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One Hundred and Fourth An

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Red River - Ba

Missionary Baptist /

held with the

Hodgson Baptist

Sept. 3-5, 1

OFFICERS

Moderator..... Eld. J. B. Watson,

Clerk..... Eld. Jim Dots

Treasurer..... Bro. Sam Kenne

The next session will be held with
at Negley on Wednesday night b
September, 1948.
Introductory Sermon by Eld.
Eld. A. J. Bond.

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.
11. Sunday School
12. Christian Education.
13. Denominational Literature.
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.

PROCEEDINGS
Of The
One Hundred and Fourth Annual Session
Of The
RED RIVER - BOWIE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The

HODGSON BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night, 8:30 P. M.

The body was called together by song and prayer.

Eld. Hassell Johnson conducted the Devotional, reading the 12th Chapter of Romans.

Eld. J. B. Watson, being previously appointed, brought the introductory Sermon from the 5th Chapter of Acts and Matthew 27: 15 to 25. Subject: What shall I do with Jesus called the Christ.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 9:30.

Thursday Morning

The body was called together by singing, "Just Over in the Glory Land," led by Eld. Jim Dotson, and prayer by Eld. A. I. Bond.

Eld. W. M. Thrasher led the Devotional.

Elds. W. A. B. Jones and A. H. Hodgson were appointed reading clerks.

By motion the letters were accepted as read and the messengers seated.

By motion the visiting Brethren were seated.

By motion we go into the election of officers at this time.

By motion we nominate and elect by ballot.

Elds. J. B. Watson and Hassell Johnston being nominated for moderator. Eld. Watson leading the vote. By motion the vote was made unanimous.

Eld. Jim Dotson was unanimously elected clerk.

Bro. Sam Kennedy was elected treasurer.

11:00 a.m. Eld. T.P. Lee brought us a great message from Mat. 5:13-14.

Adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

Thursday Evening

The body was called together by singing "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus."

By motion the three messengers from Hubbard Chapel Church were seated at this time.

By motion we adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

Thursday Night

The body was called together by singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

Devotional led by Eld. W.A.B. Jones from 32nd Psalms.

8:00 p.m. Eld. J. D. McClung brought a great message from Mark 11:22-26. Subject: Have faith in God.

Adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning

The body was called together by singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" led by Bro. Paul Shook.

Devotional led by Eld. J. W. Askew from John 16:24 to 33.

An offering of \$34.05 taken at this time for the Orphan's Home.

Letter from Hubbard Chapel Church read and accepted.

11:00 a.m. After singing "This World is Not My Home" led by Eld. Jim Dotson, Eld. A. I. Bond brought a great message from Genesis 1. Subject: An unselfish God and a selfish people.

Adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

Friday Evening

The body was called together by singing "Yield Not to Temptation" led by Bro. J. D. Sidden.

The discussion of a Constitutional Amendment (being tabled from previous day).

Article 9 read, discussed and adopted.

Article 13 read, discussed and adopted.

Article 16 read, discussed and was defeated.

By motion we have a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2:30 p. m., November 29, at Concord.

No further business we adjourned to reconvene with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Wednesday night, before the first Sunday in September, 1948.

Closing song "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again" led by Bro. J. D. Sidden.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH MESSENGERS AND ALTERNATES

Aikin Grove: Bros. Jess Humphrey, John Malone and R. S. Patterson. Alternates: Any member present.

Austin Chapel: Sister Clara Bunger and Bros. Lee Russell and M. B. Proctor. Alternates: J. H. Hannes, L. C. White and Lawrence Tidwell.

Avery: Bro. Robert Roden and Sisters Lillie Brooks and Zella Downs. Alternates: Sisters Ruth Ann Walker and Myrtle Downs and Bro. Morris Downs.

Bethlehem: Bro. Eugene Harper and Bro. and Sister John Roach. Alternates: Sister Eugene Harper and Bro. Tom Pirtle.

Concord: Bros. J. L. Watson, Joe W. Terry and Virgil Allen. Alternates: Sister J. L. Watson and Bro. and Sister W. S. Hill.

Friendship: Eld. J. B. Watson, Sister Florence Watson and V. L. Stroud. Alternates: J. P. Quick and Sister Rosie Quick and Bro. G. A. Hines.

Hodgson: Bros. Thurman Warren, Sam Kennedy and Otis Rogers. Alternates: Sisters Cora Lee Bishop, Lora Carlton and Lucille Godwin.

Hopewell: Bros. J. T. McNabb, G. B. Collins and Byron Duren. Alternates: Sisters J. T. McNabb, G. B. Collins and Byron Duren.

