

**YEARBOOK**

**Red River - Bowie  
Missionary Baptist  
Association**

**1977**

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
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8. Special Reports
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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 this 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 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.

ASSIGNMENT OF REPORT FOR 1978

1. Associational Missions - Avery
2. Interstate and Foreign Missions - Austin Chapel
3. State Missions - Pinkham Memorial
4. Christian Education - New Haven
5. Denominational Literature - Hillcrest
6. Temperance - Hubbard Chapel
7. Orphan's Home - Liberty
8. Aged Ministers Support - Hopewell
9. Ladies Auxiliary - Friendship
10. Men's Brotherhood - Westside
11. Obituary - East Post Oak

WHERE TO SEND OFFERINGS

- ASSOCIATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM-----Bro. John Marlar  
Rt. 3, Dekalb, Texas 75559
- LOCAL MISSIONS (N.E.T.B.M.C.)-----Sammy Whatley  
Box 832, Lone Star, Texas 75668
- STATE MISSIONS-----Luther Crawford  
Box 1694, Corsicana, Texas 75110
- TEXAS BAPTIST INSTITUTE-----Box 591  
Henderson, Texas 75652
- INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS-----Box 1050  
Texarkana, 75501
- A.B.A. MEXICAN BAPTIST INSTITUTE-----Box 922  
McAllen, Texas 78501
- PINE SPRINGS BAPTIST CAMP-----Rt. 1, Box 267  
Laneville, Texas 75667

MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With  
HOPEWELL MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Clarksville, Texas

September 15, 1977

Moderator  
Clerk  
Treasurer

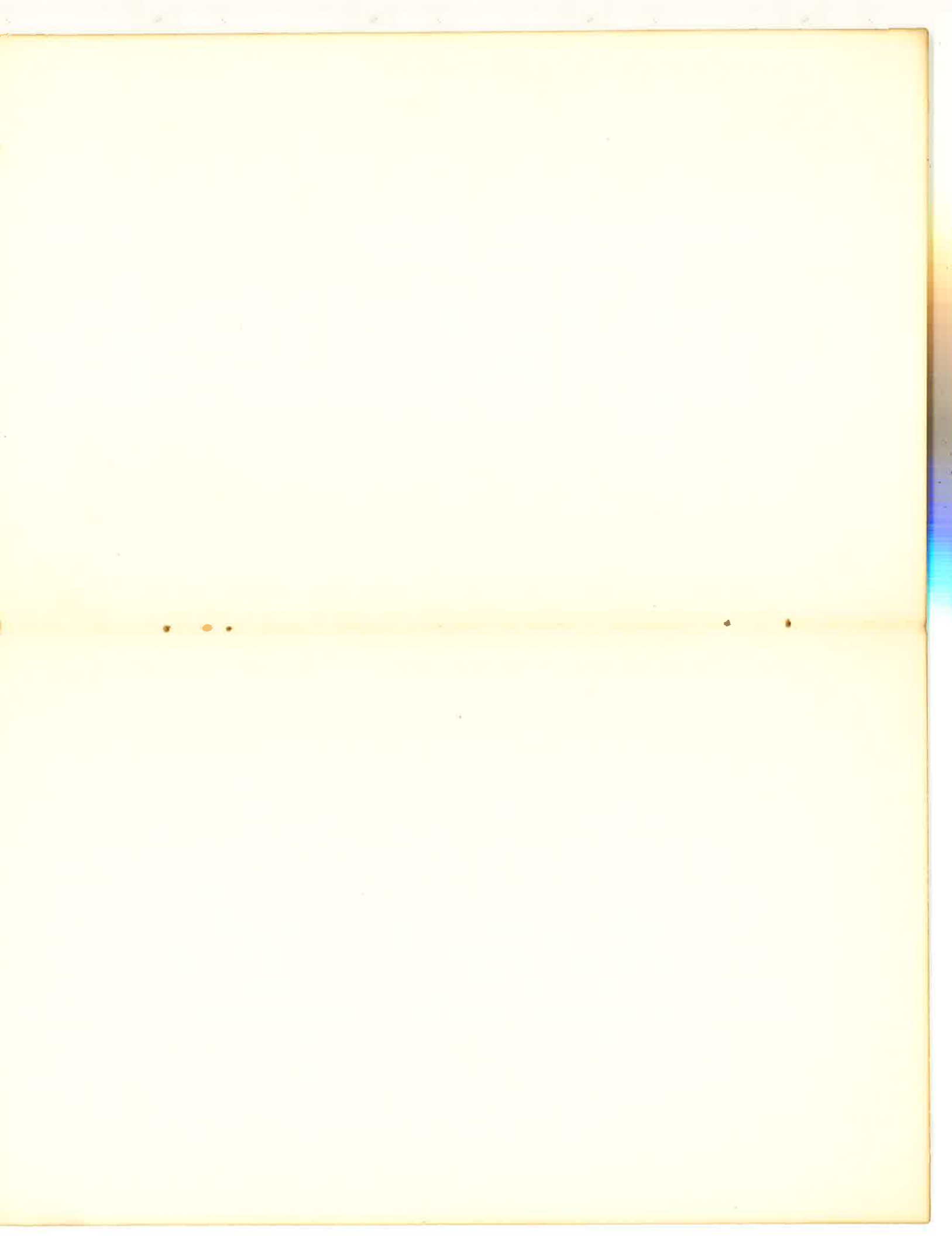
Eld. J. C. Hancock  
Eld. James R. Brown  
Eld. Earl McBryde

Officers of the Association for the Year 1977

- Eld. J. C. Hancock.....Moderator  
P. O. Box 41, Avery, Texas
- Eld. H. L. Johnson.....Asst. Moderator  
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas
- Eld. A. I. Bond.....Moderator Emeritus  
Bogata, Texas
- Eld. D. D. Miller.....Moderator Emeritus  
Clarksville, Texas
- Eld. James R. Brown.....Clerk  
600 E. Comanche, Clarksville, Texas
- Eld. Earl McBryde.....Treasurer  
P. O. Box 41, Avery, Texas

The Association Will Meet In 1978 On September 21, 1978,  
10:00 A. M. With The Avery Missionary Baptist Church Avery,  
Texas.

