

MINUTES

of the
One Hundred and Fifth Annual Session
of the

Red River - Bowie
Missionary Baptist Association

held with the

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
Sept. 1-2-3, 1948

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Elder J. B. Watson,
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas
Clerk.....Elder Jim Dotson,
Rt. 2, Detroit, Texas
Treasurer.....E. L. Duren,
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas

The next session will be held with the Avery
Church at Avery, beginning Wednesday night
before the first Sunday in September 1949.
Introductory sermon by Elder J. D. McClung.
Alternate, Elder J. B. Watson.

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

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RED RIVER - BOWIE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night

The body was called to together by singing "Kneel at the Cross," and "Amaze and Grace" led by Bro. E. R. Tuggle, and prayers led by elders J. B. Watson and J. D. McClung. Elder D. D. Miller being absent.

After singing "Jesus Paid It All," Elder A. I. Bond brought us a great message from James the 14th chapter. Theme of thought what is your life.

Motion to adjourn till 10 O'clock Thursday morning carried.

Dismissed by Elder A. J. Findley.

Thursday Morning

The body was called together by singing "What a Friend We Have In Jesus," led by Elder Hassell Johnston and prayer led by Elder J. B. Pruitt.

READING CLERKS

Elders A. J. Findley and Eugene Gunn. After reading the letters. Moved and second the letters be adapted and messengers seated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By motion we set aside the regular order of business and elected by acclamation.

MODERATOR

Elder J. B. Watson nominated and unanimously elected.

CLERK

Elder Jim Dotson nominated and unanimously elected.

TREASURER

Elder E. L. Duren nominated and unanimously elected. Petitionary letters from Ringwood church read and accepted.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

Elders A. I. Bond, J. E. Watson and Hassell Johnston. Regular letter from Ringwood Church read, adopted and the Messenger seated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elder E. L. Duren and Brothers, W. L. McConnell and C. E. Duncan. After singing, "I'll Live On," Elder J. B. Pruitt brought us a great message from Gen. 24. Dismissed by Elder W. A. B. Jones.

THURSDAY EVENING

The body was called together by singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," by Elder H. L. Johnston.

District Missionary's report read, showed a balance due of \$39.10.

An offering taken at this time for district mission and the books ballanced.

Letter from Blakney church read, adopted and the Messenger seated.

An offering of \$23.79 taken at this time for state mission. Association Mission Report read and spoken to by Elder W. A. B. Jones and adopted.

State Mission report read and spoken to by A. J. Finley and adopted.

Orphan's Home report read and spoken to by Elder J. L. Lay.

An offering of \$32.37 taken at this time for the Orphanage.

Adjourn until 7:30 P. M.

Dismissed by Brother C. E. Duncan.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The house was called together by singing. "I'll be a Friend to Jesus," and "I'll Live in Glory," led by Sister Lucile Enox, and prayer by Elder E. C. Gillentine.

Devotionalled by Brother Roberts by reading 1st Psa. 1 to 6.

After singing "When Our Lord Shall Come Again," Elder A. J. Findley brought a great message from Romans 1-1 to 17. Adjourn until 9:30 A. M. Friday. Dismissed by Brother J. D. Siddens.

FRIDAY MORNING

The body was called together by singing, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" and "At The Cross" led by Elder E. C. Gillentine, and prayer led by Elder J. E. Watson.

Report on Christian Education read and spoken to by Elder J. W. Askew.

Report on Sunday School read and spoken to by Elder E. C. Gillentine.

Report on Temperance read and spoken to by Elders G. C. Starrett, A. J. Findley and J. E. Watson.

After singing Elder E. C. Gillentine brought us a great message from Mat. 3-13 to 17.

FRIDAY EVENING

The body was called together by singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There and You Never Mentioned Him to Me." led by Elder H. L. Johnston,

Treasurer Report shows a balance of \$13.73 report received.

Report on aged Ministers relief read and spoken by A. I. Bond and G. C. Starrett.

Report on Denominational literature read and spoken to by Elder Eugene Gunn.

Reports of Finance Committee read and adopted. An offering of \$20.33 was taken at this time for aged minister's relief, which was equally divided between sister W. F. Brooks and sister Deveney, together with \$2 50 already in the Treasurer.

By motion we elected a missionary at this time. Elders D. D. Miller and Eugene Gunn nominated. Elder Miller leading. By motion the vote was made unanimous for Elder Miller.