Hubbard Chapel: Bros. Clive Duncan, Harrison Richardson and Marvin Harbor. Alternates: Bros. Howard Ruddle and Fred Owens.

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

Lydia: Sisters Ada Lafferty, Flora Taylor and Ada Horten. Alternates: Bro. William Horten and Sisters Mary Lafferty and Minnie Tucker.

Malta: Bros. J. W. Askew and A. H. Anderson and Sister C. A. Lewis. Alternates: Sisters J. W. Askew and A. H. Anderson and Bro. C. A. Lewis.

Maple Creek: Bros. H. T. Eudy, Ennis Moore and J. D. Siddens. Alternates: Bros. W. L. McConnell, G. G. Gorman and J. E. McConnell.

Mt. Pleasant: Elds. J. E. Watson, H. L. Johnston and Bro. O. E. Childress. Alternates: Sisters Josie Enox, Mary Childress and Lucille Johnson.

New Haven: Bros. Robert Tull, Ross Mitchell and Farris Rauston. Alternates: Bros. Bill Riddle and Clarence Mitchell and Sister Mildred Mitchell.

New Hope: Bros. Ernest Holcomb, Homer McMillon and Robert Shumake. Alternates: Sisters Frances Miller, Erna Shumake and Dorothea Hawkins.

Pleasant Valley: Bro. Graydon Cass and Sisters Graydon Cass and Johnnie Dunn. Alternates: Sister Mary Penn and Bro. Alton Hill.

Post Oak: Eld. John Payne, Bro. Wallace Lee and Sister Rhoda Lee. Alternates: Bros. R. T. Stevens and Vernon Stevens and Sister R. T. Stevens.

PASTORS, CLERKS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Aikin Grove: Eld. E. L. Duren. Clerk, Uious Humphrey. Board member, R. S. Patterson.

Austin Chapel: A. L. Patterson, Texarkana, Tex. Clerk, L. C. White, DeKalb, Texas, Rt. 3. Supt., A. H. Hodgson, DeKalb, Texas, Rt. 3.

Avery: Hassell Johnston, Bagwell, Texas, Rt. 1. Clerk, A. M. Carey, Avery, Tex. Board member, Morris Downs, Avery, Tex. Supt., L. E. Walker, Avery, Texas.

Bethlehem: J. B. Pruitt, Talco, Texas. Clerk, Kenneth Vaughan, Jolntown, Texas. Supt., Eugene Harper, Jolntown. Concord: A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas. Clerk, C. E. Webb. Board Member, J. L. Watson. Supt., C. E. Webb.

Friendship: J. B. Watson, Clarksville, Rt. 6. Clerk, R. A. Ward, Clarksville. Supt., G. A. Hines, Clarksville, Rt. 1.

Hodgson: A. I. Bond, Bogata. Clerk, Eula Elliott, DeKalb, Rt. 2. Supt., Paul Shook, DeKalb, Rt. 2.

Hopewell: Jesse Duren, Amity, Ark. Clerk, B. L. Watson, Clarksville, Rt. 6. Supt., Louis Fryar, Clarksville, Rt. 6.

Hubbard Chapel: No pastor. Clerk, Clive Duncan. Board Member, Fred Owens.

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

Lydia: No pastor. Clerk, Minnie Tucker, DeKalb, Rt. 2. Board Member, W. J. Tucker.

Malta: D. D. Miller, Avery, Rt. 1. Clerk, Willie V. Stewart, New Boston, Rt. 2. Board Member, Virgil Skaggs. Supt. A. H. Anderson, DeKalb, Rt. 5.

Maple Creek: E. L. Duren, Clarksville, Rt 6. Clerk, J. D. Siddens, Clarksville, Rt 6. Supt , J. E. McConnell, Clarksville, Rt 2.

Mt Pleasant: Hassell Johnston, Bagwell, Clerk, Lota Jeffers, Bagwell, Rt 1. Board Member, O. E. Childress, Bagwell, Rt. 1. Supt., Raymond Jeffers, Bagwell, Rt 1.

New Haven: J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant. Clerk, Mary Collins, Clarksville, Rt. 6. Supt., Ross Mitchell, Clarksville, Rt. 6.

New Hope: D. D. Miller, (call), Avery, Rt. 1. Clerk, Erna Shunake, DeKalb. Supt., Robert Earl Kennedy, DeKalb.

Pleasant Valley: J. T. Lay, Rt. 3, Box 303, Dallas. Clerk, Annie Roberts, Rt. 4, Paris. Supt., Graydon Cass, Rt. 4, Paris.
Post Oak: J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant. Clerk, Mrs. Butler Stevens, Rt. 3, Detroit.

