

# MINUTES

of the  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL SESSION

of the

## Red River - Bowie Missionary Baptist Association

Held With

NEW HAVEN MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH

Clarksville, Texas

On September 24, 1965

Moderator..... Eld. Augustus Downing  
Clerk..... Eld. H. L. Johnston

### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE NEW YEAR 1966

Eld. Augustus Downing..... Moderator  
Box 41, Avery, Texas

Eld. Ocell Purcell..... Ast. Moderator  
Rt. 3, Box 64, DeKalb, 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 1966 on September 22nd  
10:00 a. m.

With the West Side Missionary Baptist Church  
New Boston, Texas

Eld. J. H. Kesner was elected to bring the Annual  
Message in the 1966 Session

Eld. Jerry Coffman was elected Alternate

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Letters, Enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Petitionary 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 24, 1965

New Haven Missionary Baptist Church, Clarksville, Texas

At 10:00 A. M. the meeting was opened with the singing of "Stepping in the Light," led by Eld. Jerry Coffman, Mrs. Betsie Tull at the piano.

Prayer led by Eld. A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas.

The moderator had the messengers to stand and declared the One Hundred and Twenty-Second Session in order and ready for business.

Eld. Loyd Roper brought the Devotional from Eph. 3:4.

A welcome address was given by Eld. H. L. Johnston, pastor of the host church.

The moderator appointed Eld. Cecil Purcell and Eld James H. Kesner as reading clerks.

Letters were read from the following churches: Concord, Pinkham Memorial, Friendship, New Hope, Aikin Grove, Hillcrest, Liberty, Austin Chapel, Post Oak, Gravel Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Avery, Hubbard Chapel, Hopewell, New Haven, West Side and Hodgson, Johntown.

A motion was made and carried, to accept the letters as read and that the messengers be seated.

The moderator appointed Eld. Jerry Coffman and Bro. Garland Hines as Finance Committee.

A motion was made to appoint an Obituary Committee.

The moderator appointed Eld. A. I. Bond, Eld. Melvin Hoosier, Eld. Wilbourn Lee, and Eld. Norman Horton as this committee.

11:00 A. M.: An inspiring message was brought by Eld. J. B. Watson from Daniel 6.

The title of the message was, "Does It Pay to Be a Christian?"

The hand of appreciation was given to Eld. J. B. Watson and Eld. Loyd Roper by Eld. A. J. Finley of Omaha, Texas.

The visiting preacher brethren were Eld. Lynn McBride, Texarkana, Texas; Eld. A. L. Patterson, Texarkana, Texas; Eld. A. J. Finley, Omaha, Texas; Eld. Elvin Crocker, Daingerfield, Texas; Eld. T. P. Lee, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and Eld. Alvin Blalock.

A motion was made to dismiss for lunch and to meet back at 1:30 o'clock, the motion carried and the congregation was dismissed by Eld. T. P. Lee.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P. M.: The afternoon service was opened with a song, "Count Your Blessings," led by Forest Gamble with Mrs. Clara Bunger at the piano.

Prayer led by Eld. Hull Horton.

A devotional was given by Eld. Jim Hillard.

The moderator called for the election of officers.

## 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 were elected to serve as officers of the Association for the year 1966.

A motion was made that we elect the Speaker to bring the annual message for 1966.

Eld. James H. Kesner was elected to bring the message and Eld. Jerry Coffman was elected as Alternate.

The Pinkham Memorial. West Side and Hopewell Churches were nominated as places to meet for the 1966 session of the Association.

The vote was taken and West Side at New Boston was chosen as the place to meet. The moderator appointed Eld. Loyd Roper, Eld. Jerry Coffman and Eld. Cecil Purcell as a committee to prepare a program for the 1966 annual Youth Program.

The moderator called for the report on Local Missions.

The report on Local Missions was given by the West Side Church of New Boston.

A motion to accept the report was made. It was spoken to by Eld. James H. Kesner; the motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on State Missions.

The report on State Missions was given by the Post Oak Church at Post Oak.

A motion to accept the report was made and it was spoken to by Eld. J. H. Kesner. The motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on Interstate and Foreign Missions.

The report was given by the Austin Chappel Church at DeKalb, Texas.

A motion was made to accept the report and it was spoken to by Eld. A. L. Patterson. The motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on Christian Education.

The report on Christian Education was given by the Avery Baptist at Avery, Texas.

A motion was made to accept the report, it was spoken to by Eld. Augustus Downing and Eld. Elvin Crocker. The motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on Denominational Literature.

The report on Denominational Literature was given by a committee appointed by the moderator.

This committee was composed of the following brethren: Eld. T. P. Lee, Eld. A. B. Kellam, Eld. Lynn McBride and Eld. Elvin Crocker.

The report on Denominational Literature was read and a motion was made to accept the report as read.

It was spoken to by Eld. T. P. Lee. The motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on Temperance.

The report on Temperance was given by the Friendship Church of Clarksville.

A motion was made to accept the report. It was spoken to by Eld. Loyd Roper. The motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on Orphan's Home.

The report on Orphan's Home was given by the Mt. Pleasant Baptist at Negley.

A motion to accept the report was made and carried.

The moderator called for the report on Old Ministers' Relief.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief was given by the Hillcrest Baptist Church of Paris, Texas.

A motion was made to accept the report. It was spoken to by Eld. A. L. Patterson and Eld. A. J. Finley. The motion carried.

The moderator called for the report on Ladies Auxiliary.

The report was given by the New Haven Baptist Church of Clarksville, Texas, Rt. 6.

A motion was made to accept the report. It was spoken to by Eld. H. L. Johnston. The motion carried.

The moderator appointed a committee for a Resolution of Thanks.

Mrs. Lois Kesner, Pansy Hines, Beulah Lawrence and Eula Elliott were appointed to this committee.

The moderator called for the report on the Resolution of Thanks.

The Resolution of Thanks was given by the committee.

The congregation gave a rising vote of thanks to the New Haven Church for her hospitality and to the ladies of the church for the delicious meal served.

The moderator called for the treasurer's report.

The report was given and a motion was made to accept the report.

The clerk reported a deficit of twenty-four dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$24.87).

A motion was made and carried to take an offering to cover the deficit in the Minute and clerk hire. (The offering was taken).

A motion was made to adjourn until 7:30 p. m. The motion carried.

**THURSDAY NIGHT**

7:30 P. M. The evening service was opened by songs, "Come Unto Me" and "I Choose Jesus," led by Jimmy Summers with Mrs. Betsie Tull at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Robert Smiley.

The moderator introduced Eld. Raymond J. Lewis, pastor of the Beverly Missionary Baptist Church of Texarkana, Texas, who is the Publicity Director of the National Youth Encampment at Boggs Springs, Arkansas.

Bro. Lewis showed a movie of the camp grounds and some of the services held there. He also gave a report on the camp and answered questions about the camp and the services.

A motion was made and carried to take an offering for the camp grounds. The offering was taken.

A motion was made to adjourn until September 22, 1966.

The motion carried by a standing vote.

**ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS**

We, the West Side Missionary Baptist Church, submit the following report:

The Scriptures teach that the work of missions was to begin at "Jerusalem and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8b).

The local mission work, which was recommended for continued support, by this body last year, was the Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church in Paris, Texas, and her Missionary Pastor, Brother Jerry Coffman. There is still a need for some support of the churches and we recommend that support of the churches be continued to help supplement the pastor's salary until the church is able to carry the full responsibility.

We further recommend to churches, who feel that their obligation the work in Paris has been met, that they send their local mission offerings to the Treasurer of the Northeast Texas Baptist Mission Council designated for Sulphur Springs or to the Undesignated Funds to be used whatever local field that the three associations decide to support.

The time is short, we are able, are we willing?

Respectively submitted,

West Side Missionary Baptist Church

James H. Kesner, Pastor

Mrs. Lowell Daniel, Church Clerk

**STATE MISSIONS**

As a Missionary Baptist Church, it is our belief to support a mission program.

The State Mission Program should have a place in our own offering plan. These churches formed by our missionaries, with our support, are done so in accordance with our Lord's command to "go ye therefore" Matt. 28:19.

May our support and work in this field continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church

**INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Having been assigned the Interstate and Foreign Missions Report, as a Church, submit the following:

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

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

Mission work is a direct command from the Lord, to His Church. Our responsibility as Churches of the Lord is not fully met until we are engaged in world wide missions.

We recommend that each Church set up a mission program in their Church, and send regular offerings to the American Baptist Association, Box 1050, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
Clerk, Neta Bunger  
Moderator, Cecil M. Purcell

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

We, the Avery Missionary Baptist Church, submit the following report and recommendations concerning Christian Education.

Christian Education is that endeavor of training in the service for Christ, and all saved people need to be trained before they can serve their Master well. We believe that this training is to begin in the home with the parents training their children (Eph. 6:4), and is to be carried on through the Church. (Matt. 28-20).

We are pleased to report that most of our churches have improved their methods of training. Most have Sunday Schools, Baptist Training Courses, and other auxiliaries for the purpose of training Children of God. We also recognize the fact that there is a growing concern among the churches to further improve their means of training.

We recommend that each Church study their training services and make the improvements they can. The Graded Record System, Teacher and Officer Training Courses, the organizing of men, women and youth auxiliaries, are all proven means of improving the educational facilities of the local church.

We further recommend that our churches consider the possibility of a Sunday School Conference to help our Teachers and Workers to be better qualified.

We recognize that Preachers and other such workers also need special training. And we are happy to report the continuous growth and prosperity of the Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary in Henderson. For the past 17 years this School has successfully been in operation training Ministers and other workers, and its influence has been noted throughout the work of the American Baptist Association.

We recommend that any young man in our association that has surrendered to the work of the Ministry, attend this School.

We also recommend that each church regularly (monthly) send liberal offerings to the support of the School, as this is the only way that it can remain in operation.

We further recommend that each Church send offerings of food and money to the "Store Room" as a means of assisting those students in need and that each Church consider sending regular financial support to a worthy student, to help him stay in school.

Respectfully submitted,  
Avery Missionary Baptist Church  
Augustus Downing, Moderator  
Mrs. Charley Webb, Clerk

**DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE**

We endorse the Bible to be the book of all books. It is essential for salvation, christian growth and true happiness, because it is the Word of God.

Times and conditions change, but the Word of God ever remains the same and the only hope of sinful men. (Psalms 119:105).

Even though the Bible should have first place, there are aids in Bible study that are sound and helpful.

For a better understanding of the scriptures, the literature of the A. B. A. is Bible centered, Christ exalting and true to our Baptist heritage.

This literature is designed for use in all church activity in carrying out the great commission.

We recommend this literature and publication to meet the demands of all phases of our work. (Phil. 2:12-13).

Respectfully submitted,  
Eld. T. P. Lee  
Eld. A. B. Kellam  
Eld. Lynn McBride  
Eld. Elvin Crocker

**TEMPERANCE**

We, the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, submit the following report:

In II Peter 1:6, Peter admonishes each child of God to add to their faith Temperance. No doubt, Peter could understand the value of temperance more than we do today.

With temperance the Lord's work is carried on with fellowship and unity. As a result there is progress made, Jesus Christ exalting and the church receives edification. Without temperance there are hard feelings, broken hearts, division. As a result, weak brethren are offended, the cause of Christ hindered and fellowship broken.

We beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that not only should temperance be preached from the pulpit by the pastor, but also be an example in the lives of each child of God.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
Eld. Loyd Roper, Moderator  
Mrs. Charles Adair, Clerk

**LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT**

We, the New Haven Baptist Church, submit the following report on the ladies work in the church:

From the dawn of creation God saw the need of a help mate for man and his work to glorify his maker, women have played a wonderful part as helpers. Every prophet or king was born by a woman and women played a part in the lives of these great men and for the cause of Christ.

Jesus came on the scene, (born by woman), and established His church while here on earth to carry on until He comes. Women were received into this church because of her need as a helper. She was not permitted to preach or usurp authority over man but as a help mate in the body that was to glorify Christ.

There were those that helped the apostle Paul in the church and it was the mother and grandmother of Timothy that helped him in the work for Christ. Therefore, we recommend that every church have an auxiliary of women or a woman's auxiliary to help carry out the great commission. Done by the order of the Church, September 12, 1965.

H. L. Johnston, Moderator  
Mrs. B. J. Mitchell, Clerk.

**ORPHAN'S HOME**

We, the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, submit the following report on orphan's home:

It is the responsibility of the Lord's Churches to care for the orphans in our orphan's home.

We recommend that each support the Orphanage with prayers, offerings and personal visits.

There are many needs in the home, and we the Churches, should supply them.

Pray for the children.

Respectfully submitted by Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

**OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF**

As there is no minister's fund set up in our work for the support of elderly or retired ministers, we recommend to the churches that we financially aid those ministers, or widows, who need assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church

**RED RIVER-BOWIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**REPORT ON OBITUARIES**

We, the Committee on Obituary report submit the following: The associational letters reveal nineteen of our brethren and sisters have departed this life to go on and be with the Lord.

They are as follows:

**AIKIN GROVE:** Jud Mauldin  
**HUBBARD CHAPEL:** Mr. B. B. Knight

**AUSTIN CHAPEL:** Henry F. Adams, Sr.  
Mr. W. J. Tucker

Jim Ballew  
Othera Russell  
**MT. PLEASANT:** Mrs. Lois Cheyne  
Mrs. Fannie McDonald

**AVERY:** Mrs. Mary Rogers  
Mr. Gus Herm

Mrs. B. J. DeVinney  
Mr. Lester Lewis  
**NEW HAVEN:** Mrs. Jane Clayton Joplin

**FRIENDSHIP:** Mr. Perry Malone  
**NEW HOPE:** Mr. Ernest Holcomb

POST OAK: Mrs. J. H. Crenshal  
Mrs. Dochia Montgomery  
Respectfully, your committee  
Eld. Willbourn Lee  
Eld. Norman Horton  
Eld. A. I. Bond  
Eld. Melvin Hooser

**RED RIVER - BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**AVERY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

September 26, 1964

For Minute Fund and Clerk Hire

Aikin Grove	.....	\$ 5.
Austin Chapel	.....	2.
Avery	.....	20.
Concord	.....	7.
Friendship	.....	8.
Gravel Hill	.....	5.
Hodgson	.....	5.
Hopewell	.....	5.
Hubbard Chapel	.....	5.
Liberty	.....	5.
Mt. Pleasant	.....	10.0

	Additions	Losses	Total Membership	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Association Missions	State Missions	Interstate Missions	Foreign Missions	Total of all Missions	Christian Education	Orphan's Home	Building and Repair	General Benevolence	Incidental Expense	Sunday School And B.T.C. Literature	Womens Aux. Literature	Minute And Clerk Hire
KEN GROVE	0	1	80	\$574.22	\$98.25	0	14.11	14.11	0	427.93	141.43	35.95	0	61.35	112.35	36.34	0	7.00
JUSTIN CHAPEL	15	10	256	3,785.00	175.00	0	141.31	141.31	141.31	427.93	141.43	141.34	899.22	67.19	1,489.65	159.53	0	15.00
VERY	56	9	322	4,480.00	411.50	215.15	253.13	215.63	215.63	911.39	196.28	235.65	2,543.46	224.17	1,514.43	404.88	19.40	25.00
CONCORD	0	0	19	295.00	195.00	0	60.00	0	5.00	65.00	0	0	29.43	40.47	127.10	26.78	0	0
FRIENDSHIP	0	8	142	3,790.00	270.00	268.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	508.00	85.00	0	1,024.25	55.00	612.85	126.82	0	18.00
SAVEL HILL	4	2	84	646.33	101.24	0	64.83	0	0	64.83	0	0	5.98	179.06	16.39	33.36	0	5.00
HILLCREST	71	9	125	3,480.00	200.00	192.30	192.30	192.30	96.15	672.05	96.15	0	4,374.13	51.63	1,218.19	350.15	0	0
JODGSON	0	3	37	780.00	30.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27.00	13.78	28.88	0	7.00
ROPEWELL	6	2	172	808.03	235.00	25.00	0	0	0	25.00	0	0	597.50	32.68	10.00	75.91	0	5.00
EBBARD CHAPEL	0	11	159	3,010.00	245.00	0	24.94	24.94	49.88	99.76	24.94	24.94	0	0	388.19	70.44	0	10.00
JOHNSON	4	5	70	1,875.00	150.00	0	210.56	161.23	0	371.79	0	16.47	1,115.62	33.74	271.74	83.25	0	10.00
LIBERTY	0	4	29	1,050.00	105.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	133.53	0	170.01	28.00	11.51	0	0
MT. PLEASANT	1	2	72	1,023.00	63.00	0	60.00	0	60.00	120.00	0	15.00	7.28	12.27	29.78	43.86	0	10.00
NEW HAVEN	7	5	185	2,960.00	100.00	5.00	95.00	82.00	59.00	241.00	49.12	5.00	1,447.90	502.51	72.60	69.34	0	22.00
NEW HOPE	1	3	54	1,260.00	65.00	0	60.00	30.00	30.00	120.00	0	60.00	170.59	65.30	39.71	39.77	0	8.00
PINKHAM MEMORIAL	14	0	55	1,579.75	260.25	0	76.95	0	0	76.95	0	40.00	467.07	1,743.68	0	125.20	9.00	5.00
POST OAK	12	15	92	2,807.00	328.00	30.00	183.67	0	60.00	273.67	32.00	120.00	24.20	200.33	171.88	94.18	0	38.00
NEXT SIDE	48	7	229	3,900.00	280.00	327.88	227.80	227.80	227.80	1,011.28	227.80	54.60	0	15.00	1,294.59	248.68	0	20.00
TOTAL	239	96	2182	\$38,103.33	\$3,312.24	1,063.18	1,784.60	1,149.32	1,004.77	5,075.87	866.83	882.49	12,706.63	3,481.39	7,431.23	2,028.88	28.40	207.00

**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.

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New Haven	10.00
New Hope	8.00
Pinkham Memorial	5.00
Post Oak	15.00
West Side	15.00
Unknown	5.00
Total brought to Assn.	\$135.50

For Orphan's Home

Mt. Pleasant	\$20.00
Balance	
Offering received at Association	\$ 44.73
Balance brought forward from last year	7.85
Balance on hand Sept. 26, 1964	\$208.08
Amount deposited Sept. 26, 1964	\$208.17
Paid to clerk, Bro. George White	50.00
Balance on hand Sept. 28, 1964	158.17
Paid to Texarkana Baptist Orphan's Home	20.00
Balance on hand Sept. 28, 1964	138.17
Paid to H. L. Johnston for Minutes 10-15-64	138.17
Balance	\$000.00

Treasurer,  
Eld. Jerry Coffman

MONIES RECEIVED AT THE ASSOCIATION

Minute and clerk hire	\$190.67
Storeroom (T.B.I.)	31.60
Orphan's Home	15.00
State Missions	10.00
Foreign Missions	5.00
Youth Encampment	12.40
Total received	\$264.67

DESIGNATED REPORTS

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

The following churches were assigned and designated reports:

Associational Missions, Hillcrest; State Missions, Pinkham Memorial Interstate and Foreign Missions, Gravel Hill; Christian Education, Post Oak; Denominational Literature, Friendship; Temperance, Hopewell; Orphan's Home, Austin Chapel; Old Ministers' Relief, Mt. Pleasant; Obituary, New Haven; Ladies Auxiliary, West Side.

SEND OFFERINGS FOR:

1. Local Missions to: James H. Kesner, P. O. Box 21, New Boston, Texas.
2. State Missions to: W. H. Hitt, Rt. 2, Daingerfield, Texas.
3. Texas Baptist Institute to: Texas Baptist Institute, P. O. Box 591, Henderson, Texas.
4. Interstate and Foreign Missions to: American Baptist Association, P. O. Box 1050, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.
5. Orphan's Home to: Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, P. O. Box 611, Tex-

REID RIVER-BOWIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES - PASTORS - CLERKS  
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

- AIKINS GROVE: Pastor, A. I. Bond, Bogata, Texas; Clerk, Charlie W. Rt. 4, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, W. H. Hammer, Rt. Clarksville, Texas.
- AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor, Cecil M. Purcell, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. J. C. White, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Hanna, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas.
- AVERY: Pastor, Augustus Downing, Box 41, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Charley Webb, Rt. 2, Avery, Texas; Superintendent, Elton Rosebe Rt. 1, Avery, Texas.
- CONCORD: Pastor, J. B. Watson, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Bobby Brown, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, Mr. Brown, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas.
- FRIENDSHIP: Pastor, Loyd Roper, 705 E. Comanche St., Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Charlie Adair, 205 W. Burks St., Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, Mr. Buddy Pope, 1602 W. Broadway, Clarksville, Texas.
- GRAVEL HILL: Pastor, Norman Horton, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Viola Gamble, Rt. 4, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Bob Bow Gen. Del., DeKalb, Texas.
- HILLCREST: Pastor, Jerry Coffman, 2525 E. Cherry St., Paris, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. E. K. Horton, Rt. 2, Paris, Texas; Superintendent, Fmond Parker, 828 12th St., Paris, Texas.
- HODGSON: Pastor, Wilbourn Lee, Rt. 3, Detroit, Texas; Clerk, Anna neddy, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Carlos Carlton, Rt. 2, Kalb, Texas.
- HOPEWELL: Pastor, A. B. Kellam, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Ivey Fryar, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, John Lewis, 6, Clarksville, Texas.
- HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor, None; Clerk, Mrs. C. E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Kalb, Texas; Superintendent, Robert E. Kennedy, Rt. 1, DeKalb.
- JOHNTOWN: Pastor, None; Clerk, H. Drue Pirtle, 1204 Raney St., Lview, Texas; Superintendent, W. E. Hawkins, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.
- LIBERTY: Pastor, Cecil Hill, Clerk; Bert Adams, Rt. 3, Detroit, Texas; Superintendent, Larkin Gooch, Rt. 3, Detroit, Texas.
- MT. PLEASANT: Pastor, Wilbourn Lee, Rt. 3, Detroit, Texas; Clerk, Doris Carey, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas; Superintendent, Mr. Jim Hays, 1, Bagwell, Texas.



NEW HAVEN: Pastor, H. L. Johnston, 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, Melvin Hoosier, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, C. G. Davis, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Lane Murphy, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor, James Wommach, Rt. 1, Marietta, Texas; Clerk, Pauline Shumake, Box 653, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Mr. Gay Shumake, Box 653, DeKalb, Texas.

POST OAK: Pastor, None; Clerk, Anna Tyler, Rt. 1, Blossom, Texas; Superintendent, Mr. H. G. Turner, Rt. 2, Blossom, Texas.

WEST SIDE: Pastor, James H. Kesner, Box 21, New Boston; Clerk, Howell H. Daniel, New Boston, Rt. 1; 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.

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

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—Bozata	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		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
1964—Avery	Cecil Purcell	Augustus Downing	H. L. Johnston	Jerry Coffman
1965—New Haven	J. H. Kesner	Augustus Downing	H. L. Johnston	Jerry Coffman