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MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

1995



Minutes of the
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION

of the

**RED RIVER-BOWIE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**FRIENDSHIP
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS

September 14, 1995

Officers for 1995-96

Moderator	Elder James Kitchens	<i>Bro Joe Stephens at Bro's will</i>
Vice Moderator	Elder Joe Stephens	
Assistant Clerk	Elder James Brown	<i>Bro Brown Clerk Secretary & Treasurer</i>
Assistant Clerk	Elder Steven Hill	
Treasurer	Elder A. B. Kellam	
Assistant Clerk	Elder Rick Gandy	

Host for the next meeting

**HOPEWELL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

September 12, 1996

Annual Sermon: Elder Wayne Stringer - *Bro Gene Smith*
Alternate: Dr. Gene Smith *Bro Gene Smith*
Bro G. Hill

ASSIGNMENT OF REPORTS FOR 1996

Association Missions
Interstate and Foreign Missions
State Missions
Christian Education
A. B. A. Literature
Temperance
Orphan's Home
Aged Ministers Support
Ladies Auxiliary
Men's Brotherhood
Youth Report
Obituary

EVERY
PLEASANT OAKS
NEW HAVEN
HOPEWELL
WARDS CREEK
EAST POST OAK
WESTSIDE
PINKHAM MEMORIAL
JOHNTOWN
FRIENDSHIP
HOOKS
AUSTIN CHAPEL

Where to send your offerings:

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Clarksville, Texas 75426

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MEXICAN BAPTIST INSTITUTE:

TEXAS MISSION DEVELOPMENT:

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PINE SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP:

TEXAS HISTORY & ARCHIVES COMMITTEE:

1965	New Haven	J.B. Watson	A. Downing	H.L. Johnston	Jerry Coffman
1966	West Side	Jerry Coffman	A. Downing	H.L. Johnston	Jerry Coffman
1967	Pinkham Memorial	A. Downing	Cecil Purcell	H.L. Johnston	Jerry Coffman
1968	Johntown	Cecil Hill	Cecil Purcell	H.L. Johnston	A. Downing
1969	Friendship	M.A. Gardner	Loyd Roper	A. Downing	M.A. Gardner
1970	Post Oak	J.C. Henderson	Loyd Roper	A. Downing	M.A. Gardner
1971	Avery	Darrell Owens	A. Downing	J.R. Brown	G.P. Allen
1972	Hillcrest	B.A. Morris	A. Downing	J.R. Brown	G.P. Allen
1973	Austin Chapel	A.I. Bond	Bob Griffith	J.R. Brown	G.P. Allen
1974	Friendship	J.T. McNabb	J.C. Hancock	J.R. Brown	G.P. Allen
1975	Johntown	James Garten	J.C. Hancock	J.R. Brown	G.P. Allen
1976	Wards Creek	Carl Raligh	Billy Daniels	J.R. Brown	Earl McBryde
1977	Hopewell	Lynn Hitt	Billy Daniels	J.R. Brown	John Marlair
1978	Avery	Don Rainey	Billy Daniels	J.R. Brown	John Marlair
1979	Austin Chapel	Lynn Hinkle	Billy Daniels	J.R. Brown	John Marlair
1980	Johntown	James McBryde	Billy Daniels	J.R. Brown	John Marlair
1981	New Haven	J.R. McDougal	Billy Daniels	J.R. Brown	John Marlair
1982	Avery	Jim Henry	James Hinkle	J.R. Brown	Cecil Purcell
1983	Friendship	Lynn McBryde	James Hinkle	Billy Daniels	Joe Helms
1984	Johntown	Joe Helms	A.B. Kellem	Billy Daniels	Joe Helms
1985	East Post Oak	Ervin Gould	A.B. Kellem	Billy Daniels	Joe Helms
1986	Faith	Charles Johnson	Ervin Gould	Billy Daniels	James Eddins
1987	Johntown	John Sanders	Ervin Gould	Billy Daniels	James Eddins
1988	Hopewell	A.B. Kellem	Guy Culver	Billy Daniels	James Eddins
1989	Wards Creek	Charley Ellison	Guy Culver	Billy Daniels	James Eddins
1990	New Haven	Carl Raleigh	James Brown	Billy Daniels	James Eddins
1991	Pinkham Memorial	Roddy Jackson	James Brown	Billy Daniels	James Eddins
1992	Avery	David Wilson	John Sanders	Billy Daniels	James Eddins
1993	Johntown	Bill Johnson	Roddy Jackson	David Wilson	Kevin Plaster
1994	Hooks	Joe Shafer	Roddy Jackson	David Wilson	Kevin Plaster
1995	Friendship	Joe Stevens	James Kitchens	J. R. Brown	A. B. Kellam