Eld. Don Rainey was elected to bring the Annual Message  
and Eld. James Hinkel was elected as alternate.



Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association Messenger  
Meeting September 15, 1977  
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church  
Clarksville, Texas

The One Hundred Thirty-Fourth annual messenger meeting of the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association began the annual session of 1977 with the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church at 10 A.M. in the morning.

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" with Bro. Velton Heffley directing and Mrs. Jane Camp playing the piano. They were both members of the Wards Creek Missionary Baptist Church. The people stood on the last verse and Bro. R. T. Stevens from East Post Oak led in prayer.

The congregation then sang "At Calvary" while the Association letters were brought to the clerk's desk and money was given to the Treasurer.

The Moderator then recognized Bro. Billy Daniels, new pastor of the Johnstown Missionary Baptist Church to bring the morning devotional. Bro. Daniels read from Luke 24:24-48 and gave a very good devotional. Bro. Daniels closed his devotional with prayer.

The Moderator then recognized Bro. A. B. Kellam, Host Pastor, for words of welcome and his announcements.

A motion was offered by Bro. Lynn Hitt, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam, to invite the visitors to sit in council and deliberation with us. The motion passed.

The Moderator then called the name of all the churches who had been assigned reports to be given during this session to see if all were present. There were none absent.

The new pastors of the churches of our association were then recognized to introduce themselves. They were as follows: Bro. Don Rainey, Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church; Bro. James Hinkel, New Haven Missionary Baptist Church; Bro. Billy Daniels, Johnstown Missionary Baptist Church.

The Moderator then asked the congregation to stand while he read the Rules of Decorum. (Clerks Note: These rules can be found near the end of the book.) He then declared the One Hundred Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of the Red River-Bowie



Missionary Baptist Association in session. Bro. A. I. Bond, Moderator Emeritus was called on to voice the opening prayer.

Bro. George Goodman and Bro. James Hinkel were then appointed by the Moderator as reading clerks.

There was a motion by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. James Hinkel, that only the name of the church and their messengers and alternates be read from the letters. The motion carried.

The reading clerks were then instructed to read the Church letters. All Churches of the Association were represented by letter except Mt. Pleasant. (Clerk's note: The clerk received the letter from Mt. Pleasant Church a few days after the messenger meeting.)

The Moderator then called for Petitionary Letters. There were none.

A motion was then made by Bro. George Goodman, seconded by Bro. James Hinkel, to seat the messengers. Passed.

We then went into the election of officers for 1978. Those elected and their office are as follows:

Moderator: Bro. Billy Daniels  
Asst. Moderator: Bro. J. C. Hancock  
Clerk: Bro. James R. Brown  
Asst. Clerk: Bro. James Hinkel  
Treasurer: Bro. John Marlor  
Asst. Treasurer: Bro. Don Rainey

After Bro. Billy Daniels was elected as Moderator, Bro. J. C. Hancock, who had served the past three years as Moderator, turned the chair over to Bro. Daniels.

The Moderator then invited any of the churches to extend an invitation to the messengers for their 1978 annual session. The invitations there were received are as follows:  
Avery Missionary Baptist Church; Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church; Johnstown Missionary Baptist Church; Ward's Creek Missionary Baptist Church. The Avery Missionary Baptist Church was selected as the meeting place in 1978. A motion was made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. J. T. McNabb to make the selection of Avery as our meeting place unanimous. Passed,

Nominations were then called for by the moderator for

someone to be the speaker for the annual message. Bro. Don Rainey was nominated and elected. Bro. James Hinkel was nominated and elected as the alternate speaker.

Visitors in our meeting were then asked to stand and introduce themselves. They are as follows: Bro. Bill Hitt, Henderson, Texas; Bro. Dale Reed, Kilgore, Texas; Bro. Marvin Gardner, Tyler, Texas; Bro. & Sis. H. E. Rhodes, Shelby County, Texas; Bro. Curtis Hall, Linden, Texas; Bro. Ray Brooks, Henderson, Texas; Bro. Gene Hoover, Laneville, Texas.

A motion had been made by Bro. James Brown and seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam as the next business after the Moderator had appointed the reading clerks, to defer the annual message to the eleven o'clock hour and to proceed with the business at hand. Motion carried. (Clerk's Note: This motion was omitted in the minutes in its rightful place.)

The Moderator then called for any reports that were ready. The report on Denominational Literature, prepared by the Avery Missionary Baptist Church, was read by Bro. J. C. Hancock, pastor. A motion was made to adopt the report by Bro. Hancock and seconded by Bro. Lynn Hitt. Bro. Hancock was then recognized to speak to the report. Bro. Hancock yielded his time to Bro. W. H. Hitt, President of the Missionary Baptist Broadcasting Service and pastor of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas. Bro. Hitt explained the Missionary Baptist Broadcasting Service and the report was adopted.

The report on Associational Missions, prepared by the Johtown Missionary Baptist Church, was then read by Bro. Billy Daniels, pastor. A motion was then made by Bro. John Marlor and seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam to adopt the report. Bro. Daniels yielded his time to discuss the report and Bro. Marvin Gardner was recognized to speak. Bro. Gardner is local missionary for the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council working in the south part of the city of Tyler, Texas. His report included eight by letter and two by baptism. Bro. Curtis Hall was then recognized to speak. Bro. Hall is also local missionary for the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council working in the city of Linden, Texas. His report included four for baptism and two by letter.

The Moderator had asked Bro. Calvin Hancock, Asst. Moderator, to preside during this report. The report was passed.

