

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Red River - Bowie Missionary Baptist Association

Held With

JOHNTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bogata, Texas

On September 19, 1968

- Moderator- - - - - Cecil Purcell
- Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas
- Clerk- - - - - H. L. Johnston
- Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas
- Treasurer- - - - - Augustus Downing
- Box 41, Avery, Texas

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE NEW YEAR 1969

- Eld. Loyd Roper- - - - -Moderator
- 705 E. Comanche St., Clarksville, Texas
- Eld. Cecil Purcell " " " " -Asst. Moderator
- Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas
- Eld. J. B. Watson- - - - -Moderator Emeritus
- Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas
- Eld. Marvin Gardner- - - - -Treasurer
- Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas
- Eld. Augustus Downing- - - - -Clerk
- Box 41, Avery, Texas

This Association will meet in 1969 on September 25th 10:00 a. m.

With the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Clarksville, Texas

Eld. Marvin Gardner was elected to bring the Annual Message  
Eld. Augustus Downing was elected alternate

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MINUTES OF THE 125th ANNUAL SESSION  
RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Messenger Meeting September 19, 1968

Jointown Missionary Baptist Church, Bogata, Texas

At 10:00 A.M. the meeting was opened with the song "Revive Us Again" led by Bro. John Henderson with Mrs. Jean at the piano.

In the absence of the Clerk, Bro. H. L. Johnston, Mrs. H. L. Johnston was elected Clerk-Protem.

Bro. Guy Culver, pastor of the Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church, of Paris, gave a Devotion from Rom. 5:10.

The Moderator, Bro. Cecil Purcell, had the messengers and visitors to stand as he declared the 125th messenger meeting of the Association in order and ready to transact business.

The new pastors of the Association were asked to stand and be introduced. They were Bro. Guy Culver of Paris and Bro. Marvin Gardner of Bogata.

The moderator asked the visiting ministers to stand and be introduced, they were: Bro. H. E. Rhodes, Bro. Billy Daniels, Bro. W. H. Hitt, Bro. Elvin Crocker, Bro. Glen Gary, Bro. Billy Turpin, Bro. C. E. Patton, Bro. Arthur Flanagan, Bro. Press Hoss.

The host pastor, Bro. Marvin Gardner, was then called to give the welcome address.

A motion and second was made to move the preaching hour from 10:30 to 11:30. Motion carried.

The moderator called for the reading of the letters from the churches. In the absence of the Treasurer, Bro. Johnny Stanley and Bro. Billy Pearson were asked to receive the finances until the Treasurer arrived. (Clerk note: Bro. Loyd Roper, Bro. H. L. Johnston, and Bro. Augustus Downing were detained because of a funeral.) Bro. Guy Culver, Bro. Marvin Gardner, Bro. A. B. Kellam were appointed as reading clerks.

Letters were received and read from the following: New Hope, Austin Chapel, Westside, Avery, Mt. Pleasant, Akin Grove, Hillcrest, Liberty, Post Oak, Hopewell, Hubbard Chapel, Jointown, Friendship, Pinkham Memorial, and New Haven.

A motion and second was made to accept the letters as read, to seat the messengers and invite the visitors to sit with us in deliberation and council. The motion carried.

The moderator called for another song. With Mrs. Jean at the piano, Bro. Henderson led the song "The Promised Land".

Bro. Cecil Hill was introduced by the moderator and was presented to preach the annual message. He used Titus 2:1-8 as his text.

Bro. Loyd Roper, who had arrived at this time, was called on to extend to Bro. Culver and Bro. Hill the hand of appreciation on behalf of the messengers.

The election of officers was called for and the following were elected:

Moderator: Bro. Loyd Roper

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Cecil Purcell

Clerk: Bro. Augustus Downing

Treasurer: Bro. Marvin Gardner

Invitations for the 1969 session of the Association with them, were received from the following churches: Hopewell, Friendship, and Post Oak. Friendship, of Clarksville was chosen.

Nominations for speaker for the annual message for the 1969 session were called for. Bro. Augustus Downing, Bro. Marvin Gardner, and Bro. Lloyd Goodman were nominated. Bro. Marvin Gardner was elected as speaker, Bro. Augustus Downing as alternate.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until 1:30. The motion carried. Following announcements, Bro. Billy Pearson led in the closing prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 P.M. the assembly stood for an opening prayer dedicated to Bro. Jess Watson who was gravely

ill in the Clarksville Hospital. The prayer was voiced by Bro. Lloyd Goodman.

