

YEARBOOK

**Red River - Bowie
Missionary Baptist
Association**

1978



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	Johntown	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. Dowling	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	Johntown	James Garten	J. C. Hancock	J. R. Brown	G. P. Allen
1976	Wards Creek	Carl Raleigh	J. C. Hancock	J. R. Borwn	Earl McBryde
1977	Hopewell	Lynn Hitt	Billy Daniels	J. R. Brown	John Marlar
1978	Avery	Don Rainey	Billy Daniels	J. R. Brown	John Marlar

**RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MESSENGER MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 1978**

Avery Missionary Baptist Church, Avery, Texas

The One Hundred Thirty-Fifth annual session of the Red River Bowie Association of the Missionary Baptist Churches met with the Avery Missionary Baptist Church in Avery, Texas, on September 21, 1978, beginning at 10:00 A. M. Bro. Lynn Hitt led the congregation in singing, "To God be the Glory", with Mrs. Harvey Jean playing the piano. The congregation then sang, "To the Work". The people stood on the last verse and Bro. Robert Tull from New Haven Missionary Baptist Church led in prayer.

The Moderator, Bro. Billy Daniels, Pastor of the Johntown Missionary Baptist Church, was presiding.

The Moderator then introduced Bro. Larry Neeley, Pastor of the Hughes Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Hughes Springs, Texas to come and lead our hearts in devotional. Bro. Larry Neeley read Ephesians 1:15-21. He then committed on the verses read and gave a very heart stirring devotional. He closed with prayer.

Bro. Lynn McBryde, the host pastor, was then recognized for words of welcome. He also made announcements concerning lunch.

The Moderator then asked the congregation to stand while he declared the One Hundred Thirty-Fifth annual session of the Red River-Bowie Association in order and open for the business that was to come before us. Bro. A. I. Bond, Moderator Emeritus, led the opening prayer.

The Moderator then called attention to the Rules of Decorum in the minute book while he read these rules.

New Pastors in the Association were introduced.

They were as follows: Bro. J. C. Askew, Pastor, Faith Missionary Baptist Church in New Boston; Bro. Wilbourn Lee, Pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church; Bro. Lynn McBryde, Pastor, Avery Missionary Baptist Church.

The Visiting brethren from over the state were then asked to stand and introduce themselves. There were several visitors in the service. There were as follows:

**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	Clairmount	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	Pilgrims Rest	G. E.	Pinkham	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Holt
1905	Rohoboth	G. B.	Dean	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Holt
1906	Detroit	J. S.	Hubbard	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Holt
1907	Lydia	P. H.	Swinney	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Holt
1908	Bethlem	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	Armona	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. Bassett
1914	White Oak	J. B.	Watson	G. A. Lyon	A. S. Crow	George Taylor
1915	Collier Springs	P. H.	Swinney	G. A. Lyon	A. S. Crow	George Taylor
1916	Bethlehem #1	J. V.	Vermillion	G. A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B. J. Devinney
1917	Bethlehem #1	J. V.	Vermillion	G. A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B. J. Devinney
1918	Avery	M. A.	Roberts	G. A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B. J. Devinney
1919	Hopewell #1	W. F.	Brooks	W. R. Davis	W. F. Brooks	Z. C. Humphrey
1920	Davis Chapel	J. B.	Watson	W. R. Davis	J. Whitecotton	B. D. Stewart
1921	Aikin Grove	W. R.	Watson	W. R. Davis	J. C. Powell	A. S. Crow
1922	Pleasant Valley	W. F.	Brooks	W. R. Davis	J. C. Powell	A. S. Crow

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, An Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the messengers meeting in annual session, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are chosen.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the messenger assembly, 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 association letter to the next annual session of the messengers. In this matter, each church is entitled to one vote.

Bro. Marvin Gardner, Missionary for the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council, working in Tyler, Texas; Bro. Gene Hoover, Superintendent of the Pine Springs Baptist Camp Grounds at Laneville, Texas; Bro. Vernon Barr, Representative of the A.B.A. Mexican Baptist Institute in McAllen, Texas; Bro. Larry Neeley Pastor of the Hughes Springs Missionary Baptist Church in Hughes Springs, Texas; Bro. Robert Griffith, former pastor in the Association, now living in Paris, Texas; Bro. Curtis Hall, Missionary for the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council working in Linden, Texas; Bro. Bill Hitt, Pastor of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas; and will represent the Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary in Henderson, Texas.

