

YEARBOOK

**RED RIVER-BOWIE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

1984



MINUTES OF THE

*One Hundred Forty-first
Annual Session*

of the

RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with

Johntown Missionary Baptist Church
Bogata, Texas

September 20, 1984

Moderator. Eld. A. B. Kellam
Clerk. Eld. Billy Daniels
Treasurer. Eld. Joe Helms

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1984-1985

Moderator. Eld. A. B. Kellam
Asst. Moderator. Eld. Danny Blevins
Moderator Emeritus Eld. A. I. Bond
Clerk. Eld. Billy Daniels
Asst. Clerk. Eld. James Brown
Treasurer. Eld. Joe Helms
Asst. Treasurer. Eld. James Eddins

The Association will meet in 1985 on September 19th, at 10:00 a.m. with the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church, Blossom, Texas.

Bro. Ervin Gould, Avery, will bring the annual message. Bro. James Hinkle, New Haven, will be the alternate.

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WHERE TO SEND OFFERINGS

- Missionary Baptist Hour: Bro. Joe Helms, Route 3,
 Box 64, DeKalb, TX 75559
Local Missions (N.E.T.B.M.C.): Bro. Jim Henry, P.O.
 Box 21, New Boston, TX 75570
State Missions: Bro. Luther Crawford, P.O. Box 1694,
 Corsicana, TX 75110
Interstate & Foreign: Bro. D. S. Madden, P.O. Box
 1050, Texarkana, AR-TX 75501
Orphans Home: Bro. Earl Crosswhite, P.O. Box 611,
 Texarkana, AR 75501
Texas Baptist Institute: P.O. Box 570, Henderson,
 TX 75652
A.B.A. Mexican Baptist Institute: P.O. Box 922,
 McAllen, TX 78501
Texas Mission Development: Route 7, Box 87,
 Jacksonville, TX 75766

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading letters, enrolling messengers
2. Election of officers
3. Petitionary letters
4. Miscellaneous business
5. Special order of business
6. Introductory Sermon--11:00 a.m.
7. Hearing of reports
8. Special reports
9. Treasurer's report
10. Resolution of thanks

ASSIGNMENT OF REPORTS FOR 1985

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

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	Additions	Losses	Present Membership	Pastor's Salary	Christian Education	Orphan's Home	Building & Repairs	Radio Program	State Missions	Interstate & Foreign Missions	Texas Mission Development	Associational Missions	Total to Missions	Total Paid Out (Inc. other misc. expenses)
AIKEN GROVE	0	3	77	3,687.00	25.00	25.00	970.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	125.00	5,908.85
AUSTIN CHAPEL	6	5	255	15,015.00	887.90		192.70	60.00	592.00	1,595.00		1,175.80	3,962.80	29,899.09
AVERY	31	17	378	* 16,500.00	3,494.80	1,747.40	23,096.13	60.00	32.50	1,787.90		1,747.40	11,052.40	74,188.88
EAST POST OAK	6	4	165	18,195.16	1,476.17	240.00	8,555.43		2,931.33	2,931.33		1,476.17	7,338.83	46,644.55
FAITH	40	7	106	7,275.00	183.95	102.00	11,679.10		655.45	1,300.24		655.45	2,611.14	30,117.67
FRIENDSHIP	25	8	412	15,630.00	1,458.58	132.20	21,176.36	60.00	1,896.40	2,427.94		1,954.92	7,737.84	54,186.00
HILLCREST	3	11	159	8,520.00	458.81	77.18	7,838.34		381.68	381.68	77.14	381.68	1,222.18	18,465.06
HOPEWELL	8	11	314	10,400.00	732.09			120.00		1,904.48		562.30	2,466.78	18,536.92
HUBBARD CHAPEL	0	5	118	12,900.00	630.34	315.17	1,824.58		315.17	630.34			1,891.02	20,578.99
JOHNTOWN	16	11	194	22,312.60	1,252.89	120.00	303.90	120.00	1,152.89	1,152.89	120.00	2,260.24	4,686.01	57,204.21
LIBERTY	1	2	30	5,350.00	200.00	407.46	148.92		289.86	679.72	20.00	289.86	1,279.46	8,994.06
MT. PLEASANT	0	4	37	5,402.40	70.75	21.00		120.00	60.00	60.00			120.00	6,597.92
NEW HAVEN	13	7	222	15,663.00	701.65		864.10	48.00	2,436.60	3,420.33	66.00	2,130.85	8,083.78	31,265.87
NEW HOPE	6	4	42	4,075.00	50.00	50.00	14,465.12					20.00	20.00	19,430.65
PINKHAM MEMORIAL	27	4	218	11,700.00	1,380.98		18,008.81		1,380.98	1,380.98			5,523.93	39,888.51
WARDS CREEK	3	12	150	7,020.00		592.71		120.00	489.66	2,306.79			3,519.16	10,549.16
WEST SIDE	11	7	303	18,015.00	1,943.59	507.04	8,130.65		1,198.07	2,535.20	507.04	1,955.68	9,193.66	59,447.70
TOTALS	196	122	3,180	\$197,660.16	14,947.50	4,337.16	117,254.14	733.00	13,837.59	24,544.82	815.28	14,635.32	70,834.00	531,904.09