	ADDITIONS	LOSSES	PRESENT MEMBERSHIP	PASTOR'S SALARY	ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS	STATE MISSIONS	INTERSTATE & FOREIGN MISSIONS	TEXAS MISSION DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL TO MISSIONS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	ORPHAN'S HOME	RADIO FUND	BUILDING AND REPAIRS	TOTAL PAID OUT
AIKEN GROVE	0	3	87	2,139.52		25.00	30.00		55.00		9.00		1,568.18	5,780.17
AUSTIN CHAPEL	20	7	232	8,776.00	240.00	514.44	1,084.33	772.84	1,952.71	772.84		60.00	9,427.93	27,716.50
AVERY	16	10	392	8,238.50	1,993.62	801.81	1,603.62		5,290.86	861.61	30.00	120.00	7,034.69	27,238.82
EAST POST OAK	11	3		7,840.00	663.14	1,024.08	859.13		3,446.35	425.95	60.00	5.00	2,376.66	18,481.75
FRIENDSHIP	19	11	324	8,756.00	2,316.91	827.16	827.16		4,595.15	623.92	119.87	60.00	29,111.02	61,051.37
HILLCREST	16	25	209	5,470.00	455.57	455.57	455.57	119.89	2,725.21	813.21	34.50		8,394.28	19,194.75
HOPEWELL	27	11	247	6,643.00	140.00				454.41	280.01	244.97		12,300.00	21,768.48
HUBBARD CHAPEL	6	3	145	8,815.00		244.97	489.94		1,469.81	489.94	60.00	110.00	3,048.17	15,773.46
JOHNTOWN	8	17	167	8,819.91	3,701.08	486.05	486.05		5,210.23	536.05	212.14		2,561.17	27,550.67
LIBERTY	3	7	37	5,090.00	239.76	212.14	224.28	20.00	876.18		20.00		63.28	7,492.14
MT. PLEASANT	0	6	38	1,000.00			120.00		120.00			48.00	1,004.52	3,406.72
NEW HAVEN	16	3	185	9,090.90	935.17	928.18	1,212.17		3,075.51	394.95			3,952.11	16,656.47
NEW HOPE	0	0	25	2,450.00	20.00	37.90	114.60		170.50	18.00	82.10			3,053.10
PINKHAM MEMORIAL	8	11	201	8,400.00	693.27	693.27	693.27		2,773.08	693.27			5,014.35	19,197.43
WARDS CREEK	3	3	153	5,290.00		823.50	1,932.00		2,455.50	152.50	271.00	110.00		11,061.66
WESTSIDE	24	22	347	9,575.00	1,676.24	446.71	1,057.05		3,207.00	985.59	527.08		1,039.00	37,449.52
TOTALS	177	142	2930	106502.83	13,075.76	7,520.77	10,889.18	912.71	38,877.61	7,048.04	1670.66	568.00	86,895.99	322,873.01

A motion was then made by Bro. J. T. McNabb, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam, to set aside the business as the eleven o'clock hour had arrived and to proceed with the annual message. Passed.

The Moderator then called the Song Director and pianist to come while the congregation stood and sang, "I Love To Tell The Story."

Bro. H. L. Johnston came and introduced Bro. Lynn Hitt, pastor of the Hubbard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church to bring the annual message.

Bro. Hitt came and read Romans 1:14-16, and spoke on the subject, "A Great Debt." There were more than 110 messengers and visitors present to hear this very inspiring message.

The Moderator then called Bro. Carl Raleigh to give the hand of appreciation to Bro. Hitt for his message.

We then resumed with the business of the day. Bro. James Brown came and placed Bro. Mark Aydelott and family as a nomination to receive the offering that was about to be received. Bro. Brown explained that Bro. Aydelott had recently resigned as pastor of the Aikin Grove Missionary Baptist Church and moved to Henderson, Texas to become a student in the Texas Baptist Institute. There being no other nominations, this was approved.

The congregation then was asked to stand and sing, "Stepping In The Light", while Bro. A. B. Kellam, W. B. Duren, and Rob Beasley received the offering. (Clerk's Note: The offering for Bro. Aydelott amounted to \$82.10.)

The report on Temperance, prepared by the Wards Creek Missionary Baptist Church, was read by Bro. Carl Raleigh, pastor. Bro. Raleigh moved the adoption of the report, second by Bro. George Goodman. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

A motion was then made by Bro. A. B. Kellam and seconded by Bro. H. L. Johnston that we hear Bro. Gene Hoover, Superintendent of the Pine Springs Baptist Camp Grounds at Laneville, Texas. The motion passed and Bro. Hoover reported a record number of campers and a record number of professions of faith in the past camping season.

The Moderator then appointed Bro. Don Rainey, pastor

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. Watson	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	G. Bramlett	A. I. Bond
1941	Malta	G. E. Pinkham	W. R. Davis	G. 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	H. L. Johnston	D. D. Miller	Jim Dodson	J. A. Bramlett
1946	Austin Cahpel	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	A. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	E. L. Duren
1950	New Haven	A. I. Bond	H. L. 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	A. Downing	Veo Glover	E. L. Merrill
1958	Avery	G. F. Crumley	A. Downing	Veo Glover	G. E. White
1959	New Haven	J. H. Kesner	J. H. Kesner	Veo Glover	G. 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 McBride
1962	Mt. Pleasant	J. H. Kesner	R. C. Burt	G. E. White	Lynn McBride
1963	Austin Chapel	J. B. Watson	J. T. McNabb	G. E. White	Lynn McBride
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	A. Downing	Cecil Purcell	H. L. Johnston	Jerry Coffman
1968	Johnstown	Cecil Hill	Cecil Purcell	H. L. Johnston	A. Downing
1969	Friendship	M. A. Gardner	Loyd Roper	A. Downing	M. A. Gardner
1970	Post Oak	J. C. Henderson	Loyd Roper	A. Downing	M. A. Gardner
1971	Avery	Darrell Owens	A. Downing	J. R. Brown	G. P. Allen
1972	Hillcrest	B. A. Morris	A. Downing	J. R. Brown	G. P. Allen
1973	Austin Chapel	A. I. Bond	Bob Griffith	J. R. Brown	G. P. Allen
1974	Friendship	J. T. McNabb	J. C. Hancock	J. R. Brown	G. P. Allen
1975	Johnstown	James Garten	J. C. Hancock	J. R. Brown	G. P. Allen
1976	Wards Creek	Carl Raleigh	J. C. Hancock	J. R. Brown	Earl McBryde
1977	Hopewell	Lynn Hitt	Billy Daniels	J. R. Brown	John Marlor