By motion we employ Elder Miller for one-half time.

By motion the Missionary's salary was set at \$75.00 per month.

Resolution of thanks read and adopted.

By motion the executive committee met at Midway Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October at 2:00 P. M.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be with the Liberty Church at Midway.

After singing "God be with you 'till we meet again," led by Brother J. D. Siddens. We adjourned to reconvene with the Avery Church Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September 1949.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH MESSENGERS AND ALTERNATES

Aiken Grove: Brothers Jesse Humphrey, John Malone and Charley Wolfe. Alternate Brothers Elmer Strand and Ulu Humphrey.

Avery: Brother Jerry Robinson and Sisters Ebb Tius and Oma Brooks. Alternates. Any member present.

Bethlemam: Brothers Eugene Harper and N. C. Hinson and Sister Lizzie Harper. Alternate. Sisters Florence Pirtle and Jimmie Duffee and Brother Edd Vaughan.

Blakney: Brother W. E. Robbins, J. L. Pruitt and Wesley Lawrence. Alternate. Brother Cecil Asher and Leo Pratt.

Concord: Brathers Allen Wilson, J. L. Watson and C. E. Webb. Alternate. Any member present

Friendship: Brothers J. B. Watson, Garland Hines and Sister J. B. Watson. Alternate. Brothers L. C. Coombes, J. J. Polock and Sister L. C. Coombes.

Hodgson: Brothers Otis Rodgers, E. E. Bishop and Elder Eugene Gunn. Alternates: Any member present.

Hopewell: Brothers Byron Duren and Louis Fryer and Sister Bonie Ship. Alternates: Brother Tom Roberts and Sisters Ala May Duran and Ibez Fryar.

Hubbard Chapel: Brothers Carl Duncan, Rita Henry and A. E. Richardson. Alternates: Any member present.

Liberty: Brother Dennis Pearce, Sister Naomi Smith and Elder Jim Dotson. Alternates: Any member present.

Lydia: Sisters Mary Lafferty, Acie McKinney and Brother Ervin Lafferty. Alternates: Any member present.

Malta: Brothers Henry Walker, C. A. Louis and Elder J. W. Askew. Alternates: Brothers A. H. Anderson, J. P. Skidmore and Harwell Caddenhead.

Maple Creek: Brothers J. D. Siddens, C. M. Alsop and W. L. McConnell. Alternates: Brothers Carl Loflin, Ennis Moore and Sister Carl Loflin.

Mt. Pleasant: Elders H. L. Johnston, J. E. Watson and Sister Raymond Jeffers. Alternates: Sisters Allie White, Hazel Punderburk and Lucile Enox.

New Haven: Brothers Ross Mitchel, Ike Thompson and J. T. Riddle. Alternates: Brothers Robert Tull, Horis Raulston and Amby Rawlston.

New Hope: Brothers Robert Earl Kennedy, Edward Hawkins and Robert Shumake. Alternates: Elders D. D. Miller and Brother Dewey Murphy.

Pleasant Valley: Elders J. T. Lay, Brother C. G. Cass and Sister C. G. Cass. Alternates: Brother Fred Blankenship, Charles Cass and Gene Lay.

Post Oak: Brother and Sister Fred Ramsey and Elder John Payne. Alternates: Brother and Sister Jim Lee and Sister Ellen Lee.

Rehobeth: Brother Clifton Audas and Sister Mary Audas and Lela Alma Bearden. Alternates: Brothers Howland Harrison and Boyde Wayne Audis and Sister Edith Harrison.

Ringwood: Sisters R. E. Williams and Bill Morris and Elder G. C. Starrett. Alternates: Brother Charles Jeff King and Sister Mary L. Morris

PASTORS, CLERKS, BOARD MEMBERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Aiken Grove: E. L. Duren, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas. Clerk. Uious Humphrey, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas. Supt. Howard Bean.

Avery: Hassell Johnston, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas. Clerk. O. S. Brooks, Avery, Texas. Supt. Ferman Williams.

Bethlehem: J. B. Pruitt, Falco, Texas. Clerk. Eugene Harper, Johntown, Texas. Supt. Eugene Harper, Johntown, Texas.

Blakeney: Sunday School Supt. Mike Conway. Board Member. Wesley Lawrence.