With Bro. Dean Mooney at the piano, Bro. John Henderson led the congregation in singing "O Happy Day".

The moderator called for the hearing of the report. The State Missions report given by the New Haven Baptist Church was read by Bro. H. L. Johnston. It was spoken to by Bro. W. H. Hitt. Report adopted.

The report on Associational Missions given by the Avery Baptist Church was read by Bro. Augustus Downing, and spoken to by Bro. Downing and Bro. Billy Daniels. Report adopted.

The report on Interstate and Foreign Missions given by the Hopewell Baptist Church was read by Bro. A. B. Kellam. It was spoken to by Bro. Kellam and Bro. H. E. Rhodes. Report adopted.

The report on Christian Education was given by the Jehntown Baptist Church. It was read by Bro. Marvin Gardner and spoken to by himself and Bro. Elvin Crocker. Report adopted.

The report on Temperance was given by the Finkham Memorial Baptist Church and read by Bro. Billy Pearson. Bro. Pearson spoke to it. Report adopted.

The report on the Orphans Home was given by New Hope Church with Bro. H. Murry reading. It was spoken to by Bro. Augustus Downing. Report adopted.

The report on Old Ministers Relief was read by Bro. Loyd Roper for the Friendship Baptist Church. It was spoken to by Bro. Roper and adopted.

The Obituary report given by Hillcrest was read by Bro. Guy Culver. It was adopted.

Bro. Johnny Stanley read the Ladies Auxiliary Report for the Post Oak Baptist Church. Bro. Stanley spoke to the report and it was adopted.

The Austin Chapel Baptist Church gave the report on Denominational Literature, it was read by Bro. Cecil Purcell. Report adopted.

Moderator called for the offering for Bro. Jess Watson that the report on Old Ministers Relief had called for. The offering was received while the congregation stood and sung "Amazing Grace", led by Bro.

Henderson with Bro. Mooney at the piano. The offering totaled \$56.79.

Bro. Augustus Downing read the treasurers report for 1967. Bro. Gardner gave a report of the money received at the Association. Reports adopted.

Motion to pay Clerk \$50.00 for his work passed.

Motion to set Thursday, September 25th, as the date for the 1969 meeting passed.

Bro. Lloyd Goodman offered a motion that a report on Men's Brotherhood be included in the next session of the Association. Motion passed.

Moderator made the assignments for the reports for next year.

Bro. Cecil Purcell moved that a committee of three be elected to work on an abbreviated form for associational use, and that the committee report back to the association next year with their information. The motion was spoken to by Bro. Goodman, Bro. Downing, and Bro. Johnston. Motion carried.

Nominations were called for; Bro. Lloyd Goodman, Bro. H. L. Johnston, and Bro. Cecil Purcell were elected. Bro. Loyd Roper discussed the possibility of an Associational Radio Program. Bro. Johnston made a motion that we recommend to the churches that the Association buy time from KQAR in Clarksville from 8:00 to 8:30 each Sunday morning at \$9.60 per week. The motion carried.

A motion was made that the pastors work out the schedule for the program. Motion carried.

Bro. Roper discussed the Thursday night session of the Association. Bro. Cecil Hill moved that we have a Thursday night session next year consisting of songs and a message, and that a speaker be elected during the day services. An amendment to the motion was offered that the host church be responsible for the Thursday night program. The amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Bro. H. E. Rhodes spoke concerning the expressing of our appreciation to the host church for the hospi-

tality shown. The congregation did so by a standing vote.

Announcements were made.

Motion carried to express our appreciation to the clerk and moderator for the past year, Bro. Johnston and Bro. Turcell, for their good work.

Motion to adjourn until September 25th. 1969.

Closing prayer was led by Bro. Marvin Gardner.

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR REPORTS TO BE GIVEN SEPTEMBER 25, 1969

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS--Johnstown; STATE MISSIONS--Avery; INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS--Austin Chapel; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION--West Side; TEMPERANCE--Hopewell; ORPHANS HOME--New Haven; OLD MINISTERS RELIEF--Post Oak; OBITUARY--Hubbard Chapel; LADIES AUXILIARY--Hillcrest; DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE--Pinkham Memorial; MEN'S BROTHERHOOD--Friendship.

