

YEARBOOK

RED RIVER-BOWIE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

1994

PHONE NUMBERS

- Brown James, R.....427-2821**
- Eddins, James, R.....667-3276**
- Gandy, Ricky.....667-2745**
- Jackson, Roddy.....632-5271**
- Johnson, Bill.....792-2783**
- Kellem, A. B.....966-2465**
- Kitchens, James667-2445**
- Lee, Wilburn983-5309**
- McNabb, J. T.982-5941**
- Pipes, Ronnie 628-3744**
- Hill, Steven427-3522**
- Raleigh, Carl684-3240**
- Reeves, Sam667-5277**
- Reynolds, E. R.982-5226**
- Shafer, Joe.....628-2652**
- Stevens Rodney.....543-2592**
- Stevens Joe.....684-3420**
- Stringer, Wayne.....628-3526**
- Wilson, David.....427-2647**

**Minutes of the
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
RED RIVER-BOWIE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
held with
HOOKS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Hooks, Texas
September 15, 1994**

Officers for 1994-95

Moderator.....Eld. James Kitchens
Vice Moderator.....Eld. James Eddins
Moderator Emeritus.....Eld. J. C. Askew
Clerk.....Eld. David Wilson
Assistant Clerk.....Eld. James Brown
Treasurer.....Eld. A.B. Kellem
Assistant Treasurer.....Eld. Joe Shafer

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

will host the next meeting on
September 15, 1995 at 10:00

Annual Sermon: Eld. Joe Stevens
Alternate: Eld. Wayne Stringer

ASSIGNMENTS OF REPORTS FOR 1994

ASSOCIATIONS MISSIONS.....AUSTIN CHAPEL
 INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.....NEW HAVEN
 STATE MISSIONS.....JOHNTOWN
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.....WARD'S CREEK
 A.B.A. LITERATURE.....HOOKS
 TEMPERANCE.....LIBERTY
 ORPHAN'S HOME.....FRIENDSHIP
 AGED MINISTERS SUPPORT.....WESTSIDE
 LADIES' AUXILIARY.....EAST POST OAK
 MEN'S BROTHERHOOD.....AVERY
 YOUTH REPORT.....PINKHAM MEMORIAL
 OBITUARY.....AIKIN GROVE

WHERE TO SEND YOUR OFFERINGS

MISSIONARY BAPTIST HOUR: Bro. A.B. Kellern Rt. 6,
 Clarksville, TX 75426
LOCAL MISSIONS (N.E.T.B.M.C.) BRO. RUSTY DENY, RT.4
 BOX 220-B, PITTSBURGH TX 75686
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PICKTON, TX. 75471
INTERSTATE & FOREIGN MISSIONS: Bro. D.S. Madden, P.O.
Box 1050, Texarkana, Ar-Tx 75501
TEXARKANA BAPTIST ORPHANAGE: Arvin Burrow, 921
 Willow Street, Malvern, AR 72104
TEXAS BAPTIST INSTITUTE: P.O. Box 570, Henderson, TX
75653
MEXICAN BAPTIST INSTITUTE: P.O. Box 771, McAllen TX
78502
TEXAS MISSION DEVELOPMENT: Bro. Jim Slocumb, Rt. 7.
Box 87, Jacksonville, Tx 65681
TEXAS MISSION BUILDERS: Bro. Leroy Smith, Rt. 1 Box 49-A,
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681
PINE SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP: 3386 FM 1798W. Laneville, TX
75667
TEXAS HISTORY & ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Bro. J.W.
Griffith P.O. Box 570, Henderson, TX 75653

Church	Membership last year	Increase by letter	Increase by Baptism	Increase by other	Decrease by Letter	Decrease by Death	Decrease by Other	Present Membership
Aikin Grove	124	0	0	0	0	3	0	121
Austin Chappel	205	0	2	0	0	3	0	207
Avery	351	11	7	1	9	9	0	352
East Post Oak	178	5	12	0	0	1	0	194
Faith	320	3	6	0	10	2	0	317
Friendship	327	4	4	0	1	4	0	330
Hillcrest	28	14	6	5	3	3	0	40
Hopewell	308	2	5	2	3	4	0	310
Hooks	88	17	10	1	3	1	0	112
Hubbard	96	1	0	0	0	0	0	97
Johntown	183	6	5	0	5	2	0	187
Liberty	35	3	0	0	0	0	0	38
Mt. Pleasant	40	0	0	0	1	1	0	38
New Haven	197	3	1	0	2	1	2	196
New Hope	51	0	0	0	0	4	0	47
Pinkham Memorial	265	3	11	0	1	4	0	274
Wards Creek	164	5	1	0	2	4	0	164
West Side	356	11	10	0	5	2	3	367
Totals	3316	88	80	9	9	48	5	3391

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of Letters, Enrolling Messengers
2. Petitionary Letters
3. Elections of Officers
4. Miscellaneous Business
5. Special Order of Business
6. Introductory Sermon--11:00am
7. Hearing of Various Reports
8. Special Reports
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Resolution of Thanks to the Host Church

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 non any subject.
5. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any one subject unless granted an extension of time by the body.

Church	Alkin Grove	Austin Chappel	Avery	East Post Oak	Faith	Friendship	Hillcrest	Hopewell	Hubbard	Johnstown	Liberty	Mt. Pleasant	New Haven	New Hope	Pinkham Mem	Wards Creek	West Side	Totals
Pastor's Christian	13657	23920	19998.1	18891.6	22100	21150	1200	15950	15900	22760	5600	6200	21043.9	5200	19700	9000	21840	264110.63
Orphan's Radio	393.45	1512.61	2871	1935.07	832.86	1760.05	1310.88	840	458.75	1015	70	9940	630	581.42	3962.56	639.17	2664.5	31417.32
Education Home	200.55	1415.21	1415.21	533.76	186	240	1310.88	840	458.75	270	283.39	6200	210	354.91	792.52	16617.8	820.65	22158.52
Minute Fund State	60	60	180	2860	100	240	120	35	458.75	120	20	15	120	2883.38	529.92	1741.78	0	22158.52
Foreign Missions	174	1500	1500	3870.14	35	2200.06	1683.1	840	458.75	175	35	15	160	2883.38	188.76	1741.78	0	23247.24
Interstate	315.45	986.8	2529	2024.36	1168.36	2640.07	946.74	2702.95	458.75	508	283.39	508	40706.82	148	3522.29	1661.78	2461.95	65213.89
Texas Mission	80.75	750	750	3870.14	3870.14	2024.36	946.74	2702.95	458.75	508	283.39	508	1676.82	148	3522.29	1661.78	2461.95	18366.18
Development	80.75	750	750	3870.14	3870.14	2024.36	946.74	2702.95	458.75	508	283.39	508	1676.82	148	3522.29	1661.78	2461.95	18366.18
Associational	248.45	1962.58	1962.58	2471.06	2596.36	2200.06	742.23	840	458.75	458.75	75	534	1683.38	100	984.23	4404.47	820.65	2155.15
Total	2399.5	916.65	13223	2471.06	2596.36	2200.06	742.23	840	458.75	458.75	75	534	1683.38	100	984.23	4404.47	820.65	2155.15
Building and Other	1458.25	10237.15	4804.02	2567.63	17500	2200.99	1227.16	25387.18	27438.87	27438.87	9421.32	19517	2079.08	2079.08	9297.12	51343.95	11300.01	52544.83
Expenses	19999.2	49653.57	49932.91	74838.6	55664.74	39481.42	18028.54	27148.14	44048.21	25717.43	9403.69	10086.22	52340.87	52340.87	12795.86	97506.13	265945.27	797101.9
Total Paid	21595.2	49653.57	49932.91	74838.6	55664.74	39481.42	18028.54	27148.14	44048.21	25717.43	9403.69	10086.22	52340.87	52340.87	12795.86	97506.13	265945.27	797101.9

* = Selected at previous Year's meeting.

1987	Johnstown	Hopewell	A.B. Kellem	Charley Ellison	Guy Culver	Guy Culver	Billy Daniels	Billy Daniels	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster
1988	Johnstown	Hopewell	A.B. Kellem	Charley Ellison	Guy Culver	Guy Culver	Billy Daniels	Billy Daniels	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster
1989	Wards Creek	Wards Creek	Charley Ellison	Charley Ellison	Guy Culver	Guy Culver	Billy Daniels	Billy Daniels	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster
1990	New Haven	New Haven	Cart Raleigh	Cart Raleigh	Guy Culver	Guy Culver	Billy Daniels	Billy Daniels	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster
1991	Pinkham Memorial	Pinkham Memorial	Roddy Jackson	Roddy Jackson	James Brown	James Brown	Billy Daniels	Billy Daniels	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster
1992	Avery	Avery	David Wilson	David Wilson	John Sanders	John Sanders	Billy Daniels	Billy Daniels	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster
1993	Johnstown	Johnstown	Bill Johnson	Bill Johnson	John Sanders	John Sanders	Billy Daniels	Billy Daniels	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster
1994	Hooks	Hooks	Joe Shater	Joe Shater	Roddy Jackson	Roddy Jackson	David Wilson	David Wilson	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	James Eddins	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster	Kevin Plaster

**RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION MESSENGERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 1994
HOOKS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

The One Hundred fiftieth first annual session of the Red River - Bowie Association of churches was called to order by the Moderator Bro. Roddy Jackson.

Bro. Rick Gandy let the congregation in singing " Standing on the Promises."

Bro. Bill Johnson, the pastor of the Hooks Missionary Baptist Church, gave the welcome to the messengers and visitors. Bro. Roddy Jackson, the moderator, responded to the welcome.

The moderator called on Bro. Wayne Stringer to bring a devotional. His text was Nehemiah 6:3. He spoke on, "Working on the Wall." His point were: First Nehemiah had a purpose and the power of our purpose should lift us above the criticism of others. Second, because Christ gives our life what's truly important his cause will continue. Lastly, God's will can provide us with strength to rise up over the obstacles that Satan puts before us.

Bro. Jackson had the body to stand and called the Hundred fifty first meeting of Red River - Bowie Missionary Baptist Association to order. Bro. Carl Raleigh led in opening Prayer.

Bro. Jackson then read off the list of reports to make sure all churches had their reports ready. After this Bro. Jackson read the **RULES OF DECORUM.**

Bro. Jackson appointed Bro. Rick Gandy and Kevin Plaster as readers of the Church letters. After the Church Letters were read a motion and second was made to seat the messengers and invite visitors to sit in council. Bro. Jackson called for Petitionary letters in which there were none.