Concord: A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas. Clerk. C. E. Webb, Roate 1, Clarksville, Texas. Board Member. J. L. Watson, Clarksville, Texas.

Friendship: J. B. Watson, Clarksville, Texas. Clerk. Sister L. C. Coombes, Box 424, Clarksville, Texas. Supt. Garland Hines, Clarksville, Texas.

Hoelgson: A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas. Clerk. Enla Elliott, DeKalb, Texas. Supt. W. B. Elliott, DeKalb, Texas. Board Member. Eugene Gunn.

Hopewell: H. L. Johnson, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas. Clerk. B. L. Watsan Route 6, Clarksville, Texas. Supt. Louis Fryar. Board Member. E. L. Duren.

Hubbard Chapel: John Edd Mullins, Jacksonville, Texas.

Liberty: A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas. Clerk. Jim Dotson, Route 2, Detroit, Texas. Supt. Dennis Pearce, Route 2, Detroit, Texas. Board Member. Jim Dotson, Route 2, Detroit, Texas.

Lydia; A. I. Bond, Bogata. Clerk. Pearl Whiteman, Avery, Texas.

Malta; W. A. B. Jones, Avery, Texas. Clerk. Willie V. Stewart, Route 2, New Boston, Texas. Supt. A. H. Anderson, Route 5, DeKalb, Texas.

Maple Creek: E. L. Duren, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas. Clerk. J. D. Siddens, Rt. 2, Clarksville, Texas. Supt. Carl Loftin, Rt. 2, Clarksville, Texas.

Mt. Pleasant: H. L. Johnston, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas. Clerk. Sister E. E. Corey, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas.

New Haven: J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk. Ike Thompson, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas. Supt. Ross Mitchell, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas.

New Hope: A. I. Bond, call Bogata. Clerk. Emma Shumake, DeKalb, Tex. Supt. Robert Earl Kennedy, DeKalb.

Pleasant Valley: J. T. Lay, Route 4, Paris, Texas. Clerk. Gene Lay, Supt. C. G. Cass, Route 4, Paris, Texas.

Post Oak: J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk. Sister Fred Ramsey, Route 2, Blossom, Texas.

Rehobath: No Pastor. Clerk. A. S. Crew, Route 1, Avery, Texas.

Ringwood: No Pastor. Clerk. Sister Hatie McCowin, Supt. G. C. Starrett, Route 3, New Boston, Texas.

OTHER MINISTERS IN THE ASSOCIATION

A. H. Hodgsdon, W. M. Thrasher, H. T. Eudy, Jim Dotson, Eugene Gunn, J. E. Watson, L. C. Coombes, J. W. Askw, L. E. Walker, J. D. Cochran, J. J. Payne, G. C. Starrett.

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 object 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.

Articles 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 reserve 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 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 belongs 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 Treasures 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 Exclusive 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 to be chairman of the committee, to have charge of the said 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.

FINANCE

Minutes and Clerk Hire-----	\$ 68.88
District Mission-----	\$398.68
State Mission-----	\$104.93
Foreign Mission-----	\$ 45.00
Orphan's Home-----	\$858.66
Aged Ministers-----	\$ 22.88

E. L. Duren
H. L. McConnell
C. E. Duncan.

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 use 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.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION

We, your Committee on Foreign Mission, report as follows:

Since Jesus gave in the 28th Chapter of Matt. to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. We recommend that we do our missionary work through the American Baptist Missionary Association.

J. D. McClung
W. T. Mitchell.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your Committee on Denominational Literature reports as follows:

First, we recommend the Bible which is the divinely inspired word of God and the foundation of all literature.

We also recommend the Baptist Progress, the literature Sunday School, and other publications of the American Baptist Association.

Signed:

Eugene A. Gunn

A. H. Richardson

Ulous Humphreys

STATE MISSION REPORT

We, your Committee on State Mission submit the following report:

We have Four Missionaries on the field, who have been Working most of the year. A number of Churches have been organized this year, and some of them are growing rapidly. But it takes money to keep the work going. Missions is our first duty to our Lord and to the world.

A. J. Findley

Eugene A. Gunn.

ORPHANS' HOME

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home submit the following: That an offering should be made regular, at least once a month. We hereby recommend that an offering should be taken up today for the benefit of the Orphans' Home.

