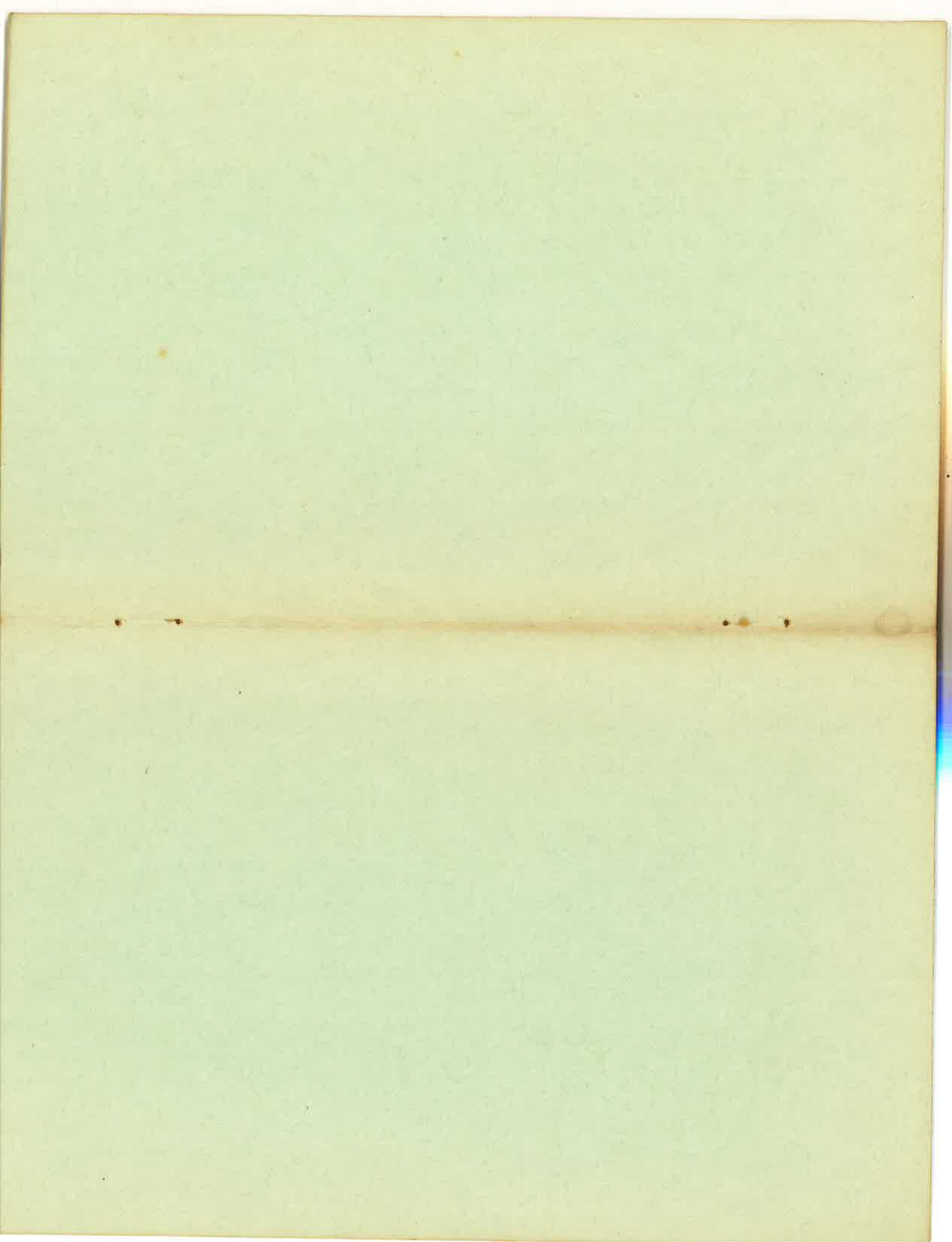


YEARBOOK

**RED RIVER-BOWIE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

1981



MINUTES OF THE

One Hundred and Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with

New Haven Missionary Baptist Church
Clarksville, Texas
September 17, 1981

Moderator.....Eld. Billy Daniels
Clerk.....Eld. James R. Brown
Treasurer.....Eld. John Marlor

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1981-82

Eld. James Hinkle.....Moderator
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426
Eld. A. B. Kellam.....Assistant Moderator
Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426
Eld. A. I. Bond.....Moderator Emeritus
Bogata, Texas 75417
Eld. James R. Brown.....Clerk
600 E. Comanche, Clarksville, Texas 75426
Eld. Cecil Purcell.....Treasurer
217 S. E. Browning, DeKalb, Texas 75559

The Association will meet in 1982 on September 16, 1982, at 10 A.M. with the Avery Missionary Baptist Church, Avery, Tx.

Eld. Jim Henry was elected to bring the Annual Message and Eld. Joe Helms was elected as alternate.

