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Clarksville, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 2, 1959, by the Moderator, Augustus Downing. Bro. Joe Glover was called to direct the opening songs.

The service was opened with the singing of, "When We All Get To Heaven," and, "Who So Ever Meaneth Me."

Welcome was extended by Pastor, Eld. Veo Glover, followed by another congregational song, "The Way of The Cross Leads Home."

Prayer was worded by Eld. Hascle Johnston.

There were eleven churches of the Red River-Bowie Association represented. Visitors were recognized by Bro. Downing, Moderator, who also introduced the speaker, Bro. J. H. Kesner.

Song, "He Will Keep His Promise To Me," was directed by Joe Glover.

Bro. Kesner took the stand and his subject was, "The Grand Object of Preaching." Scripture reading was II Cor. 4: 3-6. A great and powerful message was delivered and enjoyed by all. A hand of endorsement was extended to Bro. Kesner, for the entire congregation, by Eld. A. I. Bond.

Call for business was extended and there was none offered.

The meeting adjourned till 10:00 a.m. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING

Meeting was called to order by Moderator. Bro. Downing and Eld. G. F. Crumly directed the congregation in singing, "At Calvary," and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Prayer was worded by Bro. Ray Bruce after which the session was declared open for business.

Bro. Crumly led the congregation in singing, "Rock of Ages."

Letters from the churches were called for, and Moderator, Bro. Downing, appointed a finance committee of Bren. G. E. White, G. A. Hines, and C. Taylor to receive the monies brought to the association.

Election of a speaker for the eleven o'clock hour was the first order of business. Bro. Sam Goin was elected.

Bro. Hascle Johnson and Bro. R. T. Stevens were appointed reading clerks and proceeded with reading of the letters from the churches in the hearing of the congregation.

After each letter was read and discussed, by motion and second, and vote of the messenger body, they were adopted to enter the minutes of the meeting. The messengers having already been seated.

The eleven o'clock hour had arrived and Bro. Crumly was called to direct a song, "Meet Me There" was selected and sung by the congregation.

After a prayer was directed by Eld. Guy Culver, Bro. Augustus Downing introduced Bro. Sam Goin who was to bring the message of the hour. Bro. Goin took the stand and read from Luke 10: 17-21. He took for his text a portion of verse 21, "-----, even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight." Choosing for a subject, "Bringing Joy To The Master." It was a wonderful and powerful message.

Bro. Cecil Hill extended the hand of endorsement to Bro. Goin for the entire congregation.

Committees were appointed to report on the various phases the associated work. The reports of each committee and the names of the committeemen will appear later in this minute.

Other business was called for and a motion was entertained to go into election of officers for the next session. There was a motion and second that the nominee receiving the highest count of votes fill the office. The second count to act as assistant where assistants are required. The motion carried.

Officers elected were:

MODERATOR - Eld. J. H. Kesner. Assistant, Eld. Augustus Downing.

CLERK - Eld. Veo Glover.

TREASURER - Eld G. E. White.

Election of one to preach the introductory sermon at the 1960 meeting was the next order of business. Bro. H. L. Johnston was elected with Bro. J. B. Powers, alternate.

An offering was taken for Bro. Sam Goin to help on his expense to the Hawaiian Isles where he is to do mission work. The offering was in the amount of \$44.38.

A meeting place for the 1960 session of the association to meet was asked for by the moderator and Hodson Baptist Church was the place selected.

There was a motion and second presented to change the starting time of the Association from Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September to Thursday night before the first Sunday in September. (The motion carried but was nullified in a later motion that shall appear in its order in this minute.)

NOON LUNCH WAS SERVED

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. and a song service was under the direction of Eld. Royal Burt. Prayer was worded by Bro. Hawkam.

The out-going moderator, Eld Augustus Downing, introduced the new moderator, Eld. J. H. Kesner, who took charge of the meeting and read the RULES OF DECORUM.

A Call for the reports of previously appointed committees was made and they reported as follows:

STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee on State Missions submit the following:

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

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

The fields are white to harvest -- the labours are few -- and missionaries have a greater field than ever before.

Pray that God will send more workers on the field.

H. L. Johnston

G. A. Hines

Royal C. Burt

ORPHAN'S HOME

The Scriptures teach that the Lord's people are obligated to care for widows and orphans. In keeping with this teaching, the churches of Arkansas have instituted a Baptist Orphan's Home in Texarkana. This home is open to children from any state, and draws its support mainly from churches in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

The home is located on U. S. Highway 82 three miles East from Texarkana. A beautiful brick building houses the Home. Farming is carried on to assist in the care of the children.

