

MINUTES

of the
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

Red River - Bowie Missionary Baptist Association

held with
The Avery Missionary Baptist Church
Avery, Texas

ON SEPTEMBER 26th, 1964

Moderator Eld. J. T. McNabb
Clerk Eld. H. L. Johnston
OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE
NEW YEAR 1965

Eld. Augustus Downing Moderator
Box 41, Avery, Texas
Eld. Cecil Purcell Asst. Moderator
Box 21, New Boston, Texas
Eld. J. B. Watson Moderator Emeritus
Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas
Eld. Jerry Coffman Treasurer
2525 Cherry St., Paris, Texas
Eld. H. L. Johnston Clerk
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas

This Association Will Meet In 1965 on September 23rd
Baptist Church Clarksville, Texas, Rt. 6
Eld. J. B. Watson was elected to bring the Annual
Message in the 1965 session.
Mrs. Wallace
Eld. J. H. Kesner Was Elected Alternate.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters, Enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Petitory Letters.
5. Miscellaneous Business.
6. Special Order of Business.
7. Associational Missions.
8. State Missions.
9. Interstate and Foreign Missions.
10. Christian Education.
11. Denominational Literature.
12. Temperance.
13. Orphan's Home.
14. Old Minister's Relief.
15. Special Reports.
16. Treasurer's Report.
17. Financial Report.
18. Resolution of Thanks.
19. Thursday Night, Youth Program.

THE RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Messenger Meeting September 24th, 1964

Avery Missionary Baptist Church, Avery, Texas

At 11:00 A.M. the meeting was opened with the singing of "Send the Light" and "I Love To Tell The Story" Led by Brother Wilburn Lee with Brother Royal Burt at the piano.

Prayer led by Brother George White Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

The moderator had the congregation to stand while declared the One Hundred and Twenty First Session in order and ready for business.

Brother J. H. Kesner made a motion to elect a Treasurer Proteem to fill the unexpired term of Brother Lynn McBride; Brother J. H. Wesner was elected.

The moderator appointed Brother Augustus Downing and Brother Paul Frazier as reading clerks.

A welcome address was given by Brother Augustus Downing, Pastor of the host Church.

A motion was made to read the Petitionary Letters; It carried.

A Petitionary letter was read from the Gravel Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

A motion carried to adopt the letter.

The annual Message was brought by Elder Cecil Purcell from Acts 2:38-39.

The Title of the message was, "The Power of God."

The hand of appreciation was given to Brother Purcell by Brother Royal Burt.

Visiting Brethren present were recognized as follows, Eld. A. J. Finley, Eld. George White, Eld. A. L. Patterson, Eld. Elvin Crocker, Eld. Arvis Asbel and Eld. W. H. (Bill) Hitt.

They were invited to sit with us in deliberation and counsel.

The Moderator called for the reading of the Letters. Letters were read from The following Churches, Concord Missionary Baptist Church, Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Hodgson Missionary Baptist Church, Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Avery Missionary Baptist Church, Hubbard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Pinkham Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church, Johnstown Missionary Baptist Church, New Haven Missionary Baptist Church, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Akins Grove Missionary Baptist Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and West Side Missionary Baptist Church.

The Moderator appointed Brother Ross Mitchell and Brother A. I. Bond as the Finance Committee.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A motion was made to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. were dismissed by Brother A. L. Patterson.

1:30 P.M.: Song led by Brother Wilburn Lee "When The Roll Is Called up Yonder" and "Take The Name Of Jesus With You" Brother Burt at the Piano. The moderator resumed business.

A motion was made to seat the messengers and invite visiting Brethren to sit with us in deliberation and counsel.

A motion was made and carried that the messengers from the Gravel Hill Church come forward and be given the right hand of fellowship in the association.

The moderator appointed Brother J. B. Watson to give the right hand of fellowship.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Moderator Eld. Augustus Downing
- Assistant Moderator Eld. Cecil Purcell
- Moderator Emeritus Eld. J. B. Watson
- Clerk Eld. H. L. Johnston
- Treasurer Eld. Jerry Coffman

The above was elected to serve as officers of the Association for the year 1965. Invitation for the 1965 Association meeting were received as following: New Haven and Pinkham Minorial.

The New Haven Missionary Baptist Church was elected for the meeting place in 1965.

A motion that the office of Moderator Emeritus be given to Eld. J. B. Watson as long as he should live, It carried.

The report was given and a motion was made and carried to approve the report.