	Additions	Losses	Present Membership	Pastor's Salary	Associational Missions	State Missions	Interstate and Foreign Missions	Texas Mission Development	Total To Missions	Christian Education	Orphan's Home	Radio Fund	Building and Repairs	TOTAL PAID OUT
Aikin Grove	0	2	84	2,675.58	20.00	20.00	40.00		100.00		20.00	15.00	80.00	2,885.51
Austin Chapel	4	4	226	12,306.66	527.50	560.94	1,555.42	842.44	4,592.41	1,316.14		60.00	4,246.80	32,199.06
Avery	15	15	396	12,420.00		2,592.40	1,298.70		6,493.50	2,597.40	1,298.76	120.00	32,034.20	85,339.23
East Post Oak	9	5	152	8,574.00		1,743.43	1,443.43		3,186.86	1,443.41	240.00	100.00	1,046.46	14,871.67
Faith	13	3	52	10,400.00			398.31	150.00	668.31	8120.00	115.00		7,330.98	18,529.29
Friendship	16	13	356	14,300.00	2,298.04	988.59	1,339.85		5,294.42	575.44	161.00	60.80	14,594.22	44,068.41
Hillcrest	3	7	173	8,690.00	240.92	240.72	240.78	9281	1,178.30	259.51	97.82		2,954.65	17,811.95
Hopewell	22	14	303	11,050.00					1,945.59	911.37		60.00	6,963.48	24,033.11
Hubbard Chapel	1	4	125	11,605.00	50.00	299.61	599.22		1,797.68	594.22	299.61		1,195.83	16,989.11
Johntown	6	12	182	18,932.75	3,307.17	870.49	870.49	240.00	6,153.65	870.49	120.00	145.00	9,099.94	132,557.47
Liberty	4	3	31	4,250.00	293.43	273.46	799.92		1,366.84	55.00	273.46			5,965.30
Mt. Pleasant	8	2	48	4,198.30		10.00	60.00		120.00	109.36	135.00	120.00		6,079.14
New Haven	18	6	216	13,225.00	1,179.20	1,660.20	2,272.06	55.00	5,111.46	561.80		48.00	1,560.91	25,836.54
Pinkham Memorial	6	12	220	11,880.00		1,157.48	1,152.28		4,629.12	2,314.56			5,150.44	21,694.56
Wards Creek	9	12	158	6,825.00		1,099.50	1,604.75		4,048.27	1,339.02	515.25	120.00	5,267.15	16,790.67
West Side	9	4	299	13,800.00	2,093.04	1,472.29	2,633.00		7,624.74	1,300.65	200.71		11,564.29	47,550.44
TOTALS	143	127	3,031	165,646.24	12,016.15	12,998.91	16,313.21	1,384.25	43,105.55	14,373.57	3,476.61	898.00	19,509.29	513,201.60

DEDICATION



Elder H.L. Johnston

Elder Hassel L. Johnston was born on May 25, 1907, the son of O.P. and Florence Tuggle Johnston, at Tuggle Springs, Texas.

Bro. Johnston was saved at Tuggle Springs, Texas, in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. He married Lucille Shelby on September 11, 1933, in Manchester, Texas. He was ordained a deacon in Feb. 1936, licensed in 1942, and ordained to preach the Gospel in November, 1943 by the Mt. Pleasant Church. His first pastorate was the Blakely Baptist Church.

The Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church called him as pastor and the Church building was moved from Tuggle Springs to Negley. He pastored there for eight years. He then pastored Hopewell Lydia, and Liberty Churches.

Bro. Johnston was called to the Avery Missionary Baptist Church and moved on the field in 1950. He pastored there for eight years, and the Church building was build in 1952 and 1953.

He then became the pastor of the Orange, Texas, Church in 1955 and served for seven years.

The New Haven Missionary Baptist Church called him as pastor and he moved on the field Sept. 24, 1962, and pastored there for 14 years until October 3, 1976.

He became pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church in 1977, and served there until ill health forced his resignation in 1980.

He served as Moderator of the Red River-Bowie Association in 1950, 1951 and 1954, and as Clerk from 1964 until 1969.

Bro. Johnston was kind, compassionate and friendly to all yet he stood foursquare for the Truth.

He went to be with the Lord on May 16, 1981.

(The information from which the above was prepared was kindly provided by Mrs. H.L. Johnston.)

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	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. 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	Johntown	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 Marlar
1978	Avery	Don Rainey	Billy Daniels	J. R. Brown	John Marlar
1979	Austin Chapel	Lynn McBryde	Billy Daniels	J. R. Brown	John Marlar
1980	Johntown	James Hinkle	Billy Daniels	J. R. Brown	John Marlar
1981	New Haven	J.R.McDougal	Billy Daniels	J.R.Brown	John Marlar

RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION MESSENGER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 1981

The meeting began at 10a.m. with the congregation singing "The Old Rugged Cross". Bro. James Brown, Pastor of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church directed with Sis. Dennis Downs playing the piano. The people stood on the third verse and after several prayer requests, Bro. Joe Helms, Pastor of Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in DeKalb voiced the prayer. Bro. Billy Daniels, Moderator, presiding.