REPORTS SUBMITTED SEPTEMBER 29, 1968

#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, the Avery Missionary Baptist Church respectfully submit the following report on Local Missions:

Our Lord commanded His churches to carry the gospel message into all the world, beginning at Jerusalem. We interpret this to mean that mission work was to begin on a local level and then spread to all the world. The churches of the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association have an opportunity to support missions on a local level through the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council, an organization of churches of the Red River-Bowie, the Salem, and the Hopewell Associations. This mission council supported missionary Jerry Coffman in Paris, and is now supporting missionary Billy Daniels in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Bro. Daniels is working with the Lee-Hi Baptist Mission, an arm of the South Union

Missionary Baptist Church of Daingerfield, Texas. The Mission has made much progress the past year. The average Sunday School attendance last year at this time was under 18, now it is 34. In addition to the fulfilling of their local financial responsibilities, the mission is now paying \$100 per month on the missionaries salary.

In the past year 10 of our 16 churches regularly supported this Mission Council. These 10 churches gave \$2,941.64 of the \$6,401.16 that was collected by the Council, or 47.5% of the receipts. The present need is for the other 6 churches to begin support of this work, and where possible those already supporting to increase their support. In addition to the financial support, for all the churches to remember the Mission and Missionary continually in their prayers.

Done by order of the Avery Missionary Baptist Church September 18, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,  
Augustus Downing, Pastor  
Mrs. Inez Webb, Clerk

#### STATE MISSIONS

We, the New Haven Baptist Church submit the following on State Missions: The great commission commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel, starting locally, then to state and then to all the world.

In our great state of Texas there is still the pressing need of missions. Our state missionaries have done a great work, many churches have been organized by the churches themselves.

We need to put State Missions in the budget of every Missionary Baptist Church in the association, and in so doing, we help to start more of the Lord's churches and carry the truth to our state.

We recommend that all the churches of the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association give at least ten percent of their income to missions with state mis-

sions getting an equal share.

Respectfully submitted,  
New Haven Baptist Church  
H. L. Johnston, Moderator  
Mrs. W. C. Cile, Clerk

#### TEMPERANCE

We, the Pinkham Memorial Baptist Church, submit the following report on Temperance, to the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association.

We cite the following things that loudly proclaim that we as Christians practice Temperance in our daily lives:

1. The Word of God, I Cor. 9:24-27. Temperance is needed in running the race of life well.
  2. The example of Christ. Christ was temperate in all things. We find no single incident in which Christ was not temperate.
  3. The Church Covenant is listed and is of great importance. We declare that we "will abstain from all intoxicating beverages" in use and sale.
  4. The basic laws of morality teach Temperance. Good men are temperate, shouldn't it be even more so observed among God's Children.
- We suggest the following ways to strengthen this trait among the people of our churches:
1. By teaching temperance in our churches.
  2. By stressing it in our homes.
  3. By exemplifying it in our daily lives.
- Our aspiration should be to hear God say to us, "Well done thou good and faithful servant".

Respectfully submitted,  
Pinkham Memorial Church  
Bro. Billy Pearson, Pastor  
Mary Lou Bearden, Clerk

#### INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, the members of our Lord's body of born again

believers worshipping at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, submit the following report on Interstate and Foreign Missions.

Using for our Scripture, Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth".

That we may continue in the work set before us for the Salvation of souls to the glory of God. We believe no church is fully meeting God's great commission until they are a part of preaching the gospel unto every creature. "Teaching them to observe all things."

May we continue in this faith once delivered unto the saints.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hopewell Baptist Church  
A. B. Kellam, Pastor  
Betty Ford, Clerk

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Education is emphasized more today than ever before in the history of the United States. Evidently, people are seeing the importance of getting a better education to provide for themselves and their families in this changing world. The majority of the people are thinking of the material provisions in our so called great society.

If education is important in the secular world, it should be emphasized more in the religious world. Our Lord not only told us to win people to Christ, but to teach them as well. Matthew 28:20 says, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . . ." This phrase of the commission, as certainly as the work of preaching the gospel to the lost and baptizing converts, rests squarely upon the shoulders of each New Testament Church.