A motion was made to take an offering to pay Brother George White for back service as clerk; it carried.

An offering was taken and Brother was paid. The amount owed Bro. White was Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)

Dr. A. L. Patterson ask permission to speak on interstate and foreign missions as he had to leave at 2:30 P.M.; Permission was granted.

A motion was made and carried to pay the Clerk Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for Clerk hire.

The Moderator ask for the report on Local Missions. Austin Chapel Church Gave the report. Bro. J. H. Kesner and Bro. Purcell spoke to the report. Brother Coffman gave a report on the Mission work in Paris. The report was: that in the month of August, that they had an average of Eighty One (81) In Sunday School, that they had sold Twenty Thousand in Bonds and were starting in their new building.

A motion was made and carried to ammend the report. It carried.

A motion was made and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee on State Missions. The Moderator Appointed Bro. Royal Burt, Bro. Bill Hitt and Bro. George White.

The Moderator called for the report a Foreign Missions.

The Hubbard Chapel brought the report, a motion was made to adopt the report. Brother Paul Frazier spoke to the report, It carried.

The Moderator called for the report on Christian Education.

The report was given by the New Haven Missionary Baptist Church.

A motion was made to adopt the report.

Brother H. L. Johnston and Bro. Elvin Crocker spoke to the motion. It carried.

The Moderator called for the report of the committee on State Missions.

Bro. Bill Hitt spoke to the motion. It carried.

The moderator called for the report on Denominetional Literature.

The West Side Missionary Baptist Church gave the report.

A motion was made to adopt the report. It was spoken to by Bro. Augustus Downing and Bro. J. H. Kesner. The motion carried.

DESIGNATED REPORTS

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

The following Churches were assigned and designated reports:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS, West Side, STATE MISSIONS, Post Oak; INTERSTATE, AND FOREIGN MISSIONS; Austin Chapel; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, Avery; DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE, Hubbard Chapel; TEMPERANCE, Friendship; ORPHAN'S HOME, Mt. Pleasant; OLD MINISTERS RELIEF Hillcrest; LADIES' AUXILIARY, New Haven.

The Moderator called for the report on Temperance.

The report was given by the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

A motion was made and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee on the Orphan's Home. He appointed Bro. Jerry Coffman, Bro. J. H. Kesner and Bro. Paul Frazier were appointed as this committee.

The Moderator called for the report on Ladies' Work.

This report was given by the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

A motion was made to adopt the report.

Bro. Royal Burt and Bro. Bill Hitt spoke to this report. It carried.

Bro. Ross Mitchell and Bro. A. I. Bond brought a report on finance.

A motion was made to adopt the report. It carried.

A motion to accept forthcoming Letter from the Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church and that it be printed in the minutes. It carried.

Eld. J. B. Watson, Eld. Jerry Coffman and Eld. J. H. Kesner were nominated to bring the annual Sermon. Bro. Watson elected.

A motion was made that the second highest be the alternate. It carried.

The Moderator ask the congregation to stand and express to the Host Church Appreciation for their hospitality during the Association.

A motion was made and carried that Bro. Jerry Coffman begin now as treasurer. It carried.

A motion was made to adjourn until 7:30 P.M. It Carried.

THURSDAY

7:30 P.M. Meeting was opened singing "There is power in the blood" and "Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb" led by Miss Sharon Mederith. Miss Jamie Westbrook at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. J. H. Kesner.

A motion Eld. H. L. Johnston, Eld. J.B. Watson and Eld. A. I. Bond be a committee on History of the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association, It Carried.

A motion was made that the Moderator appoint a Committee on Youth Activities, it carried and Eld. J. H. Kesner, Eld. Royal Burt and Eld. Garnett Walker was elected for this Committee.

The Moderator turned the services over to the Moderator of the Red River-Bowie Youth Fellowship, Gary Frazier.

The Youth fellowship song leader, Sharon Meredith, led in the singing of "Come unto Me".

Prayer by Bro. Pursell.

Welcome address by Bro. Augustus Downing.

The count was taken of those present, there were One Hundred and Thirty,

(130) The Post Oak Missionary Baptist Got the Banner.

There was an offering of sixteen Dollars and Twenty Seven cents (\$16.27) taken for State Missions.

The Moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Bro. Wayne Elkins. He brought a great Message from Jeremialh 2:11-13 the tital, "Broken Cisterns."

Bro. Cecil Purcell gave him the right hand of appreciation. Motion to Adjourn until we meet September 29rd, 1965. 10:00 A.M. with the New Haven Missionary Baptist Church Clarksville, Texas, Rt. 6. Benediction voiced by Bro. Garnett Walker.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Having been assigned the Associational Missions Report, We as a Church submit the following:

At the present time we do not have an associational Missionary with a definite work that claims our support. The mission work that has been done in Paris is a fine example of what can be done in other places.

Since we believe the fields are white unto harvest, we recommend that the Churches of this Association do what the Master said in Matt. 9:38; "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

The Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Clerk: Neta Bunger

Moderator: Cecil M. Purcell

AMMENDMENT: We recommend to the of the Red River-Bowie Missionary

Association that we continue to support the work in Paris.

STATE MISSION REPORT

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report.

The responsibility (and privilege) of the Churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas is not only to preach the gospel in their home communities but also to see to it that the Gospel is carried to all parts of the state. Jesus said to the early Church, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19.

Churches will not be very interested in the nations, unless they are taught to and are schooled in the need of; the home state, and engage in the evangelizing of the state.

At the last State Association, the messengers voted to recommend to the Churches a full time Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer and four full time missionaries. They are as follows; W. H. Hitt, Corr. Sec-Treas., Missionaries Joe Askew, now working in Wichita Falls, W. H. Lynch, working in San Antonio, Hiram Melton working in League City and Jack Strickland, who worked in Big Spring until his resignation August 31, 1964.

It is with joy that your committee reports that the support of State Missions has been very good this year. All workers have been paid in full. We feel that this is due to the fact that the Sec-Treas. has been on the field, keeping the people informed of the work being done.

We recommend that the Churches continue to pray for the State workers and send regular offerings to W. H. Hitt, Box 605, Lone Star, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Royal C. Burt

W. H. Hitt

George E. White

INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

While missions must begin at home; Interstate and Foreign Missions are just as much a part of the Commission the Lord gave His Church, as the Home Mission. "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 Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The Churches composing the American Baptist Association have recommended Interstate and Foreign Missionaries for support. These missionaries were first sent out by the Churches of their membership, as missionaries.

Our spiritual and financial help are imperative if these missionaries are to continue their good work, and we, Missionary Baptists, assume our responsibility.

Hubbard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church recommends that the Churches of the Red River-Bowie Association send liberal offerings regularly to the American Baptist Association, Box 1050, Texarkana, Ark.-Texas, for Interstate and Foreign missions. Let not forget to pray for these missionaries as we supply their material needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Hubbard Chapel Missionary Baptist Ch.

TO THE RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, The New Haven Missionary Baptist Church submit the following report on christian education for your consideration:

We believe man is a creature of education and must learn, to succeed. And that the responsibility of teaching and training lies on those that God commanded.

Therefore, the first responsibility lies on parents to rear their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord". Ephesians 6:4.

Then the church is to teach them "Whatever God commanded" Matthew 28:20.

We believe that this can be done by a well organized Sunday School, training courses, B.T.C. or other auxiliaries.

We believe that preachers and other religious leaders need special training and that this can be more quickly and successfully done by those that are qualified to do it. Therefore we recommend our state school, (The Texas Baptist Institute-Seminary Henderson Texas) and other schools sponsored by churches of the American Baptist Association.

We also recommend, that churches send regular offerings to the Texas Baptist Institute and that we contribute to the store room for the Students.

Respectfully submitted

The New Haven Missionary Baptist

Church

Moderator

H. L. Johnston

Church Clerk

Mrs. B. J. Mitchell

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

The Bible should hold the place of prominence. The growth and development of Christian work is impossible without it. There is not a piece of literature anywhere that can enlighten the mind of man and mold the Christian character as the Bible does, (Psalm 119:9, 11). It is our guide to mature Christian service because it is the inspired Word of God, (II Timothy 2:15) (II Timothy 3:16,17)

Even though the Bible should hold first place, there are aids in Bible study that are sound and helpful for a better understanding of the Scriptures. 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 by,
The West Side Missionary Baptist Church
James H. Kesner, Pastor
Mrs. Lowell Daniel, Church Clerk
Mrs. Lowell Daniel

TEMPERANCE

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

The Apostle Paul taught that we should abstain from all intoxicating drinks, also to be moderate in eating, dressing and conversations. Jesus condemns looseness in talking, such as falsifying and slandering one another with ungodly words. We recommend that our pastors, preach this to their congregations more often.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

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 orphans, and for this reason, we recommend that each continue to support the Orphanage with your prayers, offerings, and personal visits. Brother and Sister Arthur Flanningan 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.

Respectively submitted,
J. H. Kesner
Paul Frazier
Jerry Coffman

LADIES' REPORT

We, the Friendship Baptist Church, find in the Holy Scriptures that women have a part in the work of the Churches, from the days of Jesus and the Apostles. Women are not given the authority to be Pastors but can lead the unsaved to Jesus.

There are other things an auxiliary can do to help a church and they certainly need encouragement from the Pastors.

Therefore, we recommend the establishment of Ladies' auxiliaries in all of our churches, that they may have a way to work in accomplishing the things Christ has appointed unto them to do.

DONE IN CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 2, 1964.

R. C. Burt, Moderator

Aikin Grove	3	4	66	566.94	117.55	0	0	48.79	0	48.79	0	0	0	43.61	0	175.26	36.60	44.47	0	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	1041.52	
Austin Chapel	13	11	253	3640.00	200.00	20.00	134.37	134.87	134.87	424.61	156.11	134.97	502.18	19.45	1907.94	231.39	0	15.00	132.90	0	0	0	0	0	0	7210.55	
Avery	27	15	278	3680.00	503.03	222.05	215.04	214.99	214.99	976.07	86.07	295.19	1456.52	150.49	1414.96	210.72	44.50	17.00	500.34	14.80	0	0	0	0	0	8795.40	
Concord	2	2	19	250.00	120.00	26.00	27.00	0	5.00	58.00	0	0	249.09	155.66	106.91	36.38	7.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	963.14	
Friendship	7	6	150	3715.00	125.00	168.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	408.00	175.00	0	1022.49	79.50	438.71	126.46	0	22.00	176.60	29.60	0	0	0	0	0	6,606.06	
Gravel Hill	9	3	82	798.17	65.59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	457.11	0	71.90	77.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,139.24	
Hillcrest	22	2	63	2510.00	100.30	143.57	143.57	0	143.57	430.71	143.57	0	2223.74	65.37	521.35	112.86	0	0	550.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,107.90	
Hodgson	2	6	40	920.00	100.00	17.65	0	0	0	17.65	0	0	0	29.24	31.20	34.15	0	7.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,139.24	
Hopewell	15	7	166	650.34	291.27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300.85	90.00	109.14	121.83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,563.43	
Hubbard Chapel	3	8	170	3830.00	113.00	0	92.80	92.60	185.50	371.30	92.80	92.80	1041.30	0	333.94	98.37	15.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,988.31
Johnston	8	5	71	1975.00	130.00	0	166.07	159.37	0	325.44	22.64	20.90	477.95	38.58	211.28	74.90	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,181.60	
Liberty	2	1	33	1033.47	113.50	29.30	0	0	0	29.30	0	242.94	28.00	104.92	25.57	18.17	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,590.87	
Mt. Pleasant	8	1	73	1089.00	109.00	0	60.00	0	60.00	120.00	0	20.00	19.16	0	50.64	41.98	10.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,394.78	
New Haven	7	11	183	2715.00	129.00	5.00	148.00	97.00	97.00	342.00	41.00	5.00	155.56	456.68	8.47	125.01	20.00	982.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,998.64	
New Hope	2	5	56	1269.00	100.00	0	60.00	30.00	30.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	1390.56	116.25	50.55	43.02	8.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,217.38	
Pinkham Memorial	4	4	41	939.15	212.70	15.00	15.00	15.00	0	45.00	0	15.00	542.06	73.40	169.61	60.00	5.00	59.08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,061.92	
Post Oak	1	58	95	2961.00	310.00	120.00	145.00	0	60.00	325.00	12.00	120.00	82.70	190.45	325.66	119.96	24.92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,471.59	
West Side	9	21	188	3800.00	603.04	277.73	153.48	141.32	266.61	799.13	147.73	31.68	145.25	153.45	3929.75	204.94	42.00	379.41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,451.86	
Total	144	170	2047	36,222.07	3157.97	1044.35	1480.83	994.14	1217.57	4731.90	915.90	1081.99	1139.71	1898.70	9743.97	1782.01	44.50	209,422	2781.29	44.40	0	0	0	0	0	970,147.55	

RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AUSTIN CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

September 19, 1963

For Minute Fund & Clerk Hire

Akin Grove	\$ 5.45
Austin Chapel	5.00
Avely	10.00
Concord	5.00
Friendship	10.00
Hodgson	5.00
Hopewell	
Hubbard Chapel	5.00
Jointown	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	7.50
New Haven	10.00
New Hope	
Pinkham Memorial	5.00
Post Oak	12.98
West Side	
Total brought to Assn.	\$90.87

For Orphan's Home

Mt. Pleasant	15.00
Offering received at Assn.	28.72
Balance from 1962	28.26
Balance on hand Sept. 20, 1963	\$162.85
Paid to clerk, Bro. George White	50.00
Balance on hand Sept. 21, 1963	\$112.85
Paid to Texarkana Baptist Orphan's Home 9-23-63	15.00
Balance on hand Sept. 23, 1963	\$97.85
West Side (10-30-63)	10.00
Paid for Minutes Dec. 9-63	\$100.00
	\$107.85

* Bal \$7.85

*\$6.98 brought forward on clerk hire from offering received at Austin Chapel.

CHURCHES—PASTORS—CLERKS
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

AIKINS GROVE: Pastor, A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas; Clerk, Charlie Wolfe, Route 4, Clarksville, Texas. S. S. Superintendent, Hugh Pannel, Rt. 4 Clarksville, Texas.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor, Cecil M. Parcell, Rt. 3, Box C4 DeKalb, Texas. Clerk, Neta Bunger, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, James L. Tidwell, Rt. 3 DeKalb, Texas.

AVERY: Pastor, Augustus Downing, Box 41, Avery, Texas, Texas Clerk, Mrs. Charley Webb, Rt. 2, Avery, Texas. Superintendent, Elton Roseberry, Avery, Texas.

CONCORD: Pastor, Melvin Hooser, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas. Clerk: Mrs. Bobby Brown, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas. Superintendent, Bobby Brown, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor, Royal Burt 795 Comanche St., Clarksville, Texas. Clerk Mrs. Charles Adair, 205 W. Barks St., Clarksville, Texas. Superintendent, Buddy Pope, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas.

GRAVEL HILL: Pastor, Norman Horton, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas. Clerk, Wavie Lee Bower, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas. Superintendent, Homer Sellers, DeKalb, Texas.

HILLCREST: Pastor, Jerry Coffman, 2525 E. Cherry St., Paris, Texas.

HODGSON: Pastor, None. Clerk, Anna Kennedy, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Carlos Carlton, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

HOPWELL: Pastor, None. Clerk, Harvey Fryar, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas. Superintendent, Wayne Mederith, Clarksville, Texas.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor, Paul G. Frazier, Rt. 1, DeKalb, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Cretis Weaver, Box 523, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Robert E. Kennedy, Rt. 1, DeKalb, Texas.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor, Garnett Walker, 401 W. 11th St., Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Clerk, H. Drue Pittle, 1204 Raney St., Longview, Texas. Superintendent, W. E. Hawkins, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.

LIBERTY: Pastor, Cecil Hill, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas. Clerk, Bert Adams, Detroit, Texas. Superintendent, Larkin Gooda, Rt. 3, Detroit, Texas.

MOUNT PLEASANT: Pastor, Cecil Hill, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Doris Garey, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas. Superintendent, Jim Hays, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor, H. L. Johnson, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. B. J. Mitchell, 1015 W. Maderson St., Clarksville, Texas. Superintendent, Jimmy D. Vickers, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas.

NEW HOPE: Pastor, Lee Roy Cooper, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas. Clerk, C. G. Davis, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Tommie McWilliam, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor, Curtis Hall (called) Clerk, Mrs. Pauline Shumake, Box 653, DeKalb, Texas. Superintendent, Gay Shumate, Box 653, DeKalb, Texas.

POST OAK: Pastor, J. T. McNabb, Box 236 Blossom, Texas. Clerk, Nora Tyler, Blossom, Texas, Rt. 1.

WEST SIDE: Pastor, James H. Kesner, New Boston, Texas. Clerk, Mrs. Lowell Davis, New Boston, Texas. Superintendent, R. E. Bailey, 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 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.

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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—Clairmoant	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
1927—Downing	J. E. Watson	W. M. Thrasher	W. F. Brooks	J. T. McNabb

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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
1964—Avery	Cecil Purcell	J. T. McNabb	H. L. Johnston	Jerry Coffman

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