OTHER MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION

J. L. Turner H. T. Eudy Eugene Gunn
A. H. Hodgson J. W. Askew J. E. Watson
W. M. Thrasher Jim Dotson L. C. Coombes

FINANCE

Minutes and Clerk Hire.....	\$ 63.02
District Missions	\$417.16
State Missions	\$118.07
Foreign Missions	\$ 76.61
Orphans' Home.....	\$751.94
Old Age Ministers.....	\$ 30.00

Paul Shook
B. T. Warren
S. E. Holcomb, Finance Committee.

REPORTS

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, the committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following: We believe and know that Christ in his word definitely teaches mission work. We find in Matt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore... and teach all nations." Therefore, we believe it is the duty of every Church and Christian to support Foreign Missions if we are to obey Christ in his commands to us.

Eugene Gunn
Mrs. W. J. Tucker
Mrs. C. A. Lewis

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

First, we recommend the Bible which is the Word of God and the foundation of all literature. We also recommend the reading of the Baptist Progress, and the literature for the Sunday School, and other publications of the American Baptist Association.

A. I. Bond
A. H. Hodgson
J. W. Askew

STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee on State Missions, report as follows: When the Lord left his Church here in the world he gave it the command to preach the Gospel, beginning at Jerusalem, and go to uttermost parts of the world, so we feel that the churches should support State Mission work.

D. D. Miller
J. D. McClung

ORPHANS' HOME

We, your committee on Orphans' Home, notice that quite a few of the Churches give regular monthly offerings, which is the best way to support the Orphans' Home. By request, ask for a free-will offering for the Home today.

J. D. McClung
Sister W. F. Brooks

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the committee on Christian Education, submit the following: We believe that every person should have at least a normal education, especially Christian Workers and Ministers, and we believe that the word of God will sustain the recommendation of Christian Education. Paul said to Timothy in II Tim. 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth," and to rightly divide the word of God it takes deep and constant study with fervent prayer to prepare ourselves for the work. We have some good schools and we recommend that our College at Jacksonville, Texas be remembered for attendance when considering school. We do not think that education makes a preacher, but it surely helps a God-called Preacher to better divide His word.

Eld. T. P. Lee
Eugene Gunn
Virgil Allen

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School, submit the following: We recommend that each Church maintain a Sunday School, and use only the Bible and our own Literature from Texarkana, for in a Sunday School we study God's word, which is a light in our pathway. It teaches us how to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, for it is sweeter than the honey and honeycomb.

J. W. Askew
Eugene Gunn
Ernest Holcombe

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg to report that we have had a half-time missionary on the field for the past year. We are glad to report that the missionary is paid in full at the time of this report and there is now in the treasure \$1.42. We recommend that a full-time missionary be placed on the field and we pray that each church and pastor in the association will give their support and cooperation.

Hassell Johnston
J. E. Watson
C. G. Cass

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, believe that Christians should not be gluttonous in their eating and should abstain from all alcoholic beverages. Also, we, as children of God, believe that we should denounce all things that is not uplifting in this life.

A. H. Hodgson
Mrs. C. A. Lewis

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

We, your committee, recommend that each church make a donation to this cause. We have some aged ministers that have spent their lives in the cause of Christ. We think they should be cared for.

W. L. McConnell
H. C. Tidwell
J. D. Siddens

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, your committee, wish to express our many Thanks to the

Hodgson Church, pastor and community for their kindness and hospitality shown the messengers and visitors while in their midst and pray God's richest blessings on them all.

Eld. Jim Dotson
A. H. Anderson

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 administration 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 the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot from members composing the churches of this Association 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, to report at the next annual session of the Association. Five members of the said committee shall compose a quorum. The Moderator of 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-third's 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 subjects, 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.

CHURCHES	
Aikin Grove	11
Austin Chapel	19
Avery	15
Bethlehem	13
Concord	13
Friendship	15
Hodgson	13
Hopewell	14
Hubbard Chapel	14
Liberty	13
Lydia	14
Malta	14
Maple Creek	16
Mt. Pleasant	13
New Haven	12
New Hope	11
Pleasant Valley	22
Post Oak	14
Losses	22
Total	225
Membership	75
Pastor's Salary	650
Evangalistic	90
District Missions	27
State Missions	92
Foreign Missions	11
Orphan's Home	76
Other Expenses	35
Sunday School Enrollment	60
No. of Classes	5
Officers and Teachers	13
Meeting Days	3
Minutes Fund	30