Even though a preacher does not need a formal Christian Education to preach the gospel, it is our belief that a pastor is more capable of ministering to more people for the Lord by having prepared himself with a religious education. It seems that in every decade

more and broader knowledge and ability are expected of pastors and missionaries. They must be trained somewhere.

The Lord has blessed our churches with a wonderful seminary at Henderson, Texas. The instructors of the Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary are men who are dedicated to the cause of Christ. They do not teach for monetary gain, but for heart-felt satisfaction of helping carry out the great commission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They have a love for people who are interested in spreading the gospel, especially young men who have surrendered their lives to the service of the Lord.

Therefore, we recommend that Christian Education be emphasized in our churches and that Texas Baptist Institute be recommended to those who are interested in a good, sound Bible education. Also, that our churches support the institute with their prayers, groceries for the store room, and money for the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johntown Baptist Church  
Marvin A. Gardner, Pastor  
Mrs. Myra Jean, Clerk

#### ORPHANS' HOME

We, the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, submit the following report on the Orphans' Home:

It is the responsibility of the Lord's churches to care for the orphans in our Orphans Home.

We recommend that each church support the Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home with their prayers, offerings and any other help that they may be able to render.

The Texarkana Orphans Home care for many children, and are in a constant expansion program and are continually in need of all the support that we can give them

Respectfully submitted,  
New Hope Baptist Church

Bro. H. Murry, Pastor  
Mrs. Burlon Taylor, Clerk

#### OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

Since there is not a set program in our local association for aged ministers, we recommend to the Churches of the Red River-Bowie Association the following:

1. Since Bro. Jess Watson has been a faithful soldier of the cross for many years and since due to his physical condition he has been confined to hospital care, that a special offering from each church be received and given to him to aid in the expenses of his care; Also, that a special offering be received from this assembly to be given to him.
2. Since the government of our land has seemingly made it mandatory that ministers pay a social security tax on their income, that each church pay such tax for their pastor on the salary they pay to him.

Done by order of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, September 18, 1968.

Lloyd Roper, Moderator  
Mrs. Charles Adair, Clerk

#### LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

We, the Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church submit the following report of the ladies work in the church. After God created man He saw the need of a helper mate for him and his work to glorify his maker. Women have played a wonderful part throughout the church age in helping spread the gospel. All great men of God were born of woman, who played a great part in molding their lives for the cause of Christ.

Our saviour was born by a woman and he established His church while here on earth and women were received into the church because of need as a helper.

According to the teachings of the Bible, women are not permitted to preach or have authority over man but as a help mate in the church that was to glorify Christ.

Timothy was helped in the work for Christ by his devoted mother and grandmother, as was the apostle Paul. Women of today have a greater opportunity to witness for Christ than ever before.

Therefore, we recommend that every church have a Ladies Auxilliary to help in the work of the church. Done by order of the church, September 14, 1968.

Bro. Johnny Standley, Pastor  
Annie Tyler, Church Clerk

#### OBITUARY REPORT

The Associational letters reveal that our brethren and sisters that have entered into that sweet rest are as follows:

##### AVERY:

Mrs. Florence Presley  
Mr. Elbert Ralleggh  
Harvis Blair  
Kenneth Runyan  
Stella Holder  
George Walker

##### NEW HAVEN:

May Vickers  
Fannie Riddle  
Jodie Raulston

##### PINKHAM MEMORIAL:

Jesse Shook

##### NEW HOPE:

Lee Roy Cooper

##### HILLCREST:

Mrs. W. C. Chenault

##### AUSTIN CHAPEL:

Mrs. Mary Russell  
John Whittle

##### POST OAK:

Bro. Bill Lee  
Bro. Mitchell Lee

##### MT. PLEASANT:

Mrs. Guni Braddock  
O. P. Johnson

##### HUBBARD CHAPEL:

John H. Davis, Sr.  
Clive Duncan  
Mrs. George Godwin  
Otis Knight

##### WESTSIDE:

Mrs. Emma Flazel  
Bryon Holt, Deacon  
Mrs. Mary Thompson

##### CONCORD:

Mrs. Jess Watson

##### JOHNTOWN:

Bro. Overt Vaughn  
Bro. Colbert Vaughn

##### FRIENDSHIP

Mary Smiley  
Annie Fowler

Respectfully submitted;  
Hillcrest Baptist Church  
Guy Culver, Pastor

#### DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, the Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, submit the following report:

Since we endorse the Bible to be the Book of Books we recommend that it should have first place in our study. As the Word of God it is indeed most profitable for doctrine . . . reproof . . . correction . . . and instruction in righteousness as II Timothy 3:16 tells us.