Bro. Jackson recognized the visitors and new pastors. We had visiting our meeting: Bro. D.S. Madden (Secretary and Treasurer of Missions in Texarkana), Bro. Ray Brooks (President of TBI), Bro. Gene Hover (Director of Pine Springs Camp), and Bro. Luther Crawford (Secretary of Missions for the State Association). {Note: There were very few visitors this year because the wrong date was printed in the Monitor} We had one new pastor to recognize this

Billy Pearson
Lynn McBride
Lynn McBride
Lynn McBride
Jerry Coffman
Jerry Coffman
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Jerry Coffman
A. Downing
M.A. Gardner
M.A. Gardner
G.P. Allen
G.P. Allen
G.P. Allen
G.P. Allen
G.P. Allen
Earl McBryde
John Marlar
John Marlar
John Marlar
John Marlar
John Marlar
Cecil Purcell
Joe Helms
Joe Helms
Joe Helms
James Eddins

Veo Glover
J.H. Kesner
G.E. White
G.E. White
H.L. Johnston
H.L. Johnston
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A. Downing
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J.R. Brown
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Billy Daniels
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R.C. Burt
R.C. Burt
R.C. Burt
J.T. McNabb
A. Downing
A. Downing
A. Downing
Cecil Purcell
Cecil Purcell
Loyd Roper
Loyd Roper
A. Downing
A. Downing
Bob Griffith
J.C. Hancock
J.C. Hancock
J.C. Hancock
Billy Daniels
Billy Daniels
Billy Daniels
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Billy Daniels
James Hinkle
James Hinkle
A.B. Kellem
A.B. Kellem
Ervin Gould

H.L. Johnston
G.F. Crumley
J.H. Kesner
J.B. Watson
Cecil Purcell
J.B. Watson
Jerry Coffman
A. Downing
Cecil Hill
M.A. Gardner
J.C. Henderson
Darrell Owens
B.A. Morris
A.I. Bond
J.T. McNabb
James Garten
Carl Raligh
Lynn Hitt
Don Rainey
Lynn Hinkle
James McBryde
J.R. McDougal
Jim Henry
Lynn McBryde
Joe Helms
Ervin Gould
Charles Johnson

1960 Hodgson
1961 Avery
1962 Mt. Pleasant
1963 Austin Chapel
1964 Avery
1965 New Haven
1966 West Side
1967 Phinkham Memorial
1968 Johntown
1969 Friendship
1970 Post Oad
1971 Avery
1972 Hilcrest
1973 Austin Chapel
1974 Friendship
1975 Johntown
1976 Wards Creek
1977 Hopewell
1978 Avery
1979 Austin Chapel
1980 Johntown
1981 New Haven
1982 Avery
1983 Friendship
1984 Johntown
1985 East Post Oak
1986 Faith

year, Bro. Joe Steven who was called to the Avery Missionary Baptist Church. He and his wife were recognized.

Bro. Jackson called then called for the election of officers for 1994-1995. Bro. James Kitchens and James Eddins was nominated for moderator. A motion was made and second that the highest vote receiver be moderator and next high would serve as Vice-moderator. Motion carried. Bro. James Kitchens was elected as moderator and Bro. Eddins as Vice-moderator. Nominations were called for Clerk. Bro. Wilson was nominated and voted as Clerk. Bro. Jackson called for nominations for Assistant-clerk. Bro. James Brown was nominated and voted as Assistant-clerk. Bro. Jackson then called for the election of Treasurer. Bro. A.B. Kellem and Bro. Joe Shaffer were nominated. A motion was made and seconded that the highest vote received would serve as Treasurer and the second high as his assistant. Motion carried. Bro. Kellem was elected and Bro. Shaffer is his assistant.

Bro. Jackson then called for the election of the Annual Sermon for next year. Bro. Wayne Stringer and Bro. Joe Stevens were nominated. A motion and second that the highest vote received be the speaker and the second highest be the alternate. Motion carried. Bro. Stevens was elected to speak and Bro. Stringer will serve as the alternate.

Bro. Jackson called for the Aged Minister's Support Report which was read by Joe Shaffer. A motion was made and second to except the report. Bro. Shaffer spoke to the motion on the support of Bro. Haskew. Bro. Kevin Plaster spoke to the motion reporting the work of New Haven MBC in this area. Bro. Freeman spoke to the support of Bro. Guy Culiver in building him a house. He is suffering from and a stroke and many have worked together to help him in his time of need. Motion carried.

Bro. Jackson called for the Foreign Missions Report which was read by Bro. James Brown. A motion is made and seconded to except the report. It was spoken to by Bro. James Brown. It was then spoken to by Bro. D.S. Madden, the secretary and Treasurer of missions at Texarkana. He said the support to Texarkana was doing well. The present need for the Mission work out of Texarkana is 95,000 dollars a month. Bro. Madden also made an appeal for Bro. Escabar in Nicaragua in that he needs a supporting church. He also

A.S. Crow	A.I. Bond	W.F. Brooks	L.E. Walker
A.S. Crow	A.I. Bond	W.F. Brooks	1930 Mapel Creek
O.H. Phinkham	A.I. Bond	D.D. Miller	1931 Pleasant Valley
O.H. Phinkham	A.I. Bond	W.F. Brooks	1932 Avery
A.S. Crow	L.H. Peterson	W.F. Brooks	1933 Maple Creek
A.I. Bond	L.H. Peterson	J.B. Watson	1934 Hopewell
A.I. Bond	L.H. Peterson	J.B. Watson	1935 New Haven
A.I. Bond	L.H. Peterson	L.H. Patterson	1936 Post Oak
A.I. Bond	L.H. Peterson	J.B. Watson	1937 Alkin Grove
A.I. Bond	L.H. Peterson	J.B. Watson	1940 Avery
A.I. Bond	G. Bramlett	J.B. Watson	1941 Malta
J.B. Watson	G. Bramlett	W.R. Davis	1942 New Haven
J.B. Watson	A.I. Bond	W.R. Davis	1943 Concord
H. Humphrey	A.I. Bond	L.H. Patterson	1944 Maple Creek
H. Humphrey	Jim Dodson	L.H. Patterson	1945 Hopewell
J.A. Bramlett	Jim Dodson	D.D. Miller	1946 Austin Chapel
A.H. Hodgson	Jim Dodson	J.B. Watson	1947 Hodgson
Sam Kennedy	Jim Dodson	J.B. Watson	1948 Mt. Pleasant
E.L. Duren	Jim Dodson	J.B. Watson	1949 Avery
E.L. Duren	Jim Dodson	J.B. Watson	1950 New Haven
E.L. Duren	Jim Dodson	A.I. Bond	1951 New Hope
R.T. Stevens	G.F. Crumley	H.L. Johnston	1952 Avery
R.F. Tull	G.F. Crumley	R.T. Stevens	1953 New Haven
R.F. Tull	A.I. Bond	R.T. Stevens	1954 Hodgson
E.L. Merrill	R.E. Deem	H.L. Johnston	1955 Lydia
E.L. Merrill	R.E. Deem	R.T. Stevens	1956 Friendship
E.L. Merrill	Jim Taylor	R.T. Stevens	1957 West Side
E.L. Merrill	Veo Glover	A. Downing	1958 Avery
G.E. White	Veo Glover	A. Downing	1959 New Haven
G.E. White	Veo Glover	J.H. Kesner	

wanted on Bro. Spencer who will be going to Locksberg. Bro. Kevin Plaster spoke of his burden to go to Russia to preach. It was at the meeting at Avery two years ago that he first got the burden to go to Russia while we were hearing reports from Foreign Missionaries. He asks for our prayers. Bro. Bill Johnson spoke to the report. He said he had been praying for Russia for 30 years because the door was closed to sending in Missionaries. He pledged support to Bro. Plaster. Bro. Johnson also made a plea for support of Interstate Missions. He also encouraged and exhorted unto do local missions. Hooks MBC has sponsored Bill Cult in Idaho. He asked for us to help Bro. Cult to help with their building. Bro. Wayne Stringer spoke to the motion reporting about the work Westside MBC is doing in the Philippines. He gave reports of several churches being organized in that country. Motion carried.

Bro. Jackson called for the Associational Missions report. The Report was given by Bro. Rick Gandy. A motion and second was made to adopt the report. The motion was spoken to by Bro. Gandy. A discussion followed on the NETMC. The motion carried.

Bro. Jackson introduced the morning speaker Bro. Joe Shaffer. Bro. Johnson then introduced the Special music. Is. Becky Mahone sang "I'm Standing on Holy Ground." She did a wonderful job. Bro. Shaffer then spoke about the standard the Lord set in his ministry. His text was I Cor. 2:1-5. After the message Bro. A.B. Kellem extended the hand of appreciation to Bro. Shaffer and Bro. Stringer.

There was still some time before lunch so Bro. Jackson called for the Ladies Auxiliary Report. It was read by Bro. Wayne Stringer. A motion was made and seconded that the report be excepted. The Report was spoken to by Bro. Stringer, Is. Stevens and Bro. Brooks. Motion carried.

Bro. Jackson then called for the Men's Brotherhood report. It was read by Bro. James Eddins. A motion was made and second to except the report. Motion carried.

Bro. Jackson called for the State Missions report. It was read by Bro. Lee. A motion was made and second to except the report. It was spoken to by Bro. Lee, Bro. Luther Crawford, and Bro. Freeman. Motion carried.

A motion was made and second to adjourn until 1:00 PM. Bro. James Eddins led in dismissal prayer.

I.H. Lawson
I.H. Lawson
I.H. Lawson
T.H. Holt
T.H. Holt
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D.J. Devinney
D.J. Devinney
D.J. Devinney
D.J. Devinney
D.J. Devinney
L.H. Bassett
George Taylor
George Taylor
B.J. Devinney
B.J. Devinney
B.J. Devinney
Z.C. Humphrey
B.D. Stewart
A.S. Crow
A.S. Crow
W.M. Thrasher
W.M. Thrasher
W.M. Thrasher
W.M. Thrasher
J.T. McNabb
J.T. McNabb

W.W. Lawson
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D.J. Stanhill
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A.S. Crow
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D.J. Stanhill
W.F. Brooks
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J. Whitecotton
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J.C. Powell
J.C. Powell
A.S. Crow
A.S. Crow
L.E. Walker
L.E. Walker
W.F. Brooks
W.F. Brooks

C.A. Worley
G.B. Dean
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G.B. Dean
H.E. Duffee
H.E. Duffee
S.T. Baily
S.T. Baily
G.B. Dean
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G.A. Lyon
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W.R. Davis
W.R. Davis
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W.F. Brooks
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W.F. Brooks
W.M. Thrasher
W.M. Thrasher
W.M. Thrasher

J.T. Durham
J.H. Crain
J.H. Taylor
G. E. Phinkham
C.A. Worley*
J.S. Hubbard
P.H. Swinney
G.E. Phinkham
G.E. Phinkham
D.J. Devinney
J.A. Moore
B.T. Richardson
P.H. Swinney
J.B. Watson
P.H. Swinney
J.V. Vermillion
J.V. Vermillion
M.A. Roberts
W.F. Brooks
J.B. Watson
W.R. Watson
W.F. Brooks
J.B. Watson
W.F. Brooks
W.M. Thrasher
W.F. Brooks
J.E. Watson
W.F. Brooks

1900 Bogata
1901 Lydia
1902 Hopewell#1
1903 Philgrims Rest
1904 White Oak*
1906 Detroit
1907 Lydia
1908 Bethlehem
1909 Collier Springs
1910 Armona
1911 Avery
1912 Liberty
1913 Concord
1914 White Oak
1915 Collier Springs
1916 Bethlem #1
1917 Bethlem #1
1918 Avery
1919 Hopewell #1
1920 Davis Chapel
1921 Aikin Grove
1922 Pleasant Valley
1923 Liberty
1924 Maple Creek
1925 Avery
1926 Lone Pine
1927 Downing
1928 Lydia

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Afternoon session was opened with "Victory In Jesus." A group of preachers sang "One Day." Bro. E.R. Reynolds brought the after lunch Devotional.