J. T. Lay

F. F. Proctor

Oma Brooks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Christian Education, wish to make the following Report:

We believe that every person should have at least a normal education, especially Christian workers and members, and we believe that the word of God will sustain the recommendation of Christian "Education. Paul said to Timothy, 11 Tim. 2-15, Study to show thyself approved unto God workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly demanding the word of God, it takes deep and constance study with frequent 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 deliver His word and we believe that Christian education begins at home.

J. J. Payne

C. E. Webb

J. W. Askew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School beg to submit the following report:

We believe that each and every Church should maintain a Sunday work in the study of the Bible and that if properly carried on it is defnately the church at work and we join Paul in his admonition to Timothy as in 11 Timothy 2-15 to show thy self appeared unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly demanding the word of truth.

Jim Dotson

J. L. Watson

D. A. Pearce.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Dear Brethren: We, the committee on Associational Mission wish to submit the following report.

Believing as we do that the Lord gave to His church the plan of Mission work.

We have made the following observations that this asso-

ciation is a fertile field for mission work, there are a number of churches without regular pastors and the need of a pure Gospel preaching, we see a field white to harvest, Blakeney alone furnishes a great field for service, there are literally hundreds of lost souls there

We see the need of a full time missionary effort.

W. A. B. Jones
A. I. Bond.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

God's Book says "Be yea therefore temperance in all things." And as we, the committee believe that there are many ways in which as Christians, could become intemperate. This being true we recommend that each and every one of us study God's word very carefully and prayerfully in regard to its teaching on this particular question that we might be able to know and practice the things that the word of inspiration has endeavored to teach us.

Signed G. C. Starrett
J. D. Siddens
C. E. Duncan.

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF

We, your committee, recommend that we maintain a fund to support the aged ministers who have been active in the work of the ministering of the Gospel, all so for their support of their widowed wives.

A. I. Bond.

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the messengers of the Red River-Bowie Association, wish to take this method to express our thanks for manner in which this church and its pastor provided for the messengers and visitors.

Resolved that we, the messengers and visitors wish to convey our most hearty and sincere thanks for the many comforts and kindness shown to us during this associational meeting and ask that God's richest blessing rest upon this Church and its pastor.

Your Committee,
W. A. B. Jones
Houston E. Proctor.



Churches	Additions	Losses	Total Membership	Pastor's Salary	Evangelistic	District Missionary	State Mission	Foreign Mission	Orphan's Home	Other Expenses	Sunday School Enrollment	No. of Classes	Officers and Teachers	Meeting Days	Minute Fund
Aikin Grove	10	14	110	100.00	31.47	6.00			16.80	180.00	51	4	6	2-4	2.50
Avery	3	6	152	434.65	7.00	15.10			62.33	523.27	65	4	6	2-4	
Bethlehem	5	1	57	760.00		31.51	31.50		31.50	175.29	71	4	6	fl.	5.00
Blakney	6	3	36	86.42		22.28					38	4	6		2.75
Concord				225.00						95.85	35				5.00
Friendship	14		48	385.60	57.75	33.70			30.52	2078.46	35	3	5	fl.	4.50
Hodgson	11	2	97	338.55	68.50	21.00			92.50	191.78	67	4	6	2-4	5.00
Hopewell	2	9	74	375.49	60.45	53.92			34.79	62.08	45	4	6	2-4	2.50
Hubbard Chapel	1	9	147	274.50	170.00	15.00		10.00	29.00	10.00	150	5	7		3.00
Liberty	1	8	62	114.63	36.26				13.03	81.00	29	3	5	1	3.00
Lydia	4	1	38	183.00	73.00										13.00
Malta	9	13	242	503.73	55.00	26.00			72.00	234.99	143	5	7	2-4	3.00
Maple Creek	2	5	64	130.00	42.00				11.50		35	4	6	1	
Mt. Pleasant	5	0	41	155.00		31.50	1.00		75.24	76.41	47	4	6	3	3.61
New Heaven	5	4	142	554.00	83.75	26.08			225.00	71.00	75	4	6	4	5.54
New Hope	4	4	55	305.00	88.82	5.00			51.79					1-3	3.35
Pleasant V'ley	26	18	121	841.26			48.64		48.64	590.52	50	3	5	fl.	3.00
Post Oak	2	4	51	600.00										1-3	3.00
Rehoboth	15														4.34
Ringwood	5		14		7.50	18.00		25.00		128.00	15			3	7.50