* = Selected at previous year's meeting.

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RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MESSENGER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 1995

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Annual Messenger Meeting of the Red River-Bowie Association was opened by the congregation singing the song, "Victory In Jesus", led by Mrs. Ramona Duren with Mrs. James Daniell and Mrs. M. A. Duren playing the instruments. The opening prayer was then voiced by Bro. Earl Reynolds, Pastor of East Post Oak Church.

The Moderator then called for the welcome address by the host church. Bro. Byron Tilton, new pastor of the Friendship Church, came for this welcome. Bro. Bill Johnson, pastor of the Hooks Church, was then recognized for the response to the welcome.

The Moderator then called for the church letters to be brought to the clerk's table. Bro. Rick Gandy and Bro. Steven Hill passed out the statistical sheets prepared by the clerk from the letters received prior to the meeting.

The Moderator then called Bro. Rodney Stevens, Pastor of the Wards Creek Missionary Baptist Church, to come with the morning devotional. Bro. Stevens read from Isaiah 53 and delivered a good devotional.

The congregation was then asked to stand while the Moderator declared the ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SECOND annual session of the Red River-Bowie Missionary Baptist Association in session and open for regular business. Dr. Gene Smith, pastor of the Pleasant Oak Missionary Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas, led the opening prayer.

A call was then made to see if all assigned reports were present.

The Moderator then read the "Rules for Decorum" for those present. (These rules can be found elsewhere in this book.)

A petitionary letter was read by the clerk from the Pleasant Oaks Missionary Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas, asking to become a part of our local association. The Moderator then asked Dr. Gene Smith, Pastor, for a statement of the belief and practice of this church. Bro. Smith came and offered an explanation as to why they wanted to leave the Southwest Baptist Association in Arkansas and join with us. The Moderator then asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

A motion was then made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam, to accept the petitionary letter and invite the Pleasant Oaks Church to work with this association. Passed.

The Moderator then asked Bro. Earl Reynolds, pastor of East Post Oak Church, to welcome this church and her Pastor to our work.

The Moderator then selected Bro. Wayne Stringer and Bro. Wilbourn Lee as reading clerks to read the letters from the churches. A motion was offered by Bro. James Eddins, seconded by Bro. Wayne Stringer, to read only the name of the church and her messengers from these letters. Passed. Letters were read from eighteen (18) different churches.

A motion was made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam, to seat the messengers and invite the visiting brethren to sit in deliberation with us.

The motion passed.

The new pastors in our association were asked to stand and introduce themselves. They are as follows:

Bro. Steven Hill, New Haven Church; Bro. Rodney Stevens, Wards Creek Church; Bro. Gene Smith, Pleasant Oaks Church; Bro. Byron Tilton, Friendship Church. Our visitors were then asked to stand and introduce themselves. Among others, visitors included:

1900	Bogata	J.T. Durham	C.A. Worley	W.W. Lawson	I.H. Lawson
1901	Lydia	J.H. Crain	G.B. Dean	W.W. Lawson	I.H. Lawson
1902	Hopewell#1	J.H. Taylor	G.B. Dean	W.W. Lawson	I.H. Lawson
1903	Pilgrim's Rest	G. E. Phinkham	G.B. Dean	W.W. Lawson	T.H. Holt
1904	White Oak*	C.A. Worley*	G.B. Dean	W.W. Lawson	T.H. Holt
1906	Detroit	J.S. Hubbard	G.B. Dean	W.W. Lawson	T.H. Holt
1907	Lydia	P.H. Swinney	G.B. Dean	W.W. Lawson	T.H. Holt
1908	Bethlehem	G.E. Phinkham	H.E. Duffee	D.J. Stanhill	D.J. Devinney
1909	Collier Springs	G.E. Phinkham	H.E. Duffee	D.J. Stanhill	D.J. Devinney
1910	Armona	D.J. Devinney	S.T. Baily	A.S. Crow	D.J. Devinney
1911	Avery	J.A. Moore	S.T. Baily	A.S. Crow	D.J. Devinney
1912	Liberty	B.T. Richardson	G.B. Dean	D.J. Stanhill	D.J. Devinney
1913	Concord	P.H. Swinney	G.B. Dean	W.F. Brooks	L.H. Bassett
1914	White Oak	J.B. Watson	G.A. Lyon	A.S. Crow	George Taylor
1915	Collier Springs	P.H. Swinney	G.A. Lyon	A.S. Crow	George Taylor
1916	Bethlem #1	J.V. Vermillion	G.A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B.J. Devinney
1917	Bethlem #1	J.V. Vermillion	G.A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B.J. Devinney
1918	Avery	M.A. Roberts	G.A. Lyon	J. Whitecotton	B.J. Devinney
1919	Hopewell #1	W.F. Brooks	W.R. Davis	W.F. Brooks	Z.C. Humphrey
1920	Davis Chapel	J.B. Watson	W.R. Davis	J. Whitecotton	B.D. Stewart
1921	Aikin Grove	W.R. Watson	W.R. Davis	J.C. Powell	A.S. Crow
1922	Pleasant Valley	W.F. Brooks	W.R. Davis	J.C. Powell	A.S. Crow
1923	Liberty	J.B. Watson	W.F. Brooks	A.S. Crow	W.M. Thrasher
1924	Maple Creek	W.F. Brooks	W.F. Brooks	A.S. Crow	W.M. Thrasher
1925	Avery	W.M. Thrasher	W.F. Brooks	L.E. Walker	W.M. Thrasher
1926	Lone Pine	W.F. Brooks	W.F. Brooks	L.E. Walker	W.M. Thrasher
1927	Downing	J.E. Watson	W.M. Thrasher	W.F. Brooks	J.T. McNabb
1928	Lydia	W.F. Brooks	W.M. Thrasher	W.F. Brooks	J.T. McNabb
1929	Avery	L.E. Walker	W.F. Brooks	A.I. Bond	A.S. Crow
1930	Maple Creek	S.W. Haper	W.F. Brooks	A.I. Bond	A.S. Crow
1931	Pleasant Valley	W.F. Brooks	D.D. Miller	A.I. Bond	O.H. Phinkham

JOHNTOWN: President: Robbie Hawkins, Rt. 1, Box 300, Bogata, Texas 75417;
Secretary: Janna Hawkins, Rt. 1, Box 217, Bogata, Texas 75417; Enrolled: 12; Meeting
Time: Sunday.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: President: Stacey Payne, Rt. 3, Box 95C, New Boston, Texas
75570; Secretary: Carla Batchelor, 403 Nolan, DeKalb, Texas 75559.

WARDS CREEK: President: Kathy Stevens, Rt. 1, Box 856, Simms, Texas 75574;
Secretary: Doris Coleman, Rt. 1, Box 151-A, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Enrolled: 15;
Meeting Time: Last Wednesday of month.

WEST SIDE: President: Novis Stringer, 710 S. McCoy Blvd., New Boston, Texas
75570; Secretary: Clara Morden, Rt. 3, Box 772, New Boston, Texas 75770; Enrolled:
10; Meeting Time: Monday.