Bro. Jackson called for the Christian Education report which was read by Bro. Bill Johnson. A motion was made and second to except the report. It was spoken to by Bro. Johnson and Bro. Ray Brooks. Bro. Brooks gave a report of the seminary in Henderson. He gave a thorough report. One thing which caught all our attention was there was only three young men from Texas to start to school this past fall. This was a severe drop in the size of the freshman class. This is a matter of Prayer. Motion carried.

Bro. Jackson called for ABU Literature report which was read by Bro. David Wilson. A motion was made and second to except the report. The motion was spoke to by Bro. Bill Johnson. Motion was carried.

Bro. Jackson called for the Temperance report which was read by Bro. E.R Reynolds. Motion was made and second to except the report. Motion carried.

Bro. Jackson called for the Orphan's Home report which was read by Bro. Joe Stephens. The motion was spoke to by Bro. Stephens and other brethren. Motion carried.

Bro. Jackson called for the Youth Report which was read by Bro. David Wilson. A motion was made and second to except the report. It was spoken to by Bro. David Wilson and Bro. Bill Johnson. Both men talked about the new Discovery program and how it was working.

Bro. Jackson called for the Obituary report which was read by Bro. David Wilson. A motion was made and second to receive the report with a standing time of silence to remember those who have died in our churches this Associational year.

Bro. Jackson called for the Treasurer's report which was read by Bro. Kevin Plaster. A motion was made and second to receive the report. The Report was spoken to by Bro. Kevin Plaster. Motion carried.

Discussion then ensued about a history report of the Red River -Bowie Association which was prepared by Bro. Lee. A motion was made by Bro. J.T. McNabb that Bro. Lee read high

YEAR	MEETING PLACE	INTRO. SERMON	MODERTOR	CLERK	TREASURER
1857	Mt. Moriah	T.W. Anderson	T.W. Anderson	J.W. Leigh	G.B. Brem
1858	Concord	R.D. Potts	D.B. Morell	Hardy Moore	G.B. Brem
1859	Salem*	T.W. Anderson*	R.C. Bucker	S.J. Anderson	A.D. Hatcher
1871	Pleasant Grove	R.C. Bucker	R.C. Bucker	S.J. Anderson	A.D. Hatcher
1872	Clarksville	R.W. Billups			
1873	Paris*	S.J. Anderson			
1881	Antioch	T.W. Anderson	Tom A. Carter	John L. Wright	J.D. Williams
1882	Paris Baptist	J.E. Horner	J.E. Honer	B.F. Fuller	J.D. Williams
1883	Annona	Silas Crain	D.W. Perkins	Tom W. Anderson Jr.	J. Petty
1884	Mt. Pleasant*	J.H. Holt*			
1885	Bennett	D.W. Perkins	Z.T. Eaton	Tom W. Anderson Jr.	
1886	Center Springs*	Thomas Whitten			
1889	Macedonia	T.C. Holt	S.W. Harman	J.E. Horner	W.B. Terry
1890	Detroit Baptist	A.B. Kirk	N.B. Terry	Tom A. Carter	W.B. Terry
1891	Annona		G.B. Dean	C.A. Worley	W.B. Terry
1892	White Oak	J.F. Whitson	G.B. Dean	Thomas C. Holt	W.B. Terry
1893	Chairmount	J.W. Brewer	N.B. Terry	Thomas C. Holt	W.B. Terry
1894	Enon	E.C. Martin	N.B. Terry	W.W. Lawson	W.B. Terry
1895	Brewster Prairie	C.P. Pearson	N.B. Terry	W.W. Lawson	W.B. Terry
1896	Pilgrim's Rest	G.B. Furgeson	N.B. Terry	W.W. Lawson	W.B. Terry
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	Chairmount	J.B. Riddle	G.B. Dean	W.W. Lawson	L.H. Lawson

ORGANIZED IN 1843

points of the report and the report be put in the Minute book. Motion was second and carried. Bro. Lee Read about 45 minutes of a good history of this association. The Brethren had many good comments about the thoroughness of the report. The Brethren were very appreciative of the report.

A motion was made and second to give a standing vote of appreciation to the Hooks Church for their hospitality. Motion carried.

A motion was made and second to Adjourn. Motion carried. Bro. J.T. McNabb closed in prayer.

REPORTS SUBMITTED AT 1994 SESSION

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS

"As thou has sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." (John 17:18) Words spoken by Jesus Christ himself. Into this world Jesus was sent... and we are sent to fulfill God's purpose.

"Missions as our mission" begins to hake on meaning for us when we grasp significance of Christ for the World. The missionary enterprise rests upon what Jesus Christ did, and does, for men.

He is the savior of the world. When he suffered and died and rose from the dead, God's saving purpose was being carried out. The New Testament proclaims that the mission of Christ has been fulfilled, that forgiveness can be experienced in his name, and that he leads men from darkness to light.

The Story of Christ is good news for everybody. After his resurrection he told his disciples that they should give the message to all Nations, beginning from Jerusalem, If the truth beckons there will be minds and hearts that must respond, no matter what the cost of the venture.

What else shall we say about missions? Christ came and in his coming came to love, to live, to care, to suffer, to die, and to conquer, that we might be redeemed from our sins and our selves and sent on our way to fulfill God's dream... and a new humanity.

What he came to do he sends us to do. We must never forget that his mission and ours is both "extensive" and "intensive." He sends us with his gospel unto all men.

did not occur until less than 35 years ago, at the 1960 meeting, when for the first time on record, a vote was taken to gather old minutes of the association to be used in obtaining history about the associational meetings. The moderator appointed a committee of three: Brothers Oscar Pinkham, J.B. Watson, and R.T. Stevens. Their research in gathering this material led to the printing, about 1962, of what was , and is called the Historical Roll of the Red River-Bowie Association. This rule has been printed in each minute book since that time. The historical committee was kept in force until at least 1964, at which time it consisted of on original member, Bro. Watson and two others: Bro's. A.I. Bond and H.L. Johnston. The next mention of a history committee is in 1975, when one was appointed. In 1980, it was voted to ask the churches of the association to help pay for a microfilm of the association's history and present it to the state history and archives committee of the American Baptist Association. It is unclear as to what transpired from this point on, regarding this project. At the 1992 associational meeting, it was voted for Bro. Billy Daniels to prepare a special history of the association for the 1993 meeting. However, he was called to a church outside the association and was unable to complete the project. At the 150th meeting in 1993, it was voted that Johnie Lee write this history and present it at the 1994 meeting.

Now might be a fitting time to close with words penned over 100 years ago, at the 1983 meeting of the Red River Association: "We are now in the midst of the 50 annual meeting, half a century has passed and gone and not a member that was at the organization is probably living and likely at our centennial meeting 50 years from now not one of us will be present. So we pause and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for his sustaining grace and continual love, and thank him for the cheering news of God's saving power..."

meeting began on Friday night before the fifth Sunday an continued through Sunday morning, with part of the meeting being devoted to the business of Executive Board. Other portions of the meeting were allocated to discussions of Bible subjects or Scriptures by ministers assigned these parts. As in the early associational meetings, an introductory sermon and a missionary sermon were both preached. Sometimes, another sermon or two was preached, and about three or four devotionals were presented in the course of operations of the three day meetings. These meetings continued through about 1960, but whether the length of each meeting remained the same is not clear, though they still began on Friday night in 1951. By this time, most churches in the association had progressed from half-time to full-time basis, and thus, were having services of their own on the fifth Sunday,

Little have been found on the short-lived Worker's Meetings, which apparently began about 1952 and were discontinued in September, 1957. They were held monthly, except certain summer month, in revival season. The time for these meetings was Friday before the Fourth Sunday. Churches who wished to host the meetings were selected by vote.

Still a separated gather of the members of the association's was what was called a Fellowship Meeting. Little is recorded in the minutes about their period of existence, but they were being held in 1951 and 1952. In at least on instance, the time of the meeting was on Saturday before the second Sunday.

In the past 150 years, there have doubtless been many great and not-so-great incidents in this association we, today, would wish to have been preserved. At the 1858 meeting, a resolution was passed to request churches of the association to send in with their associational letters a short sketch of their organization, when and were organized, names of the charter members, names of pastors and deacons, when building was built, and other items of interest. This information was to be printed in the 1859 minutes, but unfortunately, a copy of these minutes has not been located to date. One can only hope that many of the churches responded favorably and that a copy of these minutes will, in time, be located so that this history will not remain lost. The quest for gathering an and preserving records of the association, however, for the most part,

Our Association "by Grace of God," should band together to penetrate into the depths of the lives of the lost. Be willing to suffer, to bleed, and to die. That was how the Father sent his Son. And now "....So send I you."

Respectfully submitted,
Hubbard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

We are taught in "The Great Commission," we are encouraged in many other scripture, we have agreed in the Church Covenant and we are led by the Holy Spirit to do all within our power to proclaim the gospel to every creature in all the world. These should be the goal of every true Church.

This work is to start, but not to end, at home. We are to continue in every effort to support those who are called to go into all the world to preach the gospel.

We are especially blessed to have a part in helping one of our own, Bro. John Sanders and his family, who moved on the field in Romania, Bro. Sanders has gotten off to a good start with his work. They need our continued prayers and support for this good work.

We recommend generous an regular support for all of missionaries and their work through the office of the Secretary and Treasurer of Missions of the American Baptist Association, and any other deserving missionaries of like faith and practice.

Done by order of the Church this 11th. day of September, 1994.

Respectfully Submitted
Aikin Grove Missionary Baptist Church

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

Since Jesus told his first church to go into all the world an do the mission work of which He spoke in Matthew 28:18-20, we know that state missions is included in this command.