*10 months

RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION MESSENGER MEETING
September 20, 1984

The One Hundred Forty-first Annual Session of the Red River-Bowle Association convened at 10:00 a.m. on September 20, 1984 with the Johntown Missionary Baptist Church, Bogata, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. A. B. Kellam. The opening song service was led by Bro. James Brown, with Mrs. Myra Jean at the piano. The congregation sang, "Amazing Grace." Bro. James Hinkle led in prayer.

Bro. A. I. Bond, Moderator Emeritus, was recognized to give the welcome on behalf of the host church. Bro. Bond stated that he attended his first association in this district in 1922.

The congregation sang, "There Is Power In The Blood."

Bro. Ervin Gould was called on to bring the morning devotional. He read Romans 1:14 and presented inspirational thoughts from the passage. Bro. Gould then led in prayer.

The church letters were called for and the Year-books and statistical reports were distributed.

Bro. Kellam asked the congregation to stand as he declared the session open and ready for the transaction of business. Bro. Byron Duren led in prayer.

Bro. Danny Blevins, assistant moderator, was called on to read the Rules of Decorum.

Bro. Ervin Gould was recognized as a new pastor.

1981	New Haven	J.R. McDougal	Billy Daniels	J.R. Brown	John Marlar
1982	Avery	Jim Henry	James Hinkle	J.R. Brown	Cecil Purcell
1983	Friendship	Lynn McBryde	James Hinkle	Billy Daniels	Joe Helms
1984	Johntown	Joe Helms	A. B. Kellam	Billy Daniels	Joe Helms

Bro. Wilborne Lee read the report on Interstate and Foreign Missions from the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. A motion passed to adopt the report. Bro. Ray Brooks spoke to the report.

The State Missions Report was read by Bro. Billy Daniels for the Johntown Baptist Church. A motion passed to adopt. Bro. Marlin Freeman spoke concerning his work as missionary in Center, Texas.

Bro. Danny Blevins read the report assignments for the 1985 meeting. They are listed on page 3.

Bro. Brown led the congregation in singing, "Wonderful Words of Life." Bro. Hill led in prayer.

Bro. John Sanders introduced Bro. Joe Helms to bring the annual message. Bro. Helms used I Samuel 7:9-14 as his text and spoke on "Ebenezer-Stone of Help."

The moderator called on Bro. Brooks to extend the hand of appreciation for the message.

Announcements were made and a motion passed to adjourn until 1:00 p.m.

Bro. Brown was asked to arrange some special music for the afternoon session.

Bro. Carl Raleigh led the closing prayer and thanksgiving for the meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began at 1:10 p.m. Bro. Brown led the congregation in singing, "O I Want To See Him." Bro. Billy Turpin led in prayer.

The special music program was presented by the following.

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
1923	Liberty	J. B. Watson	W. F. Brooks	A. S. Crow	W. M. Thrasher
1924	Maple Creek		W. F. Brooks	A. S. Crow	W. M. Thrasher
1925	Avery	W. M. Thrasher	W. F. Brooks	L. E. Walker	W. M. Thrasher
1926	Lone Pine	W. F. Brooks	W. F. Brooks	L. E. Walker	W. M. Thrasher
1927	Downing	J. E. Watson	W. M. Thrasher	W. F. Brooks	J. T. McNabb
1928	Lydia	W. F. Brooks	W. M. Thrasher	W. F. Brooks	J. T. McNabb
1931	Pleasant Valley	W. F. Brooks	D. D. Miller	A. I. Bond	O. H. Pinkham
1932	Avery	Deck Anderson	W. F. Brooks	A. I. Bond	O. H. Pinkham
1933	Maple Creek	J. W. Harper	W. F. Brooks	L. H. Patterson	A. S. Crow
1934	Hopewell	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	L. H. Patterson	A. I. Bond
1935	New Haven	L. A. Stidham	J. B. Watson	L. H. Patterson	A. I. Bond
1936	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 Chapel	W. O. McClung	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	A. H. Hodgson
1947	Hodgson	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	Sam Kennedy
1948	Mt. Pleasant	A. I. Bond	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	E. L. Duren
1949	Avery	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

HISTORICAL ROLL OF RED RIVER-BOWME ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZED IN 1843

