



# MINUTES

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

## Red River-Bowie

### Missionary Baptist Association

held with the

#### AVERY BAPTIST CHURCH

September 3-4, 1958

##### OFFICERS

MODERATOR ..... ELD. AUGUSTUS DOWNING  
Clarksville, Texas

CLERK ..... ELD. VEO GLOVER  
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas

TREASURER ..... ELD. GEORGE E. WHITE  
Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas

The next session will be held with New Haven Baptist Church,  
Route 6, Clarksville, Texas, beginning Wednesday night before the  
first Sunday in September of 1959.

Introductory sermon by Eld. J. H. Kesner  
Alternate, Eld. George E. White

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

INTRODUCTORY SERMON  
READING LETTERS AND ENROLLING MESSENGERS  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE  
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS  
SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS  
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS  
OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF  
DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE  
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RESOLUTION OF THANKS

**PRECEDINGS**

of the  
One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Session of the  
Messengers of the Churches  
of the

**RED RIVER—BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Held with the  
Avery Missionary Baptist Church

of

Avery, Texas

At 7:30 p.m. Sept. 3, 1958 Moderator Augustus Downing opened the meeting by calling Eld. Guy Culver to direct the song services. The congregation joined in singing hymns, "He Keeps Me Singing," and "Whosoever Will." Bro. Jess Watson was called upon to word a prayer and was followed by singing of "There Is Power In The Blood."

A welcome address was given by Moderator Downing and visitors were recognized. A roll of the churches composing the Red River-Bowie Association was called by Bro. Downing and a good majority of them were represented.

Bro. Culver directed the congregation in singing "Revive Us Again," and Bro. Downing introduced the speaker, Bro. G. F. Crumly, who had been selected at the preceding associational meeting. For his text Bro. Crumly read Matt. 28: 19, 20. The theme of his message was "MISSIONS." The message was extremely inspiring and seasoned with the Spirit.

At the close of Bro. Crumly's message a motion carried to take an offering to be divided equally between State Missions, Interstate Missions, and Foreign Mission. The offering was taken and \$27.05 was received.

The floor was yielded to Bro. A. J. Kerkland who gave a wonderful talk on the associated work and the great need for mission effort.

In the absence of the official treasurer, Bro. Merrill, the Mod-



erator Bro. Downing appointed Eld. George White to act in that office.

After giving opportunity for any announcements the services were dismissed until Thursday morning Sept. 4, at 10:00 o'clock.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Sept. 4

Services were opened with Bro. Edd Rhodes directing the congregation in singing of "I Am Thine, O Lord" and "At Calvary." Opening prayer was worded by Eld. Carl Raleigh. The song "Our Best" was sung by the congregation.

Moderator Downing came forth and as the Congregation stood at attention Bro. Downing declared the One Hundred and Fifteenth session of the Red River-Bowie Association officially opened for business.

The first order of business was the election of Bro. Edd Rhodes to preach the 11:00 o'clock sermon.

Bro. Robert Tull, George White, and Cecil Hill were appointed as finance committee. And Bro. Burk and Bro. G. F. Crumly were appointed as reading clerks.

A petitionary letter from West Bowie Baptist Church, signed by J. L. Nicks, moderator; and Mrs. Fred Duncan, clerk, was read and by a unanimous vote of the messenger body was received into the Red River-Bowie Association of churches.

The annual reports (letters) of the churches composing the association was read and a motion carried to seat the messengers and proceed with the business.

The eleven o'clock hour had come and time for the sermon by Bro. Edd Rhodes. Bro. R. T. Stevens led the congregation in singing "At The Cross." Bro. George White led the prayer.

Bro. Rhodes read from I Pet. 1: 1-8. His text was I Pet. 1:7, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." The subject of his message was, "The Trials and Triumphs of Our Faith." The message was delivered with great power and a hand of appreciation and endorsement was extended to Bro. Rhodes by Bro. Bonds in behalf of the congregation.

Committees were appointed to report on different phases of the associated work.

Opportunity was given for announcements after which the meeting was dismissed for noon lunch.

After a wonderful meal and fellowship was enjoyed the meeting was called to order at 1:00 o'clock. Bro. Reginald Dean directed the opening prayer.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Those elected and their respective offices are

1. MODERATOR: Eld. Augustus Downing
2. CLERK: Eld. Veo Glover
3. TREASURER: Eld. George White

The election of one to preach the introductory sermon in 1959 was called for and Eld. J. H. Kesner was named. Eld. George White is alternate.

A meeting place for the 1959 session of the Association was next in line of business and New Haven Baptist Church was the place named.

Upon invitation the fifth Sunday meeting in November, 1958 will meet with Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church.

The Rules of Decorum, as found on page fourteen of the 1957 minutes, were read by Moderator Downing.

Reports were called for and read by the chairman of each committee which had been previously appointed by the Moderator of the meeting.

The reports were read and discussed by their respective committees and committee-women and other informants after which they were adopted by vote of the messenger body.

#### REPORTS AS GIVEN BY THEIR COMMITTEES ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We your committee on associational missions submit the following report.

Since we do not have an associational missionary, and there appears to be no definite work going on we recommend that all

the churches of this association put forth a cooperative effort to help our missionaries on the state wide, national wide and world wide basis.

We also recommend that all our churches take an active part in Associational Missions rally.

Submitted by,

R. T. Stevens  
J. H. Kesner  
A. I. Bond

#### **OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF**

We your committee on Old Minister's Relief submit the following report.

We recommend if we have old ministers or their widows in our association that are in destitute condition that each church send a contribution for their relief.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. Johnston  
F. B. Stevens

#### **ORPHAN'S HOME**

We your committee submit the following:

The New Testament teaches that orphans need financial help as well as spiritual. Your committee recommends that regular offerings be sent to the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, Texarkana, Arkansas, Box 611.

Respectfully submitted,

Royal C. Burt  
Roy C. Hill  
Leonard C. Melford

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#### **STATE MISSIONS**

We your committee on State Missions submit the following:

Our state missionaries are R. E. Rodgers, H. E. Rhodes, J. C. Askew, and O. P. Meador.

We recommend that our churches support these missionaries with their prayers and regular offerings.

The fields are white — the labourers are few — Pray that there may be a greater number of workers on our state mission field.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Rhodes  
J. B. Watson  
H. L. Johnston

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Christian Education is that phase of the Great Commission which includes the teaching of the "ALL THINGS" commanded by our Lord. With Christian parents it should begin in the home and be continued in the church through her authorized agencies such as the Sunday School and Baptist Training Courses.

We are happy to report such increase in the interest and work in Sunday School and Training Courses. We urge a continual expansion effort in this direction.

For the training of our ministry we have the Texas Baptist Institute of Henderson, Texas. This school of Bible Theology is rapidly growing, and with its growth is an ever increasing need for support.

We urge increased offerings and that churches, where possible, send monthly offerings.

The school maintains a store room for preachers and many churches send supplies of groceries, such as canned goods, potatoes, and food that will not soon perish and in this way many students are enabled to stay in school who would otherwise fall. We urge more of our churches to help in this work.

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Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Kirkland  
G. F. Grumly  
L. C. Raleigh

After the report on Christian Education was submitted and read, and after some discussion, a motion carried to take an offering for Texas Baptist Institute. The offering taken was in the amount of \$38.57.

#### TEMPERANCE

We your committee submit the following:

We recommend that God's children be temperate in all things. With reference to strong drink we recommend that total abstinence.

Respectfully submitted,

A. I. Bond  
O. E. Rogers  
J. T. Dennis

#### INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

The Lord also said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Let the churches of Red River-Bowie Association have an increasing vision of the Great Commission the Lord has given his church and recognize that every church and every Child of God must have a part in this great work if the Lord is to be pleased.

The Commission is that the Gospel be preached from the home church out to the most remote area of the world.

This report has to do with Interstate and Foreign Missions. Interstate Missions are within the states of the United States. Foreign Missions are beyond the states.

We have twenty-two interstate missionaries and eight foreign missionaries that have been recommended for support by the churches of the American Baptist Association.

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May we remember that a man of God on the mission field has great trials of their faith. They all need our sincere prayers and our financial support. May we support them as the Lord prospers us.

Your committee,

A. L. Patterson  
Guy Culver  
Geo. E. White

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

This committee recommends to the messengers of the churches of this Association, that they place great emphasis on youth work among the membership of their churches.

The Baptist Training Courses are designed to train young people especially in working for the Lord. The churches are encouraged to make greater use of this revenue of training the youth for Christian service.

The Missionary Baptist Youth Encampment, meets this year that Dangerfield Encampment Grounds provided an opportunity for the youth of the churches of the American Baptist Association to meet together for Bible study and Christian fellowship. Reports of many conversions, rededications and surrenders to special services for the Lord have come from this meeting. We recommend that any church in this Association, who desire, make it possible for the young people of her membership to attend the next encampment. Plans are underway at present to secure and develop encampment grounds which will belong to the churches of the American Baptist Association.

We further recommend that all churches of this Association promote and encourage greater interest in the local Red River-Bowie youth fellowship.

We recognize that proper training of our youth must begin first at home! This, we feel, is the key to proper Christian Development.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. Grumley  
Guy Culver  
Wallace Downs

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A motion carried that a committee be appointed to work out a program for young people on last night of the 1959 Association.

### REPORT ON LADIES WORK

We your committee on Ladies Work recommend that our churches take note of and consider the work of our Ladies Auxiliaries. The churches that sponsor Ladies Auxiliaries can rightly recommend the great help received from their work.

We believe the scriptures teach that God honors the energetic efforts of Christian women at work. For Bible proof we recommend that people study Mark 14: 8; John 20: 17; Acts 18:26.

Your committee,

Mrs. Travis Holder

Mrs. Veo Glover

Mrs. R. T. Stevens

### DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Denominational Literature recommend a reprint of the report given in the minute of the 1957 meeting except that the word "TWO" be struck out of paragraph three.

"The most important of all literature is the Bible, God's word. Far too many of our church members do not spend sufficient time in studying its Holy contents. We recommend that the messengers go back to their churches and encourage systematic Bible study, both in the homes and in the churches.

We recommend for use in our churches the Sunday School and Baptist Training Course literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee of the American Baptist Association. Much progress has been made in the past years in improving this literature for the good of the churches.

We recommend also the material prepared by our committee for use in Vacation Bible schools in our churches. This material is second to none in quality and appearance, and it is true to the Bible and Baptist in content.

We further recommend to the messengers the Baptist Monitor, the Missionary Baptist Searchlight, and other good publications of our people.

We would warn our churches against heretical publications, and especially guard our youth against immoral, indecent, and heretical periodical magazines and books."

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin Blalock

Walter Hill

Jess Humphries

### REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your Finance committee make the following report.  
(This report condensed by clerk to conserve space.)

The messengers of the churches composing the meeting brought from their churches the following monies:

For: Minutes and clerk hire .....	\$100.75
State Missions .....	27.06
Intersate Missions .....	9.02
Orphan's Home .....	14.00
Christian Education	
Special Offering .....	38.57
Special Offering For	
Minute and Clerk Hire .....	13.36

We further recommend that each Church send another offering to pay for minutes and Clerk hire. We further recommend that we pay the Clerk \$25.00 for his service if there is enough left from printing the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

George White

Roy C. Hill

The Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn until 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order and the congregation joined in singing "There's Within My Heart A Melody," and "Whosoever Meaneth Me." The young people conducting the service.

Joe T. Glover having been appointed M. C. for the Young People's Program called Eld. Augustus Downing to word a prayer.

Bro. Anderson Morris had been chosen, being a youth minister, to preach the sermon was introduced by Eld. R. T. Stevens.



Special songs were rendered by the youth from West Side, New Haven, Austin Chapel, Unity of Texarkana.