Dr. W. A. Dillard, Texarkana Baptist Orphan's Home; Dr. Ray Brooks, Texas
Baptist Institute; Bro. Gene Hoover, Pine Springs Baptist Camp Grounds; Bro.
Marlin Freeman, State Missionary.

(Clerk's Note: Bro. Luther Crawford had phoned the Clerk and explained that the
reason for his absence was to attend the funeral service of the wife of one of the
State Missionaries in Garland, Texas.)

The Moderator then called for the election of officers for the coming year. They
are as follows:

Moderator: Bro. James Kitchens; Vice Moderator: Bro. Joe Stevens; Clerk: Bro.
James Brown; Assistant Clerk: Bro. Steven Hill; Treasurer: Bro. A. B. Kellam;
Assistant Treasurer: Bro. Rick Gandy.

Elected to preach the annual sermon: Bro. Wayne Stringer

Elected as alternate: Dr. Gene Smith

Invitations were then received for the meeting place in 1996. Invitations were
received from Hopewell, Wards Creek, Avery, Westside, and Johntown. Hopewell
was selected as the next meeting place.

The Moderator then asked if there was any Special Business to come before the
body.

A motion was made by Bro. Wayne Stringer, seconded by Bro. Joe Stevens, to take
back to the Church for a vote to decide whether to eliminate the Treasurer's office
and combine it with the office of the Clerk. After some discussion as to the benefits
of such action by the Churches, the motion passed. (Clerk's Note: It will take a vote
of two-thirds of the Churches to change the offices of this association.)

Bro. Brown then presented a statement concerning the Hillcrest Missionary
Baptist Church in Paris, Texas and what some of the members of the church were
thinking about some of the things going on in the church at this time.

A motion was then made by Bro. Joe Stevens, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam, to list
only the Churches in the minute book that represented by letter at this meeting.
This was spoken to by Dr. W. A. Dillard. The motion was then withdrawn.

Bro. James Brown then made a motion, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam, to allow the
motion to be withdrawn. The motion was spoken to by Bro. Steven Hill, Bro. Earl
Reynolds and passed. The previous motion was withdrawn. The Moderator then
asked Bro. James Brown to introduce the speaker for annual message. Bro. Joe
Stevens, Pastor of the Avery Missionary Baptist Church, was introduced for the
sermon.

After the song, "Room At The Cross For You" was sung by Bro. James Brown and
Sis. Ramona Duren, Bro. Stevens came and read from II Samuel 30:1-4 & 8. He spoke
on the subject, "Rescuing the Captives". This was a most inspiring message.

Bro. A. B. Kellam was then called on by the Moderator to give the hand of
appreciation to both Bro. Joe Stevens and to Bro. Rodney Stevens for the sermon
and the morning devotional.

The Moderator then stated that there was time remaining after the message to
hear of the reports that had been prepared.

Bro. Roddy Jackson came and gave the report on State Missions, prepared by the
Johntown Missionary Baptist Church. Bro. Jackson moved the adoption of the
report, seconded by Bro. Kellam and spoke briefly to the report. It was also spoken
to by Bro. Marlin Freeman, Missionary Pastor in Center, Texas. He gave a good
report on his work.

Bro. Leonard Milford, Pastor of Oakland MBC in Shelbyville, Texas, reported on
a new Spanish Mission that his church was sponsoring in Shelbyville. The Mission
is supported by twelve churches.

Bro. Wayne Stringer reported on the Texas Mission Builders work in Texas.
(Clerk's Note: Bro. Luther Crawford, State Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer
of Missions, had called the night before and stated that he could not attend the
meeting because of a funeral.)

The motion was voted and passed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 1 p.m. It was passed. The congregation stood and the Moderator asked Dr. W. A. Dillard to offer the closing prayer with thanks for the noon meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

At 1 p.m. the Moderator called the meeting to order and the congregation sang, "Showers of Blessings" with the same musicians.

A quartet composed of Sis. Ramona Duren, Sis. Frances Daniell, Sis. Regina Napier and Bro. James Brown sang, "I Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now".