YEAR	MEETING PLACE	INTRO. SERMON	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER
1897	Saltem 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. H. Terry
1899	Clairmount	J. B. Riddle	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	I. H. Lawson
1900	Bogata	C. A. Worley	G. B. Dean	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	Roboboth	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	P. H. Swinney	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Holt
1909	Collier Springs	G. E. Pinkham	H. E. Duffee	D. J. Stampfll	B. J. Deviney
1910	Armona	B. J. Deviney	S. T. Bailey	A. S. Crow	B. J. Deviney
1911	Avery	J. A. Moore	S. T. Bailey	A. S. Crow	B. J. Deviney
1912	Liberty	B. T. Richardson	G. B. Dean	D. J. Stampfll	B. J. Deviney
1913	Concord	P. H. Swinney	G. B. Dean	W. T. Brooks	L. H. Basset
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. J. Whitecotton	B. J. Deviney
1917	Bethlehem #1	J. V. Vermillion	G. A. Lyon	J. J. Whitecotton	B. J. Deviney
1918	Avery	M. A. Roberts	G. A. Lyon	J. J. Whitecotton	B. J. Deviney
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

Bro. and Mrs. Ervin Gould sang, "Jesus Loves Even Me," with Mrs. Gould at the piano.

Bro. Lynn Hitt sang, "If That Isn't Love" accompanied by Mrs. Myra Jean at the piano.

Bro. Brown and Mrs. Ramona Duren sang, "It Is Well With My Soul" accompanied by Mrs. Jean.

Bro. John Sanders sang, "I Should Have Been Crucified" accompanied by Mrs. Jean.

Brethren Sanders, Brown, Hitt, and Gould along with Drue Pirtle sang, "Follow Me" accompanied by Mrs. Jean.

Drue Pirtle sang, "Win The Lost At Any Cost" accompanied by Mrs. Jean.

Business continued with the reading of reports.

Bro. Gould read the report on Christian Education for the Avery Baptist Church. A motion to adopt carried. Bro. Brooks, President of Texas Baptist Institute spoke to the report.

Bro. Sanders read a resolution that called for changing the name of the "Denominational Literature" report to "A. B. A. Literature" report. A motion was made to adopt this resolution. The motion was spoken to by Bro. Sanders. The motion carried.

Bro. Sanders read the report on A. B. A. Literature for the Faith Baptist Church. A motion carried to adopt the report.

The Temperance report was read by Bro. Ronnie Steward for the Aiken Grove Baptist Church. A motion carried to adopt the report.

The report on the Orphans Home was read by Bro. Ronnie Steward for the New Hope Baptist Church. A

motion was made and passed to adopt the report.

The report on Aged Minister's Support was read by Bro. Roy Hill for Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. A motion to adopt carried. The report was spoken to by Bro. Hill.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Report was read by Bro. James Eddins for the Pinkham Memorial Baptist Church. A motion carried to adopt. The report was spoken to by Bro. Eddins and Bro. J. C. Askew.

The Men's Brotherhood Report was read by Bro. Bob Elledge for West Side Baptist Church. A motion to adopt carried. Bro. Elledge spoke to the report.

The Obituary Report was read by Bro. Hitt. A motion was made to adopt the report with the clerk being authorized to make any corrections or additions necessary. After a moment of silent prayer, in memory of those who had passed away in the last year, Bro. Danny Blevins led in prayer.

Bro. Gene Hoover was recognized to give a report on the Pine Springs Baptist Camp. He reported a successful camping season with some new weekend retreats being started during the year.

A motion was made that the clerk be paid \$175.00 plus expenses and the treasurer be paid \$100.00 plus expenses. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Bro. Helms. A motion carried to adopt the report.

Bro. Brown spoke concerning the Radio Program.

A motion was made that the one hundred and forty-second session of the Red River-Bowie Association meet on September 19, 1985, if the Lord delays His coming. The motion carried.

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.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This body shall be opened by song and prayer.
2. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator and await his recognition.
3. When a member has been recognized by the Moderator, he shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or uses personal or 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.

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 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 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.

A motion carried to give the host church a rising vote of appreciation for hosting the meeting and for the noon meal.

Bro. Daniels spoke concerning the Yearbooks and the statistical table.

A motion was made and passed to receive an offering.

A motion was made and passed to send the offering to Texas Baptist Institute. The offertory prayer was voiced by Bro. Kellam.

Bro. Brown led the congregation in singing, "Victory In Jesus," with Mrs. Gould at the piano, as the offering was received.

Bro. Brooks expressed his appreciation for the offering.

Bro. Kellam expressed his appreciation for being elected to serve again as moderator.

Bro. Lynn Hitt expressed his thanks for the prayers and support for Bro. Bill Hitt and asked that we continue to pray for him.

A motion carried to adjourn until 10:00 a.m. on September 19, 1985 at the East Post Oak Baptist Church.