Bro. Daniels then called on Bro. James Hinkle, host pastor, for his welcome of the people. Bor. Daniels responded to the welcome.

Dr. L. Chester Guinn, former Secretary-Treasurer of Missions of the American Baptist Association, from Texarkana, was introduced to bring the morning devotional. Bro. Guinn spoke briefly and closed with prayer.

The Clerk then asked for permission to pass out the remaining Year Books and the statistics sheet that had been prepared. This was done.

The Moderator then announced the names of the officers that had been elected to serve this past year.

The congregation was then asked to stand while the Moderator declared the 138th. annual session of the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association in regular session. Bro. A. I. Bond, Moderator Emeritus, was called on to lead the opening prayer.

The Moderator then asked the congregation to find the rules of decorum in their year book and to follow along as he read them aloud.

The clerk and treasurer then asked for all Church letter forms and finances to be brought to the front.

The new Pastors that had moved into the Association the past year were then asked to stand and introduce themselves. They were as follows:

Bro. Joe Helms, Austin Chapel M. B. C.

Bro. Danny Blevens, East Post Oak M. B. X.

The Moderator then asked the visitors to stand and introduce themselves. They are as follows:

Bro. L. Chester Guinn, Bro. Bill Hitt, Bro. and Sis. Curtis Hall, Bro. Gene Tarter, Bro. Luther Crawford, Bro. Vernon Barr and Bro. Lester Vogel.

There was a motion made by Bro. James Brown, second by

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	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	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

lor, Clarksville, Texas; Meeting Day: Wednesday; Enrollment: 10; Amount: \$577.71.
NEW HAVEN: President: Mrs. H. L. Johnston, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Secretary: Katie Loe, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Enrollment: 12; Meeting Day: Tuesday; Amount \$1057.61
JOHNTOWN: President: Lucille Childers, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas 75417; Secretary: Florence Purtle, R. 1, Bogata, Texas; Enrollment: 9; Meeting Day: Tuesday; Amount: \$1,402.00.
PUNKHAM MEMORIAL: President: Eula Elliott, Rt. 2, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Secretary: Sundia Forsyth, Rt. 4, DeKalb, Texas Enrollment: 7; Meeting Day: Tuesday; Amount: \$649.45.
WEST SIDE: President: Sherry Henry, Box 21, New Boston, Tex 75570; Secretary: Pearl Williams, Rt. 2, New Boston, Texas; Enrollment: 7; Meeting Day: 2nd and 4th Tuesday; Amount: \$1,478.65.

Lynn Hitt, that we defer the sermon until the eleven o'clock hour and to proceed with the business at hand. The motion passed.

The Moderator then appointed Bro. Lynn Hitt and Bro. A. B. Kellam to serve as reading clerks for the session. Bro. James Brown moved, with a second by Bro. Cecil Purcell, that the clerks read only the Church name, the messengers and the alternates from each Church letter. The motion passed and the clerks proceeded with the reading.

A motion was then made by Bro. Lynn Hitt with the second by Bro. Carl Raleigh that the messengers that were named in the letters be seated and to ask visiting brethren to sit in council with us. It was passed.

The Moderator then called for the election of officers for the next year. Nominations were declared open for the office of Moderator. They were: Bro. A. B. Kellam, Bro. James Hinkle and Bro. Billy Daniels. Bro. Hinkle was elected. Bro. Kellam and Bro. Daniels were nominated for Assistant Moderator. Bro. Kellam was elected.

Nominations were next called for the office of Clerk. Bro. James Brown was the only one nominated and elected. Bro. Cecil Purcell and Bro. Jim Henry were nominated for the office of Assistant Clerk. Bro. Henry was elected.

For the office of Treasurer, the nominations were: Bro. Cecil Purcell and Bro. Billy Daniels. Bro. Purcell was elected with Bro. Daniels as the Assistant.

Invitations for the 1982 annual session of the Association were read by the Clerk and given by the different Churches. Those extending an invitation were: Johntown M. B. C., East Post Oak M. B. C., Avery M. B. C. Avery M. B. C. was chosen by the messengers as the meeting place.

Bro. James Brown made a motion that the meeting date for the 1982 session be set for Thursday, September 16, 1982. The second was by Bro. A. B. Kellam and it passed.

Bro. Billy Daniels then asked Bro. James Hinkle, thenewly elected moderator to come adn preside over the remainder of the session.

Bro. Hinkle thanked Bro. Daniels and then called for the election of someone to bring the annual message in the 1982 annual meeting. Those nominated were: Bro. Billy Daniels, Bro. Joe Helms and Bro. Jim Henry. Bro. Henry was elected with Bro. Helms as the alternate on passage of a motion to that effect by Bro. Billy Daniels and second by Bro. A. B. Kellam.

The Moderator then called for the report on State Missions that was assigned to the Pinkham Memorial M. B. C. and read by Bro. Cecil Purcell, Pastor. A motion to adopt the report as read was made by Bro. Lynn Hitt with the second by Bro. Jim McDougal.

Bro. Purcell then yielded his time to speak to the motion to Bro. Luther Crawford, Secretary-Treasurer of Missions for the Texas State Association. Bro. Crawford came and gave a personal report for all eight salaried Missionaries in the State work. He also reported that there would be at least two additional men come to the State Association recommended for salary. He also reported on finances. He had received through his office a total of \$171,498.52. He had paid out \$169,070.87.

This report was also spoken to by Bro. Bill Hitt, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas. This was concerning the Missionary Baptist Broadcasting Service sponsored by Calvary Church and a State Mission Project. The motion to accept the report then passed.

There was a motion by Bro. James Brown with the second by Bro. Lynn Hitt to dedicate the 1981 year book to the memory of Eld. H. L. Johnston. The motion passed.

The clerk then came and read the assignment of reports that would be given at the 1982 annual session. (CLERK'S NOTE: A list of these assignments can be found near the front of this book.)

The Moderator then asked the congregation to stand for a moment to rest themselves and then called Bro. J. C. Askew to come and introduce our speaker for the annual message as the eleven o'clock hour had arrived.

Bro. Askew introduced Bro. Jim McDougal, Pastor of the Faith Missionary Baptist Church in New Boston, Texas, as our speaker. Bro. McDougal then read from Eph. 6:10-18 and offered prayer. Our attention was called to verse eleven for the subject of the hour.

Bro. McDougal then preached a very inspiring message that was enjoyed by all in attendance and closed with prayer.

The Moderator then called Bro. Billy Daniels to come and give the hand of appreciation to the speaker on behalf of the congregation for the message.

The Moderator then asked the pleasure of the people for the time that remained before the noon hour. It was agreed by mutual consent that we would continue the reports.

The report on Denominational Literature was prepared by

NEW HAVEN: Pastor: James Hinkle, Rt. 6, Box 308, Clarksville Texas 75426; Clerk: Sandra Shipp, Rtl 6, Clarksville, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: John Mitchell; Secretary: Angela Shipp; Enrollment: 86; Number Classes: 8; Amount Raised: \$19,595.81 B.T.C. None; Deacons: Aubrey Raulston.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor: Cecil Purcell, 117 S. E. Browning Dekalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Murs. Dewey Murphy, Rt. 2, Box 124 Dekalb, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: Roy Dean; Secretary: Pauline Shumake; Enrollment: 69; Number Classes: 7; Amount Raised: \$14,450.42; B.T.C. President: Louis Forsyth; Literature: ABA; Deacons: Ianan Clark, Lewis Forsyth, Dewey Murphy Gay Shumake, Robert Shumake; Licensed Ministers: Daniel Eic- hman.

WARDS CREEK: Pastor: L. C. Raleigh, Rt. 1, Avery, Texas 75554 Clerk: Glenda Oliver, Rt. 1, Simms, Texas 75574; S.S. Superintendent: John Mark Proctor; Secretary: Ethel Proctor; Number Classes: 6; Amount Raised: \$18,608.85; B.T.C. President: Carol Camp; Secretary: Maxine Proctor; Literature: ABA; Deacons: Velton Hefley, Oran Baugh, Walter Hefley, John Mark Proctor, Tommy Rainey, Mitchel May, Joe Littleton; Licensed Ministers: Jimmy Stewart.

WEST SIDE: Pastor: Jim Henry, Box 21, New Boston, Texas 75570 Clerk: Ozell Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 31, New Boston, Texas; S.S Superintendent: R. E. Bailey; Secretary: Betty Harkins; Enrollment: 110; Number Classes: 10; Amount Raised: \$37,493.45 B.T.C. President: Chester Pinkham; Secretary: Chester Pinkham; Enrollment: 64; Literature: ABA; Deacons: S. R. Shute, R. E. Bailey, Bruce Tidwell, Huron Tidwell, Hansel Jones; Licensed Ministers: Roy Davis.

LADIES AUXILIARY WORK:

The following Churches reported an active Ladies Auxiliary for the past year. They are and their officers:

AVERY: President: Joyce Woods, Rt. 1, box 110, Avery, Texas 75554; Secretary: Virginia McBryde, Box 41, Avery, Texas; Enrollment: 10; Meeting Day: Wednesday; Amount: \$820.82.

FAITH: President: Ruby Pemberton, 1214 Brooks, New Boston, Texas 75570; Secretary: Sissie Parker, 1203 S. Merrill, New Boston, Texas; Enrollment: 14; Meeting Day: 2nd and 4th Thursdays; Amount: \$403.97.

FRIENDSHIP: President: Mrs. Bill Duren, 1105 S. Locust, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Secretary: Betty Duren, 1608 W. Tay-

nisters: J. C. Askew.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor: James R. Brown, 600 E. Comanche, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Mrs. Wayne Reed, 1205 W. Jackson Clarksville, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: Bobby Brown; Secretary: Mary E. Humphrey; Enrollment: 110; Number Classes: 12; Amount Raised: \$32,050.85; B.T.C. President: Ken Caton; Secretary: Tonya Brown; Enrollment: 55; Literature: ABA; Deacons: Garland Hines, Edmond McConnell, Bobby Pope, Bobby Hines, Bobby Brown.

HILLCREST: Pastor: Lynn Hitt; 2555 E. Cherry, Paris, Texas 75460; Clerk: Velma Whitley, 725 E. 38th., Paris, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: Doug Lott; Secretary: Francelia Smith; Enrollment: 32; Number Classes: 5; Amount Raised: \$14,803.34; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Raymond Parker, S. E. Benningfield.

HOPEWELL: Pastor: A. B. Kellam, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Pat Boyd, Clarksville, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: Forest Roraback; Secretary: Mrs. Bill McGuire; Number Classes: 7; B.T.C. President: Johnny Boyd; Deacons: Forest Gamble, Byron Duren, Nolan Meredith; Ordained Ministers: Lynn Luck.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor: Sam Reeves, Rt. 1, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Mrs. Herman Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 51, DeKalb, Tx. S. S. Superintendent: Eldon Allen; Secretary: Donna White; Enrollment: 40; Number Classes: 5; Amount Raised: \$18,338.66; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Thomas Shelton, Malcolm Knight, Lester Stout.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor: Billy Daniels, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas 75417; Clerk: Mrs. Harvey Jean, Rt. 1, Bogata, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: A. I. Bond; Secretary: Florence Pirtle; Enrollment: 60; Number Classes: 10; Amount Raised: \$38,278.44; B.T.C. President: Timmy Daniels; Secretary: Brenda Lee; Enrollment: 50; Literature: ABA; Deacons: Willie Lee, Harvey Jean, Drue Purtle, Dale House; Ordained Ministers: A. I. Bond; Licensed Ministers: Timmy Daniels.

LIBERTY: Pastor: Wilbourn Lee, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas 75436; Clerk: Laura Stevens, Rt. 2, Detroit, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: Hershell Smith; Secretary: Birdie Adams; Number Classes: 3; Amount Raised: \$9,444.78; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: D. A. Pearce, Rudy Patterson, Hershell Smith.

MT. PLEASANT: Pastor: Roy C. Hill, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas 75412; Clerk: Doris Carey, Rt. 1, Bagwell, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: Fred Anderson; Secretary: Lucille Enox; Enrollment: 35; Number Classes: 3; Amount Raised: \$7,067.10; B.T.C. None; Deacons: Raymond Jeffers, Ernest Carey.

Faith M. B. C. and read by Bro. J. C. Askew. Bro. Askew moved the adoption of the report and it was seconded by Bro. Jim McDougal and passed without further comment.

Bro. Gene Hoover, Superintendent of the Pine Springs Baptist Camp Grounds at Laneville, Texas, was recognized by the Moderator at this time to give a report on the camping season this past summer. Bro. Hoover gave a very encouraging report about our encampment work.

A motion by Bro. James Brown and seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam was then made to include this report in our minute book. The motion passed.

The report on Men's Brotherhood, prepared by Friendship M. B. C. was read by the Pastor, Bro. James Brown. Bro. Brown moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Lynn McBryde, and passed without other comment.

A motion was then offered by Bro. A. B. Kellam, seconded by Bro. A. I. Bond, to adjourn for noon and until 1:30 P.M. The motion passed.

A number of announcements were then made and the Moderator asked the entire congregation to stand for the dismissal prayer with thanks for the noon meal to be included in this prayer. Bro. Wilbourn Lee voiced this prayer.

(CLERK'S NOTE: A very delicious meal was served by the host Church to approximately 150 people.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began at 1:30 p. m. with Bro. James Hinkle presiding as Moderator. Bro. Lynn Hitt led the opening prayer.

The Moderator then called on Bro. Lynn Hitt for special music and Bro. Hitt sang, "What Will Your Answer Be?"

Bro. James Brown was then recognized by the Moderator to come and discuss the order of business under which the Association has operated for the past several years. After some discussion, Bro. Brown moved with the second by Bro. A. B. Kellam, that the order of business be changed to the following:

1. Reading letters, enrolling messengers
2. Election of Officers
3. Petitionary Letters
4. Miscellaneous Business
5. Special Order of Business
6. Introductory Sermon (11 a.m.)
7. Hearing of Reports

- 8. Special Reports
- 9. Treasurer's Report
- 10. Resolution of Thanks

The motion was discussed and passed.

The Clerk, Bro. James Brown, then spoke concerning the printing of the minute books.

The Moderator then called for the report on Temperance was prepared by the Wards Creek M. B. C. and read by Bro. Carl Raleigh, Pastor. Bro. Raleigh then moved the adoption of the report as read with the second by Bro. A. B. Kellam and it passed without further comment.

The report on Associational Missions was then called for that was prepared by the Austin Chapel M. B. C. and read by Bro. Joe Helms, Pastor. Bro. Helms moved the adoption of the report as read with the second to the motion by Bro. James Brown. Bro. Helms then yielded his time to speak to Eld. Curtis Hall, local Missionary for the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council working in the city of Linden, Texas. Bro. Hall gave a good report of his work and reported that the new building in Linden was now debt free.

Bro. Billy Daniels came to report on the new Mission project of the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council in the city of Gilmer, Texas.

Bro. James Hinkle then recognized the Assistant Moderator, Bro. A. B. Kellam, while he gave a report on the work in Tyler, Texas, done by Bro. Marvin Gardner. Bro Gardner could not be present in this meeting because of Sickness. The time for the organization of the Tyler Mission into a Church had been set for December 5, 1981. The motion to adopt the report then carried.

A motions was then offered by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. Jim Henry, to receive a special offering and that it be sent to the new mission project in Gilmer, Texas. The motion passed.

The Moderator then called Bro. Jim Henry and Bro. A. B. Kellam to come and receive the offering. The congregation then stood and sang, "To The Work" with Bro. Lynn Hitt direction and Sis. Dennis Downs at the piano. An offering in the amount of \$146.95 was received during this song.

The report on Interstate and Foreign Missions was then called for. It was prepared by the Avery M. B. C. and read by Bro. Lynn McBryde, Pastor. Bro. McBryde moved the adoption of this report with the second by Bro. Billy Daniels. The report was then spoken to by Bro. McBryde and by Bro. Bill

- Interstate and Foreign Missions: Box 1050, Texarkana, Ar-Tx. 75501
- A. B. A. Mexican Baptist Institute: Box 922, McAllen, Texas 79801
- Pine Springs Baptist Camp: Rt. 1, Box 267, Laneville, Texas, 75667
- Missionary Baptist Broadcasting Service:

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH CHURCH

AIKIN GROVE: Pastor: Ronnie Steward, Bogata, Texas 75417; Clerk: Beulah Townes, Rt. 4, Box 222, Clarksville, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Bill Hammer; Secretary: Bonnie Hammer; Enrollment: 84; Number Classes: 2; Amount Raised: \$1,527.45; B. T. C.: None; Deacons: W. H. Hammer, John Towns, Herbert Humphrey.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor: Joe Helms, Rt. 3, Box 64, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Cledyth White, Rt. e, Box 89, DeKalb, Texas; S. S. Superintendent: Lee Russel; Secretary: Tracy Vick; Number Classes: 9; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: C. B. Holt, Raymond Tidwell, Herbert Hanna, C. T. Vick, James Tidwell, Nathan Churchill, Phillip Russell, T. C. White, Doyle Grid-er, Gerold Proctor.

AVERY: Pastor: Lynn McBryde, Box 41, Avery, Texas 75554 Clerk: Inez Webb, Rt. 2, Box 76, Avery, Texas; S.S. Superintendent: Harold Nevill; Secretary: Johnnie Baird; Enrollment: 126; Number Classes: 13; Amount Raised: \$33,731.66; B.T.C. President: Johnny Stanley; Secretary: Naomi Stearman; Enrollment: 74; Literature: ABA; Deacons: Morris Downs, Charlie Downs, Elton Roseberry, Wilson Grant, Marvin Stearman, Harold Nevill, Lee Audas.

EAST POST OAK: Pastor: Danny Blevins, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas 75436; Clerk: Billie Bates, Rt. 2, Box 356, Paris, Tex. 75460 S.S. Superintendent: Leo Reeves; Secretary: Susan Ingram; Enrollment: 77; Number Classes: 9; B.T.C. President: Mel Emily Secretary: Ruth Johnston; Enrollment: 47; Literature: ABA; Deacons: Claude Tyler, Jim Lee; Ordained Ministers: Tom Ingram, J. T. McNabb; Licensed Ministers: Newman Low.

FAITH: Pastor: Jimmy R. McDougal, 303 N. Bowie, New Boston, Texas 75570; Clerk: Joyce Hartline, 133 N. Bowie, New Boston Texas; S.S. Superintendent: Jimmy Parker; Secretary: Ora Askew; Enrollment: 56; Number Classes: 7; B.T.C.: None; Deacons: Ed Parker, John Talkington, Jimmy Parker; Ordained Mi-

shall be chosen by the seshengers 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 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 association letter to the next annual session of the messengers. In this matter, each church is entitled to one vote.

WHERE TO SEND OFFERINGS:

Associational Radio Program: Bro. Cecil Purcell, 117 S. E. Browning, 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 570, Henderson, Texas 75652

Hitt. (CLERK'S NOTE: Bro. Hitt is chairman of the standing Missionary Committee of the American Baptist Association.) The motion passed.

The Moderator then called for the Westside M. B. C. to present the report that they had prepared on Christian Education. It was read by Bro. Jim Henry, Pastor. Bro. Henry moved the adoption of the report with the second by Bro. Jim McDougal. Bro. Henry then yielded his time to speak to Bro. Bill Hitt, Vice-President of the Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary in Henderson, Texas, for a report. Bro. Hitt reported a total of 89 students enrolled in the school this year.

Bro. Vernon Barr, President of the A. B. A. Mexican Baptist Institute in McAllen, Texas, came and gave a good report on the work at the school. The report was then passed.

The report on Orphan's Home was prepared by the Mt. Pleasant M. B. C. was called for and read by Bro. Roy C. Hill, Pastor. A motion was made by Bro. James Brown with the second by Bro. Carl Raleigh to adopt the report. It was spoken to by Bro. Hill and passed.

The Moderator then called for the report on Aged Ministers Support that was prepared by the Liberty M. B. C. and read by Bro. Wilbourn Lee, Pastor. Bro. Lee moved the adoption of the report, second by Bro. Lynn Hitt, spoken to by Bro. Lee and passed.

The report on Ladies Auxiliary Work was then called for. It was prepared by the Johnstown M. B. C. and read by Sis. Billy Daniels. A motion to adopt the report was made by Bro. Lynn Hitt with the second by Bro. Jim McDougal. It was then spoken to by Bro. Bill Hitt.

Sis. H. L. Johnston then came and spoke concerning the work of the New Haven Ladies Auxiliary. The report was accepted. The report on Obituary was prepared by the Hillcrest M. B. C. and read by Bro. Lynn Hitt, Pastor. Bro. Hitt moved the adoption of this report with the Clerk having the privilege of making any corrections necessary. It was seconded by Bro. James Brown and passed.

The Moderator then asked the congregation to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who died the past year. Bro. James Brown was then called onto lead the prayer.

The Treasurer's report was then presented by Bro. Cecil Purcell. Comments on the micro film was also made at this

time. A motion was made to adopt the report by Bro. Lynn Hitt with the second by Bro. A. B. Kellam and passed.

A motion was then offered by Bro. Bully Daniels with the second by Bro. A. B. Kellam to pay the Clerk \$150 and the Treasurer \$75.00. Discussion followed and it was passed.

A letter from the Trustees of the Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home was then read to the people.

Bro. Billy Daniels then offered a motion with the second by Bro. Wilbourn Lee to give a rising vote of appreciation to the Host Church for the good day. All stood to pass the motion.

A motion was then made by Bro. Lynn Hitt, with the second by Bro. A. B. Kellam to adjourn this meeting. Announcements were made and the motion passed.

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.

AVERY:

Beulah Roberts
Sarah Hathaway
Charles Phelps
Louise Hardman
Ava Raleigh
Nora Grant

FAITH:
James W. Brown

HILLCREST:
Flossie Chenault
Ruth McGee

HOPEWELL:

Calvin Henderson

HUBBARD CHAPEL:
R. J. McMillon

JOHNTOWN:

A. H. Richardson

LIBERTY:

Jim McCann
Fannie Rhodes

MT. PLEASANT:
John Hubbard Smith

WEST SIDE:

Rose Ann Patterson

Allie White

Horace Tuck
Anna Shute

NEW HAVEN:
Eld. H. L. Johnston
Bryan Mullins

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 of cultivate a closer union between the churches, to produce and perpetuate the greatest activity as a missionary and educational enterprises, and to widen the scope of denominational benevolence.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: This Association shall be composed of such regular Baptist Churches as may agree to co-operate by means of messengers, to carry out the object as set forth in Article II of this Constitution; such messengers to present letters of petition for admission from their respective churches.

ARTICLE IV - NATURE

Section 1: This Association shall be in nature a joint auxiliary of the churches composing. It is not formed for 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: This Association shall recognize freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievement of its work.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who

REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION IN 1981

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

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

We are thankful for the Churches in this Association who contribute to Associational Missions. The records show in 1980 that \$11,239.70 was given to Associational Missions. For this we give God the praise. We hope that the Lord continues to bless His people so they can give to His cause.

Matthew 28:18-20 commands us to do mission work. We beseech you to follow in this command and to get actively involved in Associational Missions. In Acts chapter one we are told how and where to do Missions. It is our prayer that each one will follow Christ's lead as He directs us through each point of Him Mission plan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Joe Helms, Pastor

STATE MISSIONS

Believing that a church can carry out the commission given by our Lord ONLY through mission work we recognize the importance of State Missions. The field which is "white already unto harvest" does not begin in India...or China...or Canada...it begins in Texas, at least in our case.

May we as Churches of The Red River-Bowie Association accept our responsibility in this area and support these men with our good-will...our prayers...and our finances, that the work which God has called them to do be not hindered.

Respectfully Submitted
Avery Missionary Baptist Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

When Philip asked the Ethiopian if he understood the scriptures he read, the Ethiopian replied, "How can I, except some man should guide me?"

Guiding minds to knowledge of Christ and the Word of God is the most important work on earth. Our Lord commanded His Churches to do this "guiding" or teaching. (Matt. 28:18-20)

As churches of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us ever do our best to teach the Holy Scriptures to all we have the opportunity to minister to. Let teaching be a life long process in the lives of God's people. And let learning the Word be both

families and churches will be.

We believe that a Men's Brotherhood presents a good opportunity for Christian men to learn more of God's word and be better prepared to serve in whatever capacity he may be called upon.

We recommend that each Church organize and maintain a Men's Brotherhood for the welfare of the Church.

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

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

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

Times and conditions change, but the Word of God ever remains the same, the only hope for sinful men. (Ps. 119:105)
Even though the Bible should have first place, there are aids in Bible study that are sound and helpful.

For a better understanding of the scriptures, the literature written by the American Baptist Associational writers is surely Bible centered, Christ exalting and true to our Baptist heritage. This literature is designed for use in all church activity in carrying out the great commission as taught in Matthew 28:18-20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Faith Missionary Baptist Church
J. C. Askew, Moderator
Joyce Hartline, Clerk

OBITUARY

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints." Psalm 116:15.

We the Hillcrest Missionary Baptist Church voted in conference to recommend to the messenger assembly of the Red River-Bowie Association that we include in our minutes a memorial page in honor of Eld. H. L. Johnston, one of our long time and faithful pastors. The following is a record of those from our churches who have gone on to be with the Lord this past associational year.

AIKIN GROVE: Frank Northcutt
AUSTIN CHAPEL: Carl Nix
EAST POST OAK: Travis Mitchell
Eddie Hefley

a joy and a serious responsibility to every Christian.

Westside Missionary Baptist Church recommends the prayerful and financial support of the teaching ministries of Calvary M. B. C., Henderson, Texas sponsor of Texas Baptist Institute, and Missionary Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, sponsor of the A. B. A. Mexican Baptist Institute.

May God bless all His Churches who accept with enthusiasm the responsibility to teach the word.

Respectfully Submitted,
Westside Baptist Church
Jim Henry, Pastor

TEMPERANCE

As Paul in Gal. 5:23 teaches temperance to be one of the fruits of Christian living. In I Cor. 9:25, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." And also, in Acts 24:25, "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time, when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."

The Apostle Paul taught that we should abstain from all intoxication dring, also to be moderate in eating, dressing and conversation.

Jesus condemns looseness in talking, such as in falsifying and slandering one another with ungodly words.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wards Creek Missionary Baptist Church
L. C. Raleigh, Pastor

ORPHANS HOME

We recommend the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage as being worthy of our offerings. They need our help.

God's word teaches us in James 1:27, "To visit the fatherless and widows." God wants us to help these children to grow and become useful in His services.

God expects us to supply their necessities, and to give them the same advantages that our children have.

Most of all we recommend to the Churches of this Association, to give "Your Prayers and Offerings."

Respectfully Submitted,
Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church
Roy C. Hill, Pastor

AGED MINISTERS SUPPORT

We, the Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, appreciate the aged ministers in our Association and recommend that our Churches not just put them on the shelf and forget them, but that they be invited to preach occasionally at the different churches if they feel up to it. Let us make them feel a part of us, and take up an offering to at least pay he and his wife's traveling expense to the church.

We also recommend that if they need financial help that the churches do what we can to help them.

Let us also remember the wives of those ministers who have gone on to be with the Lord. Let us make them feel that they are still a part of the Red Rover-Bowie Association and help them financially and other ways when they are in need.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church
Wilbourn Lee, Moderator
Laura Stevens, Clerk

LADIES AUXILIARY

The primary purpose of a Ladies' Auxiliary should be to aid in the work of the Lord's churches. Through our fellowshiping together, studying together, praying together, and working together, we can be a great asset to our churches and communities.

The Ladies Auxiliaries of the Red River-Bowie Association have accomplished much, but much remains to be done. If your church does not have a Ladies Auxiliary, we strongly urge you to encourage your ladies to organize one and join us that we may accomplish more through our combined efforts that God's name may be honored and glorified.

Respectfully Submitted,
Johntown Baptist Church Ladies Auxiliary

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

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

It is recorded in Romans 12:10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another." We believe that an active working Men's Brotherhood in our Churches can be one of its greatest assets today.

God has placed the great responsibility of leadership of the family and church on men. This is true both in spiritual and material matters. It only stands to reason that the better trained and qualified the men are, the stronger our