The Moderator then called for the report on Christian Education, prepared by the Wards Creek MBC and read by Bro. Rodney Stevens, Pastor. Bro. Stevens moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam, and yielded his time to Dr. Ray O. Brooks, President of the Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary. The first year class was up by 50% this year and overall enrollment is up by 20%. He also reported on the Mexican Baptist Institute and the Baptist Monitor. The motion passed.

The Youth Report was called for as prepared by the Pinkham Memorial MBC and read by Bro. Bill Johnson at the request of Bro. James Eddins.

Bro. Johnson moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Eddins, and yielded his time to Bro. Gene Hooser, Superintendent of the Pine Springs Camp. He reported a good camping season this year with 244 professions of faith and 1 called to preach.

Bro. Joe Stevens raised some questions about the local Youth Rally. Also spoken to by Bro. Stringer, Bro. Tilton and Bro. Johnson. The motion passed.

The report on Orphan's Home was prepared by the Friendship MBC and read by Bro. Buddy Langston. Bro. Langston moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Bill Johnson, and yielded his time to Dr. W. A. Dillard, Administrator and The Texarkana Baptist Orphan's Home. He gave a good report on the Home and the motion passed.

The report on Aged Ministers Support was given by Westside MBC and read by Bro. Wayne Stringer, Pastor. Bro. Stringer moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Brown and Bro. Stringer reported on the Mobile Home that was provided to Bro. and Sis. Guy Culver. Dr. W. A. Dillard also spoke on the new A.B.A. retirement center to be located on the grounds of the Texarkana Baptist Orphan's Home. Motion passed.

The report on Interstate and Foreign Mission assigned to the New Haven MBC was read by Bro. Seven Hill, Pastor. Bro. Hill moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Wayne Stringer, and yielded his time to Bro. Jim Golden, Pastor of Waterview MBC in Richardson, Texas. He told of a new Foreign mission and missionary Bro. B. R. Singh, who will return to India to do mission work after completing his Master's Degree at T.B.I.

Bro. Bill Johnson spoke on the Mission that is sponsored by the Hooks MBC in Idaho, asking for support.

Bro. Wayne Stringer told of his trip to the Philippines. The motion passed. Bro. Kitchens called Bro. Joe Stephens to act as Moderator while he gave the report on Associational Missions, prepared by the Austin Chapel MBC. He moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Wayne Stringer and Bro. Kitchens spoke about the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam to receive an offering for the A.B.A. Ministers Retirement Center. The motions passed. Sis. Betty Duren played the organ while Bro. Rick Gandy and Bro. Wayne Stringer received the offering in the amount of \$156.50.

The moderator then called for the report on A.B.A. Literature prepared by the Hooks

NEW HAVEN: Pastor: Steven Hill, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas 75426.

NEW HOPE: Pastor: Sam Reeves, P. O. Box 44, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Pam Shumake, Rt. 1, Box 277-A, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Sam Reeves, P. O. Box 44, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Secretary: Rita Miller; Ordained Ministers: Sam Reeves.

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Pastor: James R. Eddins, Sr., P. O. Box 105, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Clerk: Carol Flaney, P. O. Box 28, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Stanley Flaney, P. O. Box 28, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Secretary: Pauline Shumake; Enrollment: 100; No. Classes: 12; Deacons: Louis Forsyth, Robert Shumake, Gay Shumake, Stanley Flaney, Joe Davis, Lanan Clark; Ordained Ministers: James R. Eddins, Sr.; Licensed Ministers: Gerold Rankin.

WARDS CREEK: Pastor: Rodney Stevens, Rt. 1, Box 856, Simms, Texas 75574; Clerk: Sue Tucker, Rt. 1, Box 150-C, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Gregory Lawing, Rt. 1, Box 842, Simms, Texas 75574; Sunday School Secretary: Ethel Boyd Proctor; Enrollment: -; No. Classes: 6; Deacons: Kenneth Tower, Howard Lawing, John Proctor, Choice Smith, L. D. Coleman, Ronnie Brewer; Ordained Ministers: Rodney Stevens.