The closing prayer was voiced by Bro. Ronnie Steward.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the term denomination suggests a religious organization with a central headquarters and governing administration;

And whereas the churches of the American Baptist Association hold that each church should exercise equal authority; and that all cooperating bodies, such as associations, conventions, boards, committees, etc. are, and properly should be, servants of the churches (Matthew 20:25-28),

Be it therefore resolved that we change the present wording of our literature report to read A.B.A. Literature Report, and cease using the term Denominational Literature Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Missionary Baptist
Church, John Sanders, Pastor
Joyce Hartline, Clerk

CONSTITUTION OF THE
RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I--NAME

This Association shall be known as the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II--OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the denomination, to cultivate a closer union between the churches, to produce and perpetuate the greatest activity as to missionary and educational enterprises, and to widen the scope of denominational benevolence.

ARTICLE III--MEMBERSHIP

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

Section 2: The messengers to the annual session of this Association shall be chosen by their respective churches, such action being certified by the churches in their letters to the Association.

Section 3: Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three messengers to the annual messenger assembly.

Section 4: Each church shall be the sole judge of her messengers.

ARTICLE IV--NATURE

Section 1: This Association shall be in nature a joint auxiliary to the churches composing it. It is not formed for ecclesiastical end, but merely

EAST POST OAK: President: Ruth Johnston, Route 1, Pattonville, TX 75468; Secretary: Mary Klein, Route 1, Blossom, TX 75416; Number enrolled: 12; Meeting day: Tuesday a.m.

FAITH: President: Ruby Pemberton, 1214 Brooks, New Boston, TX 75570; Secretary: Beverly Strickland, 510 S. Lawn, New Boston, TX; Number enrolled: 15; Meeting day: Wednesday; Amount raised: \$2540.12.

FRIENDSHIP: President: Mrs. Bill Duren, 1105 South Locust, Clarksville, TX 75426; Secretary: Mrs. James Brown, 600 E. Commanche, Clarksville; Number enrolled: 15; Meeting day: Wednesday p.m.; Amount raised: \$538.74.

JOHNTOWN: President: Mrs. Lucille Childers, Route 1, Box 228, Bogata, TX 75417; Secretary: Mrs. Florence Pirtle, Route 1, Box 231, Bogata; Number enrolled: 7; Meeting day: Tuesday afternoon; Amount raised: \$1100.00.

NEW HAVEN: President: Katie Lowe, Route 6, Box 294, Clarksville, TX 75426; Secretary: same; Number enrolled: 10; Meeting day: Tuesday a.m.; Amount raised: \$1,399.49.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: President: Peggy J. Flanery, P.O. Box 298, DeKalb, TX 75559; Secretary: Gail Davis, Route 1, Box 253, DeKalb, TX; Number enrolled: 15; Meeting day: once a month; Amount raised: \$725.00.

WESTSIDE: President: Sherry Henry, P.O. Box 21, New Boston, TX 75570; Secretary: Pearl Williams Route 1, New Boston; Meeting day: Wednesday p.m.; Amount raised: \$2,665.60

We, the members of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, believe that the Bible teaches that all New Testament Churches should participate in all phases of Mission Work. We also believe that this Mission work should start in our own local area.

The Churches of the Red River-Bowie Association have had the privilege of working through the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council to help establish New Testament Churches in the North East Texas area. We believe that this is a good work and it should be continued.

We highly recommend that all Churches in our local association give very serious consideration to supporting on a regular basis the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council. Offerings should be sent to P.O. Box 21, New Boston, Texas 75570.

Respectfully submitted,
Friendship Missionary
Baptist Church

INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The Interstate and Foreign Mission Report for the month of August 1983 showed a deficit for the month in the amount of \$1909.29 for Interstate and \$4861.30 for Foreign Missions.

For the month of August this year, there was a surplus at the end of the month in the amount of \$5479.94 for Interstate and \$3050.91 for Foreign Missions.

The collections that the missionaries received on the field this past August showed an increase of \$10,000.00 over that of July, which was a help in paying their salaries.

When Jesus told His churches to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, baptize and teach them, He included Interstate and Foreign Mission work.

The Lord loves the people of these areas and died for them, just as He did for us and wants to save them, but faith comes by hearing the Word of God and how can they hear without a preacher?

May we as His churches in this association pray earnestly for the missionaries out there on the field and help support them with the means with which God has blessed us.

Respectfully submitted,
Liberty Missionary Baptist
Church

STATE MISSION REPORT

The churches of the Red River-Bowie Association have had the opportunity of helping in mission work in several ways.

First and perhaps of greatest importance, is helping through prayer. The missionaries and the churches involved in state missions appreciate those who pray for them on a regular basis.

