

# MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Tenth Annual Session

OF THE

Red River - Bowie

Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sept. 2, 3, 4, 1953

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....Elder R. T. Stevens  
Route 6, Clarksville, Texas

Clerk.....Elder A. I. Bond  
Route 1, Bogata, Texas

Treasurer.....Robert Tull  
Route 6, Clarksville, Texas

The next session will be held with the Hodgson Church,  
6 miles Southwest of DeKalb, Texas, beginning Wednesday  
night before the first Sunday in September, 1954.

Introductory sermon by Elder Cecil Hill. Alternate,  
J. B. Watson.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters; Enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of Officers.
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5. Miscellaneous Business.
6. Appointment Committees on Divine Service.
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PROCEEDINGS

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Opening song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm," led by Bro. Albert Carey. Prayer by Eld. Cecil Hill, Eld. A. I. Bond. Welcome by pastor, R. T. Stevens. Song, "Watching You." Prayer, Eld. Ponder, D. D. Miller. Eld. Hassell Johnston preached the introductory sermon. Closing prayer, J. D. McClung. Adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 10:00 A. M.

The session opened by singing "Standing On the Promises," and "Oh, How I Want to See Him," led by Eld. G. F. Crumley. Opening prayer led by Eld. Roy I. Pediga.

Rules of Decorum were read by Mod. Eld. R. T. Stevens.

Appointed as Reading Clerks, Eld. H. M. Johnson, Robert Roden. The Association letters were read, and the Messengers seated by motion and second.

Motion carried to elect the speaker for the 11 o'clock message. and Eld. H. M. Johnston was elected.

Motion carried that the visiting brothers be seated in counsel with us.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion and second to elect all officers by the show of the hand.

Elder R. T. Stevens was elected Moderator.

Elder A. I. Bond, Clerk.

Robert Tull, Treasurer.

Elder H. M. Johnson brought the 11 o'clock sermon lesson II Tim. 1-5. Subject, Sound Doctrine.

Motion to recess for lunch.

After recess the house was called to order by singing "Must Jesus Have the Cross Along." Prayer by Eld. E. L. Duren.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Hodgson Church asked for the next annual association to meet with their church, which will meet with them on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1954. Eld. Cecil Hill was elected to preach the annual message. J. B. Watson, alternate.

The next fifth Sunday meeting voted to meet with the New Hope Church.

The body voted to discontinue the fellowship meeting.

The visiting Brothers and Sisters were recognized and welcomed.

## REPORTS

Report on Association Mission was read and spoken to by Eld. C. F. Crumley, and was adopted as read.

Report on State Missions was read and spoken to by Eld. Roy I. Pediga, and was adopted.

Eld. Roy I. Pediga was elected to preach the evening message.

Eld. J. B. Watson, Robert Tull, Byron Duren were elected as Finance Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and spoken to by Eld. A. L. Patterson. An offering was taken in the sum of \$42.15. The report was adopted.

Report on Sunday School read and spoken to by Eld. H. L. Johnston, Eld. A. I. Bond, Mrs. Lewis, Eld. J. W. Askew, Eld. R. T. Stevens, Eld. Roy I. Pediga, H. M. Johnson, Sister H. L. Johnston, Sister Edd McDonald, Sister Parson, adopted as read.

Report on Christian Education was read and spoken to by Eld. E. L. Duren, Robert Roden, Eld. Joe Askew, Eld. L. A. Patterson, and was adopted as read.

Report on Denominational Literature was read and spoken to by Eld. Joe Askew, Eld. L. A. Patterson, Eld. H. L. Johnston, and adopted as read.

Motion to recess until 8 p. m.

8 p. m. the body was called to order by singing "Oh, I Want to See Him." Prayer by Eld. Bolt. Message brought by Eld. Roy I. Pediga. Lesson text I cor. 2-9 and 12.

## FRIDAY MORNING

The body was called to order by our Moderator, R. T. Stevens. After singing "When We All Get To Heaven," led by J. D. Sidden, Miss Joyce Tull at the piano, prayer was led by Eld. J. E. Watson.

Report on Temperance read and spoken to by Eld. J. W. Askew, Eld. J. E. Watson, Eld. A. I. Bond, Eld. R. T. Stevens, Robert Tull, and adopted as read.

Eld. Lonnie Neal was elected to preach the 11 o'clock message.

Orphans Home report was read and spoken to by Eld. H. L. Johnston, Eld. J. E. Watson, Eld. A. I. Bond, Robert Tull, Robert Roden, Farris Raulston, and adopted as read.

Eld. Lonnie Neal was called to the stand to bring the 11 o'clock message. He read for his lesson the 3rd chapter of St. John, subject, "You Must Be Born Again."

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Assembly was called together by singing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Prayer led by Eld. R. T. Stevens.

Report on Old Ministers' Relief was read and spoken to by Eld. J. B. Watson, Eld. Lonnie Neal, A. I. Bond. An offering was taken to the amount of \$18.38 to be divided between Sister Brooks and Sister Denny.

Treasurer Report was read and adopted.

Eld. May was asked to bring us a message. His scripture lesson was Jeremiah 12-9.

## VISITORS WELCOMED

Roy I. Pediga, pastor Beverly Baptist Church, Texarkana.

H. M. Johnston, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Texarkana.

A. L. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the A. B. A., Texarkana.

Sister Zella Mae Jones, teacher of English, Missionary Baptist Seminary, Little Rock, Ark.

J. C. Askew, Henderson, Texas.

## REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is that form of instruction that pertains to the development of Christian character and usefulness, fulfilling the individual need for better Christian service. We now have an individual church-owned school at Henderson, Texas, which majors in Bible Education for both preachers and lay members, known as the Texas Baptist Institute, which school we recommend to our churches.

E. L. Duren, Findley, Morris Downs.

## DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Church Literature, wish to urge that the churches accept the Bible as the inspired word of God, and to keep informed as to what is being done by our churches in the Lord's work. We recommend the Baptist Monitor, Baptist Searchlight for Sunday School, and training course, catalogue for books we recommend to order from Sunday School company, Texarkana, Texas.

C. N. Parson, Byron Duren, J. C. Askew.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We believe that the Sunday School should be one of the factors of the church, and should be kept under the same. First, we recommend the Bible; second the literature published by the American Baptist Ass'n to be used in connection with the Bible.

H. L. Johnson, W. L. McConnell, J. C. Askew.

## TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: Temperance includes more than just drinking strong drinks. We recommend that every child of God be temperate in all things that we do and say, and that we abstain from all intoxicating drinks.

J. W. Askew, Robert H. Tull.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our Lord commanded to go in to all of the world and preach the gospel to every creature. If this is done, the churches must send God-called ministers to the foreign fields. The churches of the A. B. A. have sent missionaries to Hawaii, Mexico, Central America. Churches wishing to support this work, should send offering to American Baptist Association, Box 1050, Texarkana, Ark.-Texas.

A. L. Patterson, Jim Lee.

## ORPHANS HOME

We, your committee, submit the following: We recommend the support of the Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home by all churches of the Association. H. L. Johnston, J. J. Pollock, A. I. Bond.

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report: We believe that mission work should begin at home, in accord with the commands of our Lord, beginning in Jerusalem, then to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Associational Missions is mission work done within the bounds of our Association. We recommend, that if there is a preacher within the bounds of our Association whom the Lord has called to do mission work in our Association, and if he may have the recommendation of his church, that we endorse him for our support, and encourage the churches of this Association to amply support him.

We recommend that no missionary be put on the field as Association Missionary who does not have the endorsement and approval of the church of his membership. Respectfully submitted, your committee, J. D. Siddens, G. F. Crumley, Roy Fry.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, your committee, submit the following:

RESOLVED that the messengers and visitors extend to New Haven Church and her pastor our sincere thanks for their hospitality and kindness extended to us this session of the Association.

J. R. Watson, Troy May, H. L. Johnston.

## AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

We, your committee on Old Ministers' Relief, report as follows: As we do not have any old ministers in our local association, but do have some old ministers' wives that we know of, we recommend that we take an offering for them, for their husbands were faithful to the Lord's cause, and they are worthy of any support that we can give them. Committee,

J. B. Watson, Roes G. Mitchell, Robert Roden.

## PASTORS, CLERKS AND SUNDAY

### SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Friendship: Pastor, J. B. Watson, Clarksville, Texas, Rt. 1; Clerk, Mrs. Fannie Hill, Clarksville, Rt. 1; Supt., G. A. Hines, Clarksville, Rt. 1.

Hodgson: Pastor, O. L. Kennedy, Hughes Springs, Texas; Clerk, Annie Kennedy, DeKalb, Rt. 2; Supt., Arvin Randolph, DeKalb.

Concord: Pastor, Troy May, Haworth, Okla.; Clerk, Mrs. Jimmie Davis, Fulbright, Texas.

Blakney: Pastor, Eld. Ponder, New Boston, Texas; Clerk, W. E. Robbins, Bagwell, Texas; Supt., C. F. Northcutt, Bagwell, Texas.

Bethlehem: Pastor, A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas; Clerk, Drew Pirtle, Johntown, Texas; Supt., W. E. Hawkins.

Austin Chapel: Pastor G. F. Crumley; Clerk, Mrs. J. C. White, DeKalb, Rt. 3; Supt., Harris Morris, DeKalb, Rt. 3.

Aikin Grove: Pastor, D. D. Miller, Avery; Clerk, W. H. Pannell Clarksville, Rt. 2; Supt., Jesse Humphry, Clarksville, Rt. 3.

Lydia: Pastor, Melvin Finley, Hughes Springs, Texas; Clerk, Pauline Peacock; Supt., Alvin Peacock, Avery, Texas.

Maple Creek: Pastor, Garnette Walker, Mt. Pleasant, Rt. 2, Texas; Clerk, J. D. Sidden, Clarksville, Rt. 2; Supt., C. M. Alsop, Clarksville, Rt. 2.

Post Oak: Pastor, A. I. Bond; Clerk, Bertha Boren, Blossom, Texas.

Mt. Pleasant: Pastor, Cecil Hill, Clarksville, Texas, Rt. 6; Clerk, Mrs. Lottie Jeffers, Bagwell, Texas; Supt., Oliver Fletcher, Bagwell, Texas.

New Haven: Pastor, R. T. Stevens, Clarksville, Rt. 6, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Clarksville, Rt. 2, Texas; Supt., Aubrey Raulston, Clarksville, Rt. 6, Texas.

Hopewell: Pastor, Cecil Hill; Supt., Howard Westbrook, Clarksville, Rt. 6, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Howard Westbrook, Clarksville, Rt. 6, Texas.

West Side: Pastor, Oley Rivers, 719 Zing, Dallas, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Willie Stewart, New Boston, Rt. 2, Texas; Supt., Luther Duren, Rt. 2, New Boston.

Avery: Pastor, H. L. Johnston, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. A. M. Carrey, Avery, Texas; Supt., O. C. Downs, Avery, Texas.

Motion and second to adjourn to meet with the Hodgson Baptist Church on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1954. Eld. R. T. Stevens, Moderator, Eld. A. I. Bond, Clerk.

## 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 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.

## 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 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 lie 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	Interstate Missions	District Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Other Expenses	Sunday School Enrollment	No. of Classes	Officers and Teachers	Minute Fund
Friendship	5	7	75	765.14	82.12	53.54		18.84			575.80	57	5	7	5.85
Hodgson	10	5	99	555.00							732.87	48	4	6	5.00
Concord			30	187.10							54.66	35	5	7	2.00
Blakney	6	4	32	75.54							2,747.53	75	5	7	5.00
Bethlehem	1	1	107	480.00	75.00						4,867.46	150	7	9	5.00
Avery	22	13	189	2,122.43	104.50	24.05		24.00	24.00		1,147.81	133	7	9	5.00
Austin Chapel	9	3	225	2,170.00	265.30	40.00	129.05				308.99	66	3	5	7.12
Aikin Grove	8	2	97	273.12	95.00					7.12	259.63	60	4	6	5.00
Lydia	4	4	51	410.80							204.93	30	4	6	8.31
Maple Creek	4	5	64	374.00	70.60			4.00		33.43					5.50
Post Oak		7	69	497.50	72.00						119.50	50	4	6	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	7	4	60	330.00	85.45					10.00	589.43	92	5	7	7.00
New Haven	24	7	156	1,237.00	77.00	19.50	25.00	60.00	17.00		89.69	65	3	5	12.00
New Hope	6	2		600.00	64.50				33.63		8,391.05	65	3	5	3.00
West Side	9	9	56	1,713.01	116.77	49.07			21.26		816.92	47	4	6	4.00
Hopewell	16	17	77	953.87	233.24					57.02					