WEST SIDE: Pastor: Wayne Stringer, 710 S. McCoy Blvd., New Boston, Texas 75570; Clerk: Ozell Thompson, 706 Hwy. 82 West, New Boston, Texas 75570; Sunday School Superintendent: E. G. Batchelor, 908 Hwy. 82 West, New Boston, Texas 75570; Sunday School Secretary: Floy Joyner; Deacons: Bruce Tidwell; Ordained Minister: Wayne Stringer, John Moles.

LADIES AUXILIARY

AVERY: President: Joy Stevens, P. O. Box 416, Avery, Texas 75554; Secretary: Joyce Woods, Rt. 1, Box 110, Avery, Texas; Enrolled: 16; Meeting Time: 4th Sunday.

EAST POST OAK: President: T. J. Johnston, 5495 W. Hwy. 82, Blossom, Texas 75416; Secretary: Anna Crawford, P. O. Box 284, Blossom, Texas 75416; Enrolled: 14; Meeting Time: 1st & 3rd Monday night.

FAITH: #1: President: Glenda Oliver, Rt. 1, Box 656, Simms, Texas; Secretary: Melba Balley, 102 Washington, New Boston, Texas; Enrolled: 10; Meeting Time: 1st & 3rd Friday; #2: President: Judi Downs; Secretary: Beverly Strickland, 510 South Lawn, New Boston, Texas; Enrolled: 10; Meeting Time: 2nd & 4th Sunday.

FRIENDSHIP: President: Ramona Duren, 1105 South Locust, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Secretary: Bonnie Keys, Rt. 1, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Enrolled: 8; Meeting Time: Wednesday.

HOOKS: President: Rita Johnson, P. O. Box 120, Texarkana, Ark. 75504; Secretary Becky Mahone, 21 Country Lane, Texarkana, Texas 75501; Enrollment: 15; Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday.

PLEASANT OAKS: President: Urna Adams, 11 Holly Ln., Texarkana, TX 75503; Secretary: Ginger Bayley, Rt. 15, Box 512-A, Texarkana, TX 75501

HUBBARD CHAPEL: President: Lisa Roberts, Rt. 2, Box 98-B, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Secretary: Teresa Gandy, 685 San Marcus, Avery, Texas 75554; Enrolled: 6; Meeting Time: 2nd Sunday.

Talkington; Enrollment: 126; No. Classes: 10; Deacons: Jimmy Parker, John Talkington, Ralph Parker, Robert Martin; Ordained Ministers: Joe Shafer, Ricky Shirley; Licensed Ministers: Michael Littleton.

FRIENDSHIP: Pastor: Byron Tilton, 600 East Comanche, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Sally Reed, 1205 West Jackson, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Sunday School Superintendent: James Daniell, 1703 West Taylor, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Sunday School Secretary: Terrie Townes; Enrollment: 108; No. Classes: 12; Deacons: Edmond McConnell, Bobby Hines, Buddy Langston, James Daniell, Nolan Meredith, Darald Kuhlengel, Larry Napier; Ordained Ministers: Byron Tilton.

HILLCREST: Pastor: Albert VanDeaver, P. O. Box 369, Blossom, Texas; Clerk: Jean VanDeaver, P. O. Box 369, Blossom, Texas. Sunday School Superintendent: Larry Wadford; Sunday School Secretary: Susie Foster; Enrollment: 39; No. Classes: 3; Deacons: Raymond Parker, Raymond Stanley, Leroy Chaffin, LeRoy Ricks, Larry Wadford; Ordained Ministers: Albert VanDeaver.

HOOKS: Pastor: Bill Johnson, P. O. Box 120, Texarkana, Ark. 75504; Clerk: Rita Johnson, P. O. Box 120, Texarkana, Ark. 75504; Sunday School Superintendent: David Butler, Rt. 1, Box 189-A8, Hooks, Texas 75561; Sunday School Secretary: ; Enrollment: 78; No. Classes: 10; Deacons: ; Ordained Ministers: Bill Johnson.