May we, as Missionary Baptist churches in the Red River-Bowie Association, like to god's word and follow the example of the Antioch Church and its leaders, mentioned in Acts 13:1-4, as they sought the will of God, as to selection of choice for missionaries.

May we join in prayer with our sister churches in this state, with regard to the missionaries whom the Lord wants and ask him to lead us in the amount of money He wants us to give in their support.

In Acts 13:2, we see the deep concern to these men in the church at Antioch, as they fasted and ministered unto the Lord, wanting on him to answer their prayers, by making known to them the men who he wanted to be missionaries.

In verse 3, the church again fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on Barnabas and Saul (Paul) and sent them out.

Let us, as his churches, here in this sinful world, remember the admonition of verse 4, lest we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think, and of Jesus' statement in John 15:5 ... "Without Me ye can nothing."

Respectfully Submitted,

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church

ABA LITERATURE REPORT

We of the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church believe the Bible to be the complete Divinely Inspired Infallible word of God using I Peter 3:15 as a way of preparing ourselves to teach the Scripture. We believe Bro. Johnson and the ABA Staff as supplying us with some of the very best literature available, also teaching aids, for Sunday School, BTC, Bible study, VBS, and other programs.

We believe these Bible Centered books are a great help for our teachers and class Rooms to give them an all sufficient rule of faith and practice. (Ps 119:160, II Tim. 3:16-17) We believe meditation and study of the Bible is a part of the Great Commission Christ gave to all his churches

Respectively Submitted,

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church,

1945-1952, for example, being 200 per year once again. In some minute books, specifically in 1889 and 1916, ads were sought for promoting on the fly sheets to help defray printing cost. In the 1916 book, a full page as lists publications by the Baptist Sunday School Committee, Texarkana.

The associational letters have undoubtedly changed much in the 150 years. No original letters are known to have survived of that era, but the 1872 statistics table gives an indication of the type of information requested in the form 122 years ago. This table lists the church name, post office, county, pastor's and clerk's name, account of mission offering, minute contribution, number received for baptism, number approved for baptism, number received by letter, by relation, and number restored and numbers dismissed by letter, exclusion and by death, Time will permit the inclusion of other subjects that have been a part of the statistics table in the years since. The associational letter, in time, became quite long and detailed, so in 1968, a committee was appointed to submit a shortened version of the form at the 1969 meeting. This submission was made and approved by the body at that meeting. Since that time, the short forms have been sent in prior to each associational meeting so that a brief overview of the status of each church might be printed and distributed at that year's meeting. That standard form is still taken to the meetings and given to the clerk to be read. In 1974, it was voted to read only the church's name, messenger's names and names of alternates from each letter. This practice has continued in each year thereafter, with a vote being taken each year to that effect.

Many meetings within the association have taken place through the years. As previously stated, a Sunday School association was being conducted periodically in 1921. Each church was entitled to two messengers at these meetings. But many years earlier in 1881, it was recorded that a Sabbath School Convention be organized by delegation yearly at each associational meeting. Whether or not any action was taken is unknown. More notable is the Fifth Sunday Meeting, which was, for many years, an important event among the churches in the association. The earliest mention found in the minute books was of what was termed the "Fifth Sunday Worker's Institute," underway in 1893. The

TEMPERANCE

First: Since the present usage of the word is with regard to alcoholic drinks; we recommend that we who are God's representatives on earth, totally abstain from the use of alcohol to any drink with alcoholic content, as a beverage, and to use what ever influence we may be able to against its legalized sale and use.

Second: We recommend that, in keeping with the true biblical meaning it the word, we be temperate, or exercise self control, toward Christian virtues; as is referred to in I Cor. 9:25a; Titus 1:8,9 which reads: " And every man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things... a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful words as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsay." This scripture does not refer to alcoholic drinks, not to any form of immorality, but to those sublime Christian virtues, in which one must be temperate or exercise a great degree of self control in order to attain to the highest extent those Christian characteristics which are so necessary to the dedicated servant of God.

Respectfully submitted,
East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church,

ORPHAN'S HOME REPORT

Texarkana Baptist Orphanage is owned by the Missionary Baptist Churches of the state of Arkansas. It is supported by, and receives children upon the recommendation of any church in the American Baptist Association.

TBO is operated by a five member board of trustees, elected annually by the Arkansas State Messenger Meeting. The trustees are elevated to serve as corporate officers, to effect the business of the home and make reports to the church messengers no an annual basis. The present trustees are: Morris Cloud, Arvin Burrows, W.A. Dillard, Allen Haygood of Arkansas, and Billy Daniels of Texas.

Presently there are twenty nine children in the home who are supervised by houseparents. The children range from age four to eighteen years of age. Children in the home are received first by

Texarkana, which was called Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, This facility has had the support of this Association since that time.

In about 1956, a radio program was begun by the Avery Church, with their Pastor, Bro. R.T. Stevens, as the speaker, The churches of the association had the opportunity and were encouraged to support this endeavor, Little information has been learned about this program, but a program was being broadcast from 1959-1964. For at least two years, 1959 and 1960, evidence surfaces the at six of the association's pastors preached on an alternating basis: Bro. RT Stevens: Avery, George White: Austin Chapel, RC Burt: Hubbard Chappel, Veo Glover: New Haven, Augustus Downing: Friendship, and R. Cecil Hill, Post Oak. By 1964, sponsorship of the program had dwindled to the same two churches who had originally sponsored the 1959 programs, Avery and Friendship, but whether their pastors were the exclusive speakers unknown. At the associational meeting in 1968, A recommendation was made to buy 30 minutes of time from the Clarksville radio station each week for a Sunday morning broadcast. Soon ,it seems the program was begun, but the following year, the observation was that it was needful for the program to be placed under the direction of a local church. In 1974, the minutes note that the Missionary Baptist hour, as it was called, was sponsored by the association , but under the direction of the Friendship Church, Clarksville. In the intervening years, the length of the broadcast dropped from 30 minutes to 15 minutes, with the pastor of Friendship church being the regularly scheduled speaker, The broadcast continues today, still sponsored by many churches in the association .

A history of the association would not be complete with our the mention of the minute books themselves. Some of them have been of better quality an and have e contained more information than others, due, most likely, to the funds available for printing. A number of printing establishment have been used through the years, from the "Texas Baptist Book & Job Establishment," Houston, in 1859; Clarksville Times, 1889 and later years; Eureka Music Co., Mena, Ark; 1919; Baxter Printing, Johntown, 1944, to Criterion Press, Henderson, 1980, 400 in 1871, 500 in 1894 to 600 in 1901. In later years, the numbers decrease, the number from

recommendations of an ABA church, then upon approval by the trustees and the awarding of guardianship by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Upon being admitted to the home, a child may be sponsored by a church or auxiliary. Sponsors usually send monthly support to the children's fund and take the sponsored child for visits during holidays and summer break.

Interested persons are encouraged to visit the home to become acquainted with the children and staff. Information may also be obtained by writing TBO at P.O. Box 611, Texarkana, Ar. 75502 or calling 501-774-8214.

We recommend TBO as a worthy project and recommend that each church consider financial and prayer support. Send offerings to TBO. c/o Arvin Burrow, 921 Willow Street, Malvern, Ar. 72104

Respectively Submitted,
Avery Missionary Baptist Church,

AGED MINISTERS' REPORT

As the Apostle Paul's life drew closer to its end, one will discover that two years within that time was spent as a Roman Prisoner living in a "hired" or rented house (Acts 28:). During that period of his life, he wrote the Philippians thanking them for their support: "I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity... But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God." (Phil. 4:10. 18) The Apostle was an aged minister, who would not stop preaching, but imprisonment took him from his pastor/missionary ministry. However the Philippians still helped support him financially.

The Missionary Baptist work has many preachers who are still willing and wanting to preach, but their health will not allow them to pastor. Because they have given their lives to the Lord and His churches, the Lord would still have them to be financially supported by the churches. Some preachers may not have any source

an auxiliary board to the central board. This central board was sometimes referred to as the Clarksville Board. As late as 1898, this Central board was still in existence, but by 1901, this board seems to have been eliminated and the constitution followed more closely. In 1903, the constitution was amended to specify that the moderator, clerk and treasurer of the association be ex-officio members of the Executive Board. It seems that, from about 1904 until about 1918, no executive board was in operation, but one was appointed again that year. Indications are, the board, still in existence in the mid 1920's, soon was discontinued. Presently, the Executive Committee is allowed for in the constitution, but is not mandatory.

The association has supported many entities and institutions through the years. Some of the publications recommended for support through the years have been: "The Texas Baptist" and "The Tennessee Baptist," as early as 1910. "The Baptist Progress": from about 1918 - 1949, and "The Baptist Monitor" since 1951. In the area of Christian education, number of schools and colleges have been recommended of support: W.B. Featherston's Male and Female School, Boston, Texas in 1858; Baylor University. as early as 1871-1894; Baylor Female College, Sherman Female Institute and Burleson College, in the mid 1890's and Texas Baptist College in the early 1900's. In the area of ministerial education, these facilities were recommended: Greenville, SC Theological institute. as early as 1871; Southern Baptist Theological Institute, Louisville, KY in the mid 1890's; Jacksonville, Texas College, as early as 1909 through 1949; and Texas Baptist Institute since 1949. Orphans homes have been supported by the association's churches for over 100 years. Buckner's Orphans Home, Dallas, had the association's endorsement from as early as 1883 until about 1906. After the break with the Southern Baptist Convention, the B.M.A. had a program with which attempted to place homeless children in Childless homes. The is 1909 program led to the building of a structure in Waxahachie, Texas for holding such children until permanent homes could be secured for them. This building was later the Texas Baptist Orphanage, supported by this association until 1949. Construction soon started on an orphanage in

churches secure pastors and helped ordain preacher and deacons. In the 1890's and early 1900's, the association's missionary performed the dual role of colporter, term used quite extensively at that time, meaning, "one who distributes Bible and religious literature." Such an individual often used a colporter wagon with a good supply of books to be distributed. In 1893, it was recommended that a colporter and missionary be on the field as soon as possible. In 1900, the two county missionaries were also serving as colporters. The associational missionary was on the field periodically through the years, as funds came in from the churches, often, as many a dozen years would pass without this missionary being on the field for any appreciable time. In the 70 years from 1881-1951, records show that an associational missionary was on the field about 20 of those years, mostly on half-time or less basis. No associational missionary was on the field after 1949, records indicate. It was voted to place an associational missionary on the field full time in 1952, but if there was one, he did not serve for any length of time. In the 1950's, the churches of the association were encouraged to contribute their associational mission offerings toward mission points with the associational boundaries, specifically in 1954, to the Pinkham Mission, and later, in 1963, to Hillcrest Mission. It was at this time that the association joined with the Salem and Hopewell associations to form the Northeast Texas Baptist Mission Council, which was to assume many of the duties formerly assigned to an associational missionary.