There are, however, aids to help us in our Bible study. Such sound, helpful aids should be used and we particularly recommend the use of our American Baptist Association literature. It is Bible centered and is designed for use in all church activity for all age groups.

Done by order of the Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Cecil Purcell, Pastor  
Mrs. Cledyth White, Clerk



TREASURER'S REPORT  
 RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
 MONEY RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 21, 1968

For Minute Fund and Clerk Hire

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| Aikin Grove-                                  | 6.00   |
| Austin Chapel-                                | 10.00  |
| Avery-  | 15.00  |
| Concord-                                      | 5.00   |
| Friendship                                    | 10.00  |
| Hillcrest-                                    | 10.00  |
| Hopewell                                      | 5.00   |
| Hubbard Chapel                                | 5.00   |
| Johntown                                      | 15.00  |
| Liberty-                                      | 10.00  |
| Mt. Pleasant                                  | 12.00  |
| New Haven-                                    | 10.00  |
| New Hope                                      | 8.00   |
| Pinkham Memorial-                             | 10.00  |
| Post Oak                                      | 22.50  |
| Westside                                      | 20.00  |
| Total received for minute fund and Clerk hire | 173.50 |
| Balance from 1966-                            | 31.50  |
| Total to account for                          | 205.00 |
| PAID OUT                                      |        |
| Bro. H. L. Johnston-                          | 50.00  |
| Cross Printing                                | 16.45  |
| Total Paid Out of Minute Fund-                | 176.45 |
| Balance in Minute Fund, September 19, 1968    | 28.55  |

Amount Received and Paid Out For Other Purposes

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|---|--------|
| Orphans Home                            |        |
| Mt. Pleasant-                           | 15.00  |
| Texas Baptist Institute Store Room      |        |
| Wesley Lawerance-                       | 5.00   |
| Total Money received September 21, 1967 | 193.50 |
| Balance from previous year              | 51.50  |
| Total to Account for                    | 225.00 |
| Total Paid Out                          | 196.45 |
| Balance on Hand-                        | 28.65  |

Bro. Augustus Downing  
Treasurer

WHERE TO SEND OFFERINGS

- ASSOCIATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM  
Marvin Gardner, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas 75417
- LOCAL MISSIONS  
Augustus Downing, Box 41, Avery, Texas 75554
- STATE MISSIONS  
W. H. Hitt, Box 1694, Corsicana, Texas
- TEXAS BAPTIST INSTITUTE  
Box 591, Henderson, Texas
- INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS  
Box 1050, Texarkana, Ark. -- Tex. 75501
- TEXARKANA BAPTIST ORPHANAGE  
Box 611, Texarkana, Arkansas 75501

CHURCHES - PASTORS - CLERKS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANTS  
LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

AIKIN GROVE: Pastor, Bro. Cecil Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Paul Hammer, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, W. H. Hammer, Rt. 4, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor, Bro. Cecil Purcell, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Gladys White, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, H. O. Tidwell, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas; Auxiliary President, Clare Ronger, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas; Auxiliary Secretary, Ferrol Batchelor, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas 75559.

AVERY: Pastor, Bro. Augustus Downing, Box 41, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Inuz Webb, Rt. 2, Avery, Texas; Superintendent, Elton Roseberry, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Auxiliary President, Mrs. Rutha Ann Downs, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Zella Downs, Box 61, Avery, Texas 75554.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor, Bro. Loyd Roper, 705 E. Comanche, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Charles Adair, 205 West Burks, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, Buddy Pope, West Broadway St., Clarksville, Texas; Auxiliary President, Mrs. John Duren, Yandallie Road, Clarksville, Texas; Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Jo Ann Taylor, 301 Jefferson, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

HILLCREST: Pastor, Bro. Guy Culver, 2555 East Cherry St., Paris, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. E. K. Horton, Rt. 2, Paris, Texas; Superintendent, Raymond Baker, 828 12th. St. N. E., Paris, Texas; Auxiliary President, Mrs. Doris Reynolds, 1040 25th. W. E., Paris, Texas 75460.