HISTORICAL ROLL OF RED RIVER-BOWIE ASSOCIATION  
ORGANIZED IN 1843

YEAR	MEETING PLACE	INTRO. SERMON	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER
1897	Salem Baptist	J. E. Homer	N. B. Terry	W. W. Lawson	W. B. Terry
1898	Liberty	W. T. Compere	H. C. Hill	T. C. Hold	W. B. Terry
1899	Clairmont	J. B. Riddle	G. 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 #1	J. H. Taylor	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	I. H. Lawson
1903	Piggrim's Rest	G. E. Pinkham	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	I. H. Lawson
1904	Rehoboth	G. B. Dean	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1905	Detroit	J. S. Hubbard	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1906	Lydia	P. H. Swinney	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1907	Bethlem	J. E. Pinkham	H. M. Duffee	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1908	Cottler Springs	G. E. Pinkham	H. M. Duffee	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Bolt
1909	Armona	B. J. Devlinney	S. T. Batley	D. J. Stampflll	B. J. Devlinney
1910	Avery	J. A. Moore	S. T. Batley	A. S. Crow	B. J. Devlinney
1911	Liberty	B. T. Richardson	G. B. Dean	D. J. Stampflll	B. J. Devlinney
1912	Concord	P. H. Swinney	G. B. Dean	A. S. Crow	B. J. Devlinney
1913	White Oak	J. B. Watson	G. B. Dean	W. T. Brooks	L. H. Bassett
1914	Cottler Springs	P. H. Swinney	G. A. Lyon	A. S. Crow	George Taylor
1915	White Oak	P. H. Swinney	G. A. Lyon	A. S. Crow	George Taylor
1916	Bethlehem #1	J. V. Vermillion	G. A. Lyon	A. S. Crow	George Taylor
1917	Bethlehem #1	J. V. Vermillion	G. A. Lyon	A. S. Crow	George Taylor
1918	Avery	M. A. Roberts	G. A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B. J. Devlinney
1919	Hopewell #1	W. F. Brooks	W. R. Davis	W. F. Brooks	B. J. Devlinney
1920	Davis Chapel	J. B. Watson	W. R. Davis	W. F. Brooks	Z. C. Humphrey
1921	Atkin Grove	W. R. Watson	W. R. Davis	J. C. Powell	B. D. Stewart
1922	Pleasant Valley	W. F. Brooks	W. R. Davis	J. C. Powell	A. S. Crow
1923	Liberty	J. B. Watson	W. T. Brooks	A. S. Crow	A. S. Crow
1924	Maple Creek	W. M. Thrasher	W. T. Brooks	A. S. Crow	A. S. Crow
1925	Avery	W. F. Brooks	W. T. Brooks	L. E. Walker	W. M. Thrasher
1926	Lone Pine	W. F. Brooks	W. T. Brooks	L. E. Walker	W. M. Thrasher
1927	Downing	J. E. Watson	W. M. Thrasher	L. E. Walker	W. M. Thrasher
1928	Lydia	W. F. Brooks	D. D. Miller	W. T. Brooks	J. T. McNabb
1931	Pleasant Valley	W. F. Brooks	D. D. Miller	A. I. Bond	J. T. McNabb
1932	Avery	W. F. Brooks	W. T. Brooks	A. I. Bond	O. H. Pinkham

of the Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church in Paris, Texas, to prepare a program of Special Music to be presented after the noon hour.

The report on Men's Brotherhood, prepared by the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, was read by Bro. James Brown, pastor. Bro. Brown moved the adoption of the report with the second from Bro. John Marlor. Bro. Brown spoke to the report and it was passed.

The report on Aged Ministers Relief, prepared by the Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church, was read by Bro. Don Rainey, pastor. Bro. Rainey moved the adoption of the report, second by Bro. J. C. Hancock, and passed without discussion.

A motion was then made by Bro. J. C. Hancock and seconded by Bro. Carl Raleigh, to adjourn the meeting until 1:30 P. M. Announcements were made and the motion passed.

Bro. Gene Hoover was called for the closing prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

(Clerk's Note: The noon meal that was prepared by the ladies of the host church was very delicious and was enjoyed by approximately 150 people.)

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator with the congregation singing, "He's A Wonderful Savior To Me". The people stood on the last verse and Bro. Wilbourn Lee voiced the opening prayer for the afternoon.

Bro. Don Rainey was then recognized by the Moderator to present a program of special music. Bro. Rainey introduced a quartet composed of Bro. James Brown, Bro. J. C. Hancock, Bro. John Marlor, and Bro. Don Rainey, with Mrs. Myra Jean at the piano. The quartet sang, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" and "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."

A duet from Wards Creek Missionary Baptist Church then sang, "Maybe It's You, and Maybe It's Me," and Bro. Rainey turned the service back to the Moderator.

The report on Christian Education was prepared by the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church and read by the pastor, Bro. A. B. Kellan. A motion was made by Bro. Kellan and seconded by Bro. J. C. Hancock to adopt the report. Bro.

Kellam was recognized to speak to the report and he yielded his time to Dr. Ray O. Brooks, President of Texas Baptist Institute in Henderson, Texas. Dr. Brooks gave a good report from our school. (Clerk's Note: This report included the facts that approximately 200 churches support T.B.I. The enrollment at the present time was seventy-seven, down ten from last year. Dr. Brooks also admonished each one to pray for more laborers.) The report was also spoken to by Bro. Bill Hitt and Bro. Billy Daniels, and passed.

The report on Interstate and Foreign Missions was prepared by the Liberty Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. J. T. McNabb, pastor. Bro. McNabb moved the adoption of the report and it was seconded by Bro. Lynn Hitt. Bro. McNabb and Bro. Bill Hitt spoke to the report and it passed.

The report on Ladies Auxillary, prepared by the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church, was read by Bro. George Goodman, pastor. Bro. Goodman moved the adoption of the report with the second by Bro. J. C. Hancock. The report was then spoken to by Bro. George Goodman and the request was made that it be noted in the Minute Book that the report was prepared for the church by Sis. Wilbourn Lee. It was also spoken to by Sis. H. L. Johnston, Bro. Bill Hitt and passed.

The report on State Missions was prepared by the New Haven Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. James Hinkel, pastor.

Bro. James Hinkel moved the adoption of the report with the second by Bro. Lynn Hitt. Bro. Hinkel yielded his time to speak to the report to Bro. Billy Daniels. (Clerk's Note: Bro. Daniels had recently resigned as the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions for the State Association and would be continuing to do the paper work in the office until a new Secretary had been elected.) Bro. Daniels gave a good report on State Missions. The report was also spoken to by Bro. Bill Hitt and passed.

The report on Orphan's Home was prepared by the West-side Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. Buell Lewallen, pastor. Bro. Lewallen moved the adoption of the report with the second by Bro. James Brown. The report was then spoken to by Bro. Lewallen and passed.

The report on Obituary was prepared by the Hubbard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. Lynn Hitt, pastor.

#### ARTICLE Y - 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, 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 a 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 to 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.

## 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 to 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 is not formed for ecclesiastical end, but merely for Belevant 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.

The report called for the people to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who have passed on to glory from our churches. the congration stood while Bro. Morris Downs of the Avery Missionary Baptist Church voiced the oral prayer. A motion was then offered by Bro. Lynn Hitt, seconded by Bro. John Marlor, to adopt the report with the clerk having the privilege of adding any names that may have been omitted. The motion passed.

The clerk then read the assignment of reports that had been made by the Moderator for the next year. (Clerk's Note: A list of these assignments can be found on page two of this book.)

The Treasurer for the Association, Bro. John Marlor, came and gave his report. A motion to adopt the report was made by Bro. Marlor, seconded by Bro. James Brown and passed.

A motion was offered by Bro. H. L. Johnston with the second by Bro. John Marlor, to show our appreciation to the host church for the good meal and hospitality of the day by standing. Motion carried with all standing.

A motion was made by Bro. J. C. Hancock, seconded by Bro. Carl Raleigh, to pay the clerk \$75.00 and the treasurer \$50.00 for their work in the coming year. Passed.

A report on the Missionary Baptist Hour Broadcast was given by Bro. James Brown.

A motion was made by Bro. J. C. Hancock with a second by Bro. Robert Tull that the meeting adjourn. Passed.

Announcements were then made and the closing prayer was voiced by Bro. Buel Lewallen.



REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION IN 1977:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS:

We, the members of Johnstown Missionary Baptist Church, believe that the Lord's New Testament Churches should participate in Associational Missions. The scriptures teach us that mission work should begin at home and in the local area.

The Red River-Bowie Association has had the privilege of helping establish New Testament Churches in the North-east Texas area and recommends that this work be continued. The Churches in the Association have worked through the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council and have sponsored missions at Paris, Sulphur Springs, Emory, Linden, Atlanta, and Tyler, Texas. Let us be thankful for the great blessings that God has bestowed upon these Mission endeavors.

We recommend that the churches continue to support the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council in its Associational Mission work. Offerings should be sent to P. O. Box 832, Lone Star, Texas, 75668.

Respectfully submitted,  
Johnstown Missionary Baptist Church  
Billy Daniels, Pastor

STATE MISSIONS:

We are commissioned in Matthew 28:19-20 to teach all nations, therefore, we know that the support of State Missions is a vital part of the church program in fulfilling this commission. We believe that according to Acts 1:8, we are to begin locally and not stop there, but reach out of State and to the uttermost part of the world. Only eternity will fully reveal the true value of mission work. The Lord will bless the church who supports Missions in all phases.

We recommend that each Church, who does not support State Missions, begin to do so, and that those who now support the work seek to increase their support.

Respectfully submitted,  
New Haven Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Charlie Shipp; Secretary: Darnette Raulston; Enrollment: 102; Number Classes: 8; Amount Raised: \$11,274.94; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Robert Tull, Howard Westbrook, Aubrey Raulston; Ordained Ministers: Eld. James Hinkle, Eld. H. L. Johnston, Eld. Melvin Hooser.

NEW HOPE: Pastor: None; Clerk: Mrs. Ila B. Taylor, Rt. 2, Dekalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Dewey Murphy; Secretary: Ila B. Taylor; Amount Raised: \$2,556.90; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Leo McMillon; Dewey Murphy; Ordained Ministers: None.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor Eld. Phillip Griffith, 117 S. E. Browning, Dekalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Mrs. Pauline Shumake, Rt. 1, Box 281, Dekalb, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Louis Forsyth; Secretary: Mrs. Sydnia Forsyth; Enrollment: 60; Number Classes: 8; Amount Raised: \$10,683.33; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Bryant Elliott, Louis Forsyth, Gay Shumake, Robert Shumake, Lana Clark; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Phillip Griffith.

WARDS CREEK: Pastor: Eld. Carl Raleigh, Rt. 2, Avery, Texas 75554; Clerk: Mrs. Pearlite May, Rt. 1, Dekalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: John Mack Proctor; Secretary: Mrs. Oren Baugh; Enrollment: 64; Number Classes: 6; Amount Raised: \$12,761.26; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: (Not listed in Letter); Ordained Ministers: Eld. Carl Raleigh; Licensed Ministers: (Two)

WEST SIDE: Pastor: Eld. Buel Lewallen, Box 21, New Boston, Texas 75570; Clerk: Ozell Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 11, New Boston, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: R. E. Bailey; Secretary: Marjorie Alford; Enrollment: 126; Number Classes: 13; Amount Raised: \$25,642.89; B.T.C. President: Meridith Green; Secretary: Fannie Kennedy; Enrollment: 59; Deacons: S. R. Shute, Jimmy Brown, R. E. Bailey, Hansel Jones, Bruce Tidwell, Huron Tidwell, Edd Hawkins; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Buel Lewallen, Eld. W. H. Snead, Eld. Joe Askew; Licensed Ministers: Roy Daviss.



Sunday School Superintendent: Raymond Parker; Secretary: Glenda Davis; Enrollment: 97; Number Classes: 11; Amount Raised: \$13,654.15; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Raymond Parker; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Don Rainey; Licensed Ministers: Bro. Lynn Cox; Bro. Mark Kimberly.

HOPEWELL: Pastor: Eld. A. B. Kellam, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Susan Beasley, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas 75412; Sunday School Superintendent: Kenneth Henderson; Secretary: Joyce Rodriguez; Number Classes: 6; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Forest Gamble, Corley Monkhouse, Tom Roberts, Nolan Meredith, Bryon Duren, Rob Beasley; Ordained Ministers: Eld. A. B. Kellam, Eld. Lynn Luck.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor: Eld. Lynn Hitt, Rt. 1, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Mrs. Herman L. Jackson, Rt. 1, DeKalb, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Robert Kennedy; Secretary: Donna Knight; Enrollment: 69; Number Classes: 7; Amount Raised: \$15,197.40; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: A. H. Richardson, Thomas Shelton, Malcolm Knight, Robert Kennedy Lester Strout, Ronnie McMillon; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Lynn Hitt, Eld. Cecil Purcell.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor: Eld. Billy Daniels, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas 75417; Clerk: Mrs. Harvey L. Jean, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Dale House; Secretary: Mrs. Dana Jean; Enrollment: 80; Number Classes: 10; Amount Raised: \$28,334.48; B.T.C. President: Butch Hervey; Secretary: Brenda Lee; Enrollment: 60; Deacons: Francis Foster, Willie Lee, Harvey L. Jean, Dale House, H. Drué Pirtle; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Billy Daniels, Eld. A. I. Bond.

LIBERTY: Pastor Eld. J. T. McNabb, Jr., Blossom, Texas 75416 Clerk: Doris Pearce, Detroit, Texas 75436; Sunday School Superintendent: George Rhodes; Secretary: Budie Adams; Number Classes: 4; Amount Raised: \$7,071.45; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: D. A. Pearce, Ray Fry, Horace Mitchell, Ruby Patterson; Ordained Ministers: Eld. J. T. McNabb, Jr.

MT. PLEASANT: Pastor: None; Clerk: Mrs. Doris Carey, Rt. 1 Bagwell, Texas 75412; Sunday School Superintendent: Fred Anderson; Secretary: Mrs. Lucille Enox; Enrollment: 30; Number Classes: 3; Amount Raised: \$3,663.00; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Raymond Jeffers, Ernest Carey; Ordained Ministers: None.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor: Eld James Hinkle, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Sandra Shipp, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Tex.

James Hinkle, Moderator  
Sandra Shipp, Clerk

#### INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS:

We, the Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, submit the following report. Our Lord commissioned His churches to preach His gospel to every creature through out the world, make disciples, baptize, and teach them all the things contained in the scriptures, Matthew 28:18-20.

Missions then is nothing less than the heart of God seeking the hearts of men. Even though the word "missions" does not appear in the Bible the teachings and evidences of the word are abundant that the statement is true.

Missions then is the very heart beat of God, and any anti-missionary church willfully sins against the heart of God.

Jesus valued the souls of men above the wealth of this world, Matthew 16:26. Therefore the winning of souls cannot be exaggerated too greatly.

He is calling upon everyone of us to "Lift up your eyes, and look on the field, for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. He has asked of us to "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers unto his harvest," Matthew 9:38. God has provided His labours to go into all the world, now is the responsibility of His churches to support them with your prayers and finances.

Please send all interstate and foreign mission offering to Dr. L. Chester Guinn, P.O. Box 1050, Texarkana, Texas, 75501.

Respectfully submitted,

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church  
J. T. McNabb, Jr., Moderator  
Doris Pearce, Clerk

Done by order of the church on September 4, 1977.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

In the Great Commission given in Matthew 28:19-20... to preach the Gospel to all the world...there is also the God given duties of our New Testament Churches to TEACH.

Therefore we believe Christian education is a vital and essential part of our local church work in order to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it...Proverbs 22:6.

Therefore we believe each local New Testament church should strive to have the very best Sunday School and Bible training courses as possible.

It is our prayer that each church in our association will consider Christian Education as a vital part of their mission program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church  
Eld. A. B. Kellam, Pastor

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD:

We, your committee on Men's Brotherhood submit the following report:

In Romans 12:10, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." We believe that an active working brotherhood in the Lord's Churches today presents an ideal opportunity for the men of the church to become better acquainted with each other and to promote good relationships and love between the men.

We also believe that a strong church depends upon the men of the Church having the best training possible. There is a definite need for better qualified men to serve in our churches. The Men's Brotherhood offers one of the best opportunities to teach the scriptures.

We also believe that many projects that are helpful to the church can be undertaken that otherwise might be left undone.

With these things under consideration and realizing

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH CHURCH

AIKIN GROVE: Pastor: None At Present; Clerk, Jesse Humphrey, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Sunday School Superintendent, Paul Hammer; secretary: Reba Burrow; Enrollment: 30; Number Classes: 3; Amount Raised: \$877.61; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: John Towns, Bill Hammer, Berbert Humphrey; Ordained Ministers: None.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor: Eld. John Marlar, Rt. 3, Dekalb, Texas 75559; Clerk Cledyth White, Rt. 3, Dekalb, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Lee Russell; Secretary: Vonda Proctor; Enrollment: 110; Number Classes: 10; Amount Raised: \$27,453.03; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Nathan Churchill, Doyle Grider, Clyde Holt, Gerald Proctor, R. D. Tidwell, Phillip Russell, C. T. Vick, James L. Tidwell, Herbert Hanna, Travis White; Ordained Ministers: Eld. John Marlar.

AVERY: Pastor: J. Calvin Hancock, Box 41, Avery, Texas 75554; Clerk: Mrs. Charley Webb, Rt. 2, Avery, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Alvin Peacock; Secretary: Mrs. Johnnie Baird; Enrollment 130; Number Classes: 14; B.T.C. President: Johnny Stanley; Secretary: Mrs. Naomi Stearnan; Enrollment: 80; Deacons: Alvin Peacock, Wilson Grant, Marvin Stearnan, Morris Downs, Elton Roseberry; Ordained Ministers: Eld. J. Calvin Hancock, Eld. David Holly, Eld. Boyce Batchlor.

EAST POST OAK: Pastor: Eld. George Goodman, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas 75436; Clerk: Mrs. Alvis Bates, Rt. 2, Paris, Texas 75460; Sunday School Superintendent: Leo Reyes; Secretary: Mrs. Claude Tyler; Enrollment: 70; Number Classes: 10; B.T.C. Director: Wilbourne Lee; Secretary: Miss Cheryl Smith; Enrollment 50; Deacons: Claude Tyler, Ross Mills, Jim Lee; Ordained Ministers: Eld. George Goodman, Eld. E. R. Stevens Eld. Wilbourne Lee.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor: Eld. James R. Brown, 600 E. Comanche, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Mrs. Wayne Reed, 1205 W. Jackson, Clarksville, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Bobby Brown; Secretary: Mary Ellen Humphrey; Enrollment 135; Number Classes: 11; Amount Raised: \$33,277.35; B.T.C. President: Marty Daneill; Secretary: Lorie Taylor; Enrollment: 60; Deacons: Garland Hines, I. E. McConnell, Buddy Pope, Bobby Hines; Bobby Brown; Ordained Ministers: Eld. James R. Brown, Eld. D. D. Miller.

HILLCREST: Pastor: Eld. Don Rainey, 2555 E. Cherry, Paris, Texas 75460; Clerk: Mrs. Velma Whitley, 2380 Beverly Drive, Paris, Texas

PERSONAL SERVICE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Personal Calls-----	979
Visits To Sick and Shut-ins-----	2,713
Telephone Calls-----	1,978
Flowers Sent-----	344
Cards and Letters Sent-----	1,966
Trays Sent-----	756
Bibles Given and Books-----	36
Tracts Distributed-----	661
Soul Talks-----	86
Ladies Donated Services-----	749

the great advantage that the Men's Brotherhood has been to our church, we strongly recommend a Men's Brotherhood for each church.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
 James R. Brown, Pastor  
 Mrs. Wayne Reed, Clerk

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT:

When God made the woman He made her as a "helper" to the man.

The word "Auxiliary" means helper, so as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of her church a woman can help to fulfill her purpose in life by helping her church to carry out the great commission that the Lord gave just before leaving this world to return to heaven.

Many of our churches have been helped in many ways by Ladies Auxiliaries. Many missionaries have been helped and encouraged by work done by the ladies. Also members have profited greatly by the study of God's Word and fellowship with one another. They have learned to be better teachers and leaders.

We recommend that all the churches that do not have Auxiliaries consider this work and, if possible, organize one. An active Auxiliary will greatly benefit your church and most of all each lady who becomes a member will benefit by the study of God's Word and if carried on in the right spirit will bring glory to God.

Prepared by Mrs. Wilburn Lee and  
 Respectfully submitted by,  
 East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church  
 Done by order of the Church, September 4, 1977

George Goodman, Pastor  
 Mrs. Billie Bates, Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount Raised-----	\$6,163.78
Missions-----	1,763.53
Orphans Home-----	10.00
Christian Education-----	649.44
Church Building Fund-----	669.05
Minutes-----	40.00
Flowers-----	77.99
Miscellaneous-----	3,359.16

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE:

Avery Missionary Baptist Church offers the following:

The word "literature" has been defined as being "printed matter." This report however is concerned with the printed matter published and circulated in our associated churches and used among our people for teaching and information.

The Baptist Sunday School Committee publishes Sunday School and Baptist Training Course literature which is widely used among our churches. The editors and writers are to be commended for their scripturalness and right division of the Word in their writings. There is without doubt always room for improvements in these materials and they need and should have our prayers to faithfully carry out their responsibility.

Also available to our churches and people are many books, manuals, study course materials and other helps. Available too, are papers and periodicals published by Bible Schools. The Baptist Monitor, published by Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary, helps to inform of associated work and issues.

As important as literature, study helps, books and related materials are they can not and are not intended to be a substitute for the "God Breathed Word". May we first and above all else study the Word of God that we may, "show ourselves approved unto God workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Respectfully submitted,

Avery Missionary Baptist Church  
J. Calvin Hancock, Moderator

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EAST POST OAK:

President: Mrs. George Goodman, Rt. 1; Detroit, Texas 75436;  
Sec.: Mrs. F. B. Stevens, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas; Number  
Enrolled: 12.

FRIENDSHIP:

President: Mrs. James R. Brown, 600 East Comanche, Clarksville,  
Texas 75426; Sec.: Mrs. James Rodden, P.O. Box 134, Clarksville,  
Texas; Number Enrolled: 10; Day of Meeting: Each Wednesday;  
Amount Raised: \$556.25.

HUBBARD CHAPEL:

President: Mrs. Lynn Hitt, Rt. 1, Box 272-A, Dekalb, Texas  
75559; Sec.: Mrs. Nina Knight, Rt. 1, Dekalb, Texas; Number  
Enrolled: 6; Day of Meeting: 1st., 3rd., and 5th Sunday;  
Amount Raised: \$132.55.

JOHNTOWN:

President: Mrs. Lucille Childer, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas 75417;  
Sec.: Mrs. Florance Pirtle, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas; Number  
Enrolled: 8; Day of Meeting: Monday; Amount Raised: \$969.65.

NEW HAVEN:

President: Mrs. Johnnie Raulston, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas 75412;  
Sec.: Mrs. Brenda Stringer, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426;  
Number Enrolled: 11; Day of Meeting: Tuesday; Amount Raised:  
\$1,164.13.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL:

President: Mrs. Thelma Cunningham, No. 5 N. W. North, Dekalb,  
Texas 75559; Sec.: Mrs. Sydnia Forsyth, Rt. 4, Box 183, Dekalb,  
Texas; Number Enrolled: 10; Day of Meeting: Tuesday; Amount  
Raised: \$1,217.67.

WEST SIDE:

President: Mrs. Carrie Tidwell, Hall St., New Boston, Texas;  
Sec.: Mrs. Pearl Williams, Rt. 2, New Boston, Texas; Number  
Enrolled: 18; Day of Meeting: 2nd and 4th Tuesday; Amount  
Raised: \$1,775.53.

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REPORT ON LADIES AUXILIARY WORK  
 RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
 1976-77

AGED MINISTERS, RELIEF:

The faithful performance of our older ministers stand before us continually. Churches, homes and individual lives still reflect their "Labour of Love."

Considering the minister and his relief or retirement, we know that the Lord promises to take care of His labours, but He has always wanted His people to be used as a medium through which He could channel His blessings and thus fulfill His promises.

Since our Association has no established program of relief or retirement for the minister, (young or old), we recommend the following to the churches of our Association.

1. That when some special need arises, that an offering be requested from our churches to aid the minister and his family.
2. That we thank the Lord for each faithful minister He has called, and pray that He will send forth more labours into His harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

By Order of the Church,  
 Hillcrest Baptist Church

TEMPERANCE:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1-2.

We cannot be part of the things of unrighteousness and expect to have a testimony for Christ. Our bodies are the temple of God, and we should not indulge in anything that would bring harm to our bodies.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Prove what is good by doing good, not for salvation, but

PRESIDENT	Mrs. Hassel Johnston	New Haven
VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs. Wilbourn Lee	East Post Oak
SECRETARY	Mrs. Lynn Hitt	Hubbard Chapel
ASST. SECRETARY	Mrs. Cecil Purcell	Hubbard Chapel
PIANIST	Mrs. Ruth Ann Downs	Avery
ASST. PIANIST	Mrs. Ada Flournoy	West Side
SONG LEADER	Mrs. Diana Hinkle	New Haven
ASST. SONG LEADER	Mrs. Buel Lewallen	West Side
REPORTER	Mrs. George Goodman	East Post Oak
ASST. REPORTER	Mrs. Buel Lewallen	West Side
TRACT DISTRIBUTOR	Mrs. Robert Lindsey	Pinkham Memorial
The Meeting date, offerings and goals for the District Ladies Auxiliary were:		
November 2, 1976	New Haven	\$77.33 Tyler Mission
February 1, 1977	Pinkham	\$88.03 State Tract Fund
May 3, 1977	West Side	\$104.96 Peru Mission (Bro. Roldan)
August 2, 1977	Hubbard	\$114.81 Peru Mission (Bro. Roldan)

The following churches in the Association reported an active Ladies Auxiliary:

AVERY:

President: Mrs. Vergie Holder, Re. Avery, Texas 75554; Sec. Mrs. Maxine Lips, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas; Number Enrolled: 4; Day of Meeting: Tuesday; Amount Raised: \$1,116.65.

to show to the world that we have had the renewing of the mind. God help us not to indulge in any thing that would be detrimental to the cause of Christ. May this challenge our hearts and lives that we may practice self denial of that which is harmful unto the soul of men.

Respectfully submitted,

Wards Creek Missionary Baptist Church  
Carl Raleigh, Pastor

ORPHAN'S HOME:

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Our Texarkana Baptist Orphanage was founded in 1907. Bro. H. B. Bland is the present superintendent.

We feel this is a scriptural and worthwhile project. These children get proper spiritual guidance and teaching that otherwise they might not get. They are carried to one of our sister churches in Texarkana every Sunday for regular services.

Our church got a questionnaire not long ago asking if we thought the Home was being carried on in a satisfactory manner. We voted, "yes", based on what information we had on it.

These children are taught to work. The boys work on the farm and the girls on chores in the home.

We urge every church to support the home with their prayers and finances.

Respectfully submitted,

Westside Missionary Baptist Church  
New Boston, Texas  
Buel Lewallen, Pastor

Adopted September 14, 1977 in regular business meeting.

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OBITUARY:

Revelation 14:13 states, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." May we hold in our minds fond memories of these brothers and sisters in Christ and thank God for their labours.

May we also at this time stand for a moment of silent prayer in the memory of our deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

Hubbard Chapel Missionary  
Baptist Church

OUR DEAD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AUSTIN CHAPEL

Preston Caddenhead  
Freda Chasteen  
Ett Reed  
Lola Russell  
AVERY

Jimmy Davidson

HILLCREST

Mrs. Agnes Horten  
Mrs. Lena Upchurch  
Mrs. Mary Little

HOPEWELL

Mrs. Dora Ervin

HUBBARD CHAPEL

Elmer Garrett

JOHNTOWN

George Wilson  
Lucy Hervey  
Mildred Bain Weeks  
Frank Rhodes  
Della House

LIBERTY

Walter Smith

PINKHAM MEMORIAL

Carl Rogers  
Edgar Drake

WARDS CREEK

Mrs. Lossie Tidwell

WEST SIDE

Mrs. Bernice Hankins  
Mrs. Horace Tuck  
Lou Ann Wright Hamilton

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