HOPEWELL: Pastor: A. B. Kellam, Rt. 6, Box 265, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Clerk: Pat Boyd, Rt. 6, Box 283-1, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Sunday School Superintendent: Jim Horsley, Rt. 6, Clarksville, Texas; Sunday School Secretary: Kara Neathery; Enrollment: ; No. Classes: 7; Deacons: Byronn Duren, Jim Hays, Johnny Boyd, Kenneth Henderson; Ordained Ministers: A. B. Kellam, David Wilson.

PLEASANT OAKS: Pastor: Gene C. Smith, 5602 Deer Creek Dr., Texarkana, Texas; Clerk: Ginger Baxley, Rt. 15, Box 512-A, Texarkana, Texas; Sunday School Superintendent: Boyd Craig, Rt. 2, Box 359-C, Texarkana, Texas; No. Classes: 6; Deacons: A. H. Hyde, Ron Dancer; Ordained Ministers: Gene C. Smith.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Pastor: Ricky Gandy, 685 San Marcus, Avery, Texas 75554; Clerk: Dora Perry, Rt. 1, Box 246-B, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: E. E. Burden, Rt. 2, Box 92, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Secretary: David Stout; Enrollment: 25; No. Classes: 5; Deacons: Lester Stout, E. E. Burden, Jackie Hawkins; Ordained Ministers: Ricky Gandy.

JOHNTOWN: Pastor: Roddy Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 216, Bogata, Texas 75417; Clerk: Myra Jean, Rt. 1, Box 233, Bogata, Texas 75417; Sunday School Superintendent: Ricky Daniels, Rt. 1, Box 300, Bogata, Texas 75417; Sunday School Secretary: Myra Jean; Enrollment: 70; No. Classes: 7; Deacons: Willie Lee, H. Drue Pirtle, Ray Shirley, Donald Jean, Ricky Daniels, David Horn; Ordained Ministers: Roddy Jackson.

LIBERTY: Pastor: Wilbourn Lee, Rt. 2, Box 327, Detroit, Texas 75436; Clerk: Laura Stevens, Rt. 1, Box 305, Detroit, Texas 75436; Sunday School Superintendent: James Smith, Rt. 1, Detroit, Texas 75436; Sunday School Secretary: Doris Pearce; Enrollment: 18; No. Classes: 3; Deacons: Ray Fry, James Smith; Ordained Minister: Wilbourn 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; Sunday School Secretary: Linda Jackson; Deacons: Raymond Jeffers, Ernest Carey; Ordained Ministers: Carl Raleigh.

Hooks MBC and read by Bro. Bill Johnson, Pastor. Bro. Johnson moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Kellam, and spoken to by Bro. Johnson and Dr. Gene Smith. The motion passed.

The report on Temperance that was assigned to the Liberty MBC was read by Bro. Wilbourn Lee, Pastor. Bro. Lee moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Brown and passed.

The report on Ladies Auxiliaries was prepared by the East Post Oak MBC and read by Sis. Ruth Johnston. Bro. Earl Reynolds moved the adoption, seconded by Bro. James Eddins, and passed.

The report on Mens Brotherhood was given by Avery BMC and read by Bro. Joe Stevens, Pastor. Bro. Stevens moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Bro. Brown and passed.

The report on Obituaries was compiled by the Aikin Grove MBC and read by Bro. James Brown, Pastor. Bro. Brown moved the adoption of the report with a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who had gone on before us. It was seconded by Bro. Kellam and Bro. Brown led in prayer as the motion passed.

The Treasurers report was given by Bro. A. B. Kellam. A motion was made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. Bill Johnson, to accept the report and passed.

A motion was made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. Roddy Jackson, to pay Bro. David Wilson and Bro. A. B. Kellam \$150.00 each for their work the year before. Passed.

Assignments of the reports to be given at the 1996 meeting was then made. (Found in front of this book.)

