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THE RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Messenger Meeting, September 19, 1963

Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, DeKalb, Texas

At 10:00 A.M. the meeting was opened with the singing of "Jesus Saves" and "Love Lifted Me" led by Brother Jerry Crumley with Sister Clara Bunger at the piano.

Prayer was led by Eld. Bill Hitt of Lone Star, Texas.

The Moderator, Eld. J.T. Mc Nab, had the congregation to stand while he declared the One Hundred and Twentieth Session in order and ready for business.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Ross Mitchell and Bro. Lynn McBryde as the Finance Committee.

Brethren Royal Burt and H. L. Johnston were appointed reading clerks.

Welcome was given by the host pastor, Eld. Cecil Purcell.

Visiting brethren were present and recognized as follows: Eld. G. F. Crumley, Eld. Raymond Lewis, Eld. M. G. McNeill, Eld. Bill Hitt, Eld. Jo White, Dr. A. J. Kirkland, Eld. A. J. Findley, Eld. L. C. Raleigh and Eld. R. T. Stevens.

The Moderator, called for the reading of the Church letters, they were read from the following churches. 1. New Haven, 2. Hodgson, 3. Liberty, 4. Concord, 5. Friendship, 6. Pinkham Memorial, 7. Avery, 8. West Side, 9. Post Oak, 10. Hillcrest Baptist Mission, 11. Mount Pleasant, 12. Austin Chapel, 13. Johntown, 14. Akin Grove, 15. Hubbard Chapel.

After the letters were read there was a motion, which carried to seat the messengers, and the visitors be asked to counsel with us.

The Moderator appointed the committees to report on various phases of the Associated work.

The Moderator asked Eld. James Kesner to introduce the new pastors in the Association, and Bro. Kesner introduced Eld. Paul G. Frazier, Pastor of Hubbard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church DeKalb, Texas and Eld. Cecil M. Purcell, Pastor of Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

The Moderator called for Petitionary Letters, There was no new Churches represented.

A motion was made, which carried, that we suspend the regular order of business and hear the Annual Message.

The Moderator asked Bro. Crumley to come and lead the congregation in a song. Bro. Crumley led "My Savior First of All" with the congregation standing. Prayer was voiced by Eld. R. T. Stevens.

The Moderator asked Bro. Cecil Hill to present the speaker for the hour. Eld. J. B. Watson. Bro. Watson read from II Timothy 2:1-3; Luke 16:25 and used for his subject, "REMEMBER SOME THINGS"

Bro. Watsons message was inspiring. The Moderator asked Eld. A. J. Findley to extend the right hand of appreciation to Eld. Watson on behalf of the congregation for the message.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn for lunch and meet back at 1:30 P.M. After Announcements were made by Bro. Kirkland and Bro. Purcell, the moderator asked Bro. H. L. Johnston to pronounce the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After enjoying a wonderful meal provided by the host church, the afternoon services were opened by congregational singing "Follow On" directed by Eld. G. F. Crumley with Sister Clara Bunger at the Piano. Prayer was led by Eld. M. G. McNeill.

The Moderator expressed appreciation for the wonderful meal. The Moderator read the rules of Decorum.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- Moderator ----- Eld. J. T. McNabb
Assistant Moderator ----- Eld. Royal Burt
Moderator Emeritus ----- Eld. J. B. Watson
Clerk ----- Eld. H. L. Johnston
Treasurer ----- Eld. Lynn McBryde

The above was elected to serve as officers of the Association for the year 1964.

Invitations for the 1964 Association meeting was received as following: New Haven, Avery, and Post Oak.

Avery Missionary Baptist Church, Avery, Texas was selected as the meeting place in 1964.

Motion carried to make it unanimous to meet at Avery Missionary Baptist Church.

Those nominated to bring the annual Message in the 1964 session were: Eld. G. F. Crumley, Eld. James Kesner. Eld. Lewis Runbo and Eld. Cecil Purcell.

Eld. Cecil Purcell was elected with Eld. James Kesner as Alternate. Motion carried that Bro. J. B. Watson continue as Moderator Emeritus.

At this time reports of the committees was given, and adopted. These reports appear in another section of the Minutes.

The Moderator recognized Bro. G. F. Crumley and he spoke on the Youth Encampment held each year at Boss Springs Youth Encampment. Wickes, Ark. Bro. Crumley introduced Bro. Lewis the Youth Encampment Director. Bro. Lewis Invited the Red River-Bowie Association to meet with the Southwestern District Youth Encampment.

Bro. Lynn McBryde Treasurer gave his report for the year of 1962 which was adopted. This report appears in another section of the Minutes.

Motion carried that we take an offering to pay the Clerk the balance due him for his work in 1962. Offering received was \$28.72. The Clerk was paid \$21.74.

Motion carried that the clerk be paid (\$50.00) fifty dollars for his work 1963.

Motion carried that we combine Sunday School and B. T. C. sections of the chart in one section.

Motion carried that what is left from paying the clerk out of the offering received be applied on the nexts years salary of the Clerk.

The Moderator asked the congregation to stand and express to the Host Church appreciation for their hospitality during the Association. The Moderator dismissed the meeting until 7:30 P.M. Eld. Paul G. Frazier pronounced the benediction. At 5:00 P.M. The Host Church served a wonderful evening meal, which was appreciated by those present.

THURSDAY EVENING

At 7:30 P.M. the meeting was opened with singing, "He Is Able to Deliver Thee" directed by Anna Tyler with Carol Rosenberry at the Piano. Prayer was voiced by Bro. Royal Burt.

Motion carried to assign to the different churches of the association committees to be brought to the next session. In so doing, the reports of our various phases of work will be church reports instead of personal or committee reports.

(Clerks note: Please type and double space your report, and check and correct any errors).

The following churches were assigned and designated reports: ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS, Austin Chapel; STATE MISSIONS, Hodgeson; INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, Hubbard Chapel; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, New Haven; DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE, West Side; TEMPERANCE, Mount Pleasant; ORPHAN'S HOME, New Hope; OLD MINISTERS RELIEF, Akin Grove; LADIES' WORK, Friendship.

The Moderator asked the assistant Youth president to preside during the Youth Program. Bro. Thomas McBryde called the roll of Churches, there was (9) nine churches represented with a total of 85 present. Motion carried that the offering of \$12.59 be given to the speaker of the evening, Bro. Jo White.

The congregation sang "I am Thine, O Lord." Specials was given by, Post Oak, "Don't Forget Jesus" Sung by Anna and Gayle Tyler. And Austin Chapel "I had Rather Have Jesus" Sung by Beverly Barnett, with Sister Clara Bunger at the Piano.

The Banner went to Post Oak.

The Youth President asked Bro. McNabb to introduce the speaker of the evening, Bro. McNabb introduced Bro. Jo White, Pastor of he Gum Springs Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas as the speaker. Bro. White read from Luke 24 and used as a subject "Religion Past and Religion Present."

The Moderator, Bro. McNabb asked Bro. Cecil Purcell to extend the right hand of appreciation to Bro. White on behalf of the congregation for the message, Bro. Purcell asked that the Youth President, Bro. Thomas McBryde express this to Bro. White.

Program committee for 1964 Youth night of the Association was elected as following; Eld. Paul Frazier, Eld. Lynn McBryde, and Eld. Cecil Purcell.

Bro. McBryde gave the Finance Committee report which was adopted. This report appears in another section of the Minutes.

Motion carried that the Historical Committee continue as it is with Bro. J. B. Watson as Chairman with Oscar Pinkham, and R. T. Stevens as assistant.

Motion carried that we adjourn until we meet September 24th 1964, 10:00 A.M. with the Avery Missionary Baptist Church, Avery Texas. Benediction voiced by Bro. Cecil Hill.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT

We, Your Committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report:

The Scriptures say, "Begin at Jerusalem and go the uttermost parts of the world." The North East Texas Baptist Mission Council with which the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association is operating, is supporting Bro. Jerry Coffman as Missionary to Paris Texas.

The Mission, known as the Hillcrest Baptist Mission meets 2503 E. Cherry St., and is the arm of Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church. The Mission has grown in the past year from a membership of nineteen (19) to fifty one (51).

The Mission, at the present, sends \$25.00 a week toward the Missionary's salary, pays \$150.00 a month property notes, and gives 10% of t offerings to all phases of mission work.

The Mission bought a 30x40 building which was moved on t property in Paris, and has now been converted into eight (8) Sunday School rooms and an Assembly room.

The members of the Mission discussed organizing into a church but because of the present financial obligations they decided it w unwise to do so at this time.

The Mission has all the characteristics of a New Testament Church. A departmentalized Sunday School, Ladies Auxillary, Full time services, Mission program, and building program. Yet, the Mission not able at this time to support a full-time pastor. It still needs o support.

Last April, the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council voted to continue paying the Missionary's salary until April, 1964. We feel t Mission work at Paris is worthy of your support and prayers, and v recommend your continued support of the mission until it is able to a self-supporting Church.

Let's not quit now and lose all that has been invested in t Mission at Paris. Their growth is going to depend greatly on the supp of the Churches cooperating with the N.E.T.B.M.C. May you give th your prayerful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Coffman

Bill Hitt

Cecil M. Purcell

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

We, your committee on State Missions submit this report for your consideration:

The great commission as given by Christ, Matt. 28:19, 20 is to every Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. We would encourage every church, no matter how small, or how weak to contribute to missions.

The Messengers of the churches composing the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas have elected, and recommend to the churches, four (4) State missionaries on salary and one (1) on designated salary.

We recommend that our support to State Missions be increased so that more needy fields can be reached. Let us keep in mind that as we claim to be Missionary Baptist, that we should not be so in name, but also in deeds.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. Stevens

A. J. Findley

INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Lord gave His Commission to His church. "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: 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." Acts 1:8.

The churches composing the American Baptist Association recommended approximately fifty eight (58) Interstate and Foreign Missionaries for support for this associational year. These Missionaries were first sent out by the Churches of their membership as missionaries.

These missionaries are doing a good work, and they are worthy of your support both spiritual and financially.

We, your committee, recommend that the churches of the Red River-Bowie Association send liberal offerings regular to the American Baptist Association, Box 1050, Texarkana, Ark-Texas, for Interstate and Foreign missions. Let us not forget to pray for these missionaries as we supply their material needs.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Kesner

Paul Frazier

J. B. Watson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Christian Education, recognize the responsibility of the proper religious training for those of all ages belongs to the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. The commission that was given to the church was that they not only seek the salvation of all souls and administer baptism to them but that they teach them all things which the Lord commanded. We, therefore, believe that the Sunday School, Baptist Training Course and Vacation Bible Schools, along with other worship services of the Lord's churches, are activities whereby the Lord's Church is carrying out this phase of the Great Commission.

We recommend the Schools which operate under the authority of a local missionary Baptist Church as being sound in faith and profitable for the students to acquaint themselves with the word of God. We believe our State School (Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary, Henderson, Texas,) is among the best. We recommend to the churches that consistent offerings be sent for the support of Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

Royal Burt

Jo White

A. J. Kirkland

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

First in order and importance is the Bible. There is no substitute for Bible study. No person can grow and develop as a Christian without applying himself to Bible study. This is necessary for Christian maturity, II Tim. 2:15; I Tim. 3:16,17.

To aid in Bible study we recommend sound literature. The Baptist Sunday School Committee of the American Baptist Association publishes literature that is Bible-centered, Christ exalting, and true to our Baptist heritage. This literature is for use in all fields of church activity; Sunday School, Baptist Training Course, Vacation Bible School, Ladies Auxiliary, and other study groups. We recommend this literature to the Churches of this Association as being best-suited for all study needs.

Respectfully submitted

G. F. Crumley

Alvis Bates

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: As Paul in Gal. 5:23 teaches temperance to be one of the fruits of Christian living, and also in I Cor. 9:25 "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

We recommend total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, or any loose living, or conduct that pertains to Sin.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. I. Bond

ORPHAN'S HOME

We, your committee on the Orphan's Home submit the following report;

It is certainly our responsibility as the Lord's people to care for our orphan's, and for this reason, we recommend that each continue to support the Orphanage with your prayer, offerings, and personal visits. Brother and Sister Arthur Flannigan are doing an excellent work in leading and caring for our young people.

The needs of the home and the children are many and they are dependent upon you, the Lord's people for support. Pray for them, then support as God prospers you.

Respectfully submitted

Raymond J. Lewis

Edmond McConnell

OLD MINISTER'S RELIEF

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

We recommend that if we have old ministers or their widows in financial need that each Church send them an offering and pray for them, and also visit them any time we can.

Respectfully submitted,

Eld. Cecil Hill

Jess Humphrey

LADIES' WORK

We, your committee on Ladies' work, feel the need of more interest in Ladies Auxiliary. We recommend that each Church think seriously about organizing an Auxiliary.

If there is any doubt as to the Scriptural proof, we refer you to Rom. 16:1,6.

We recommend that all Pastor's encourage and work with the ladies in the Auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. L. Johnston

Mrs. Lynn McBryde

FINANCIAL REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report of the money that was brought to the Association.

Receipts:

Minute fund and Clerk hire ----- \$90.8

Orphan's Home ----- 15.0

Offering received at association ----- 28.7

Total received at Association ----- \$134.5

Paid Out;

Clerk hire (Balance due) ----- 21.7

Balance on hand 9-19-63 ----- \$112.8

Respectfully submitted,

Ross G. Mitchell

Lynn McBryde

NOTE: If you bring money to the Association, please make all checks payable to RED RIVER-BOWIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

	Additions	Losses	Total Membership	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	State Missions	Association Missions	Interstate Missions	Forleign Missions	Christian Education	Total All Phases Missions	Orphans Home	Building And Repair	General Benevolence	Incidental Expense	Sunday School And B. T. C. Literature	Womans Aux. Literature	Minutes And Clerk Hire	Raised For Churches By Ladie's Aux.	Radio Fund
Aikin Grove	4	5	85	659.93	89.22	17.37	43.62	17.37	0	0	78.36	41.31	46.75	47.78	91.17	58.20	0	5.45	0	
Austin Chapel	12	13	251	3,290.00	275.00	118.25	120.00	118.27	118.93	118.87	594.32	118.90	1,114.40	105.51	1,388.15	169.53	0	15.00	0	14.44
Avery	16	5	247	4,160.00	250.00	258.54	304.13	258.54	247.68	534.02	1,602.91	229.18	2,641.19	334.44	806.10	260.79	19.80	15.00	1,319.44	88.88
Concord	5	2	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101.50	0	18.00	16.28	0	5.00	0	
Friendship	12	5	149	3,300.00	145.00	90.00	140.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	500.00	0	1,379.57	135.00	849.99	107.77	0	15.00	225.99	81.11
Hodgson	3	0	44	782.00	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.09	6.70	35.02	0	5.00	0	
Hopewell	6	4	160	2,575.00	225.00	30.06	70.00	0	0	27.05	127.11	0	0	61.97	35.17	52.58	0	10.00	0	14.44
Hubbard Chapel	11	9	175	3,660.00	160.00	82.24	52.74	82.24	164.48	82.24	463.94	82.24	430.51	21.66	254.24	140.40	0	10.00	0	
Johntown	3	5	68	1,875.00	130.00	129.23	7.21	161.82	0	0	298.26	22.49	359.86	65.10	112.22	5.29	0	5.00	0	
Liberty	10	3	32	1,100.00	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	135.02	40.00	40.00	52.28	0	0	7.50	0	
Mount Pleasant	4	1	66	1,020.00	60.00	70.00	0	0	60.00	0	130.00	15.00	62.94	0	70.56	52.28	0	35.00	431.86	
New Haven	6	8	187	2,525.00	110.00	80.03	20.00	30.00	25.00	49.45	204.48	0	153.14	10.00	389.47	100.91	0	5.00	87.39	
Pinkham Memorial	6	0	41	811.05	51.32	2.96	2.82	2.50	2.46	0	10.74	5.67	631.51	137.13	24.15	49.33	13.50	5.00	0	
Post Oak	2	0	73	2,611.61	315.50	145.00	135.00	0	0	12.00	292.00	120.00	0	20.00	142.20	62.00	0	10.00	0	
Hillicrest Mission	32	0	51	0	5.00	111.82	596.82	0	76.82	76.82	862.28	0	4,207.83	26.18	787.48	89.35	0	0	96.00	
West Side	19	4	200	3,660.00	428.59	132.17	279.62	145.58	219.38	135.00	911.75	0	3,996.42	244.76	2,211.49	195.07	0	50.00	130.05	
TOTAL	151	64	1,848	32,029.59	2,444.63	1,267.67	1,771.96	906.32	1,004.75	1,125.45	6,076.15	769.81	15,165.62	1,258.62	7,686.77	1,453.45	33.30	202.95	2,290.74	199.88

SEND OFFERINGS FOR:

1. Local Missions to: James H. Kesner, P. O. Box 21, New Boston, Texas.
2. State Missions to: W. H. Hitt, P. O. Box 605, Lone Star, Texas.
3. Texas Baptist Institute to: Box 591, Henderson, Texas.
The Baptist Monitor—the same.

4. Interstate and Foreign Missions to: American Baptist Association, Texarkana, Ark-Texas.

5. Orphans Home to: Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, Box 611, Texarkana, Texas.

6. Checks that is brought to the Association make payable to Red River Baptist Association.

TREASURERS REPORT

As your treasurer I wish to submit the following report for the year 1962-1963.

Receipts:

Alkin Grove	\$ 6.10
Austin Chapel	15.00
Avery	10.00
Friendship	8.00
Hodgson	7.50
Hopewell	5.00
Hubbard Chapel	5.00
Liberty	5.00
Lydia	5.00
Mount Pleasant	7.00
New Haven	7.50
New Hope	5.00
Pinkham Memorial	5.00
Post Oak	16.16
West Side	20.00
Edd Rhodes	1.00
Total: (Minute & Clerk hire)	\$128.26
Total: (Orphanage)	17.84
Total Received	\$146.10

Disbursements:

Paid out for Minutes	100.00
Paid to Orphan's Home	17.84
Paid to Clerk	28.26
Total Paid Out	146.10
Balance on hand 9-19-63	0

Lynn McBryde, Treasurer

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

AIKIN GROVE: Pastor, Eld. A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas; Clerk, Charlie Wolfe, Route 4, Clarksville, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Hugh Parnell, Route 4, Clarksville, Texas.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor, Eld. Cecil M. Purell, Route 3, Box 64, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Neta Bunger, Route 3, DeKalb, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. James L. Tidwell, Route 3, DeKalb, Texas.

AVERY: PASTOR, Eld. Lynn McBryde, Box 41, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Charlie Webb, Route 2, Avery, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Elton Roseberry, Route 1, Avery, Texas.

CONCORD: Pastor, Eld. Melvin Hooser, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Bobby Brown, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Bro. Bobby Brown, Route 1, Clarksville, Texas.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor, Eld. Royal C. Burt, 705 E. Comanche St. Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Chas. Adair, 205 West Burks St. Clarksville, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Coy Brantley, West College Avenue, Clarksville, Texas.

HODGSON: Pastor, Eld. Harvey Wilson, Linden, Texas; Clerk, Anna Kennedy, Route 2, DeKalb, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Carlos Carlton, Route 2, DeKalb, Texas.

HOPEWELL: Pastor, W. S. Taylor, Henderson, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Grace Roberts, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. John Lewis, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor, Eld. Paul G. Frazier, Route 1, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Herman L. Jackson, Route 1, DeKalb, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Robert E. Kennedy, Route 1, DeKalb, Texas.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor, Eld. Garnett Walker, 401 West 11th. St., Mount Pleasant, Texas; Clerk, H. Drue Pirtle, 1204 Raney St., Longview, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Earl Hawkins, Route 1, Bogata, Texas.

LIBERTY: Pastor, Eld. Cecil Hill, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas; Clerk, Bert Adams, Route 3, Detroit, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, D. A. Pearce, Route 3, Detroit, Texas.

MOUNT PLEASANT: Pastor, Eld. Cecil Hill, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas; Clerk, Doris Carey, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Jim Hays, Route 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor, Eld. H. L. Johnston, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. B. J. Mitchell, 1015 W. Maderson, Clarksville, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Haskell Summers, Route 6, Clarksville, Texas.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor, Eld. Louis Rumbø, Route 1, Maude, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Pauline Shumake, Box 653, DeKalb, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Gay Shumake, Box 653, DeKalb, Texas.

POST OAK: Pastor, Eld. J. T. McNabb, Jr., 1213 Highland, Drive, Henderson, Texas; Clerk, Miss. Yvonne McNabb, 1213 Highland Drive, Henderson, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Alvis Bates, Route 2, Paris, Texas.

HILLCREST BAPTIST MISSION: Missionary Pastor, Eld. Jerry R. Coffman, 2525 E. Cherry St., Paris, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. E. K. Horton, Route 2, Paris, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Carl Wade, 254 28th, N. E., Paris, Texas.

WEST SIDE: Pastor, Eld. James H. Kesner, P. O. Box 21, New Boston, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Lowell H. Daniel, New Boston, Texas; S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Raybon Bailey, New Boston, Texas.

RULES OF DECORUM

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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.
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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 co-operate 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 session 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 benevolent 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 proposed 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.

HISTORICAL ROLL OF RED RIVER-BOWIE ASSOCIATION—ORGANIZED IN 1843

RED RIVER-BOWIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Year—Meeting Place	Intro. Sermon	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer
1897—Salem Baptist	J. E. Horner	N. B. Terry	W. W. Lawson	W. B. Terry
1898—Liberty	W. T. Compere	H. C. Hill	Thos. C. Holt	W. B. Terry
1899—Clairmount	J. B. Riddle	Geo. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	I. H. Lawson
1900—Boata	J. T. Durham	C. A. Worley	W. W. Lawson	I. H. Lawson
1901—Lydia	J. H. Crain	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	I. H. Lawson
1902—Hopewell No. 1	J. H. Taylor	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	I. H. Lawson
1903—Pilgrim's Rest	G. E. Pinkham	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1905—Rehoboth	Geo. B. Dean	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1906—Detroit	J. S. Hubbard	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1907—Lydia	P. H. Swinney	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1908—Bethlehem	J. E. Pinkham	H. E. Duffee	D. J. Stamphill	B. J. Devinney
1909—Collier Springs	G. E. Pinkham	H. E. Duffee	D. J. Stamphill	B. J. Devinney
1910—Annona	B. J. Devinney	S. T. Bailey	A. S. Crow	B. J. Devinney
1911—Avery	J. A. Moore	S. T. Bailey	A. S. Crow	B. J. Devinney
1912—Liberty	B. T. Richardson	G. B. Dean	D. J. Stamphill	B. J. Devinney
1913—Concord	P. H. Swinney	G. B. Dean	W. F. Brooks	L. H. Basset
1914—White Oak	J. B. Watson	G. A. Lyon	A. S. Crow	Geo. Taylor
1915—Collier Springs	P. H. Swinney	G. A. Lyon	A. S. Crow	Geo. Taylor
1916—Bethlehem No. 1	J. V. Vermillion	G. A. Lyon	James Whitecotten	B. J. Devinney
1917—Bethlehem No. 1	J. V. Vermillion	G. A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B. J. Devinney
1918—Avery	Morris A. Roberts	G. A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B. J. Devinney
1919—Hopewell No. 1	W. F. Brooks	W. R. Davis	W. F. Brooks	Z. C. Humphrey
1920—Davis Chapel	J. B. Watson	W. R. Davis	J. Whitecotton	D. B. Stewart
1921—Aikin Grove	W. R. Davis	W. R. Davis	J. C. Powell	A. S. Crow
1922—Pleasant Valley	W. F. Brooks	W. R. Davis	J. C. Powell	A. S. Crow
1923—Liberty	J. E. Watson	W. F. Brooks	A. S. Crow	W. M. Thrasher
1924—Maple Creek		W. F. Brooks	A. S. Crow	W. M. Thrasher
1925—Avery	W. M. Thrasher	W. F. Brooks	L. E. Walker	W. M. Thrasher
1926—Lone Pine	W. F. Brooks	W. F. Brooks	L. E. Walker	W. M. Thrasher

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1928—Lydia	W. F. Brooks	W. M. Thrasher	W. F. Brooks	J. T. McNabb
1931—Pleasant Valley	W. F. Brooks	D. D. Miller	A. I. Bond	O. H. Pinkham
1932—Avery	Deckert Anderson	W. F. Brooks	A. I. Bond	O. H. Pinkham
1933—Maple Creek	J. W. Harper	W. F. Brooks	L. H. Patterson	A. S. Crow
1934—Hopewell	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	L. H. Patterson	A. I. Bond
1935—New Haven	L. A. Stidham	J. B. Watson	L. H. Patterson	A. I. Bond
1938—Hopewell	L. E. Walker	W. M. Thrasher	L. H. Patterson	A. I. Bond
1939—Rehoboth	A. I. Bond	J. B. Watson	L. H. Patterson	A. I. Bond
1940—Avery	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	Gaynell Bramlett	A. I. Bond
1941—Malta	G. E. Pinkham	W. R. Davis	Gaynell Bramlett	J. B. Watson
1942—New Haven	W. R. Davis	W. R. Davis	A. I. Bond	J. B. Watson
1943—Concord	J. B. Watson	L. H. Patterson	A. I. Bond	Z. C. Humphrey
1944—Maple Creek	L. H. Patterson	L. H. Patterson	Jim Dodson	H. Humphrey
1945—Hopewell	Hassell Johnston	D. D. Miller	Jim Dodson	J. A. Bramlett
1946—Austin Chapel	W. O. McClung	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	A. H. Hodgson
1947—Hodgson	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	Sam Kennedy
1948—Mt. Pleasant	A. I. Bond	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	E. L. Duren
1949—Avery	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	E. L. Duren
1950—New Haven	A. I. Bond	Hassell Johnston	Jim Dodson	E. L. Duren
1951—New Hope	R. T. Stevens	H. L. Johnston	G. F. Crumley	R. T. Stevens
1952—Avery	G. F. Crumley	R. T. Stevens	G. F. Crumley	R. F. Tull
1953—New Haven	H. L. Johnston	R. T. Stevens	A. I. Bond	R. F. Tull
1954—Hodgson	Cecil Hill	H. L. Johnston	R. E. Deem	E. L. Merrill
1955—Lydia	R. E. Deem	R. T. Stevens	R. E. Deem	E. L. Merrill
1956—Friendship	Melvin Finley	R. T. Stevens	Jim Taylor	E. L. Merrill
1957—West Side	E. C. Mooney	Augustus Downing	Veo Glover	E. L. Merrill
1958—Avery	G. F. Crumley	Augustus Downing	Veo Glover	Geo. E. White
1959—New Haven	J. H. Kesner	J. H. Kesner	Veo Glover	Geo. E. White
1960—Hodgson	H. L. Johnston	R. C. Burt	Veo Glover	Billy Pearson
1961—Avery	G. F. Crumley	R. C. Burt	J. H. Kesner	Lynn McBryde
1962—Mt. Pleasant	J. H. Kesner	R. C. Burt	Geo. E. White	Lynn McBryde
1963—Austin Chapel	J. B. Watson	J. T. McNabb	Geo. E. White	Lynn McBryde