As early as 1858, an Executive Board was appointed to carry on the association's mission business during the year. Later, instead of those officers being elected at the associational meeting, each church was allowed one individual to represent them on the Executive Board. In 1871, the constitution was amended to read, in part, "... The Association shall at each meeting appoint a committee consisting of one member from each church, which committee shall constitute a Missionary Board for the management of the business of the association during the recess of its annual meetings, three of which board shall constitute a quorum," the amount of a quorum was later changed to five members. The board members that were to be sent from each church were to be

of regular income, they must have the churches regular support, while others may only need their income supplemented.

Through the sponsorship of New Haven Missionary Baptist Church, the Red River-Bowie county Churches can aid aged Missionary Baptist preachers by sending regular offerings to the Aged Minister's Support. Each church is encouraged to be active in this great ministry and each pastor is urged to lead their church to support this ministry, remembering that one is to do unto others as he would have others do unto him.

Respectfully Submitted,
Faith Missionary Baptist Church,

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

What is a Ladies Auxiliary? Some define it as a group of ladies who come together to talk about everyone else in the church. Others say it is just for the older ladies. Still others look on it as a type of social club.

An auxiliary is defined as "one who assists; conferring help or aid; assistant; supporting." Then the proper definition of a Ladies Auxiliary in a church would be, "a group of ladies who are assisting and supporting the ministry of the Local Church."

The Ladies Auxiliary of our church is a great asset. Here the moment have their time to come together for worship and fellowship. They build relationships between themselves and become a united circle. This helps them with their individual battles and they gain strength from one another. The Auxiliary of a church should be for all ages. The Older Christians help teach the younger, and the younger are encouragement to the older ladies.

The Ladies Auxiliary would be a great help to her pastor and the church. As they pray, witness, encourage mission projects and lead out in various projects to advance the ministry of her from the beginning. All through Scripture we see the woman working and advancing the cause of our Lord.

We encourage the churches to support and invite the ladies of to become actively involved in Auxiliary. We further encourage involvement with the District Ladies Auxiliary. This is an important work in our churches, let us support and encourage the ladies.

Respectfully Submitted,
West Side Missionary Baptist Church,

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD REPORT

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

There is a definite need for better qualified men to serve in our Churches. The men's brotherhood offers one of the best opportunities to teach the Word of God to our men.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pinkham Memorial, Missionary Baptist Church,

YOUTH REPORT

In the past years there has been an increase in our churches for ways of bettering our own youth and reaching out to others. In the past there were youth Choirs and other little groups. We at Friendship are blessed to see that now have an associational youth program called Discovery and Bible Clubs. These two programs were channels by which souls have been won to Christ and have attracted youth to our Church.

One of the best ways to start to work a youth program is invite kids to church. Then provide ways for them to go to church Camp. Then in time pick one of three areas to start.

A Church can start with discovery for teenagers. Our people in Texarkana bookstore are very helpful. The key is having dedicated workers. The program is good but no program will work without dedicated workers. A Church could also start with the Bible clubs which are for 4 years through 12 years. Once again this will take workers. Then another area to work is Children's church. This is basically ages 2-7 for children to have there own special program during Sunday Morning Worship.

through which Baptist Churches in Texas, as a whole, from as early as 1834, did their "Home," or Interstate, mission work. In 1922, a recommendation was accepted that "Home Missions" be dropped as a separate work, as it was covered, according to the committee, in associational and state work. However, the next year, it was picked up again, because of the fact that the B.M.A. of Texas had no channel through which to do this work, so it was necessary to cooperate with the Baptist General Convention of Texas in this phase of missions. Evidence suggests, though, that the B.M.A. soon had an interstate mission program of its own. Thus ended the association's affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, it appears. One area of state missions that attracted interest in this association was in the procurement and provisions for someone to preaching the various Texas Army camps during World War I, specifically in 1918. Associational missions, called County Missions prior to 1934, was a major work of the association from the earliest years researched. The 1857 minutes reveal a concern for the area within the bounds of this association and a desire that missionaries be sent to those areas in desperate need of a church. In 1871, two local missionaries were being sponsored by the association, one working exclusively in Delta County, the other in the remainder of the associational boundaries. After 1872, only three years are found with more than one local missionary at a time, those being 1898, 1901, and 1923. In 1897, Red River County was divided into four mission districts, with a missionary for each district and one district having two, but this arrangement was only to last one year, being changed back in September, 1898, having the county as one mission district. IN 1901, two missionaries were employed, each on a 1/2 time basis, and in 1923, also two were employed, each on a quarter time basis. From the earliest recorded references, until about the time the Red River and Bowie associations combined, the missionary was called "County Missionary." For a time then, he was known as a "District Missionary." Soon, he was known as an "Associational Missionary." The missionary, by whatever name he was known, worked to strengthen weak churches, helped organize churches, re-organized disbanded churches, preached at churches without pastors, organize prayer meetings and Sunday Schools. helped

an annual report. This was not the first report dealing with youth, however from 1957 until about 1962, reports were given on Young People's Work. this 1957 report recommended that a committee investigate the possibility of having a youth program at the 1958 session. This Thursday night session did, in fact, become Youth Night, and in 1961, the association voted to make Youth Night a permanent part of each meeting. The youth program seems to have been carried on in much the same fashion as the regular monthly youth meetings, which were in existence by that time. In 1966, though, the association voted to change the September youth meeting back to the regular Monday night schedule. In 1968, it was voted to have the Thursday night session, with the host church being responsible for the program the following year, but after 1969, there were no more Thursday night sessions.

Mission work in the Association was, for the most part, local and state endeavors from the earliest times until, little by little, through the years, interstate and Foreign missions were supported. It was the stated belief by many in the association that the first priority of the churches was to care for those individuals and missionpoints nearest to the association . Then, if any funds became available, they could, and should, be used in the support of more distant points. Their reasoning can be easily understood given the fact that the missionaries who served in the immediate area were often hired for less than the time they could served, for want of sufficient funds, Two of the 33 Churches in the association gave to foreign missions in 1895. fifty years later, in 1945, the situation was about the same, with two of the eighteen churches giving foreign missions an and a decade later, almost 3/4 of the association's churches gave to this phase.

By the 1880's, the term "Home Missions" was used to denote mission work within the boundaries of the United States and its possessions, as opposed to "Local Missions," which referred to the work within the bounds of the association . In 1894, the terms were clarified and "Local Missions" was changed to "Count Missions." These two terms prevailed for about 30 years and, in 1925, "home Missions" was changed to "Inter-State Missions." Records indicate that the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Atlanta, Ga. was the channel

The only thing which some young adults are saying is, " I wish we had something like this when we were teenagers."

Respectfully Submitted,
Friendship Baptist Church,

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

It is incumbent upon every society of people to devise a way to pass costumes, values an and culture patterns from generation to generation. In very early history of man, the family was the basic unit for passing this training children. Later, other societal institutions began to began to encroach upon this parental responsibility and privilege.

Schools, both public and private, churches, hospitals, and government agencies have assumed the responsibility. Commercial interests have become very involved, as well. the slogan "know when to say when," coined by the beer company wishing to convince society that interests becoming involved in shaping society's values.

Christians values derived from the Old and New Testaments will benefit any society. These values must be reinserted in American society. But how can this be done?

Certainly, neither schools, hospitals, government agencies nor commercial interests are equipped to teach morals. Too many fathers are among those who need to learn. And alas, Churches, the only institution in today's society equipped with God's Word, seem unable to reach any but a fraction of one per cent of the population. We believe that churches must rise to the task of training parents to train children in the basics of Christian morals.

We believe that churches fan use Sunday Schools, Baptist Training Courses and Discovery youth clubs to help parents and children learn Christian principles. We believe that Teachers must be trained and that institutions such as Texas Baptist Institute and Mexican Baptist Institute are worthy of our prayerful and financial support. We must pray for these and other schools training Christian workers, and we must pray that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into the field to be trained and to labor in Christian education.

Humbly submitted,
Hooks Missionary Baptist Church

OBTUARY REPORT

One of the hardest things to take in life is the loss of Loved ones and fellow church members. Many of those who have been called home have been a vital part of their church and their presence is greatly missed. Though we miss them we would never want them back because they are with the Lord. We pray for all those families who have lost a loved ones. We pray that their faithful lives will challenge us to live godly lives in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist

Church

Aikin Grove- Verna Stroud, Olivia Lawless, Cecil Beckman

Austin Chapel- Gladys Jeans, Rubin Holt, Audra (Doe) Bunger

Avery- Nora B. Harmon, Eliza Nicks, Lee Audis, Follis McMillian,
Lola May Carey, Jim Newell, Lola Owens, Hazil Kennedy

East Post Oak- Maudie Holmes

Faith- Delbie Hare, Sam Littleton

Friendship- Lucy Baily, G.A. Hines, Issac Keas, Mrs. Jim Fuller

Hilcrest- Harry Arnold, Melvin Lott, Jo Ann Evens

Hopewell- Lois Fryer, Bonnie Shipp, Jack Stringer, Homer Frazier

Hooks- Gladys Roberts

Johnstown- Randall Eudy, Mildred Mayfeild

Mt. Pleasant- Mary Childress

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efforts in the Sunday School work. and heartily tender them our assistance in selecting, an if need be, in purchasing such Baptist Sunday School literature as will aid them in inculcating in the minds of their children sound...doctrine."

Despite the urging of the committees who presented their associational reports, few churches in the association had Sunday School until the early 1920's. In 1898, four of the twenty-five churches in the association had Sunday Schools, but by the following year, the number had doubled. However, the trend was not to continue, The number had dripped from four of 13 churches in 1909 to about two or three of the fifteen in 1912. Soon, the numbers began to rise, from five to twelve, in 1913, nine to eighteen in 1923, ten to fifteen in 1925 to fourteen or fifteen in 1927. Perhaps the awareness of the need for Sunday Schools was die to the Sunday School Association, operating within the Red River Association, in 1921 and possibly other years. Its purpose was to create a greater interest in Sunday School work. By 1918, Sunday School literature was being printed in Texarkana and its use was encouraged in the committees' reports.

As more Churches began having night services, it seems that interest began to grow in having a training courses for the youth. The first mention of such a course found in the minutes is in 1950 and it is called B.Y.P.T.C., or Baptist Young People's Training Course. The first reference to B.T.C. was found in 1954, at which time three churches in the Association participated in the program.