Through the state mission office, there is the opportunity to help to financially support, at the present time, five missionaries on salary and three on designated funds. There is the opportunity to help with the salary of the secretary-treasurer, the office expenses, travel to promote missions, and

Classes: 11; B.T.C. President: Chester Pinkham, Route 2, New Boston; Secretary: Same; Enrollment: 68; Deacons: R. F. Bailey, Bruce Tidwell; Ordained Ministers: Jim Henry, Bob Elledge.

DISTRICT AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President: Mrs. Jane Blevins, Route 1, Box 111, Detroit, TX 75436 (East Post Oak)
- Vice President: Mrs. Ruby Pemberton, 1214 Brooks, New Boston, TX 75570 (Faith)
- Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Mary Lou Daniels, Route 1, Box 216, Bogata, TX (Johnstown)
- Asst. Sect.-Treas.: Mrs. Joy Eddins, 117 S. E. Browning, DeKalb, TX 75559 (Pinkham Memorial)
- Reporter: Mrs. Katy Lowe (New Haven)
- Bible & Tract Distributor: Mrs. Maxine Lipe (Pinkham Memorial)
- Song Leader: Mrs. Ramona Duren (Friendship)
- Asst. Song Leader: Mrs. Jackie Morris (Faith)
- Pianist: Mrs. Betty Duren (Friendship)
- Asst. Pianist: Mrs. Sherry Henry (Westside)

John Mitchell, Route 6, Box 301, Clarksville; Sunday School Superintendent: Keith Hinkle, Route 6, Box 308, Clarksville; Secretary: Lisa Spencer, Route 6, Box 323, Clarksville; Enrollment: 88; Number of classes: 7; Deacons: Aubrey Raulston; Ordained Ministers: James Hinkle.

NEW HOPE: Pastor: Ronnie Steward, Route 1, Box 281 Bogata, TX 75417, Phone: 632-5797; Clerk: Shumake, Route 1, Box 277A, DeKalb, TX 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Otis Kennedy; Secretary: Ila B. Taylor, Route 2, Box 148, DeKalb; Number of classes: 5; Deacons: Leo McMillian; Ordained Ministers: Ronnie Steward.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor: James Eddins, 117 S. E. Browning, DeKalb, TX 75559, Phone: 667-3276; Clerk: Mrs. Peggy Flanery, P.O. Box 298, DeKalb; Sunday School Superintendent: Stanley Flanery, P.O. Box 28, DeKalb; Secretary: Mrs. Pauline Shumake, Route 1, Box 281, DeKalb; Enrollment: 90; Number of classes: 9; Deacons: Lanan Clark, Lewis Forsyth, Gay Shumake, Pete Shumake, Dewey Murphy; Ordained Ministers: James Eddins.

WARDS CREEK: Pastor: Royce Brazier, Route 1, DeKalb, TX 75559; Phone: 684-3346; Clerk: Reba Barrett, Route 1, Box 149 A, Simms, TX 75574; Sunday School Superintendent: Tommy Tate, Route 1, DeKalb; Secretary: Ethel Boyd Proctor, Route 1, DeKalb; Number of classes: 6; B.T.C. President: Bill Box, Route 1, DeKalb; Secretary: Maxine Proctor, Route 1, DeKalb; Deacons: Oran Baugh, Walter Hefley, John Mack Proctor, Tommy Rainey, Joe Littleton; Ordained Ministers: Royce Brazier; Licensed Minister: Jimmy Stewart.

WESTSIDE: Pastor: Jim Henry, P.O. Box 21, New Boston, TX 75570, Phone: 628-5314; Clerk: Ozell Thompson, Route 2, Box 21, New Boston; Sunday School Superintendent: R. E. Bailey, New Boston; Secretary: Bettye Harkins, New Boston; Enrollment: 108; Number of

other expenses involved in the state mission work.

Texas Mission Development is a project sponsored by the Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Dialville. This is an opportunity for churches to work together to help purchase land and build buildings for missions. A small offering from a lot of churches and individuals will add up to a large sum each quarter.

Another state mission work is the Missionary Baptist Broadcasting Service sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church, Henderson. It is supported by those churches who send offerings designated for this purpose. This program takes advantage of public service time on radio to introduce the message of Christ to the listeners. Funds are needed to prepare the tapes, promote the work and expand the program.

These are the opportunities available in state mission work. How much has the church of your membership used them? How much will she use the opportunities in the future?

Respectfully submitted,

Johntown Missionary Baptist
Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Christian Education is of the utmost importance to every church and individual. The ministry of teaching the Word of God is clearly set forth in the Great Commission. Sunday School, Baptist Training Course, Vacation Bible School and Teacher Training Classes are all helpful in the accomplishment of this responsibility.

Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary provides

special training for ministerial students, music and youth directors and other Christian workers. Mexican Baptist Institute is also doing a good work training students who plan to work with Spanish speaking people.

