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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTORY SERMON.
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SENGERS.
3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
4. PETITIONARY LETTERS
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6. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON DI-
VINE SERVICE.
7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
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11. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.
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18. FINANCIAL REPORT.
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20. FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH PROGRAM.

PROCEEDINGS

of the **ONE HUNDREDDTH AND EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Churches of the **RED RIVER - BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with the **AVERY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** August 24-25, 1961

The meeting began in the evening at 7:30, August 24, 1961 with Brother R. T. Stevens directing the congregation in singing, "Stepping In The Light" and "I Love To Tell The Story". The Moderator, Brother Royal Burt called on Brother A. I. Bond to lead the opening prayer.

The Moderator, Brother Burt called the roll of the churches of the Association and there were (12) twelve churches represented.

The visitors were recognized. Brother Doyle Eakin, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Texarkana; Brother and Mrs. R. T. Stevens, he is Pastor of Prosperity Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; Brother Carl Raleigh.

Brother R. T. Stevens led in singing, "At The Cross." A devotional was given by Brother Doyle Eakin. He took his text from I Kings 19:11-12. His subject was, "Listening To The Voice of God".

The song: "Send The Light" was sang by the congregation. The Moderator presented Brother G. F. Crumley to bring the Introductory Message. He chose Romans 1:14-16 for his text. Brother Crumley called on Brother Watson to lead in prayer. His subject was, "The True Spirit of Missions", which was very timely and inspiring.

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Brother Stevens led the congregation in singing, "Love Lifted Me". The Moderator asked Brother George White of Austin Chapel to extend to Brother Crumley and Brother Eakin the hand of appreciation and endorsement of the messages for the body.

A motion was made to adjourn until 10:00 O'clock Friday Morning. Bro. Don Shultz of Hubbard Chapel pronounced the Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25, 1961

The service was opened by the songs, "I Am Resolved" and "At Calvary" led by Brother R. T. Stevens. The Moderator, Brother Royal C. Burt, called on Brother Carl Raleigh to lead the opening prayer.

At the close of the prayer by Brother Raleigh the Moderator asked the congregation to remain standing. He declared the "ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE RED RIVER-BOWIE ASSOCIATION" Officially in session ready to transact business.

Due to the fact that the Clerk Brother Veo Glover had moved away and was not present, the Moderator called for the election of some one to fill the unexpired term.

Nominations were made and Brother James H. Kesner was elected.

Brethern Don Shultz and George White were appointed reading clerks. Brother Morris Downs was appointed finance committeeman.

The next item of business was the selection of some one to bring the 11:00 o'clock message. Brother R. T. Stevens of Dallas was elected.

The Moderator then called for the reading of the Church letters.

After the letters were read there was a motion, which carried, to seat the messengers. There was also

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a motion, which carried, to invite the visiting Brethern to counsel with us.

Brother Crumley led the congregation in singing, "Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus". The Moderator recognized the visitors who were in the morning service. They were Brethern Herbert Snead, A. L. Patterson, Carl Raleigh, R. T. Stevens, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Snead.

A Motion was made to go into the preaching service, then if time be left, proceed with the business.

The congregation stood and sang, "Blessed Assurance" Led by Brother Crumley. Brother Stevens was then presented to bring the message.

Brother Stevens chose as his text Matt. 21:1-6. His subject was, "The Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Met." The Message was one of inspiration to all present. The Moderator asked Brother Lynn McBryde to extend the hand of appreciation for the congregation.

Brother A. L. Patterson then asked to speak and gave a report on the increased needs of our mission work through-out the American Baptist Association. He also encouraged each church to put forth a greater effort in the fields of missions.

Committees were appointed to report on the various phases of the Associated work.

A Motion was made to select a meeting place for the 1962 session of the Association. There were three invitations and by majority vote Mt. Pleasant of Negley was chosen.

A motion was made to adjourn for lunch and to meet back at 1:30 o'clock. Brother George White pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Brother G. F. Crumley led the congregation in

singing, "We'll work Till Jesus Comes", Brother Cecil Hill led in Prayer.

The Moderator then read the Rules of Decorum.

The election of officers was called for an nomination for Moderator were declared open.

The officers as elected are as follows:

Moderator — Elder Royal C. Burt.

Assistant Moderator — Elder A. G. Asbill.

Clerk — Elder James H. Kesner.

Treasurer — Elder Lynn McBryde.

Nominations were declared open for some one to preach the Introductory sermon. A motion carried to elect the one receiving the majority of votes and make the one receiving the second highest number his alternate.

Elder James H. Kesner was elected with Dr. A. J. Kirkland as alternate.

Brother G. F. Crumley was recognized to present the committees report on Constitutional changes. A motion was made that the New Constitution be read. A substitute motion carried to have the constitution read and adopted by sections.

Each of the first six Articles was approved as read. A motion carried to make the following change in Article Seven of the New Constitution.

To change it from: . . . "After discussion, the proposed amendment may be withdrawn only by consent of two-thirds of the messengers voting. . . ."

To: . . . "After discussion, the proposed amendment may be withdrawn only by consent of a simple majority of the messengers voting. . . ."

A motion carried to approve the new Constitution as amended.

A motion carried that the clerk include a directory of the work of the American Baptist Association in the minutes.

Reports were called for and the following are the

reports of the committees.

After each report was given it was discussed by the committee chairman and others, finally to be adopted by the vote of the messenger body as read.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your committee on Associated Missions, submit the following report:

Since we do not have an Associational Missionary, and it does not look like we will have one soon, and the Scriptures say, "begin at Jerusalem and go to the utter most parts of the earth; We recommend that our Churches turn to State, Interstate, and Foreign Missions.

J. B. Watson

Bill Lee

Ernest Holcombe

STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report:

In as much as the commission was given to the churches to preach the gospel to every creature, State Missions were included. At present we have four (4) full time Missionaries on the field. Brother R. E. Rodgers is working in Livingston; Brother H. E. Rhodes is with a newly organized church in Silsbee; Brother J. C. Askew is working in Borger; and Brother Bill Lynch is in the San Antonio area. In addition to these we have Jack Strickland working in El Paso on designated funds. We believe the Lord has blessed and is blessing in this work and we recommend that all of our Churches support our State Mission work with our means and our prayers.

Lynn McBryde

W. B. Holt

A. M. Carey

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INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

In their effort toward preaching the gospel to every creature, the messengers from the churches composing the American Baptist Association in their regular annual session held in Miami, Florida, in June recommended fifty five Interstate and foreign missionaries as being worthy of support by the churches.

These missionaries were first recommended by the churches where they held membership. Of this number, thirty one are on Interstate fields in twenty-two states and Washington, D. C., and twenty four are on seven Foreign fields.

Money needed to support these missionaries is around 40% more than was given last year.

May the churches of Red River-Bowtie Association accept this challenge as added opportunity to do the work the Lord commissioned them to do and send liberal offerings, regularly, to the American Baptist Association, Box 1050, Texarkana, Ark-Texas, for interstate and Foreign missions. Let us remember to pray for the missionaries.

Your Committee:

A. L. Patterson

A. S. Crow

Cloy Bearden

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Churches of the American Baptist Association believe that Christian Education is a responsibility of the churches and should be carried on in every church. Part of the Commission to the Lord's churches is to, ". . . Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . .". The Lord left it up to local churches how they were to carry out the teaching phase of the commission. The Sunday Schools, Baptist Training Courses, Vacation Bible Schools and other means have been employed by our churches.

We, your committee, recommend that every church

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of the Red River-Bowie Association have some means of teaching the membership at each of their services.

We have in the State of Texas a Baptist Seminary, Texas Baptist Seminary, Henderson, Texas, to train young preachers and Christian workers. This Seminary is solely dependent upon the support of the churches to carry on this work. We, your committee recommend that each church set aside regular offerings for the Texas Baptist Seminary at Henderson, Texas.

We recommend that an offering be taken for the Seminary.

Your Committee:

Don Shultz
R. T. Stevens
Lynn McBride

The congregation stood and sang "Footsteps Of Jesus" while the offering was being taken.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Denominational Literature, recommend for our people the Bible as the best 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 the members to read books written by Missionary Baptist and our denominational papers.

We also recommend that they use Sunday School, B. T. C., Ladies' Auxiliary and other literature published by the A. B. A.

Your Committee:

Roy C. Hill
J. B. Watson
W. H. Snead

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, submit the following report. Since there seems to be a falling away of temper-

ance, may we admonish each of God's people to be self-possessed, calm, and stand in the right spirit. May we, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, be able to master our mind, Soul, and body for the Glory of God.

We furthermore recommend that we, as Baptist, speak out against the use and sale of all intoxicating drinks as we can see the destructive work that it does to our homes and nation.

Your Committee:

George E. White
A. I. Bond

ORPHANS HOME

The Missionary Baptist Churches of the State of Arkansas own and operate the Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home which is used by our churches of Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

The Home is located on U. S. Highway 82, 3 miles east of Texarkana. They are, at the present, using a nice Brick Building which was completed a few years ago. A new wing was added last year and it is now being used to house the girls who are in the home. Some limited farming is being done to assist in the care of the home. There are, at present, approximately 30 children cared for in the home. They attended the Texarkana Public Schools and the County Avenue Baptist Church.

We believe the Bible teaches the Lord's people to care for Widows and Orphans and we therefore recommend the continued support of this worthy institution. The address is Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home, Box 611, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Your Committee:

L. C. Raleigh
R. T. Stevens
N. I. Horton

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF

We, your committee on Old Ministers Relief, sub-

Churches and Statistics

Church	Additions	Losses	Total	Membership	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	State & Ass'n. Missions	Interstate Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	All Phases Of Mission Work	Building And Repairs	General Benevolence	Incidental Expenses	Sunday School Literature	B. T. C. Literature	Women's Auxl. Literature	Minutes and Clerk Hire	Christian Education	Raised For Churches By Ladies Auxl.	Radio Fund	TOTAL
Akin Grove	1	84	722.29	62.07	70.68	65.05	60.05	128.83	41.51	70.68	254.03	334.59	53.26	88.54	57.79	57.84	13.74	7.25	105.28	93.28	74.00	1,106.39
Austin Chapel	13	13	3450.00	265.79	65.05	230.60	84.63	465.88	60.05	63.11	781.11	763.51	31.65	549.73	134.99	60.28	13.74	20.00	75.00	339.17	66.60	6,164.73
Avery	29	7	235	505.00	230.60	88.30																6,164.73
College Hill	4	3	535.00	240.00	88.30																	1,121.81
Concord	2	2	14	40.00																		85.36
Friendship	14	8	138	3315.00	125.00	39.67	112.32	54.32	9.73	206.31	1223.51	116.45	1011.75	23.80	6.56	33.67		8.00	44.67	221.08	79.00	6,250.44
Hodgson	3	2	44	758.27	35.00	23.75			20.20	23.75	15.00	130.00	48.97	23.60	44.53	2.04		7.50				931.26
Hopewell	3	2	161	1153.23	213.25	5.00	10.00		38.45	15.00	355.76	2288.64	65.05	339.14	56.26			8.00				1,689.76
Hubbard Chapel	11	6	177	2151.13	430.00	88.94	88.94	177.88	88.94	88.94	355.76	2288.64	65.05	339.14	104.98	62.20	2.40	20.00	65.64	83.94	51.80	6,025.69
Johntown	9	5	67	1760.00	160.00	137.23	120.36		58.68	257.59	962.24	26.86	196.31	196.31	87.55			5.00	25.00			3,539.23
Lydia	2	1	80	760.00	95.00													5.00				936.49
Maple Creek	0	3	62	209.55	50.00	19.10												5.00				338.06
Mt. Pleasant	9	3	59	1065.00	70.00	70.00			45.00	70.00	7.25	89.53	38.10	32.00	22.41	10.49		5.00				1,380.37
New Haven	15	6	190	1835.00	485.00	100.31	50.00	50.00	20.00	200.31	27.73	201.81	202.41	558.50	92.00	32.59	8.00	36.00	27.50	332.00	66.60	3,285.45
New Hope	7	7	56	936.10	66.50	25.00	25.00		38.10	75.00					36.90			7.00	36.50			1,754.60
Post Oak	9	0	69	1333.75	206.00	66.00			92.00	66.00					50.00			10.00				2,189.68
West Side	15	15	167	3380.00	150.00	117.15	101.96	179.57	14.76	398.68	1324.36	218.57	1695.07	105.97	41.98			20.00	180.69	158.01		7,530.06
TOTAL	145	84	1924	26,524.32	3131.61	1146.78	653.26	1081.86	590.53	2831.62	7071.83	952.30	6623.53	1102.96	301.07	24.14	186.75	560.28	1227.48	338.00		50,498.94

SEND OFFERINGS FOR:

1. State Missions to: J. W. Harper, P. O. Box 11, Gallatin, Texas.
2. Interstate and Foreign Mission to: American Baptist Association, Box 150, Texarkana, Ark-Tex.
3. Texas Baptist Institute to: Box 591, Henderson, Texas.
Baptist Monitor — The Same.
4. Orphans Home to: Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, Box 611, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

mit the following report:

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Your Committee:

A. I. Bond

J. D. Siddons

A. M. Carey

LADIES WORK

We, your committee on ladies' work, recommend that each church consider having a ladies Auxiliary and that the church and pastor encourage them in this work.

The chief aim of the Ladies Auxiliary is to witness for Christ and to be helpers to our churches and pastor.

We believe that Ladies Work is Scriptural because God gives us examples in the Old and New Testament such as Deborah, Ruth, Esther, Lydia, Priscilla and Lois.

Your Committee:

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

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We recommend that a greater emphasis be placed on Youth Work by the pastors and churches of this Association. This includes our monthly Youth Fellowship Meetings, State Youth Meeting, and National Youth Work.

We further recommend that our churches look with favor on encouraging our young people to attend

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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

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BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers and visitors, express our thanks and appreciation by a standing vote.

Your Committee:

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Ernest Holcomb

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A motion carried to elect Brother Don Shultz as Chairman of the Youth Night Planning Committee. Brethern George White and Lynn McBryde were elected by acclamation as committeemen for the Youth Night Planning Committee.

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A motion carried to pay the Clerk \$35.00 and if sufficient funds do not come in the Treasurer shall inform the churches of how much is needed.

A motion carried to adjourn until 7:30 o'clock.

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Interstate or Foreign missions, which ever one needed it most.

The offering was taken as the congregation sang: "Let A Little Sunshine In", led by Brother James Rosenberg.

A motion was made by Brother G. F. Crumley that the messengers of the Red River-Bowie Association confer on Brother J. B. Watson the honorary position of Moderator Emeritus for his long, faithful, and useful service in this Associated area; and that the clerk be instructed to notify Brother Watson of the Association's action. The motion carried.

A motion was made to make the "Young People's Night" a permanent affair of the Friday night service. An amendment was made that this be included in the Order of Business. The motion with the amendment carried.

There was a call for the report of the Finance Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report on the money that was bought to the Association.

FOR:

Interstate and Foreign Missions	\$ 20.60
Christian Education	20.08
Orphanage	20.00
Minutes and Clerk Hire	100.00
Total	\$160.93

Your Committee:

Morris Downs

W. B. Holt

J. D. Siddens

The Services were then turned over to the President of the Red River-Bowie Associational Youth Rally, James Rosenberg, to present the program prepar-

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ed by the young people.

He began the Youth Program by leading the congregation in the song: "Give Of Your Best To The Master."

The Name of the Program was: "YOUTH FACES TODAY'S PROBLEMS"

The first part, "Youth and the Church", was given by Patsy Parker of the West Side Baptist Church, New Boston.

The Second part, "Youth and School", was given by Nellie Stevens of the Austin Chapel Baptist Church, De Kalb.

The Third part, "Youth and Home", was given by Madge Himes of the Friendship Baptist Church, Clarksville.

The Fourth part, "Youth and Country" was given by Jamie Bishop of the Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church, DeKalb.

The parts were well prepared and showed a great deal of forethought on the part of each young person participating.

A special was then presented by Brother James Rosenberg and Miss Marsha Carey with Carol Jean Rosenberg at the piano. All of whom were of Avery Missionary Baptist Church.

Brother Rosenberg asked Brother Royal C. Burt to lead prayer.

The Service was then returned to Brother Burt, the Moderator.

Brother Crumley was called to lead the congregation in a song. Before the song Brother Crumley thanked the young people for their cooperation and he encouraged them to continue steadfast in their service to the Lord.

The Congregation then sang: "How Wonderful, How Marvelous."

A motion was carried to give a rising vote of ap-

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preciation to our Moderator, Brother Royal C. Burt.

Announcements were called for and made.

All business being concluded, a vote was taken to adjourn until Thursday night before the last Sunday in August, 1962 (which is August 23, 1962), when the Association will meet with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Negley, Texas.

The Moderator then called for the song, "Till We Meet Again".

The Benediction was pronounced by Brother Lynn McBride.

CHURCHES — PASTOR — CLERKS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

AKIN GROVE: Pastor, Eld. A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas
Clerk, Uious Humphrey, Rt. 6, Clarksville,
Texas.

Sunday School Superintendent Eugene Daniels, Rt. 4, Clarksville, Texas.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor, Eld. George E. White, Rt. 3, Dekalb, Texas.

Clerk: Cledyth White, Rt. 3, Dekalb, Texas.
Superintendent, Raymond O. Tidwell, Rt. 3,
Dekalb, Texas.

AVERY: Pastor, Lynn McBride, P. O. Box 41, Avery,
Texas

Clerk: Mrs. Charley Webb, Rt. 2, Avery, Tex.
Superintendent, Fred Duncan, Rt. 1, Avery,
Texas.

COLLEGE HILL: Pastor, Eld. G. F. Crumley, Texarkana.

Clerk, Gertrude Lewis, Rt. 1, Dekalb, Texas
Superintendent: Mark Pinkham, Rt. 1, Dekalb,
Texas.

CONCORD: Pastor: Not given.

Clerk: Mrs. Walter Hill, Rt. 1, Clarksville,
Texas.

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Superintendent: P. E. Smith, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor: Royal C. Burt, 705 E. Comanche Street, Clarksville, Texas.

Clerk: Mrs. B. A. McNabb, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

Superintendent: Roy Linton, Box 345, Clarksville, Texas.

HODGSON: Pastor: Not given.

Clerk: Miss Laura F. Tidwell, Rt. 2, Dekalb, Texas.

Superintendent: Carlos Carlton, Rt. 2, Dekalb, Texas.

HOPEWELL: Pastor: Roy Cecil Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

Clerk: Mrs. Grace Roberts, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

Superintendent: Harvey Fryor, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor: Eld. Don H. Shultz, Rt. 1, Dekalb, Texas.

Clerk: Mrs. Herman L. Jackson, Rt. 1, Dekalb, Texas.

Superintendent: Mr. Eual Burden, Rt. 2, Dekalb, Texas.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor: Garnett Walker, 401 West 11th St., Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Clerk: Bro. H. Drue Pirtle, 1204 Raney Street, Longview, Texas.

Superintendent: Francis Foster, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.

LYDIA: Pastor: Eld. Billy Pearson, Marshall, Texas.

Clerk: Alvin Peacock, Avery, Texas
Superintendent: Norman Horton, Dekalb,
Texas.

MAPLE CREEK: Pastor: Not given.

Clerk: J. E. McConnell, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.

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Superintendent: J. D. Siddens, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.

MT. PLEASANT: Pastor: Cecil Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

Clerk: Mrs. Doris Carey, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Tex.
Superintendent: Jim Hays, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Tex

NEW HAVEN: Pastor: Arvis Asbill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

Clerk: Mrs. Howard Westbrook, Clarksville, Texas.

Superintendent: Aubry Raulston, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HOPE: Pastor: Alvin Blaylock, Rt. 4, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Clerk: Bro. Leo McMillan, Rt. 2, Dekalb, Tex.
Superintendent: Bro. Dewey Murphy, Rt. 2, Dekalb, Texas.

POST OAK: Pastor: Bro. J. T. McNabb, Jr., Rt. 2, Paris Texas.

Clerk: Yvonne McNabb, Rt. 2, Paris, Texas.
Superintendent: Ross Mills, Rt. 3, Detroit, Tex

WEST SIDE: Pastor: James Kesner, P. O. Box 21, New Boston, Texas.

Clerk: Mrs. Lowell Daniel, Rt. 1, New Boston, Texas.

Superintendent: Edison Parker, 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 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

Of The Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association

ARTICLE I — Name

This Association shall be known as the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II — Object

The object of this Association shall be to awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the denomination, to cultivate a closer union between the churches, to produce and perpetuate the greatest activity as to missionary and educational enterprises, and to widen the scope of denominational benevolence.

ARTICLE III — Membership

Section 1: This Association shall be composed of such regular Baptist churches as may agree to cooperate by means of messengers, to carry out the object as set forth in Article II of this Constitution; such messengers to present letters of petition for admission from their respective churches.

Section 2: The messengers to the annual sessions of this Association shall be chosen by their respective churches, such action being certified by the churches in their letters to the Association.

Section 3: Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three messengers to the annual messenger assembly.

Section 4: Each church shall be the sole judge of her messengers.

ARTICLE IV — Nature

Section 1: This Association shall be in nature a joint auxiliary to the churches composing it. It is not formed for any ecclesiastical end, but merely for ben-

evolent purposes; but it reserves the right to withdraw from any church which becomes heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Section 2: The Association shall recognize freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievement of its work.

ARTICLE V — Officers

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the messengers meeting in annual session, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are chosen.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the messenger assembly, to keep order, and to discharge such other duties as are incumbent upon this office.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of each session of the messenger assembly, and to have the same published and distributed to the churches as the report of the Association.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all monies received and disbursed, and to make a report of the same to the Association during its annual session.

ARTICLE VI — Executive Committee

This Association may have an Executive Committee composed of one member from each church in the Association. Five members of said Committee shall constitute a quorum, the Moderator of the Committee is to provide leadership and counsel in carrying out the work outlined in the annual messenger assembly of the Association.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

Two-thirds of the churches of this Association must approve any change or amendment of this Constitution. The following procedure shall be followed in order to change or amend the Constitution: Any pro-

posed amendment shall be presented for discussion in open session of the Messenger Assembly. After discussion, the proposed amendment may be withdrawn only by consent of a simple majority of the messengers voting. Otherwise it must be referred to the churches of the Association. Each church may then vote for or against the proposed amendment, expressing said vote for or against in the associational letter to the next annual session of the messengers. In this matter, each church is entitled to one vote.