As early as 1914, the minutes record a committee report recommending that each church in the association organize a Ladies Aid Society to work within the bounds of the Women's Auxillary of the B.M.A. However, little interest was shown in this work, indications are, and the ladies Aid Societies which were organized did not continue past 1922. Over 30 years passed before churches in the association began to show interest in women's Auxillary, as it was called, By 1956, six Churches had the auxiliaries, and presently about 10-19 association's churches have ladies Auxiliaries.

In 1989, the moderator assigned a special report for 1990 on the needs of youth and how to meet those needs. The report is

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Men's Brotherhood. By 1993, the 150th year, two name Changes had been made: Denominational Literature had been changed to A.B. A. Literature and Old Ministers Relief had been changed to Aged Ministers Support. A new report had been added by this time, also, that of Youth.

Although time and Space limitations do not allow the reading of excerpts of the various reports of interest, perhaps time may allow the inclusion of a portion of a report of Colored Population, a report which was in effect from about 1858 until 1890. This quote which was in effect from 1882 minutes: "You will remember, brethren, that but 17 years have elapsed since the colored people of the south were emancipated from a state of slavery and endowed with the rights and liberties enjoyed by their white brethren, and not withstanding we recognize the hand of God in his dealings with this people, yet, still we are astonished at the grand forward movement which they have made in these short period of time in the Christian life and Christian work. See what they have accomplished ... in these few years. They have well organized, prosperous churches, good working Sunday Schools and credible church buildings in our towns and villages, but in almost every neighborhood in the bounds of this Association and throughout this entire country, they are also making laudable efforts to educate their children and to fit and qualify them for a more elevated and useful position as citizens... In the opinion of your committee, the most effectual way for this Association and the denomination to advance the cause of Christ and to subserve the Baptist interest among them is to get access to the minds and hearts of the masses... and by the power of the Gospel to lead them to an intelligent... acceptance of Jesus, the blessed savior. That their ministry may be fed with the sincere "Milk of the Word," and become fit instruments in the hands of God through which the minds of this people may be enlightened and their hearts electrified by God, the Spirit... to bring about this... result we should give every encouragement in our power to their ministry, and aid them as far as we can in the acquisition of a more liberal an thorough education and a more perfect understanding of the grand and glorious plan of salvation. As Association, we bid our colored brethren Godspeed and pray God's blessings upon their

New Haven-Ivy Prewitt Finley

New Hope- Leo McMillon, Burlon Taylor, Homer McMillon, Arthur Reed.

Pinkham Memorial- Veryl Miller, Lois Shelton, George Fisher, Granvell Starrett

Wards Creek- B. T. Baugh, John Ritche

West Side- Marjarie Alford, MargieAkin

TREASURER REPORT

MINUTE FUND:

Balance on hand 9/16/93	348.27
Money received for minutes after 93 meeting	100.00
SUBTOTAL	448.27

EXPENSES

4/25/94	David Wilson for "copy"	75.00
5/2/94	Kwik Kopy	308.00
	Total Expences	383.00

BALANCE 65.27

MONEY RECIEVED FOR 94-95 RRB MBA

Aikin Grove	60.00
Austin Chapel	30.00
Avery	50.00
East Post Oak	50.00
Faith	35.00
Friendship	75.00
Hillicrest	
Hooks	
Hopewell	35.00
Hubbard Chapel	25.00
Johnstown	50.00
Liberty	20.00
Mt. Pleasant	15.00

New Haven		60.00
New Hope		25.00
Oak Ridge		
Pinkham Memorial		40.00
Wards Creek		50.00
West Side		25.00
RECEIVED AT HOOKS 9/15/94		645.00
SUBTOTAL		710.27
PAID OUT THIS YEAR		
9/15/95	David Wilson	275.00
	Kevin Plaster	175.00
	Bro. Lee	150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		450.00
BALANCE IN MINUTE FUND AFTER 9/15/94		110.27
RADIO FUND		
BALANCE ON HAND, August 31, 1993		381.57
Money received during the 93-94		870.00
Interest		16.67
NEW TOTAL		1,268.24
Paid out to KCAR		1,060.00
NEW BALANCE		208.24
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS:		
Missionary Committee Expense Fund:		216.76
Paid out to Secretary Treasurer 10/5/93		216.76
Balance		0.00
Texarkana Baptist orphanage		30.00
Paid out to TBO		30.00
Balance		0.00
Received for Missionaries at 93 meeting		90.00
Paid out on 10/5/93		
Doug Wiersema		30.00
David Benett		30.00
Ted Barker		30.00
Balance		0.00

Although the names of the reports have varied through the years, they have been a major part of the association's business since the earliest recorded meetings. From the earliest recorded meetings until 1963, committees were chosen from the delegates attending that particular meetings. From the earliest recorded attending that particular meeting, The committee, usually three, was assigned reports early in the session. They worked together to draft their report to be given later, usually the second or third day. Since 1963, individual churches have been assigned these reports a year in advance, with the pastor, more often than not, giving the report. The 1858 minutes record six reports: Destitution, Finance, Sabbath School, Publications, Ministerial Education and Condition of the Colored Population. Time and space limitations do not allow mention of all the names of reports and the examination of their themes that have been presented through the years, but looking at them in 25 year intervals will give an indication as to the subject matter covered. Since the minutes of 1869, the 25th year, are not presently available, a look at those of 1871 finds that the reports of that year were: Education and Denominational Schools, Ministerial Support, Finance, Sabbath Schools, Home Missions, Religious Books & Periodicals and Temperance. In the 50th year, 1893, Finance, Sunday Schools, Home Missions, Religious Literature, and Temperance remained and these reports were also given: Associational Missions, Education, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Aged Minister's Relief, Buckner's Orphan's Home and Obituaries. In 1918, the 75th year, the reports were basically the same, with no obituary report given, the report on Education had been changed to Christian Education, the report on Aged Minister's relief was called Old Ministers Relief, Religious literature was called Denominational Literature, and the report previously called Buckner's Orphan's Home was known as Orphans' Home. In 1943, 100th year, the reports were the same as 1918, with one change, that being the report of Home Missions, which was called by then, Inter-State Missions. In 1968, the 125th year, again the reports remained much the same as the quarter century earlier, with the combination of Interstate and Foreign Missions into one report, the Obituary report again being given and the addition of two new reports by then: Ladies Auxiliary and

to that time, the Red River Association had been affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. In 1857, at the association meeting, minutes of the second annual meeting of the State Convention of Eastern Texas were read, indicating that the association was then affiliated with that body. as early as 1898, discontent was being expressed with the SBA 's policies regarding missions. However, the fact was that the association had no other means by which to obtain financial aid to keep the missionaries' salaries paid. The State board was to pay 1/3 of the Associational missionary's salary, while the churches in the association were to pay 2/3. Their dependence upon the SBA and the Baptist General convention of Texas continued, apparently until about 1900, when the B.M.A. was formed. By 1901, the B.M.A. had a mission program of its own, but both the B.M.A. and the SBA were desiring support from the churches at the annual meetings, having representatives at each meeting in the early 1900's. The recommendation was made during these times that the decision be left to the individual churches as to the channel through which mission offerings would be sent. As time went by, the B.M.A. gained more support in the area of state and interstate missions, but they had no foreign missions program. That being the case, the Red River Association did foreign missions work through the Baptist General Convention of Texas as late as 1913, but the desire for a foreign mission program in the B.M.A. was expressed many times. By 1920, there was a young program in operation, with a missionary in Brazil, and possibly others. Soon, the B.M.A. had several foreign missionaries and their support was encouraged by the committees of this association in their reports.

The association was a part of the B.M.A. until differences among the churches across the country forced the formation of a separate association, the American Baptist Association.

The B.M.A. of Texas retained control of many of the state's churches who had been affiliated with it and they became a part of the national association known as the North American Baptist Association. The 1950 minutes of the Red River-Bowie Association reaffirm its confidence in the A.B.A. and its dissociation with the B.M.A. and NABA. Needless to say, the Red River-Bowie Association has remained in the ABA in the years since.

Minute Fund Balance

65.27

Offering for Bro. Lee and Minute fund

140.00

Paid Bro. Lee

50.00

TOTAL MONEY TO ACCOUNT FOR IN
RED RIVER BOWIE MBA

363.51

REVEREND B. T. BAUGH

B.T. Baugh was born April 2, 1919 to Fred and Myrtie Baugh in Marietta, Texas. He married Jewel Lee Shankles on July 30, 1938. Bro. Baugh served in the Navy during World War 11 and was a retired carpenter.

The parents of three Children-- Janeta May, Earnest and Gary-- the Baughs led each of them to Christ and Brother Baugh baptized them. He is also survived by six Grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Saved in 1943, he was baptized by Dalton Pastor John McClung, along with W.D. Sage and Tom Kingston. He surrendered to preach in 1950, and preached his first sermon at Dalton in October 1950 using Hebrews 10:1-18 as his Scripture reference. Since that time, he has served 43 years in faithful ministry to five northeast Texas Churches. His first pastorate was at FLAT CREEK in Marietta. He then served two churches in Mount Pleasant: ARGO and FARMER'S ACADEMY in the mid-to-late 1960's. CROSSROADS in Marietta was fortunate to have Brother Baugh as Pastor for 27 years during two pastorates. Bro. B.T. was called to WARDS CREEK in Simms in June, 1988, where he served faithfully until his death on December 31, 1993. Bro. Baugh led tow of these churches to build new sanctuaries. Being dedicated to missions, he led each church he pastored to increase mission giving. CROSSROADS sponsored the mission work in Linden for several years. And WARDS CREEK helps to underide mission work in Teran Mexico, which is sponsored by FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH of Duncanville.

Bro. Baugh was very active in the Salem Association, He delivered the annual sermon in 1956; then served as moderator or Clerk/Treasurer for many years between 1957 and 1983.

Funeral services were attended by about 300 friends and family on January 2 in Naples, Texas. Officiating was Bro. Curtis Hall, a friend and co-worker in the ministry for 37 years. Assisting were Brethren James Bell, Larry Neeley and Ike Thompson. Great

nephew Kenneth Kingston sang "I Am Determined to Live for Jesus. (What a testimony to Bro. B.T.'s life) Bro. Jay Pollan sang, "One Day at a Time."

This quiet, Humble man always had as his goal to please God and be in the center of his will. Although Bro. B.T. never had formal seminary education, he has led many people through in-depth study of God's Word.

Bro. Baugh's last sermon at WARDS CREEK on Sept. 26, 1993, "The Unique Christ!" had no fewer than 9 scripture references. His closing statement: "Our unique Christ is calling the lost to be saved, and the saved to follow him! He is our Master -- calling us to serve Him." This statement embodies Bro. B.T.'s lifetime witness for God. How many souls were led to Christ by Bro. B.T. Baugh? Only God knows!