HOPEWELL: Pastor, Bro. A. B. Kellum, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Betty Ford, 607 South Walnut,

Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, Jerry Lester, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor, Bro. John C. Henderson, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Herman L. Jackson, Rt. 1, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Gary Tucker, Rt. 1, DeKalb, Texas 75559.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor, Bro. Marvin Gardner, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Myra A. Jean, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas; Superintendent, Earl Hawkins, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas; Auxiliary President, Mrs. Dewey Howard, Can. Del., Bogata, Texas; Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Lucille Hawkins, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas.

LIBERTY: Pastor, Bob Griffith; Clerk, Bert H. Adams, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas; Superintendent, Larkin Gooch, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas.

MT. PLEASANT: Pastor, Bro. Wilburn Lee, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas; Clerk, Doris Carey, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas; Superintendent, Raymond Jeffers, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor, Bro. H. L. Johnston, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. W. C. Cole, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Superintendent, A. D. Paulston, Bagwell, Texas; Auxiliary President, Mrs. H. L. Johnston, Clarksville, Texas; Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Koss Mitchell, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

NEW HOPE: Pastor, Bro. H. Murry, Avery, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Burton Taylor, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Dewey Murphy, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas.

PINEHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor, Bro. Billy Pearson, DeKalb, Texas; Clerk, Mary Lou Bearden, DeKalb, Texas; Superintendent, Homer Sellers, DeKalb, Texas; Auxiliary President, Mrs. Lila Pearson, DeKalb, Texas; Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Pauline Sumrke, DeKalb, Texas 75559.

POST OAK: Pastor. Bro. Johnny Stanley, Blossom, Texas; Clerk, Ann Tyler, Rt. 1, Blossom, Texas; Superintendent, Ross Mills, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas; Auxiliary President, Mrs. Fred Ramsey, Rt. 2, Blossom, Texas; Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Alvin Bates, Rt. 2, Paris, Texas.

WEST SIDE: Pastor, Bro. Lloyd Goodman, Box 21, New Boston, Texas; Clerk, Ozell Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 11, New Boston, Texas; Superintendent, R. E. Bailey, 405 South West, New Boston, Texas; Auxiliary President, Mrs. Ada B. Flornoy, 310 Ruff St., New Boston, Texas; Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Ann Scudder, Box 124, New Boston, Texas.

## RED RIVER-BOWIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### 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 subject, or uses personal or incornus 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-  
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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 wide 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 of 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, a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the messengers meeting in annual session, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors or 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--Clairmount      | J.B.Riddle       | Geo.B.Dean    | W.W.Lawson       | I.H.Lawson   |
| 1900--Bogata          | 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      | Jas.Whitecotten  | B.J.Devinney |
| 1917--Bethlehem No.1  | J.V.Vermillion   | G.A.Lyon      | J.Whitecotten    | B.J.Devinney |
| 1918--Avery           | Morris A.Roberts | G.A.Lyon      | J.Whitecotten    | 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   |
| 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         | H.Johnston    | Jim Dodson       | E.L.Duren    |

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|------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 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       | A.Downing     | Veo Glover   | E.L.Merrill   |
| 1958--Avery            | G.F.Crumley      | A.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    | A.Downing     | H.L.Johnston | Jerry Coffman |
| 1965--New Haven        | J.B.Watson       | A.Downing     | H.L.Johnston | Jerry Coffman |
| 1966--West Side        | Jerry Coffman    | A.Downing     | H.L.Johnston | Jerry Coffman |
| 1967--Pinkham Memorial | Augustus Downing | Cecil Purcell | H.L.Johnston | Jerry Coffman |
| 1968--Johntown         | Cecil Hill       | Cecil Purcell | H.L.Johnston | A.Downing     |

