

MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Red River - Bowie
Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Aug. 30-31, Sept. 1, 1950

OFFICERS

Moderator _____ Elder Hassell Johnston
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Clerk _____ Elder Jim Dotson
Route 2, Detroit, Texas

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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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.
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9. State Missions.
10. Foreign Missions.
12. Christian Education.
13. Denominational Literature.
11. Sunday School.
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RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1

PROCEEDINGS

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The body was called together by singing, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" and "Kneel at the Cross", led by Eld. R. T. Stevens, and prayer led by Eld. J. J. Payne. After the Devotional by Eld. Hassell Johnston, Eld. A. J. Bond brought the Introductory sermon. Adjourned to reconvene at 9:30.

THURSDAY MORNING

Dismissed by Eld. R. T. Stevens.

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The body was called together by singing "Standing on the Promises of God," led by Eld. R. T. Stevens, and prayer led by Eld. J. D. McClung.

Eld. J. J. Payne led us in Devotional services.

READING CLERKS

Eld. A. J. Bond and Eugene Gunn.

Letters being read, motion prevailed to adopt the letters and seat the Messengers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

MODERATOR

Eld. Hassell Johnston and G. F. Crumbley nominated.

Eld. Johnston receiving the majority of votes was declared elected.

CLERK

Eld. Jim Dotson nominated and unanimously elected.

TREASURER

Eld. E. L. Duren nominated and unanimously elected. A petitionary letter from West Side Baptist Church at New Boston was read, received and given the right hand of Christian fellowship and the Messenger seated.

Report on Foreign Missions read and spoken on by Eld. J. W. Askew, J. E. Watson and G. C. Starrett and adopted. Report on Denominational Literature read and spoken on by Elds. D. D. Miller, A. J. Findley, J. D. McClung and J. E. Watson and adopted.

Report on Sunday School read and spoken on by Elds. J. D. McClung and A. J. Findley and adopted. Motion prevailed to decide on electing a missionary at this time. The election postponed till some future date. Eld. R. T. Stevens was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. J. B. Watson alternate.

FRIDAY EVENING

The body was called together by singing "Rock of Ages," led by Sister Lucille Johnston.

Prayer led by Bro. Robert Tull. Eld. Hassell Johnston brought us a great message. Resolution of thanks read and adopted.

No further business was discussed. Motion to adjourn to meet with New Hope Church Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1950, by singing "Amazing Grace," led by Eld. A. G. Bond and prayer by Eld. D. D. Miller.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH MESSENGERS AND ALTERNATES

Alkin Grove: Jess Humphry, John Malone and Elmer Stroud. Alternate: Any member present.

Austin Chapel: Eld. G. F. Crumbley, M. L. Bunger, Carl Tidwell. Alternate: Any member present.

Avery: Oma Brooks, Lola May Cary and Houston Proctor. Alternate: Zela Downs, Virginia Holder, and Iva Stanley.

Bethlehem: W. S. Pirtle, L. C. Vaughn and M. C. Henson. Alternate: Any member present.

Blakney: J. L. Pruitt, W. E. Robins, W. W. Lawrence. Alternate: Any member present.

Friendship: Eld. J. B. Watson, G. A. Hines, W. L. Stroud. Alternate: Sister Florence Watson, Bros. Lennox Brown, and W. J. Reed.

Hodgson: Bryant Elliott, Eugene Gunn and Grady Kennedy. Alternate: Earnest Bishop, Sister Cora Lee Bishop and Anna Kennedy.

Hopewell: Byron Duren, P. H. Gandy and Sister M. J. Childers. Alternate: Sister Edith Mowery, Bonnie Ship and Sister P. H. Gandy.

Hubbard Chapel: Howard Ruddle, Rolls Henry, Sister Bob Wright. Alternate: Any member present.

Liberly: Bros. J. B. Pearce and Jim Dotson and Sister Doris Pearce. Alternate: Any member present.

Lydia: Bro. Leonard Anderson and Sisters Leonard Anderson and Alvin Peacock. Alternate: Any member present.

Maple Creek: W. L. McConnell, J. D. Siddens and J. E. McConnell. Alternate: A. W. Harville, Ennis Moore and Truman Baird.

Mt. Pleasant: Eld. Hassell Johnston, Eld Jackson and Sister Lucille Johnston. Alternate: Any member present.

New Haven: Bros. Ferris Raulston, Robert Tull and Ross Mitchell. Alternate: Any member present.

New Hope: Bros. D. D. Miller, Dewey Murphy and Earnest Holcomb. Alternate: Sister Rosa Lee Murphy, D. D. Miller and Verta Holcomb.

Post Oak: Bros. R. T. Stevens, Buther Stevens and Bill Lee. Alternate: Any member present.

West Side: Sisters Velma Lewis and Roy Box and Bro. C. A. Lewis. Alternate: Sister C. A. Lewis and Bro. Banard Durham or any member present.

PASTORS, CLERKS, BOARD MEMBERS

AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Alkin Grove: E. L. Duren, Rt. 6, Clarksville. Clerk: Ujors Humphry, Rt. 6, Clarksville.

Austin Chapel: G. F. Crumbley, Rt. 3, DeKalb. Clerk: Mrs. L. C. White, Rt. 3, DeKalb. Supt. H. C. Tidwell, DeKalb.

Avery: H. L. Johnston, Bagwell, Rt. 1. Clerk: A. S. Brooks, Avery. Supt. O. C. Downs.

Bethlehem: A. G. Bond, Bogata. Clerk: W. S. Pirtle, Johnstown. Supt.: M. C. Henson, Johnstown.

Blakney: Eugene A. Gunn, Rt. 1, Arkinda, Ark. Clerk: W. W. Lawrence, Rt. 1, Bagwell. Supt.: J. M. Conway, Rt. 1, Bagwell.

Friendship: J. B. Watson, Rt. 1, Clarksville. Clerk: Eva Reed, Rt. 2, Clarksville. Supt.: G. A. Hines, Rt. 1, Clarksville.

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Hodgson: T. P. Lee, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk: Eula Elliott, DeKalb. Supt.: Bryant Elliott, DeKalb, RFD. Board Member: Eugene Gunn.

Hopewell: None Clerk: P. H. Gandy, Rt. 6, Clarksville. Supt.: Byron Duren, Rv. 6, Clarksville. Hubbard Chapel: J. E. Mullins, Ash Down, Ark. Clerk: C. E. Duncan, DeKalb. Supt.: Rolls Henry, Rt. 1, DeKalb.

Liberty: J. T. Lay, Paris, Texas. Clerk: J. B. Pearce, Rt. 2, Detroit. Supt.: Dennis Pearce, Rt. 2, Detroit. Board Member: Jim Dotson, Rt. 2, Detroit.

Lydia: Hassell Johnston, Rt. 1, Bagwell. Clerk: Mrs. Leonard Anderson, Rt. 1, DeKalb.

Maple Creek: Alvin Blalock. Clerk: J. D. Siddens, Rt. 2, Clarksville. Supt.: A. W. Harville, Rt. 2, Clarksville.

Mt. Pleasant: Hassell Johnston, Rt. 1, Bagwell; Clerk: Sister Hazel Funderburk, Rt. 1, Bagwell. Supt.: R. T. Jeffers, Negley.

New Haven: J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk: Sister Ross Mitchell, Rt. 6, Clarksville. Supt.: Bro. Ross Mitchell, Rt. 6, Clarksville.

New Hope: C. D. Rhyme, Hughes Springs, Texas. Clerk: Dorothy Hawkins, Rt. 2, DeKalb. Supt.: Edward Eawkins, Rt. 2, DeKalb. Board Member: Lloyd Carlton, Rt. 2, DeKalb.

Post Oak: J. D. McClung, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk: Mrs. Fred Ramsey, Rt. 2, Blossom. Board Member: Walter Mitchell, Rt. 3, Detroit.

West Side: W. H. Snead, 1514 Co Ave., Texarkana, Ark. Clerk: Willie Stewart, New Boston. Supt.: Burnard Durham, New Boston.

FINANCE

District Mission	\$821.50
Foreign Mission	\$3.00
Orphans' Home	\$658.14
Minutes and Clerk Hire	\$61.64

Finance Committee

Ross Mitchell
D. D. Miller
J. L. McConnell

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School respectfully submit the following:

First we believe the Sunday School should be the teaching factor of the church.

Second, we recommend that literature published by the American Baptist Association.

—J. D. McClung, R. E. Stroud, Ike Thompson.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on foreign missions report as follows: Since we find in 28th Chapter, the 19th verse, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," We recommend that we as the church do mission work. We further recommend that we do our missionary work through the American Baptist Association.

—J. W. Askev, Eugene Gunn, J. E. McConnell.

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF

We your committee on old Age Ministers relief wish to report, if we have any aged ministers retired, we recommend that we as the churches of the Red River-Bowie Association help to support them financially and help to furnish them a place to preach, when convenient.

We recommend that the widows of our aged ministers be cared for.

A. J. Bond, S. E. Holcomb, Alvin Blalock.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your committee on Associational Missions, realizing the need of the spread of the gospel in accordance with our Lord's commission, recommend to the Messengers of this association that missionary be placed upon the field for half time.

—J. E. Waton, E. L. Duren.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We believe that each church of the Lord should practice missions.

We recommend to the churches of this association that they support as state missionaries those who are called of God and sent out by their respective churches.

We further recommend that no church support any state missionary or evangelist sent out by either the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas or the North American Baptist Association.

—J. B. Watson, G. F. Crumbley, Robert H. Thill.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education submit the following report:

Christian Education is that form of instruction that pertains to the development of Christian Character and usefulness, fulfilling the individual for better Christian service.

We now have an individual church owned school at Henderson, Texas, which majors in Bible Education for both preacher and lay members, known as the Texas Baptist Institute.

Which school, we recommend to our churches. This school does not propose to qualify teachers to teach in public schools, nevertheless they may be able to secure a certificate to do so.

But to prepare men and women to do more efficient Christian work.

—A. J. Findley, J. D. Siddens, Sis. Oma Brooks.

ORPHANS' HOME

We, your committee submit the following report:

That each church in this association be urged to care for the orphans and needy in her own respective community.

We further recommend that support for the orphans home at Waxahachie, Texas, sponsored by the B. M. A. of Texas, be discontinued.

Be it understood that this recommendation is not made because we are trying to shirk our duty of caring for the orphan children, but because of present policies pursued by the leaders of the B. M. A.

—G. F. Crumbley, J. D. McClung, John Malone

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: Paul, the Apostle, tells us every man that strives for mastery is temperate in all things.

We think that means just what it says, as we as Christians could be intemperate, even in our religious services or intemperate in our conduct or even in our eating and drinking. Therefore, we the committee, heartily commend this doctrine to all of our members, wherever they may be. We think this means temperance in speech, especially as we discuss our brethren.

We the committee recommend a total abstinence from intoxicating drink as a beverage for all Christians, as we have set forth in Pendleton's church manual.

—R. L. Stevens, Byron Dunn, G. L. Starrett.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Messengers of the Red River-Bowie, Association wish to extend our thanks to the New Haven Baptist Church and pastor. May God's blessing abide with you.

A. I. Bond, V. L. Stroud, J. Lee Gray

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Denominational Literature wish to reports as follows:

We wish first to recommend the Bible as the all sufficient rule of faith and practice as Paul tells us in II Tim. 3:16 that all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness. Secondly, we recommend the books and literature offered by the Baptist Book Store at Texarkana.

—D. D. Miller, J. L. Anderson, C. M. Raulston.

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 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.

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.

Churches	Additions	Losses	Total Membership	Pastor's Salary	Evangelistic	District Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Other Expenses	Sunday School Enrollment	No. of Classes	Officers and Teachers	Meeting Days	Minute Fund
Aikin Grove	2	5	81	152.12	39.46					1,500.00					
Austin Chapel	2	16	191	1,965.00	205.00	108.98			30.00	946.07	150	7	9	full	2.43
Avery	34	15	179	700.00	159.55	126.00			20.00	1,179.03	110	6	8	full	5.00
Bethlehem	5	1	49	520.00	50.00					25.00	43	4	6	2-4	5.00
Blakney	1	1	32	108.46		23.50				44.91	40	4	6		4.50
Friendship	6	1	57	401.26		106.04			91.67	474.66	41	4	6	full	4.50
Hodgson	2	6	87	916.00					140.46	250.32	74	4	6	2-4	3.00
Hopewell	11	4	83	301.97	66.50	36.10			27.01	82.68	40	3	6		2.62
Hubbard Chapel	22	5	164	555.00	15.40	5.30			170.00	3,297.35	125	6	8		3.00
Liberty	3	4	60	215.00					16.60	85.97	34	4	6	1st	1.73
Lydia	4	1	41	215.00											
Maple Creek	5	2	74	152.00	41.00	10.00			23.60	51.00	40	4	6	1-3	5.25
Mt. Pleasant	8	0	59	220.00		30.00		3.00	49.40	82.85	60	4	6		3.00
New Haven	0	6	112	540.00	25.00	15.90			90.00	1,929.01	40	4	6	2-4	4.95
New Hope	3	7	46	778.05		220.00				49.00					6.52
Post Oak	7	1	82	600.00		39.68					44	4	6	1-3	2.50
West Side			33	153.57	35.00					908.72	42			1-3	3.00