Brother Baugh will be greatly missed by all who knew and lived him, but mostly by his supportive partner in Marriage of over 55 years and in ministry over 43 years. WARDS CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH in Simms requests your continued prayers for Mrs. Jewel Lee Baugh and her family in the loss of this dear loved one.

"Proclaiming the Gospel was his (our) lives." -- Sis. Jewel Baugh.



Miller's death prior the 1979 meeting left Bro. Bond the single holder of this title once again, the title he held until his death in early 1986. At the 1986 meeting, Bro. Joe C. Askew received this honor, a title he presently holds.

The Red river Association's constitution predated 1871, but the earliest version found to day is that which appeared in the 1899 minute book. Almost every book between then and 1906 contained the constitution and, as far as is known, it has appeared in every book since 1921. After being periodically revised through the years, it was voted at the 1960 meeting to draft a new constitution. The new document was approved at the 1961 meeting.

The association originally adopted its Rules of Decorum in 1858, voting to adopt the rules of decorum of the Union Baptist Association in the transaction of the Red River Association's business. In 1883, it was voted to establish rules of decorum, but a committee set up for this purpose submitted that rules had been adopted at a previous meeting and were printed in the 1880 minutes.

Prior the 1881, the rules allowed for the appointment of a committee of Credentials by the moderator. However, this section was deleted that year. The rules of decorum of the rules as we know them, the order of business and parliamentary procedure, A resolution passed in 1883 that these rules be printed in every minute book thereafter, and it appears that, for the most part, it has been so. The 1893 minutes reveal that these rules were read at that meeting, but later minutes researched have not revealed the reading of these rules until about 1952, They have been read early in the proceedings of almost every meeting since that time.

The current rules of decorum were adopted in 1921. In the 1901 meeting, it was resolved that the association adopt Mell's Parliamentary Law to govern the body. No further mention is found of the adoption of another procedural law.

The Articles of Faith are known to have appeared in only five minutes, between 1889 and 1913. These 20 articles may be compared to the 21 articles that make up what is called the Doctrinal Statement found in our Sunday School books of today.

In the limited research done, it appears that the Baptist Missionary Association, or B.M.A. was formed about 1900. Prior

Perhaps one of the most curious practices found in all the minutes researched is found in a single fine in the 1858 minutes. After preaching, in the Sunday afternoon session, it was stated, the brethren partook of the Lord's supper. Whether this practice had been in effect prior to that time, or continued after that time, is not presently known.

The earliest minutes reveal that the moderator, Clerk and treasurer were the only elected officers of the association, and it seems to have continued so in the intervening years. Reading clerks, appointed as early as 1872, to read the church letters, are still appointed today for that purpose. Also appointed as early as 1872, and used as late as 1893, were what was termed "tellers," or vote counters.

An officer in the unofficial sense of the word, could apply to the position of corresponding messenger of the association. Such persons were appointed as late as 1885 to represent the association at other Texas Baptist Associational meetings and carry a letter of correspondence from this association to be read at the one they attended. This letter contained mostly general information about the association's welfare and its desire to work together for the common good. In 1857 and 1858, it was noted that any member of the association would be considered a delegate to a sister association by merely presenting a copy of the minutes at that time. It is assumed that this refers to alternates, as delegates were appointed to these meetings, A "standing rule" as early as 1889 stated, "Any member of our body whose name appears in the minutes of our association, bearing a copy of the same, visiting sister associations with whom we correspond, shall be considered by us as our correspondents." This rule was in effect as late as 1906. Other messengers from the association were elected to represent the association at the Southern Baptist convention and at the Baptist General Convention of Texas. This practice offered as early as 1894 and continued until about 1900.

In 1961, the honorary title Moderator Emeritus was bequeathed upon Bro. J. B. Watson. after his death is 1968, Bro. A.I. Bond received these title at the 1969 meeting. At the 1971 meeting, a resolution was adopted to confer upon Bro. D.D. Miller the honorary title of Co-Moderator emeritus with Bro. Bond. Bro.

PHONE NUMBERS

Brown James, R.....	427-2821
Eddins, James, R.....	667-3276
Gandy, Ricky.....	667-2745
Jackson, Roddy.....	632-5271
Johnson, Bill.....	792-2783
Kellem, A. B.....	966-2465
Kitchens, James	667-2445
Lee, Wilburn	983-5309
McNabb, J. T.	982-5941
Pipes, Ronnie	628-3744
Hill, Steven	427-3522
Raleigh, Carl	684-3240
Reeves, Sam	667-5277
Reynolds, E. R.	982-5226
Shafer, Joe.....	628-2652
Stevens Rodney.....	543-2592
Stevens Joe.....	684-3420
Stringer, Wayne.....	628-3526
Wilson, David.....	427-2647

GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUPERINTENDENT: Gary Fogelsong, PO Box 503, Clarksville Tx. 75426, SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY: Bonnie F. Hammer, ENROLLMENT: 25, Number of classes: 4, DEACONS: W. H. Hammer, John Thomas Townes; ORDAINED MINISTERS: James R. Brown.

AUSTIN CHAPEL- PASTOR: James A. Kitchens, Rt. 3 Box 64, Dekalb Tx. 75559, CLERK: Carolyn Grinder, Rt. 3 Box 82A Dekalb, Tx. 75559, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Gerald Proctor, Rt. 3 Box 99, SECRETARY: Ima Dee Jones, Rt. 3 Box 16, ENROLLMENT: 90, Classes 8, Deacons: Nathan Churchill, Doyle grinder, Gerald Proctor, Lynn Shumake, James Tidwell, Raymond Tidwell, Travis C. White, C.T. Vick, ORDAINED MINISTERS: James A. Kitchens

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EAST POST OAK,- PASTOR- E.R. Reynolds, Rt.1 Box 265, Detroit, Tx 65436, CLERK- Ruth Johnston 995 22nd, N. E. Paris, Tx 75460, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT- James Freelen, SECRETARY- Virginia Cleveland, Classes- 9, DEACONS- Claude Tyler, Alvis Bates, James Freelen, F.M. Allen, Buford Cleveland, George Rhodes, ORDAINED MINISTERS- J.T. McNabb

FAITH,- PASTOR- Bro. Joe Shaffer, 303 N. Bowie, New Boston, 75570, CLERK- Joyce Hartline, Rt.1 Box 155h New Boston, 75570, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT- Bro. Melvin Oliver, Rt. 1 Simms, Tx. SECRETARY- Ora Askew, ENROLLMENT: 146, CLASSES- 9, DEACONS- Jimmy Parker, John Talkington, Ralph

The song that was traditionally sung at least from about 1884 through about 1948 was, "God Be With Me Till We Meet Again." The parting hand, also called the general handshaking was customary while singing the hymn, as late as 1941.

As early as 1858, two regularly scheduled sermons were slated for each associational meeting, the Introductory Sermon and the Missionary Sermon. The Introductory Sermon continues to this day, but is now known as the Annual Sermon. The Missionary Sermon was not found in the minutes following 1871, through other sermons were preached in the meetings, sometimes two or three. A hundred years ago, in 1893 and 1894, the moderator opened several of the sessions by reading one of the Psalms. This practice continued well into the 1920's, though a Psalm was not always used. This practice led to the presentation of devotionals, which is still done today.

As early as 1871, representatives of the host church, normally the pastor and deacons, or the pastor and delegates, were appointed as Divine Service Committee for the associational meeting. This committee's responsibility was to see that all preaching and devotional appointments were filled in the courses of the three days of the association. In those days, ministers who were scheduled to preach were unable to attend on many occasions and their place had to be filled by another. After about 1905, it seems, a committee of normally three men, usually ministers, was chosen from among the messengers present to perform the duties. This committee was chosen each year through 1957, the last known year of its utilization.

A somewhat unusual custom prevailed in the early and mid 1880's. It seems that, on at least one day and or night of the associational meeting during these years, services were conducted both at the scheduled location and at the Local Methodist Church. Whether due to an overflowing crowd in the small buildings of that day, to give as many preachers there the opportunity to preach, to for another reason, is unknown. Also customary in this same period was the practice of having one of the association's preachers preached a sermon at the nearby "Colored" Baptist church. While the delegates at the host church heard the scheduled sermon.

building, intending to form a new association, leaving delegates from 14 Churches to carry on the work. However, some of the churches returned to the association, perhaps after a time of reconsideration. For the most part, the state of fellowship in the association has been one of love and cooperation among the Churches.

Many traditions and practices have come and gone through the years in the associational meetings. From the early days until the 1950's the association met for three days. However, in the 1850's specifically, 1858 the session lasted four days- Friday through Monday. The meeting days were not consistent, but always began the middle to latter part of the week, beginning as early as Wednesday and as late as Saturday. Neither was the time of year always consistent. Meetings were usually held in September or October, but sometimes were held in August or in November. The 1895 meeting was announced for Friday before the first full moon in October. Beginning about 1900, meetings began, more often than not, on either Wednesday or Thursday night before the first Sunday in September. This practice continued for about 60 years, until it was changed to the third Thursday in September about 1962. This practice continued until 1989, when the Association began meeting on the second Thursday of September. This 1994 session again meets on the third Thursday of the month, The meeting place has almost always been at the host church, but in 1872, when the Clarksville Baptist Church was hosting the association, one of the evening presumably because it was larger, though the reason was not stated.

It has been the practice since as early as 1882 to invite visitors of like faith and order to sit with the body in council. Visitors in this time period were usually corresponding messengers from other associations, or representatives from colleges, orphans homes, or publications supported by the association. Later, representatives from the various state boards or associations, as the case may have been, were present, as well as missionaries. Whatever their position, the statement is 1896 that the delegates were encouraged by the visitors' prayers and wise council, surely expresses the same sentiments to this day.

Parker, Robert Martin, ORDAINED MINISTERS- Joe Shaffer, Joe Askew, Rick Shirley.

FRIENDSHIP, PASTOR- Bro. David Wilson, 600 E. Comanche St., Clarksville Tx. 75426, CLERK- Sally Reed, 1205 W. Jackson, 75426, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANT- James Daniel, 1703 Taylor St., Clarksville Tx. 75426, SECRETARY- Terry Townes- Rt. 6, Clarksville, 75426. DEACONS- Larry Napier, Buddy Langston, Edmund McConnell, Bobby Hines, James Daniel, Nolan Meredith, Darald Kunlengel, ORDAINED MINISTERS- David Wilson,

HILCREST, PASTOR- Albert D. Van Deaver, P.O. Box 369, Blossom, Tx. 75416. CLERK- Jane Van Deaver, P.O. Box 369, Blossom, Tx. 75416. SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT- Albert Van Deaver, SECRETARY- Francillia Smith, 2650 Sugar Hill Rd. Paris, Tx. ENROLLMENT- 22, CLASSES- 3, DEACONS- Ramond Parker, Ramond Stanley, LeRoy Ricks, ORDAINED MINISTERS, Albert D. Van Deaver.