Bro. Anderson Morris was called to the stand to deliver the message. He read from II Pet. 1:1-15. The theme of his message was "Developing The Christian Life in Youthfulness." It was enjoyed by all. An invitation was given while the congregation stood and sang "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

There was a motion to take an offering to be divided equally between Bro. Morris and the minute fund. An offering of the amount of \$26.72 was received.

The resolution of thanks was called for and submitted by its respective committee.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, your committee submit the following:

We resolve that the messengers and visitors and preacher brethren extend to the Avery Missionary Baptist Church our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for their hospitality extended to us in this One Hundred and Fifteenth session of the Red River-Bowie Association.

Eld. George White  
J. H. Kesner  
J. B. Watson

A motion was intertained to adjourn until Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1959 when the messengers from the churches composing the Red River-Bowie Association will meet with New Haven Baptist Church of Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

#### CHURCHES — PASTORS — CLERKS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

AKIN GROVE: Pastor, A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas. Clerk, W. H. Pannell, Rt. 4, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, W. H. Pannell, Rt. 4, Clarksville, Texas.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor, George E. White, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Cleadith White, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Raymond Tidwell, Route 3, DeKalb, Texas.

AVERY BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor, R. T. Stevens, Box 41, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Dennis Downs, Avery, Texas, Rt. 1. Superintendent, Dennis Downs, Avery, Texas, Rt. 1.

COLLEGE HILL: Pastor, G. F. Crumley, Box 502, Texarkana, Arkansas - Texas. Clerk, Mrs. R. O. Lewis, Rt. 1, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, D. M. Pinkham, DeKalb, Texas.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor, Augustus Downing, 705 E. Comanche, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Linton, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, E. R. Lovell, 205 E. Jackson, Clarksville, Texas.

FIRST: Pastor, Alvin Bialock, Rt. 4, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Clerk, Drue Purtle, Longview, Texas; Superintendent, Earl Hawkins, Longview, Texas.

HODDSON: Guy Culver, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Carlos Carlton, DeKalb, Texas, Rt. 2; Superintendent, Lewis Forsyth, DeKalb, Texas.

HOPEWELL: Cecil R. Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, P. H. Gandy, Clarksville, Texas, Rt. 6. Superintendent, George Thomas Mowery, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor, Royal C. Burt, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. C. E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Box 262, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Robert E. Kennedy, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

LYDIA: Pastor, Carl Raleigh, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Ida Horton, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Superintendent, Truman Bishop, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas.

MAPLE CREEK: Pastor, J. B. Watson, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, I. E. Connell, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas. Superintendent, Albert Harville, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.

MT. PLEASANT: Pastor, Carl Raleigh, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Doris Carey, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas; Superintendent, Oscar Childress, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor, Veo Glover, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, Howard Westbrook, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

NEW HOPE: Pastor, Melvin Finley, Hughes Springs, Texas; Clerk, Edward Hawkin, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Dewey Murphy, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor, Carl Raleigh, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, Box 845, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, J. A. Cunningham, Box 845, DeKalb, Texas.

POST OAK: Pastor, Cecil Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Vaughn Dean Lee, Rt. 2, Bogata, Texas; Superintendent, Wilburn Lee, Detroit, Texas.

WEST BOWIE: Pastor, not called; Clerk, Mrs. Fred Duncan, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Superintendent, J. L. Nicks, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas.

WEST SIDE: Pastor, J. H. Kesner, New Boston, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Willie Stewart, Box 21, New Boston, Texas; Superintendent Mr. W. L. Duran, Rt. 2, New Boston, Texas.

#### RULES OF DECORUM

1. This body shall be opened by 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 indecorous language.
4. No members shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject.
5. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten 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 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 for benevolent purposes, but reserves the right to withdraw from any church which becomes heterodox in faith or disorderly 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.

Article 9. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an assistant Moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by show of hands 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 to discharge such other duties as belong to this 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.

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 the 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 said Committee shall compose a quorum; the Moderator to be the Chairman of 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 session and said amendment or amendments must lay over until the second day's meeting, and 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.