There are at present between twenty-five and thirty children in the home. All who are of school age attend school in Texarkana. The children attend church at Lowell Street Baptist Church in Texarkana.

We recommend the continued endorsement and support of the Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home to our churches. The address is, TEXARKANA BAPTIST ORPHANS HOME, Texarkana, Ark., Box 611.

Your committee,

G. F. Crumley

Joe Knowles

E. E. Carey

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Denominational Literature recommend for our people the Bible as the best literature to be obtained. For other literature to be used, we recommend that it be based on the word of God. It is our recommendation that each messenger go back to his church and encourage a greater interest in Bible study, both at home and in church.

We also recommend for Sunday School and Baptist Training Course study, literature published by the Sunday School Committee of the A. B. A. We do heartily endorse this as being the best material that can be obtained.

For churches having Vacation Bible Schools, we recommend A. B. A. material as being sound in teaching and adaptable to use in any size school.

There are many good monthly and by-monthly papers published by sound Missionary Baptist, but for our churches we especially recommend the Baptist Monitor and the Missionary Baptist Searchlight.

R. T. Stevens
Roy C. Hill
Royal C. Burt

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Because we are living in a day when special emphasis is placed on education in every field, we should be more conscious of the great need of Christian Education.

Although great stride has been made in this field in recent years, there remains much to be accomplished in education of Baptist people in Baptist faith and principles with special emphasis on the Genesis account of creation. Therefore, we recommend that Christian Education be started in the home under the direction of Christian parent.

That it (Christian Education) be continued in the local church through the use of every auxiliary possible, such as Sunday School, Baptist Training Course, Ladies Auxiliary, Brotherhoods, Vacation Bible School, Youth Groups, and Teachers and Officers meetings.

That the education of our ministry be continued in the Texas Baptist Institute if at all possible.

We recommend that our churches send regular monthly offerings to the support of Texas Baptist Institute, and that where possible our people and churches subscribe to the Endowment Fund of T. B. I.

We also recommend that our churches support the store-room maintained at T.B.I. for needy preacher students and their families.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray O. Brooks
Guy Culver
Roy C. Hill

INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Interstate and Foreign Missions may be summed up as world-wide mission work. Jesus expressed the extent of our mission field when he stated in Acts 1:8, "and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Our local state, interstate and foreign mission field correspond with those outlined by our Lord.

World wide missions is not some modern scheme, but the great command of our Lord Jesus Christ to his churches. Jesus said in Mark 16: 15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Our responsibility as churches of the Lord Jesus is not fully met until we are engaged in world-wide missions.

Opportunity to enter into world-wide missions is presented to our churches of the American Baptist Association, and of the Red River-Bowie Association in particular, by forty-one foreign and interstate missionaries recommended to the churches.

Jesus said, "If you love me, ye will keep my commandments."
Let us therefore enter into world-wide missions.

Augustus Downing
A. I. Bond
Sam Goin

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 national and world-wide bases.

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

L. C. Raiegh

Ross Mitchell

J. D. Siddens

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee submit the following report.

We as children of God we recommend we be temperate in all things. With reference to strong drink we recommend that total abstinence be practiced.

Respectfully submitted,

Eld. J. B. Watson

Jesse Humphrey

Claud Tyler

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK

This committee recommends to the messengers of the churches of this association that they place 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 sponsored by the American Baptist Association, meets next year at Sliogan Springs, Arkansas, provides 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 each session of this encampment.

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. Places are underway at present to secure and develop encampment grounds which will belong to the churches of the A.B.A.

We recognized that proper training of our youth must begin first at home! This, we feel, is the way to proper Christian development.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Culver

G. F. Crumley

Shirley Nix

(By vote of the messengers one paragraph was struck out of the original report of the above.)

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF

We your committee on Old Ministers Relief submit the following report.

We recommend if we have old ministers or their widows in a destitute condition that each church send them an offering.

A. I. Bond

Robert H. Tull

Jesse Humphrey

Churches and Statistics

Akin Grove	7	4	86	613.52	93.90	50.61	102.42	50.59	3.00	102.42	72.43	115.43	62.27			5.00					1,067.97
Austin Chapel	16	14	245	3,280.00	167.75	50.61	64.40	50.59	50.60	165.60	40.00	1,321.15	110.47	55.23	20.65	22.50	65.60	162.68	22.20	6,339.80	
Avery	24	11	216	2,890.00	303.92	242.77	120.00	272.32	49.81	642.09	21.17	400.30	177.39			18.50	28.40	204.81	29.60	5,868.19	
College Hill	1	7	80		212.50	29.50	29.50	29.50		88.50			36.88			5.00				342.88	
Concord	3	1	27		31.86															31.86	
Friendship	22	22	144	2,916.50	250.00	98.90	101.84	191.84	25.90	392.58	452.34	1,264.27	58.36	40.37		8.00	176.80	175.00	56.20	6,373.52	
First	8	4	129	1,650.00	175.00	112.36	50.00	50.12	100.34	212.48	35.29	116.17	62.05			5.00	44.95			2,474.55	
Hodson	9	4	44	885.00	90.00					60.44	89.23	33.64	30.50			5.00				1,527.08	
Hopewell	4	12	148	1,210.00	175.25	60.44				60.44	88.48	58.18	59.84			19.00				1,789.64	
Hubbard	9	169	2,975.00	200.00	87.78	83.63	83.63	83.63	83.63	250.89	343.10	265.95	127.47	30.00		5.00		291.11	37.00	6,426.12	
Lydia	2	4	86	655.00	87.78	15.14				15.14	53.15		40.88			5.00				856.95	
Maple Creek	4	1	65	366.84	65.25	41.48			41.48	41.48	42.41	30.55	28.55			5.00				579.15	
Mt. Pleasant	4	2	49	665.00	89.60	60.00			15.00	60.00	452.25	26.79	60.72			5.00				1,416.77	
New Haven	4	8	176	2,158.59	78.59	72.54	41.00	41.00		154.54	14.70	81.92	119.99	20.48	8.00	27.00	68.00	251.99	22.20	2,939.21	
New Hope	6	6	58	600.00	86.00					97.90		53.51	32.10			10.00				879.51	
Pinkham Memorial	1	5	21	267.28	18.67	30.96	9.84	5.21	60.79	46.01		137.74	29.89			9.60	28.23			588.21	
Post Oak	1	3	65	1,480.90	118.00	63.00			30.00	63.00		179.00	45.00			8.00			22.20	1,946.10	
West Side	22	13	150	2,385.00	235.00	108.09	75.51	48.80		232.40	80.77	605.99	75.00	46.19	10.90	30.00	132.59	219.79		6,860.36	
TOTAL	140	117	1,958	25,498.63	2,479.07	1,076.42	678.14	773.01	460.55	2,527.57	9,032.67	1,313.04	4,690.59	1,157.36	192.27	39.55	192.60	544.57	1,305.38	189.40	48,317.87

TOTAL

After some discussion concerning aged ministers and their widows there was a motion and second to authorize the clerk of this association to write letters to the widows of deceased pastors of the association. The motion carried unanimously.

Following is a copy of the letter I, Veo Glover, clerk, wrote and submit to be published in this Minute. Copies of this letter have been sent to all widows of pastors of this association that are known to me.

Clarksville, Texas
Route 6
Sept. 11, 1959

Mrs. _____,
Address _____
Dear Sister _____.

In memory of your beloved husband, and as an expression of our love and appreciation to you, we the messengers and visitors from the churches of the Red River-Bowie Association take this means of expressing our hearts to you.

The many labors of love of both, your husband and you, have been a great inspiration to all who have known you, and the influence you have had will bear fruit for many years to come. We read in Rev. 14:13. "---- Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Surely your works will live till Jesus comes.

This letter comes to you seasoned with our prayers and with Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Red River-Bowie Association
Eld. J. H. Kesner, Moderator
Eld. Veo Glover, Clerk

LADIES WORK

We your committee on Ladies Work recommend that our churches seriously consider the work of our Ladies Auxiliaries and our pastors give them encouragement.

The church who have active auxiliaries know the help they can be in our work.

It is our firm conviction that God is pleased by the energetic efforts of Christian women that work.

As examples we would have you study the lives of Mary, Martha, Dorcas, Ruth, as is recorded in the Bible.

Mrs. Ross Mitchell
Mrs. G. A. Hines
Mrs. R. T. Stevens

FINANCE

We, your Finance Committee make the following report.

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

For: Minutes and Clerk Hire	\$105.60
Orphan's Home	\$15.00
Special Offering For Bro. Sam Goin	\$44.38
Special Offering for State and Interstate Missions	\$24.41
Total	\$189.39

Respectfully submitted,
George E. White
G. A. Hines
C. Tyler

Discussion concerning the meeting time of the Association was discussed again and there was a motion and second that the meeting of the Association be set to precede the starting of the schools. After much discussion the time was set by vote of the messengers to be Thursday night before the last Sunday in August.

A motion carried that the moderator appoint a committee to work with the youth program of the meeting of 1960.

Those appointed on that committee were: Elds. G. F. Crumley, R. T. Stevens, and Augustus Downing, and the officers of the Youth Rally.

A motion carried that the newly elected officers of the association take office at the close of the present session.

There was a motion and second that the clerk be paid \$25.00 for his hire for preparing the minutes, and that after printing has been paid for the remainder of the monies on hand be given to Christian Education. The motion carried.

Motion carried that on Friday night of next session the young people have their program and that the report on Youth's Work be read.

There was a motion, which carried, to adjourn till 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order and the congregation was led in song by Eld. Royal C. Burt. The song, "He Included Me," was selected.

The moderator, Eld. J. H. Kesner, turned the services over to the direction of Bro. Jerry Westbrook who is president of the Youth Rally.

The youth were led by Eld. G. F. Crumley in singing, "He Will Keep His Promise To Me." Prayer was worded by Bro. Robert Tull. Another song was sung in title, "Let A Little Sunshine In."

A solo was rendered by Austin Chapel, and followed by another song, "Saved By His Wonderful Grace," sung by the Youth Choir.

New Haven gave a trio, and the Youth Choir sang, "In His Keeping," and a trio by three Hopewell girls was enjoyed.

Avery gave a reading in title, "I'm An Offering Plate." This was followed up by a Piano solo by Hubbard Chapel.

A dialogue was presented by Austin Chapel, Avery, Friendship, Hubbard Chapel, and West Side. The play was, "When Money Talks."

The entire congregation joined in singing "Let Him Have His Way With Thee," under direction of Bro. Crumley.

The youth program being concluded the meeting was returned to the moderator, Bro. Kesner.

There was a call for business and there was a motion with second to take an offering for missions. The motion carried and the offering took was \$24.41 to be divided equally between State, and Interstate Missions. While the offering was being taken the congregation sang, "O How I Love Jesus."

The Resolution of Thanks was read by Eld. R. T. Stevens.

Invitation for the next Fifth Sunday Meeting was called for. Friendship Church of Clarksville received the invitation. The meeting time is Friday night before the fifth Sunday of November.

A motion carried to have a congregational prayer. This prayer was directed by Eld. G. F. Crumley.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

A motion carried to adjourn till Thursday night before the last Sunday in August 1960.

CHURCHES -- PASTORS -- CLERKS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

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

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

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

COLLEGE HILL: Pastor, G. F. Crumley, Texarkana, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. R. O. Lewis, DeKalb, Texas.

CONCORD: Pastor, not called; Clerk, Mr. Walter Hill, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, Frank Roberts, Clarksville, Texas, Rt. 1.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor, Augustus Downing, 705 E. Camanche, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Linton, Box 345, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, Roy Linton, Box 345, Clarksville, Texas.

FIRST: Pastor, Alvin Blalock, Rt. 4, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Clerk, Drue Pirtle, 1423 N. 9th. St., Longview, Texas; Superintendent, W. E. Hawkins, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.

HODSON: Pastor, Guy Culver, 904 S. High, Henderson, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Carlos Carlton, Rt. 2, Box 168, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Lewis Forsythe, DeKalb, Texas.

HOPEWELL: Pastor, Roy C. Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, P. H. Gandy, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, George T. Mowery, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor, Royal C. Burt, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Quincy E. Evans, Box 484, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Robert E. Kennedy, DeKalb, Texas.

LYDIA: Pastor, Mervin Finley, address not given; Clerk, Mrs. Alfred York, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Superintendent, Norman Horton Rt. 1, Avery, Texas.

MAPEL CREEK: Pastor, J. B. Watson, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, I. E. McConnell, Rt. 1, Bogate, Texas; Superintendent, A. W. Harville, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.

MOUNT PLEASANT: Pastor, L. C. Raleigh, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Clerk, I. E. McConnell, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas; Superintendent, Jim Hays, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor, Vero Glover, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Howard Westbrook, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, James Long, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HOPE: Pastor, Melvin Jinley, Hughes Springs, Texas; Clerk, Lee McMillan, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Dewey Murphy, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor not called; Clerk, Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, Box 845, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, J. I. Dennis, DeKalb, Texas.

POST OAK: Pastor, Roy C. Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Vaughn Dean Lee, Rt. 2, Bogota, Texas; Superintendent, Wilbourn Lee, Rt. 3, Detroit, Texas.

WEST SIDE: Pastor, James H. Kesner, Box 21, New Boston, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Jim Stewart, Rt. 2, New Boston, Texas; Superintendent, Ed Parker, 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 II. 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.