HOPEWELL, PASTOR- A.B. Kellam, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Tx. 75426, CLERK- Pat Boyd, Rt. 6, Box 283-1, Clarksville Tx 75426, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT- Jim Horsely, Rt. 6- Clarksville, Tx. 75426, SECRETARY- Kara Neathery, CLASSES- 6, DEACONS: Byron Durren, Jim Hayes, Kenneth Henderson, Johnny Boyd. ORDAINED MINISTERS: A.B. Kellam.

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HUBBARD CHAPEL, PASTOR-Ricky Gandy, 685 San Marcus, Avery, Tx. 75554. CLERK: Dora Perry, Rt. 1 Box 246B, Dekalb, Tx 75559, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT- E.E. Burden, Rt. 2, Box 92, Dekalb, SECRETARY- David Stout- Tr.1 Box 37AD, Dekalb, Tx. ENROLLMENT- 25, CLASSES- 5, DEACONS: Lester Stout, E.E. Burden, Jackie Hawkins, ORDAINED MINISTERS- Ricky Gandy,

JOHNTOWN, - PASTOR- Roddy Jackson, Rt. 1 Box 216, Bogota, Tx. 75417, CLERK- Myra A. Jean, Rt. 1, Box 233, Bogota, Tx. 75417, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT- Donald B. Jean, Rt. 1 Box 256K, Bogota, Tx. 75417, SECRETARY- Myra A. Jean, ENROLLMENT- 65, CLASSES-7, DEACONS: Willie Lee, H. Drue Pirtle, David Horn, Ray Shirley, Rickey Daniels, Donald B. Jean, Albert Harville. ORDAINED MINISTERS- Roddy Jackson.

LIBERTY, PASTOR- Wilbourne Lee, Rt. 1 Detroit Tx. 75436, CLERK- Loura Stevens, Rt. 1 Detroit Tx. 75436, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT- James H. Smith, Rt. 1, Detroit, Ts. SECRETARY: Mrs. D. A. Pearce, Rt. 1 Detroit, ENROLLMENT- 21, CLASSES- 3, DEACONS- Roy Fry, James H. Smith, ORDAINED MINISTERS- Wilbourne Lee.

MT. PLEASANT, - PASTOR- Carl Raleigh, Rt. 1 Box 122, Avery Tx. 75554, CLERK- Doris Carey, P. O. Box 165, Blossom Tx. 75416, SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT- Ernest Carey, P. O. Box 165, Blossom Tx. 75416, SECRETARY- Rt. 1, Box 2460 Bagwill Ts. 75412, ENROLLMENT- 18, CLASSES- 1. DEACONS- Ramond Jeffers, Ernest Carey ORDAIN MINISTERS- Carl Raleigh

NEW HAVEN, - PASTOR- Kevin Plaster- Rt. 6, Box 308, Clarksville, Tx. 75426 CLERK- John Mitchell, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Tx. 75426, S.S. SUPERINTENDENT- Scott Hinkle; S.S. SECRETARY: Christy Peek; DEACON- Aubrey Raulston; ORDAINED MINISTERS- Kevin Plaster.

NEW HOPE, - PASTOR- Sam Reeves, P. O. Box 44 Dekalb, Tx 75559, CLERK- Pam Shumake, Rt. 1 Box 277A, DeKalb Tx. 75559, S.S. SECRETARY- Rita Miller, ORDAINED MINISTERS- Sam Reeves

OAK RIDGE, - PASTOR- Ronnie Pipes, 213 Magnolia, New Boston, Tx. 75570 CLERK-

PINKHAM MEMORIAL, - PASTOR- James R. Eddins Sr. 117 S. E. Browning, DeKalb, Tx. 75559, CLERK- Carol Fanery, P. O. Box 28 DeKalb, Tx. 75559, S.S. SUPERINTENDENT- Stanley Flaney, P. O. Box 28 DeKalb, Tx. S.S. SECRETARY -Pauline Shumake, Rt. 1 Box 281 DeKalb, Tx. ENROLLMENT- 100, CLASSES 12, DEACONS-

THE HISTORY OF THE RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Johnie Lee

Aside from the fact that the Red River Association was organized in 1843, very little is known about its early history.

The earliest minutes located to date, 1857, 14 years after the first meeting, gives perhaps the earliest history we may be able to locate. In these minutes, we find that churches from four counties made up the association: Red River, Lamar, Bowie and Hopkins. An important footnote is also present in these minutes, which is stated the years of organization of two of the ten churches in the association at that time: Concord Church, Clarksville, established 1854, and Upper Peach Tree Creek, Paris established 1844. The 1857 meeting, itself was somewhat unique in that there were so few delegates present that it was voted to adjourn and meet again in mid-May, 1858, at which time business was conducted from 1857. Only one committee report is recorded in the minutes, that of Destitution. The ten churches of the association were Concord and Upper Peach Tree Creek, as mentioned, Lower Peach Tree Creek, Kiomitia (Red River County), Mt. Moriah, Boston, Myrtle Springs (Red River), Clarksville Church, Paris Church, Savannah (Red River County), South Suphur (Hopkins County), and Shiloh (Blossom Prairie). By 1858, the latter three churches were not in the association, but four more were: Salem (Red River County), Friendship (Paris), Pine Woods (Clarksville) and Macedonia (Maple Creek now Bogota). In the years since, more than 125 names of churches have appeared as members of this association, though some churches, undoubtedly were known by more than one name in the passage of time.

Perhaps one of the most traumatic sessions of the association meetings began with a report on "Special Fellowship," given at the 1881 meeting, to which some of the delegates objected. At the vote to accept the report, some delegates dissented and the vote was not unanimous, The Moderator stated that, in questions dealing with fellowship, a unanimous vote was necessary. A walk-out ensued, with the delegates from eight churches exiting the

This association may have an executive committee composed of the 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 caring our the work outlined in the annual messenger assembly of the association.

ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENT

Two-thirds of the Churches of this association must approve any change of 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 next annual session of the messengers, In this matter, each church is entitled to one vote.

Louis Forsyth, Lanan Clark, Gay Shumake, Robert Shumake, Stanlye Flanery, Joe Mac Davis, LICENSED MINISTERS: Gerold Rankin, ORDAINED MINISTERS- James R. Eddins Sr,

WARDS CREEK: CLERK- Sue Tucker Rt. 1 Box 150C, DeKalb, Tx. 75559, S.S. SUPERINTENDENT- Walter Shaw, Rt. 1 Box 150D DeKalb, Tx. 75559, S.S. SECRETARY-Ethel B. Proctor, Rt. 1, Box 150, DeKalb, Tx. 75559 CLASSES-5 DEACONS-John Proctor, Choice Smith, L. D. Coleman, Kenneth Tower, Howard Lawing, Ronnie Brewer

WEST SIDE,-PASTOR- Wayne Stringer, P.O. box 21, New Boston, Tx. 75570,CLERK- Ozell Thompson, 706 Highway 82W., New Boston, Tx. 75570,S.S. SUPERINTENDENT- E.G. Batchelor, 908 Hwy 82W. New Boston Tx.S.S. SECRETARY- Floy Joyner, ENROLLMENT- 133 CLASSES- 11, DEACONS- Bruce Tidwell, ORDAINED MINISTERS- Wayne Stringer, Loyld Cowley, Charles Trusty

LOCAL LADIES AUXILIARIES

Avery: PRESIDENT-Joyce Stevens, PO Box 416, Avery Ts. 75554
SECRETARY-Joyce Woods, Rt. 1 Box 110 Avery Ts. 75554,
ENROLLED-17 MEETING TIME- Fourth Sunday afternoon

EAST POST OAK- PRESIDENT-T. J. Johnston, Rt. 1 Box 243,
Blossom Tx. 75416, SECRETARY-Anna Crawford, P.O. Box 284,
Blossom Tx. 75416, ENROLLED-12 MEETING TIME- First and Third
Monday Nights.

FAITH #1- PRESIDENT-Judy Downs, SECRETARY-Beverly
Strickland, 510 S. Lawn, New Boston Tx. 75570, ENROLLED-15
MEETING TIME- Every other Sunday.

FAITH #2- PRESIDENT-Ruby Pemberton, 1214 Brook, Nes Boston, Tx
75570 SECRETARY- Marie Williams, 607 Anderson New Boston, Tx.
75570, ENROLLED-10 MEETING TIME- First and third Friday nights.

FRIENDSHIP-PRESIDENT-Ramona Duren, 1105 S. Locust,
Clarksville, Tx. 75426 SECRETARY-Bonnie Keas, Rt. 1 Clarksville Tx.
75426, ENROLLED-10 MEETING TIME- Wednesday evenings.

HOOKS- PRESIDENT- Rita Johnson, #7 Country Estates, Texarkana
Ar. 75502, SECRETARY-Becky Mahone, 21 Country Lane, Texarkana
Tx. 75501, ENROLLED-15 MEETING TIME- Second Tuesday.

HUBBARD- PRESIDENT- Brenda Strout, Rt. 1 Bow 37AD, DeKalb
Tx. 75554, SECRETARY- Brenday Stout, Rt. 1 Box 37 AD
ENROLLED-6 MEETING TIME- First Wednesday night.

JOHNTOWN- PRESIDENT-Dana Anderson, Rt. 1 Box 217 Bogata, Tx
75417, SECRETARY- Jana Hawkins, Rt. 1 Box 217 Bogata Tx 75417,
ENROLLED-10 MEETING TIME- Third Monday.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL- PRESIDENT-Janet Hart, Rt. 1 Box 34A
DeKalb, Tx. 75559, SECRETARY- Nima Knight, Rt. 1 Box 34, DeKalb
Tx. 75559, ENROLLED-20 MEETING TIME- Second Tuesday.

WESTSIDE-PRESIDENT- Novis Stringer, P. O. Box 375, Tx 75561,
SECRETARY-Clara Morden, Rt. 1 New Boston, 75570, ENROLLED-
12 MEETING TIME- Second and forth Monday nights.

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 the Missionary and Education 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,
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to carry our the object as set forth in Article II of this constitution;
such messengers to present letters of petition for admission from
their perspective 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 the Three Messengers to the annual messenger assembly.

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

ARTICLE IV- NATURE

Section1: This Association Shall be in nature a joint
Auxiliary to the churches composing it. It is not formed for
ecclesiastical end, but merely for benevolent purposes; but it reserves
the right to withdrawn from any church which becomes heterodox
in faith to 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 messengers 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 correct
record of each session of he messenger assembly, and to have the
same published and distributed to the churches a s 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 same to the association during its annual session.

ARTICLE VI-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE