 00	105 00	48 83	37 56	3 00	40	3	6-2-4	3
Post Oak	22	3	69	606 00	139 00	11 00	61 74	4 50	100	96 74	70	3	6-2-4	3
Pleasant Valley	19	3	98	606 00	139 00	11 00	61 74	4 50	100	96 74	70	3	6-2-4	3
Whaley	10	25	50	12 00	12 00	11 00	61 74	4 50	100	96 74	70	3	6-2-4	3