We recommend TBI and MBI to those who desire special training in Christian Education. We recommend that our churches send regular offerings to these schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Avery Missionary Baptist
Church

A. B. A. LITERATURE REPORT

In the Word of God, we are admonished to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)

We at Faith Missionary Baptist Church endorse the Book of all Books to be studied. It is essential for the salvation, Christian growth and true happiness of an individual.

In addition, there are aids in Bible study that are sound and helpful. The Baptist Sunday School Committee of the American Baptist Association (ABA) provides quality curriculum materials for Sunday School, Baptist Training Course, and Vacation Bible School, as well as special study course materials for summer camps, men's brotherhoods, women's auxiliaries, and youth groups.

We strongly urge our churches to be loyal in their use of ABA literature in their studies. It should be used as a means of seeking to fulfill our Lord's com-

Deacons: Byron Duren, Nolan Meredith; Ordained Ministers: A. B. Kellam, Lynn Luck.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor: Sam Reeves, Route 1, DeKalb, TX 75559, Phone: 667-2745; Clerk: Mrs. Herman L. Jackson, Route 1, Box 51, Dekalb; Sunday School Superintendent: Eldon Allen; Secretary: Donna Knight; Enrollment: 40; Number of classes: 6; Deacons: Thomas Shelton, Malcolm Knight, Lester Stout; Ordained Ministers: Sam Reeves.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor: Billy Daniels, Route 1, Box 216, Bogata, TX 75417, Phone: 632-5493; Clerk: Mrs. H. L. Jean, Route 1, Box 233, Bogata; Sunday School Superintendent: Donald Jean, Route 1, Box 256 K, Bogata; Secretary: Florepe Pirtle, Route 1, Box 231, Bogata; Enrollment: 90; Number of classes: 10; B.T.C. President: Ricky Daniels, Route 1, Box 239 C, Bogata; Secretary: Brenda Lee, 1743 Margaret, Paris, TX; Enrollment: 60; Deacons: H. Drue Pirtle, Willie Lee, Dale House; Ordained Ministers: Billy Daniels, A. I. Bond; Licensed Ministers: Tim Daniels.

LIBERTY: Pastor: Wilbourne Lee, Route 1, Detroit, TX 75436, Phone: 982-5309; Sunday School Superintendent: Bert H. Adams, Route 1, Detroit; Secretary: Birdie Adams, Route 1, Detroit; Number of classes: 1; Deacons: D. A. Pearce, James H. Smith; Ordained Ministers: Wilbourne Lee.

MT. PLEASANT: Pastor: Roy C. Hill, Route 1, Bagwell, TX 75412, Phone: 966-2346; Clerk: Mrs. Doris Carey, Route 1, Bagwell; Sunday School Superintendent: Raymond Jeffers, Route 1, Bagwell; Secretary: Lucille Enox, Route 1, Bagwell; Enrollment: 25; Number of classes: 3; Deacons: Raymond Jeffers, Ernest Carey; Ordained Ministers: Roy Cecil Hill.

NEW HAVEN: Pastor: James Hinkle, Route 6, Box 308, Clarksville, TX 75426, Phone: 427-3522; Clerk:

Detroit, TX 75436; Secretary: Ruth Johnston; Enrollment: 70; Deacons: Claude Tyler; Ordained Ministers: Danny Blevins, Tom Ingram, J. T. McNabb.

FAITH: Pastor: John Sanders, 301 N. Bowie, New Boston, TX 75570; Clerk: Joyce Hartline, 133 Myrtle, New Boston; Sunday School Superintendent: Melvin Oliver, Route 1, Simms, TX; Secretary: Ora Askew, 1212 Brooks, New Boston; Number of classes: 8; Enrollment: 87; B.T.C. President: Edison Parker, Route 2, Box 451, New Boston; Secretary: Jackie Morris, 501 Anderson, New Boston; Enrollment: 60; Deacons: Jimmy Parker, Ed Parker, John Talkington; Ordained Ministers: John Sanders, J. C. Askew.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor: James R. Brown, 600 East Commerce, Clarksville, TX 75426, Phone: 427-2647; Clerk: Mrs. Wayne Reed, 1205 W. Jackson, Clarksville, TX. Sunday School Superintendent: James Daniell, 1703 W. Taylor, Clarksville; Secretary: Mary E. Humphrey, 1404 S. Delaware, Clarksville; Enrollment: 120; Number of classes: 13; B.T.C. President: Buddy Langston, 603 Hall, Clarksville; Secretary: Christy Cobb, 1622 Horseshoe, Clarksville Enrollment: 50; Deacons: G. A. Hines, Sr., I. E. McConnell, Buddy Pope, Bobby Hines, Bobby Brown, James Daniell; Ordained Ministers: James Brown, Ronnie Daniell.

HILLCREST: Pastor Lynn Hitt, 2555 East Cherry, Paris, TX 75460, Phone: 785-2591; Clerk: Pat Hitt, (same address as above) Sunday School Superintendent: Guy Davis, Route 1, Blossom; Secretary: Francelia Smith, Route 2, Paris; Enrollment: 32; Number of classes: 4; Deacons: S. E. Benningfield, Raymond Parker; Ordained Ministers: Lynn Hitt.

HOPENELL: Pastor: A. B. Kellam, Route 6, Clarksville, TX 75426, Phone: 427-2394; Clerk: Pat Boyd, Route 4, Box 263, Clarksville; Sunday School Superintendent: Forrest Rorabach, Clarksville; Secretary: Bobbie Thompson, Clarksville; Number of classes: 7; B.T.C. President: Jerry Thompson, Clarksville;

mission of "teaching all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:20)

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Missionary Baptist
Church

TEMPERANCE REPORT

The prime meaning is self-control. The Bible tells us in Galatians 5:23, "Meekness, temperance, against such there is no law." Paul commands us to be temperate in all things. The Bible tells us in Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, 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."

Our bodies are the temple of God, and we are to treat them as such. If God's people indulge in the sinful things of the world, then they cannot give to God their reasonable service.

Let us be careful in the things that we say or do, because someone is watching your life.

Respectfully submitted,

Aiken Grove Missionary
Baptist Church

ORPHAN'S HOME REPORT

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

It is a great blessing for children to have a home and parents who care and will give them spiritual guidance. It is unfortunate that there are children who have no home or parents in which to receive care and spiritual guidance. We can be thankful for the churches of the American Baptist Association who have provided a home such as the one in Texarkana. We, the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church encourage your support and prayers for the home in Texarkana, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

New Hope Missionary
Baptist Church

AGED MINISTER'S SUPPORT REPORT

The Scriptures declare in I Timothy 5:17-18, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward."

May our churches ever be made aware that the aged ministers stood and fought hard for biblical and spiritual truths and thus preserved these truths for us today. May we continue to support them in their needs. Let's pray for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH CHURCH

AIKIN GROVE: Pastor: Ronnie Daniell; Clerk: Mrs. Beulah Townes, Route 4, Box 222, Clarksville, TX 75426; Sunday School Superintendent: W. H. (Bill) Hammer, Route 4, Clarksville; Secretary: Mrs. Bonnie Fay Hammer, Route 4, Clarksville; Enrollment: 77; Number of classes: 2; Deacons: W. H. (Bill) Hammer, John T. Townes.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor: Joe Helms, Route 3, Box 64, Dekalb, TX 75559, Phone: 667-2445; Clerk: Carolyn Grider, Route 3, Dekalb; Sunday School Superintendent: Jerold Proctor, Route 3, Dekalb; Secretary: Gena Martin, Dekalb; Number of classes: 10; Deacons: R.O. Tidwell, Herbert Hanna, Clyde Holt, Doyle Grider, Travis White, C. T. Vick, Phillip Russell, James L. Tidwell, Nathan Churchill, Lynn Shumate, Noah Martin; Ordained Ministers: Joe Helms.

AVERY: Pastor: Ervin Gould, P.O. Box 41, Avery, TX 75554, Phone: 684-3420; Clerk: Mrs. Inez Webb, Route 2, Box 76, Avery; Sunday School Superintendent: Johnny Stanley, Route 1, Box 164, Avery; Secretary: Mrs. Johnnie Baird, Route 1, Box 139, Avery; Enrollment: 125; Number of classes: 12; B.T.C. President: Charlie Downs, Route 1, Box 195A, Avery; Secretary: Naomi Stearman, Route 1, Annona, TX; Enrollment: 84; Deacons: Morris Downs, Charley Downs, Elton Roseberry, Lee Audis, Marvin Stearman, Harold Nevill, Wilson Grant; Ordained Ministers: Ervin Gould, Carl Raleigh, C. E. Spears.

EAST POST OAK: Pastor: Danny Blevins, Route 1, Box 111, Detroit, TX 75436, Phone: 982-5226; Clerk: Ruth Johnston, Route 1, Pattonville, TX 75468; Sunday School Superintendent: Leo Reves, Route 1, Blossom, TX 75416; Secretary: Virginia Cleveland, Route 1, Blossom; Enrollment: 105; Number of classes: 10; B.T.C. President: Bob Innis, Route 1,

MINUTE FUND:

Beginning Balance, Sept. 1, 1983.	\$248.23
Received at meeting	455.00
TOTAL	<u>\$703.23</u>
Paid out to:	
Bro. Billy Daniels, clerk	150.00
Bro. Joe Helms, treasurer	75.00
Clarksville Times, printing minutes	242.75
Postage	8.00
TOTAL PAID OUT.	<u>475.75</u>
Balance Sept. 1, 1984	<u>\$227.48</u>

RADIO FUND:

Beginning Balance, Sept. 1, 1983.	\$ 73.08
Received.	841.94
TOTAL	<u>915.02</u>
Paid out to KCAR.	816.00
Printing of checks.	9.75
TOTAL PAID OUT:	<u>825.75</u>
Balance Sept. 1, 1984	<u>\$ 89.27</u>

DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Money received at meeting and paid out as designated	\$279.00
Money received through Youth Rally and paid out as designated Sept. 1, 1983 through Sept. 1, 1984	\$446.19

Treasurer, Joe Helms

Scripture teaches men to be leaders, and women to be helpers. Our Bible has many examples of Christian women doing work for the Lord, that otherwise, may have never been done. Romans and Acts records Priscilla helping Aquila. Paul commended Phoebe to the Church at Cenchrea and asked the members to help in the work she was doing for the Lord.

Our ladies are working and growing in our Association. Some of our churches have formed new groups of GA's this past year. GA's is a great place for a young girl to start learning how to live and conduct her life for the Lord. Our Auxiliaries unites women of all ages in a mutual bond. This is usually not possible in Sunday School or other church activities. Through an Auxiliary, women may learn to grow and serve together. The one thing we try to remember is to LIFT UP CHRIST, which is the purpose of having an Auxiliary.

We encourage the forming of a Ladies' Group as described in the ABA Manual and by following the Scriptures. We ask you to try the work and see the blessings the Lord will give every lady and the entire church membership.

Prayerfully submitted,

Pinkham Memorial Baptist Church

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD REPORT

By virtue of being male, God has given us a great deal of responsibility. The Bible teaches that men should take the lead in being the physical provider

of the family, the spiritual leader of the home, and active supporters of the ministry of the local church. According to Paul, the mature men in the church are to speak those things "which become sound doctrine," encourage the young men to be serious in their commitment to Christ and their church, and show themselves examples of Christian lifestyles. (Titus 2:1,2,6,7)

This responsibility is made easier and more enjoyable when men create a warm atmosphere of fellowship among themselves. We encourage all the men in our churches to create this atmosphere of fellowship and cooperation as they faithfully attend their God-given responsibilities to their families and their churches.

Respectfully,
Westside Baptist Church

OBITUARY REPORT

In I Thessalonians 4:13, we are told "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

Every year that passes takes from us in death, loved ones and faithful saints of our churches. But to us our sorrow is not without hope because Christ has promised to bring with Him the dead saints at His return.

Let us remember these families in our prayers and look forward to His return when all of our vile bodies shall be changed to glorious bodies.

Our dead are:



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| <u>Alkin Grove</u> | <u>Johnstown</u> |
| <u>Bro. Ulous Humphrey</u> | <u>Bro. Kenneth Shoulders</u> |
| <u>Mrs. Zora Pearl (Humphrey)</u> | <u>Mrs. Nellie Bond</u> |
| <u>Caldwell</u> | <u>Mrs. Jewel Pope</u> |
| <u>Mr. Garland Caldwell</u> | <u>Mrs. Ruby Pirtle Watts</u> |
| <u>Austin Chapel</u> | <u>Bro. Harvey L. Jean</u> |
| <u>Bro. Kenneth Hodgson</u> | <u>Bro. W. B. McAllister</u> |
| <u>Avery</u> | <u>Liberty</u> |
| <u>Minnie Holloway</u> | <u>Sis. Nonnie Gooch</u> |
| <u>Frank Nicks</u> | <u>Bro. Sterling Miller</u> |
| <u>Eugene Caldwell</u> | <u>Mt. Pleasant</u> |
| <u>East Post Oak</u> | <u>Sister Corda Billingsley</u> |
| <u>Lena Ray Holt</u> | <u>New Hope</u> |
| <u>Friendship</u> | <u>Bessie Duncan</u> |
| <u>Bro. Bill Hays</u> | <u>Pinkham Memorial</u> |
| <u>Sis. Frances Phillips</u> | <u>Sis. Opal Drake</u> |
| <u>Hillcrest</u> | <u>Ward's Creek</u> |
| <u>Bro. V. D. Matthews</u> | <u>Mrs. Nellie Howard</u> |
| <u>Hopewell</u> | <u>Mr. Earl Tidwell</u> |
| <u>Forrest Gamble</u> | <u>Westside</u> |
| <u>Bonnie Gamble</u> | <u>Freda Hurst</u> |
| <u>Blackie Hart</u> | <u>Clara Waldon</u> |
| <u>Anthony Holder</u> | <u>John E. Ross</u> |
| <u>Hubbard Chapel</u> | <u>Maggie Leslie</u> |
| <u>Leonard Martin</u> | <u>Huron Tidwell</u> |
| <u>Lydia Lester</u> | |

Respectfully submitted.
Hillcrest Baptist Church