The Moderator then read the list of the Churches that had been previously assigned reports to be given at this meeting to see if all were present. All were present and prepared to present their report.

There was a motion made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. John Marlor to defer the annual message until the eleven o'clock hour and to proceed with the business at hand. Motion passed.

A motion was then made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. Lynn Hitt, to read only the named of the churches and messengers with the alternates from the Church letters. The motion passed with some comments.

The Moderator then appointed Bro. H. L. Johnston and Bro. Wilbourn Lee as reading clerks to read the information from the letters.

A motion was then made by Bro. James Brown and seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam to read the messengers named in the letters and invite the visitors to sit in council and de-liberation with us. Motion passed.

The Moderator then called for petitionary letters. A letter from Faith Missionary Baptist Church in New Boston, Texas was read for a petitionary letter. A motion was then made and seconded to seat this Church. (Clerk's Note: The Clerk did not get the name of those making the motion or second.) Questions as to the organization of the Church were then asked. An explanation was offered by Bro. J.

C. Askew, Pastor. The motion carried.

We then went into the election of officers of the coming year. They were as follows: Moderator: Bro. Billy Daniels; Clerk: Bro. James Brown; Assistant Moderator; Bro. James Hinkle; Assistant Clerk: Bro. Wilbourne Lee; Treasurer: Bro. John Marlar; Assistant Treasurer: Bro. Don Rainey.

Invitations for the next years meeting were then called for. Invitations were received from Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Johntown Missionary Baptist Church. Austin Chapel was elected as the next meeting place.

Nomination were then called for to select the annual Speaker for the year. Those nominated were Bro. Lynn McBryde and Bro. John Marlar. Bro. Lynn McBryde was elected.

A motion was made by Bro. Lynn Hitt and seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam that Bro. John Marlar serve as alternate speaker. The motion passed.

A motion was then made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. Carl Raleigh, that the 1979 meeting be set for September 20, 1979. Motion passed.

The Moderator then explained that the Christian Education report needed to be read first and then he called for the report. The report on Christian Education was prepared by the New Haven Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. James Hinkle, Pastor. Bro. Hinkle moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Lynn Hitt. Bro. Hinkle then yielded his time to Bro. Bill Hitt to speak in behalf of the Texas Baptist Institute. Bro. Hitt gave a good report from the School.

A motion was then made by Bro. Patterson, seconded by Bro. George Goodman to continue this report until it is finished. The motion passed.

Bro. Vernon Barr was then recognized to present his report for the A. B. A. Mexican Baptist Institute in McAllen, Texas. Bro. Barr also gave a good report. The Moderator then spoke to urge the churches to respond to the T.B.I. Alumni Drive. The motion was then carried.

The Moderator then asked the people to stand and Bro. Lynn Hitt to come and lead in a congregational song. The song, "At the Cross" was sung.

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 a missionary and education 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.

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 Believers purposes but it reserves the right to withdraw from any church which becomes heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.
Section 2: This Association shall recognize freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievement of its work.

STATE MISSIONS - Luther Crawford, Box 1694, Corsicana,
Texas 75110
TEXAS BAPTIST INSTITUTE - P. O. Box 570, Henderson, TX
75652
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS - Box 1050, Texarkana,
TX 75501
A.B.A. MEXICAN BAPTIST INSTITUTE - Box 922, McAllen,
TX 75801
PINE SPRINGS BAPTIST CAMP - Rt. 1, Box 267, Laneville,
TX 75667

Bro. Don Rainey, Pastor of the Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church in Paris, Texas was introduced to bring the annual message. Bro. Rainey read from Isaiah 3:24 thru 4:1. A very challenging message was delivered by Bro. Rainey.

Bro. George Goodman extended the had of appreciation to Bro. Rainey on behalf of the congregation for the message. The report on Men's Brotherhood was called for, prepared by the Westside Missionary Baptist Church and presented by Bro. Buel Lewallen, Pastor. Bro. Lewallen moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. George Goodman and passed.

A motion was then made by Bro. James Brown and seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam that we adjourn until one P. M. The motion passed.

Announcements by Bro. Vernon Barr, Bro. Bill Hitt, Bro. James Hinkle and Sis. George Goodman. Request for prayer were also made.

Bro. Don Rainey was asked to be in charge of a special music program to be presented first thing after the noon hour.

Bro. Garland Hines from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church was called on to dismiss in prayer and to ask the blessing on the noon meal. (Clerk's Note: Approximately 150 people were present to enjoy a very good meal that was prepared by and served by the host church.)

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The afternoon session began at 1 p.m. with Bro. Billy Daniels Moderating. There was a congregation song, "Power in the Blood" with Bro. Lynn Hitt directing and Mrs. Hitt at the piano. Bro. R. T. Stephens led the opening prayer. Bro. Gene Hoover, Superintendent of the Pine Springs Baptist Camp Grounds was call to give his report on Encampments.

The Moderator then called Bro. Don Rainey to introduce the special music program for the afternoon. A Quartet composed of Bro. John Marlar, Bro. Don Rainey, Bro. Stacy

McIntosh, and Bro. James Brown sang, "I'm Learning to Lean," Bro. Don Rainey and Bro. James Brown then sang, "Had it Not Been." Sis Harvey Jean from Johnstown Missionary Baptist Church played the piano for all these specials.

Bro. Daniels then introduced Bro. Stacy McIntosh, Director for the Sunset Missionary Baptist Church in Marshall, Texas.

The Moderator then called for the report on Associational Missions. The report was prepared by the Avery Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. Wilson Grant. Bro. Grant moved the adoption of the report and seconded by Bro. Carl Raleigh. Bro. Grant yielded his time to Bro. Marvin Gardner, Missionary for the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council working in Tyler, Texas.

Following Bro. Gardner's report, Bro. Curtis Hall, also Missionary for the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council working in Linden, Texas gave his report. Both reported good progress in their labors. The motion carried.

The report on Interstate and Foreign Missions was called for. It was prepared by the Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. John Marlar, Pastor. Bro. Marlar moved the adoption of the report and it was seconded by Bro. Lynn Hitt. The report was spoken to by Bro. Marlar and passed.

The Moderator called for the report on State Missions. This report was prepared by the Pinkham Memorial Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. Phil Griffith, Pastor. Bro. Griffith moved the adoption of the report and it was seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam. The report was spoken to by Bro. Griffith, Bro. J. C. Askew, Bro. George Goodman, and Bro. Billy Daniels. The motion passed.

The report on Denominational Literature was prepared by the Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. Don Rainey, Pastor. He moved the adoption of the report and it was seconded by Bro. John Marlar. The report was adopted.

The report on Temperance was prepared by the Hubbard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. Lynn Hitt, Pastor. Bro. Hitt moved the adoption of the report and it was seconded by Bro. Carl Raleigh. The report was

WARDS CREEK: Pastor: Eld. Carl Raleigh, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas 75554; Clerk: Mrs. Glenda Oliver, Rt. 1, Stimms, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: John Mack Proctor; Secretary: Mrs. Letha Baugh; Enrollment: 76; Number Classes: 6; Amount Raised: \$12,919.67; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Oren Baugh, Walter Hefley, Velton Hefley; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Carl Raleigh, Eld. O. E. Howard; Licensed Ministers: Eld. Jimmy Stewart.

WEST SIDE: Pastor: Eld. Buel Lawallen, P. O. Box 21, New Boston, TX 75570; Clerk: Ozell Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 11, New Boston, Texas 75570; Sunday School Superintendent: R. E. Bailey; Secretary: Betty Harkins; Enrollment: 116; Number Classes: 12; Amount raised: \$26,937.78; B.T.C.: President: Billy Joyner; Enrollment: 66; Deacons: S. R. Shute, R. E. Bailey, Bruce Tidwell, Huron Tidwell, Hansel Jones; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Buel Lawallen, Eld. W. H. Sneed; Licensed Ministers: Eld. Roy Davis.

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.

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

spoken to by Bro. Hitt and passed.

The Liberty Missionary Baptist Church prepared the report on Orphan's Home and it was read by Bro. H. L. Johnston, Pastor. A motion to adopt the report was made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. Lynn Hitt and passed.

The report on Aged Ministers Support was prepared by the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church and read by Bro. A. B. Kellam and the motion to adopt was made by Bro. James Brown seconded the motion and it was passed.

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church prepared the report on Ladies Auxiliaries and was read by Bro. James Brown, Pastor. Bro. Brown moved the adoption of the report and seconded by Bro. Lynn Hitt. The report was spoken to by Bro. Brown and Sis. Lynn Hitt was passed.

The Report on Obituaries was prepared by the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church and read by the pastor, Bro. George Goodman. Bro. Goodman moved the adoption and seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam. The motion called for a standing vote and a moment of silent prayer, and then the privilege of adding any names that may have been left off. The Moderator asked the people to stand for silent prayer and then called Bro. Carl. Raleigh to voice an oral prayer. The motion passed.

A motion was then made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by A. B. Kellam, that an offering be received and given to Bro. Vernon Barr to be used for his travel expenses. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Bro. Lynn Hitt, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam, to pay the clerk and treasurer the same as last year. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bro. Lynn Hitt, seconded by Bro. Carl Raleigh, to give the host church a rising vote of appreciation for the good meal and hospitality. The motion passed by all present standing.

The Treasurer then came to give his report. Bro. Marlar moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. James Brown, and passed.

A motion was then made that we adjourn until the next regular meeting by Bro. Carl Raleigh with the second by Bro. John Marlar and passed.

Announcements were then made and we were dismissed in prayer.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor: Eld. Billy Daniels, Rt. 1, Bogata, TX 75417; Clerk: Mrs. Myra A. Jean, Fr. 1, Bogata, Texas 75417
Sunday School Superintendent: Francis Foster; Secretary: Mrs. Florence Pirtle; Enrollment 80; Number Classes: 10;
Amount raised: \$66,058.13; B.T.C. President: Butch Harvey
Secretary: Brenda Lee; Enrollment: 50; Deacons: Francis Foster, Willie Lee; Harvey L Jean, H. Drew Pirtle, Dale House; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Billy Daniels, Eld. A. I. Bond.

LIBERTY: Pastor: Eld. H. L. Johnston, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Mrs. Laura Stevens, Detroit, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Clarence Hoffman; Secretary: Mrs. Bert Adams; Number Classed 2; Amount raised: \$5,712.38; B.T.C. None; Deacons: D. A. Pearce, Rudy Patterson, Harold Mitchell, Ray Fry; Ordained Ministers: Eld. H. L. Johnston.

MT. PLEASANT: Pastor: None at Present; Clerk: Mrs. Doris Carey, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas 75412; Sunday School Superintendent: Fred Anderson; Secretary: Mrs. Lucille Enox; Enrollment: 25; Number Classes: 2; Amount raised: \$2,739.99; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Raymond Jeffers, Ernest Carey.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor: Eld. James Hinkle, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Sandra Shipp, Rt. 6, Clarksville, TX 75426; Sunday School Superintendent: Charlie Shipp; Secretary: Dannette Roulston; Enrollment: 93; Number Classes: 8; Amount raised: \$14,829.14; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Robert Tull, Aubre Raulston; Ordained Ministers: Eld. James Hinkle.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor: Eld. Phil Griffith, 177 S.E. Browning, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Mrs. Pauline Shumake, Rt. 1, Box 281, DeKalb, TX 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Roy Dean; Secretary: Rosquan Murphy; Enrollment: 55; Number Classes: 8; Amount raised: \$11,698.59; B.T.C.: None, Deacons: Louis Forsyth, Lanan Clark, Gay Shumake, Bryant Elliott, Peter Shumake, Dewey Murphy, Odis Rogers; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Phil Griffith.

REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION IN 1978:

LADIES AUXILIARY:

We, the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church submit the following report on Ladies Auxiliary.

By definition, the word "Auxiliary" means, "giving support, helping; aiding; assisting," When Christian Ladies are organized into a group it is referred to as Ladies Auxiliary.

We believe that the primary purpose of a Ladies Auxiliary is to study the Bible and to learn more about God's will and way for their lives. This is one of the best ways to train future teachers in the Lord's Churches.

No Auxiliary should ever attempt to operate separate from the local Church. The secondary purpose of the Ladies Auxiliary is to give aid and to assist the Church in any area possible.

We further believe that a good functioning Ladies Auxiliary can be one of the greatest assets that a Church can have. We therefore recommend to those Churches who do not have an active Ladies Auxiliary that they organize one. Cooperation with the District, State, and National Auxiliary can accomplish much good.

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

Done by order of the Church in regular Conference on Sept. 6, 1978.

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF:

The Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church offers the following report on Aged Ministers Relief.

The faithful performance of the Faith once delivered to the Saints and their Labor of Love stands before us continually by our Older Ministers.

Drive, New Boston, Texas 75570; Sunday School Superintendent: Jimmie Parker; Secretary: Beverly Strickland; Number Classes: 3; Amount Raised \$2, 893.21; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Jimmie Borwn; Ordained Ministers: Eld. J. C. Askew; Licensed Ministers: Bill Morris.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor: Eld. James R. Borwn, 600 E. Comanche, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Mrs. Wayne Reed, 1205 W. Jackson, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Sunday School Superintendent: Bobby Brown; Secretary: Mary E. Humphrey; Enrollment: 131; Number Classes: 12; Amount Raised: \$30,084.17; B.T.C. President: Todd Hines; Secretary: Kelly Hines; Enrollment: 58; Deacons: G. A. Hines, Sr., I. E. McConnel, Buddy Pope; Bobby Hines, Bobby Brown; Ordained Ministers: Eld. James R. Brown, Eld. D. D. Miller, Eld Melvin Hooser.

HILLCREST: Pastor: Eld. Don Rainey, 2555 E. Cherry, Paris, Texas 75460; Sunday School Superintendent: Jim Ford; Secretary: Linda Lott; Enrollment: 84; Number Classes: 11; Amount Raised: \$16,576.99; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Raymond Parker, S. E. Benningfield, Joe Clayton; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Don Rainey.

HOPWELL: Pastor: Eld. A. B. Kellam, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Bobbie Thompson, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Sunday School Superintendent: Kenneth Henderson; Secretary: Dianne McGuire; Number Classes: 7; B.T.C. President: Eld. A. B. Kellam, Secretary: Larry Stringer; Enrollment 3 classes; Deacons: W. B. Duren, Nolan Merrideth, Forrest Gamble, C. C. Monkhouse, Tom Roberts; Ordained Ministers: Eld. A. B. Kellam, Eld. Lynn Luck.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor: Eld. Lynn Hitt, Rt. 1, Dekalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Mrs. Herman Jackson, Rt. 1, Dekalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Larry Knight; Secretary: Donna White; Enrollment: 69; Number Classes: 7; Amount Raised: \$13,098.13; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: A. H. Richardson, Thomas Shelton, Malcolm Knight, Ronnie McMillton, Lester Stout; Ordained Ministers: Lynn Hitt.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH CHURCH

AIKIN GROVE: Pastor Mark Aydelott, Henderson, Texas; Clerk, Mrs. Paul W. Hammer, Rt. 4, Clarksville, Texas, 75426; Sunday School Superintendent: Paul W. Hammer; Secretary: Reba Burrow; Number Classes 3; Amount raised: \$1,497.53; B.T.C.; None; Deacons W. H. Hammer, John T. Townes, Herbert Humphrey.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor, Eld. John Marlor, Rt. 3, Dekalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Cledyth White, Rt. Box 89, Dekalb, Texas, 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Lee Russell; Secretary: Erma Birtcher; Number Classes: 9; Amount Raised: \$31,638.60; B.T.C.: None, Deacons: C. B. Holt, R. O. Tidwell, Doyle Grider, Hervert Hannah, Philip Russel, C. T. Vick, T. C. White, Gerald Proctor, Nathan Churchhill, James L. Tidwell; Ordained Ministers, El. John Marlar, Eld. Cecil Purcell.

AVERY: Pastor: Lynn McBryde, Bos 41, Avery, Texas 75554; Clerk: Mrs. Charley Webb, Rt. 2, Avery Texas 75554; Sunday School Superintendent: Alvin Peacock; Secretary: Mrs. Johnnie Baird; Enrollment: 130; Number Classes: 14, Amount Raised; \$27,305.59; B.T.C. President: Johnny Stanley; Secretary: Mrs. Naomi Stearman; Enrollment: 73; Deacons: Alvin Peacock, Morris Downs, Elton Roseberry, Wilson Grant, Marvin Stearman; Ordained Ministers: Eld. Lynn McBryde, Eld Biyce Batchlar.

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 Rexes; Secretary: Genena Lee; Number Classes; 10 B.T.C. President: Wilbourne Lee; Secretary Vickie Johnston; Deacons: Claude Tyler, Jim Lee; Ordained Ministers: Eld. George Goodman, Eld. R. T. Stephens, Eld. Wilbourne Lee, Eld. J. T. McNabb; Licensed Ministers: Eld. Newman Low.

FAITH: Pastor: Eld. J. C. Askew, 1212 Brooks St., New Boston, Texas 75570; Clerk: Joyce Hartline, 133 Myrtle

Our Churches, our Homes, Our individual lives still reflect their Faithfulness.

Through these Men God had channeled his blessings and fulfilled his promises to each of us.

Recognizing all of this and that our Association has no program to aid older Ministers whose lives have been so great a blessing may God help us to never forfeit the sacrifice they each have made.

And when some special need due to sickness or accident arises, may we recommend the following to each Church: Let each Church be notified and come to the aid of that Minister and his family by Special offering and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted
Hopewell Missionary Baptist
Church
A. B. Kellam, Pastor

ORPHAN'S HOME:

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

This is the charge given in God's word and is all we need to direct us in our obligation toward orphans of our people.

Respectfully Submitted
Liberty Missionary Baptist
Church Detroit, Texas
H. L. Johnston, Pastor

TEMPERANCE:

I Corinthians 9:25a states, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." Often this report only deals with the use of alcoholic beverages. While it is true we are to be temperate in this there are many other things the Bible teaches us to be temperate in.

Temperance means total abstinence. Paul wrote in I Thess. 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." The times are characterized by permissiveness. Yet God's people are instructed to be "temperant in all things." This is a must if we are to win the incorruptible prize Paul spoke of in I Cor. 9:24-25.

Respectfully submitted,
Hubbard Chapel Baptist Church

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE:

The Bible is recognized by Missionary Baptist Churches as the divinely inspired record of God's revelation of Himself and His will for man-kind.

The BIBLE is the book that has the answers to all problems. It is a book that speaks to the heart, enlightens the mind, and builds Christian Character. It is a book that tells about Heaven and Hell, sin and judgement and never goes out of date.

We recommend the BIBLE to all that want to know about God, to worship and serve Him.

We recommend the Bible above all Christian literature.

We recommend that one studies Christian literature in close connection with the Word of God and when conflicts of interpretation arise always accept what the Bible says.

We recommend literature published by the American Baptist Association for Sunday School, B.T.C., V.B.S., Ladies Auxilliary, Youth programs and other special study programs. Please, keep in mind even though these materials are Christ centered and Biblically based, THE WORD OF GOD SHOULD NEVER TAKE SECOND PLACE IN DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Respectfully submitted,
Hillcrest Baptist Church
Don Rainey, Pastor
Velma Whitley, Clerk

HUBBARD CHAPEL
Mattie Woodard

LIBERTY
Ed Edwards

WARDS CREEK
Bill Cooper

JOHNTOWN
E. V. Pirnie
Mrs. Emmer Eudy

PINKHAM MEMORIAL
Lena Kennedy

WEST SIDE
Ray Hawkins
Estelle Wimm
Larry Flournoy

Respectfully Submitted,
East Post Oak Missionary
Baptist Church
George Goodman, Pastor

REPORT ON LADIES AUXILIARY WORK
RED RIVER - BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1977-1978

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The meeting date, offerings and goals for the District Ladies Auxilliary were:

November 8, 1977	Avery	\$89.08	Mexican Baptist Inst.
February 7, 1978	East Post Oak	74.59	T.B.I. Music Department
May 9, 1978	Friendship	45.00	Big Springs Mission
August 8, 1978	Johntown	47.61	David Smith, Canada Landmark Baptist Chapel
		64.24	

In Matt. 28:19-20, the Great Commission gives both the authority and the responsibility of teaching converts "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." to the local New Testament Church. With this awesome responsibility ever before us, let us never forget our God-given duties as churches to "teach."

Therefore we recommend, that all of the saved support Christian Education in and through a local New Testament Church.

We also recommend that 11 of the churches of this association support institutions of higher learning, like Texas Baptist Institute of Henderson, Texas, and Mexican Baptsit Institute of McAllen, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
New Haven Baptist Church

OBITUARY REPORT:

Paul said, "For me to live in Christ, and to die in gain", Phil. 1:21. To die is gain for every person who is saved by the grace of God.

Yet the departed of the saints often lays a heavy load of sorrow on the families and churches left behind. To those we way anwq that God's grace is sufficient.

The letters reveal that during this past associational year we have lost the following from our midst:

AUSTIN CHAPEL:
Mrs. Maggie Tidwell
Bro. L. E. Findley

AVERY:
Bro. Dave Hicks
Mrs. Audie Hogland
Jay B. Watson

EAST POST OAK
Mrs. Alma Boren
Ross Mills, Deacon

FRIENDSHIP:
Foster Hays
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HILLCREST
Mrs. D. G. Simpson

HOPEWELL:
Lois Collins
Tracy Monkhouse
Beulah Stanley
J. D. Thomas
E. L. Duren

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ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS:

We the Avery Missionary Baptist Church are proud to be associated with the Mission giving Churches. The association of Churches is scriptural; a part of the work of any New Testament Church in Missions. Our Lord commanded His Churches to carry the gospel message into all the world.

When churches of a local area work together on a project in the nature of missions this is called local or associational missions. One Church is limited as to what che can do; but when a group of Churches combine their forces much good can be accomplished.

We the Avery Missionary Baptist Church recommend all the Churches of the Red River-Bowie Association to support associational missions through the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council.

Sincerely submitted
Avery Missionary Baptist
Church
Lynn McBryde, Pastor
Mrs. Charlee Webb, Clerk

STATE MISSIONS:

We the Pinkham Memorial Missionary Baptsit Church, submit the following report.

It is our prayer that the churches composing the Red River-Bowie Association give their full support to our State Missions. Acts Chapter one and verse eight shows State Mission work to be approved by God. Christ said to be witnesses unto Him in all Judea. The Apostle Paul, one of the greatest missionaries who ever lived, asked the following question in Romans chapter ten, verses 14-15, "How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed; and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not served; and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" The Word of God cannot be made known unto the people of the State

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of Texas unless we take upon ourselves the task of teaching and preaching Christ crucified.

The only scriptural way of doing State Mission work is through the local Church and this includes the churches of the Red River-Bowie Association.

We realize that now everyone can leave his home and job and to out into the State Mission field, but it is our duty as well as a blessed privilege to support those who can answer the call of God and do mission work. These men need and desire our prayers as well as our financial support.

Much has been done over the past year for the glory of our Lord through our State Missionaries. Mission work is not an easy task no matter where the field may be. However, it is our desire that the Red River-Bowie Association, through the churches that compose her body, can lighten the burden of these dedicated men of God by supporting them with our finances and our fervent prayers for their work. Offerings should be mailed to Bro. Luther Crawford, Box 1694, Corsicana, Texas 75110.

Respectfully submitted,
Pinkham Memorial Missionary
Baptist Church
Philip W. Griffith, Sr., Moderator
Pauline Shumake, Clerk

Done by order of the Church September 6, 1978.

INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Christ commanded his Churches to reach into all the world with gospel. Matt 28:19, Acts 1:8, Mark 16:16 all reveal that Christ left a work for all His Churches to do. He expects us to be sending our the message till He comes again.

God has been good and our work has grown on the Interstate and Foreign mission field to over a half million dollars. PRAISE GOD!!! But yet millions still yet need to be reached with the gospel message. There is no stopping place as long as there is one last soul in this world.

Our needs are greater than ever before. But God's people are capable of reaching any task sent their way. Increased offerings and the prayers for out new secretary-treasurer of missions, Bro. Kenneth Bazar. We also urge that if all at possible that each church seek to raise their mission support to Interstate and Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist
Church
Bro. John Marlar, Pastor

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD:

Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, College Edition defines the work Brotherhood in the following manner: the state or quality of being a brother; bond between brothers. An association of men united in a common interest. The word "united" is the key.

I Peter 2:17 commands us to love the brotherhood. Men of the Lord's churches should have Christian love. They should be united. In a united effort they can carry on the work of the church by discussing matters that need careful attention--thus lead our in such affairs. Men are to be leaders. Brotherhood meetings are a time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship.
Brotherhood venefits bothe the men and the whole congregation.
Brotherhoods are needed.

Respectfully submitted
West Side Baptist Church
New Boston, Texas
Buel Lewallen, Pastor

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Christian education is of the utmost importance in our day. The increased efforts of Saton to promote heresy make Christian education even more important in these last days in which we live.