|       | Additions | Losses | Total Membership | Pastor's Salary | Visiting Ministers | Association Missions | State Missions | Interstate Missions | Foreign Missions | Christian Education | Orphan's Home | Building Repairs | General Benevolence | Incidental Expense | Sunday School & BTC Literature | Minutes and Clerk Hire | Raised by Ladies Auxiliary | Total Paid Out |
|-------|-----------|--------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
|       | 2         |        | 40*              | 1,426.92        | .                  | 0                    | 24.60          | 12.30               | 0                | 12.30               | 29.41         | 204.81           | 38.98               | 186.58             | 40.20                          | 7.80                   | 0                          | 1,893.90       |
| 1     | 2         | 11     | 100*             | 4,395.00        | 150.00             | 120.00               | 199.37         | 199.37              | 199.37           | 199.37              | 199.37        | 774.70           | 27.35               | 3,128.92           | 168.01                         | 30.00                  | 108.99                     | 9,800.83       |
|       | 41        | 17     | 355              | 5,165.00        | 140.00             | 636.13               | 519.56         | 443.24              | 433.15           | 445.31              | 471.17        | 3,581.96         | 127.09              | 3,917.83           | 457.71                         | 42.50                  | 525.60                     | 16,380.65      |
|       | 24        | 12     | 203              | 4,760.00        | 475.00             | 597.00               | 290.00         | 260.00              | 187.36           | 160.88              | 83.31         | 2,222.97         | 189.32              | 1,598.47           | 333.62                         | 30.00                  | 144.76                     | 11,187.93      |
|       | 20        | 11     | 206              | 3,695.00        | 412.65             | 279.33               | 279.33         | 139.66              | 139.66           | 558.66              | 0             | 7,779.95         | 63.28               | 1,328.64           | 234.77                         | 0                      | 0                          | 14,910.94      |
|       | 13        | 8      | 186              | 1,923.41        | 196.05             | 120.00               | 0              | 0                   | 0                | 0                   | 0             | 691.29           | 0                   | 344.40             | 0                              | 5.00                   | 0                          | 3,280.15       |
| e1    | 2         | 9      | 149              | 3,855.00        | 274.00             | 0                    | 75.17          | 75.17               | 150.34           | 75.17               | 75.17         | 1,077.20         | 0                   | 448.60             | 146.13                         | 20.00                  | 0                          | 6,271.95       |
|       | 23        | 13     | 125              | 4,625.00        | 285.00             | 170.65               | 396.00         | 85.32               | 85.33            | 205.19              | 60.00         | 7,159.07         | 127.77              | 2,028.38           | 314.70                         | 40.00                  | 1,365.55                   | 15,582.41      |
|       |           | 2      | 32               | 0               | 150.00             | 0                    | 62.95          | 0                   | 0                | 0                   | 0             | 0                | 69.02               | 120.30             | 9.30                           | 10.00                  | 0                          | 479.19         |
|       | 1         | 3      | 40               | 1,020.00        | 60.00              | 0                    | 112.50         | 25.00               | 72.50            | 0                   | 0             | 227.51           | 0                   | 56.38              | 46.06                          | 13.00                  | 0                          | 1,657.75       |
|       | 5         | 6      | 173              | 3,515.00        | 125.00             | 258.79               | 202.79         | 129.40              | 129.40           | 20.00               | 5.00          | 984.23           | 38.55               | 650.48             | 72.72                          | 20.00                  | 593.00                     | 6,631.29       |
|       | 1         | 2      | 46               | 1,545.75        | 66.25              | 0                    | 0              | 0                   | 0                | 0                   | 127.80        | 0                | 142.19              | 166.75             | 27.77                          | 8.00                   | 0                          | 2,071.40       |
| erial | 11        | 6      | 83               | 2,650.00        | 75.00              | 0                    | 0              | 89.50               | 0                | 0                   | 47.21         | 2,097.54         | 71.60               | 320.21             | 80.32                          | 15.00                  | 269.00                     | 5,446.30       |
|       | 7         | 2      | 94               | 3,770.00        | 222.00             | 30.00                | 120.00         | 104.00              | 60.00            | 0                   | 120.00        | 105.00           | 0                   | 1,740.93           | 111.34                         | 47.50                  | 116.00                     | 6,330.77       |
|       | 52        | 15     | 307              | 5,200.00        | 25.00              | 480.00               | 174.95         | 349.92              | 349.93           | 393.59              | 262.39        | 508.00           | 737.83              | 1,582.19           | 417.93                         | 20.00                  | 390.60                     | 10,563.99      |
|       | 204       | 117    | 2,144            | 47,546.08       | 2,655.95           | 691.90               | 2,457.22       | 1,912.80            | 1,807.04         | 2,070.47            | 1,480.83      | 27,414.23        | 1,632.98            | 17,619.06          | 2,460.58                       | 308.80                 | 3,514.50                   | 112,489.60     |

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