

MINUTES

of the
One Hundred and Sixth Annual Session
of the

Red River-Bowie

Missionary Baptist Association

held with the

Avery Baptist Church

Aug. 31, Sept. 1-2, 1949

OFFICERS

Moderator-----Elder J. B. Wats
Route 1, Clarksville, Texas

Clerk-----Elder Jim Dots
Route 2, Detroit, Texas

Treasurer-----Elder E. L. Dur
Route 6, Clarksville, Texas

The next session will be held with the New Hav
Church at Dimple, 10 miles north of Clarksville, Tex
beginning Wednesday night before the first Sunday
September, 1950.

Introductory sermon by Elder A. I. Bond. Alterna
Elder H. L. Johnston.

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.
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RED RIVER BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1

PROCEEDINGS

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

Held With The
AVERY BAPTIST CHURCH AT AVERY.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The body was called together by singing "There is Power in the Blood" and "Are You Washed in the Blood?" led by Bro. H. Proctor and prayer led by Eld. J. E. Watson. Eld. J. D. McClung being absent, Eld. J. B. Watson brought a great message, Jobe 14-1 to 6, also Isa 38-1 to 15, also Rom. 6-23, after preaching prayer led by Eld. Hassell Johnson. After singing "When I see the Blood," Eld. E. Lansford brought a great message from Mat. 6-26 to 30. Subject: Consider the Lilies.

By motion we adjourned to reconvene at 10:00 A. M. Thursday. Dismissed by Bro. Woodars.

THURSDAY MORNING

The body was called together by singing "Just Over in Glory Land" and nothing between and prayer led by Elds. A. I. Bond and E. L. Duren.

Reading Clerks: Elds. Eugene Gunn and W. A. B. Jones.

By motion the between be accepted as read and the messengers be seated

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion prevailed to suspend the regular order of business and elect by acclamation.

MODERATORS

Eld. J. B. Watson nominated and unananimously elected.

CLERK

Eld. Jim Dotson nominated and unananimously elected.

TREASURER

Eld. E. L. Duren nominated and unananimously elected.

Motion prevailed that Eld. J. D. McClung preach at the eleven o'clock hour.

By motion our visiting Brethern be seated with us in council.

Elder McClung being present brought us a great message, using Rom. 1-13 to 16.

Adjourn till 1:30 P. M. Dismissed by Eld. Jim Dotson

THURSDAY MORNING

The body was called together by singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" and any where is home and prayer by Eld. G. F. Crumley.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Eld. L. E. Walker and Bro. Wallace Lee.

Dist. Missionary Report read, showed \$11.54 over paid Report spoken to by Elds. D. D. Miller, J. D. McClung and J. E. Watson. Motion prevailed to adopt the report as read

By motion the night session be a state Mission service. Orphan home report read and spoken to by Eld. J. D. McClung. An offering of \$28.47 was taken at this time for the Home. By motion the report was adopted as read.

Report on Christian Education read and spoken to by Elds. G. F. Crumley and Eugene Gunn. By motion the report was adopted as read.

Report on Sunday School read and spoken to by Eld. W. A. B. Jones. By motion the report was adopted as read.

By motion the Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

The next session of the association will meet with the New Haven Church on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September 1950.

Adjourn till 7:30 P. M.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 10:00 A. M. Friday. Dismissed by Eld. J. B. Watson.

FRIDAY MORNING

The body was called together by singing "We'll be Gathered Home and Blessed." Assurance led by Eld. Hassell Johnston and prayer by Eld. J. W. Askew.

Report on Temperance read and spoken to by Elders J. F. Watson, Dennis, J. D. McClung and L. E. Walker.

By motion the report was adopted.

Eld. G. F. Crumley brought us a great message. Motion prevailed to adjourn till 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING

The body was called together by singing "I Am Satisfied With Jesus and Victory in Jesus," led by G. F. Crumley and prayer by Eld. Eugene Gunn.

Foreign Mission report read and spoken to by Eld. J. D. McClung and G. F. Crumley. By motion the report was adopted as read.

Report on Denominational Literature read and spoken to by Elds. J. W. Askew and W. A. B. Jones. By motion the report was correct and adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS

Read and spoken to by Elds. A. I. Bond and J. D. McClung. An offering of \$24.14 taken at this time, together with \$5.00 in the Treasurer, was equally divided with sisters W. F. Brooks and B. J. Diviney. By motion the report was adopted.

Finance Report showed \$6.00 for District Mission. By motion the report was adopted.

Motion prevailed to elect a Missionary at this time. Nominations: Elds. D. D. Miller and Eugene Gunn. Eld. D. D. Miller receiving the greatest number of votes was declared elected by the Moderator. Motion prevailed to make the vote unanimous for Eld. Miller.

Motion prevailed to employ the Missionary one-half time and pay \$75.00 for that time.

Motion prevailed the clerk have 250 copies of the Minutes printed and retain the remainder of the \$68.56 as his hire. Eld. A. I. Bond was elected to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. H. L. Johnston, alternate.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Read and adopted. Motion prevailed to adjourn to reconvene with the New Haven Church, Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1950.

Dismissed by Eld. J. E. Watson.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH MESSENGERS
AND ALTERNATES

Aiken Grove: Bro. Jess Humphrey and Sisters Bertha Humphrey and Pearing. Alternate. Any member present.
Austin Chapel: Eld. G. F. Crumbley, Bro. O. J. Finley, Sister Ruby Holt. Alternates. Bro. Lee Russell, Russell Tidwell and Sister Eula Bunger.
Avery: Bros. Charley Stanley, Jim Gortney and Sisters Virgan Holder. Alternates. Bros. Elton Rosbery, Lester Slaton and Denis Dawns.
Bethlehem: Bros. N. C. Hinson, John Roach, Scott Pirtle. Alternates. Sisters Gerie Baxter, Lucy Hervey and Mamie Vaughan.
Blakeney: Bros. W. E. Robbinson, J. L. Pruitt and W. W. Lawrence. Alternates. Any members present.
Concord: Bros. J. L. Watson and Walter Hill and Sister Walter Hill. Alternates, Bros. Allen Wilson and C. E. Webb and Sister Easter Wilson.
Friendship: Bros. J. B. Watson and Buge Ward and Sister France Watson. Alternate. Bros. Carl Clark, W. C. Parker and Sister Ward.
Hodgson. Bros. Bryan Elliott and Eugene Gunn and Sister Eula Elliott. Alternate. Bros. John Paul Cunningham and Grady Kennedy and Sister Annie Kennedy.
Hopewell: Bros. Byron Duren and Louis Fryar and Sister Byron Duren. Alternates. Bro. and Sister R. H. Grandy and Bro. Gip Collins.
Hubbard Chapel: Bros. John Pickens, L. O. Chasteen and M. V. Harbor. Alternate. Any member present.
Liberty: Sisters C. W. Polla, Dennis Pearce and Naomi Smith. Alternates. Any member present.
Lydia: Sisters Ada Lafferty, Leonard Anderson and Walter Whiteman. Alternates. Any member present
Maple Creek: Bros. J. D. Siddeus, I. E. McConnell and A. W. Harwell. Alternates. Bros. Carl Lofton, Ennis Moore and C. M. Alsnp.
Mt. Pleasant: Eld. H. L. Johnston and Bros. Raymond Jeffers and Wilma Mathis. Alternates. Alternates. Any member present.
New Haven: Bros. Aubry Raulston, Loid Prewitt and Eld. J. D. McClung. Alternates. Any member present.
New Hope: Bros. Dewey Murphy and Let McMillan and Eld. D. D. Miller. Alternates. Any member present.

Post Oak: Bro. and Sister Wilburn Lee and Bro. Buster Stevens. Alternate. Any member present.
Rehoboth: Bros. Howland Harrison, Francis Martingdale and Clifton Andas. Alternate. Any member present.
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. Jesse Humphrey, Box 507, Clarksville, Texas.
Austin Chapel: Gerald F. Crumley, DeKalb, Texas;
Clerk, Sister Annie White, Supt. James L. Bunger.
Avery: Hassell Johnson, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas.
Clerk, O. S. Brooks, Avery. Supt. O. C. Downs, Avery.
Bethlehem: A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas. Clerk, Scott Pirtle, Supt. N. C. Hinson, Johnstown, Texas.
Blakeney. Eugene Gunn, Route 1, Arkenda, Ark. Clerk, W. W. Lawrence, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas. Supt. J. M. Conway.
Concord. Hassell Johnson, call, Route 1, Bagwell. Clerk, Walter S. Hill, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas. Supt. Allen Wilson, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas.
Friendship: J. B. Watson, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas. Clerk. Elcie Reed, Route 2, Clarksville, Supt. G. A. Hines Route 1, Clarksville, Texas.
Hodgson: T. P. Lee, call, Clerk, Eula Elliott. DeKalb, Supt. Sam Kennedy, DeKalb, Texas.
Hopewell: W. A. B. Jones, Route 8, Texarkana, Ark. Clerk, P. H. Gandy, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas. Supt. Louis Fryar, Route 9, Clarksville, Texas.
Hubbard Chapel: J. E. Mullins, Ashdown, Ark. Clerk C. E. Duncan, Route 2 DeKalb, Texas.
Liberty: J. T. Lay, Paris, Texas. Clerk, Jim Dodson, Route 2, Detroit, Supt. Dennis Pearce, Route 2, Detroit, Texas. Board member, Jim Dotson.
Lydia: H. L. Johnston, Route 1, Bagwell. Clerk, Walter Whiteman, Avery, Texas.
Maple Creek: E. L. Duren, Route 6, Clarksville, Clerk, J. D. Siddeus, Route 2, Clarksville, Texas. Supt. Carl Lofton.
Mt. Pleasant: H. L. Johnston, call, Route 1, Bagwell. Clerk, Hazel Funderburk, Route 1, Bagwell, Supt. Raymond Teffers, 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: Eugene McClung, call. Clerk, Dorothy
 Hawkins, Route 2, DeKalb, Supt. Dewey Murphy, Route 2,
 DeKalb, Texas, Board member, D. D. Miller, Avery,
 Post Oak: J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, Clerk,
 Mrs. Fred Ramsey, Route 2, Blosson, Texas.
 Rohobeth: J. E. Watson, Route 2, Clarksville, Texas
 Clerkville, Lela Alma Bearden, Route 1, Avery, Texas.
 Supt. Francis Martingale, Avery, Texas.
 Ringwood: W. A. B. Jones, Route 8, Texarkana, Ark.
 Clerk, Mrs. R. E. Williams, Supt. Mrs. R. A. Hall, Route 1,
 New Boston, Texas.

FINANCES

District Mission-----\$22.54
 State Mission-----\$68.87
 Foreign Mission-----\$15.00
 Aged Ministers Relief-----\$29.14
 Orphan's Home-----\$51.92
 Christian Education-----\$20.00
 Ministers and Clerk Hire-----\$68.50
 Finance Committee: A. S. Crow
 W. F. Lee
 L. E. Walker

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 the subjects, or use personal or indecorous language.
4. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on an any subject.
5. No one shall be allowed to sprak more than 10 minutes on any one subject unless granted an extension of time by the body.

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.

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 benovolent 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 the 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 Treasurer to keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed and 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.

REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

We believe that each church should maintain a Sunday School; work in the study of the scriptures and that if properly carried on it is definitely the church's at work.

We recommend that each church maintain a good Sunday School; we further recommend the American Baptist Association literature published at Texarkana.

Your Committee:
W. A. B. Jones, C. E. Duncan, S. E. Holcombe.

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 Orphan's Home.—J. D. McClung, J. D. Siddens, Jesse Humphrey.

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF

We your committee on aged ministers relief, recommend, that we, as an association maintain a fund to care for aged ministers, and to assist them in having a place to preach in their declining years. Also recommend that their widows are cared for if need be.—A. I. Bond.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee beg leave to report the following: God's Book says Be Ye Therefore Temperant in All Things: We further recommend that pastors and deacons and all church members take a stand against beer drinking and other strong drinks, since it is becoming such a growing evil.

Be Ye Therefore Temperant in all things.
—J. E. Watson, J. D. Siddens, Bill Lee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We your committee submit the following report: Inasmuch as our Lord gave the Great Commission to the church to go into all the world, preach and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded.

We believe we should first begin at Jerusalem (which is home) then into all parts of the world. May we remember our missionaries with our prayers and our means. We also recommend that an offering for State Missions at this time be taken.

Respectfully, Your Committee,
Mrs. W. F. Brooks, A. S. Crow, Rev. J. A. Denton.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We your committee on Foreign Mission report as follows:

Since we find 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, Eugene A. Gunn.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education desire to submit to you this report:

An integral part of the Great Commission is that we should be "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We believe that Christian Education should be stressed in our churches, and we recommend to each of our churches that they emphasize this phase of their work in their own local congregation.

We further believe that after finishing public schools, the children of Baptist parents should be encouraged to attend our own schools. We recommend that the schools which teach Baptist doctrine be supported by and attended by our people when seeking Christian Education. We recommend in our State of Texas the Texas Baptist Institute at Henderson and Jacksonville College at Jacksonville when planning to attend school.

Respectfully submitted by:

G. F. Crumley, Eugene A. Gunn.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We your committee on Denominational Literature wish to report as follows:

First, we recommend the Bible as the all sufficient rule of faith and practices, and we further recommend the Baptist Progress as a sound denomination publication, and another associational paper that tends to maintain truth and harmony in the ranks of the Baptists of the association. We also recommend books that are found in the book stores in Dallas and Texarkana, and the Literature of the American Baptist Association.—Your Committee:

W. A. B. Jones

J. W. Askey.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the messengers of the association, wish to express our thanks to the Avery Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor for the spiritual hospitality that was shown us. May God's blessings abide with you.

—A. I. Bond, J. E. Watson, J. R. Roach.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We your committee on Associational Missions wish to submit the following report:

We believe that we are indebted as churches to preach the gospel to all nations but we as the Red River-Bowie Association are indeed indebted to preach the true gospel of our Lord in this part of his vineyard and we pray that we may see the day when we will have a full time missionary on the field. And we also believe that if we neglect this part of mission work we as churches of the Red River-Bowie Association will go out of business for the Lord and the Cause we love so much.

—J. D. Miller, W. A. B. Jones, J. E. Watson.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

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A. I. Bond

J. E. Watson

J. R. Roach