A motion was then made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. Steven Hill, to ask the Moderator to appoint a committee to talk with the pastor of the Hillcrest MBC. Passed.

Bro. Kellam gave a report on the Sunday Morning Broadcast and spoke about it. Bro. Earl Reynolds thanked all of the Churches for their support of him in his health problems.

A motion was made by Bro. Roddy Jackson, seconded by Bro. Wayne Stringer, to show our appreciation to the host church for a great meal and a good day. Passed. Announcements were made and a number of prayer requests were received.

Motion was then made by Bro. James Brown, seconded by Bro. A. B. Kellam that we adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned with Bro. Roddy Jackson voicing the closing prayer.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR 1995

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Missionary Baptist Churches in these last few years have grown tremendously in knowledge and zeal for missions. According to the history of the Red River-Bowie Association listed in our 1994 Yearbook, our association joined the Salem and Hopewell Associations to form the North East Baptist Mission Council in 1963. This Council has been a great tool the Lord has used to help the churches do mission work. We thank the Lord for those who led in this endeavor to reach more people for Christ.

Some of the projects of this Mission Council over the past twenty years has been the following:

1. The Heritage Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas
2. The Linden Baptist Church, Linden, Texas
3. The Gilmer Baptist Church, Gilmer, Texas

4. The Hooks Baptist Church, Hooks, Texas

At the present time Bro. Tim Zapeda is doing mission work in Mt. Pleasant, Texas among the Spanish speaking people. Bro. Zapeda is sponsored by the Hickory Hill MBC in Pittsburg, Texas. Land must be purchased and a building erected. This will cost a great deal of money but we are able by the grace of God to accomplish the task.

The work of the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council has been and continues to be useful in fulfilling our Lord's great commission. Without this associational effort, God's help and leadership, the results would have been quite different.

Therefore, we highly recommend the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council to our churches as Scriptural and worthy of our support. The work is urgent, so let us do all we can to encourage and support our Missionaries and Missions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Austin Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

In keeping with the Lord's commands as found in Acts 1:8 to be witnesses of the Lord in our local area (Jerusalem), our region (Judea), our nation (Samaria), and unto the whole world, let us be encouraged and zealous in our support of State Missions.

Texas is a vast state. It is our second most populous state in the United States. Due to its vastness and population, there are still many of our cities without a Missionary Baptist witness. This should be a matter of concern for us all.

We express our thanks unto God for those who have carried the gospel to various points in our state. As Bro. Crawford stated in a recent report, the number of conversions and baptisms declined this past year. This is not a reason to become discouraged or to scale back our support.

As can be seen from the 1994 local minutes, over \$23,000.00 was sent to the support of State Missions from this local association. Let us all be encouraged to eagerly support the missionaries who have been recommended by the messengers from our churches.

As James 5:16 tells us "... the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." May each member of the Lord's churches pray powerfully and consistently for our State Mission projects. May God bless these prayers and efforts with fruit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Johntown Missionary Baptist Church

INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The old hymn sings:

"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen,

Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.
Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;

Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save."

Those words have flowed out of the mouths of thousands, but out of the hearts of only a few! Why? Do people perish? Do they die? Are there such things as sin and the grave? Are we supposed to weep over those who are erring toward God and falling toward hell? If we truly believe what we sing, what should we do? - Tell them of Jesus the Mighty to save! Jesus, the Mighty and Merciful, came for one reason - to seek and to save that which was lost. In His earthly ministry, Jesus was committed

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GENERAL INFORMATION

AIKIN GROVE: Pastor: James R. Brown, P. O. Box 155, Clarksville, Texas 75426;
Clerk: Mrs. Dean Moore, Rt. 6, Box 631, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Sunday School Superintendent: Gary Foglesong, P. O. Box 503, Clarksville, Texas 75426; Sunday School Secretary: Bonnie Hammer; Enrollment: 25; Number Classes 4; Deacons: W. H. Hammer, John T. Townes; Ordained Ministers: James R. Brown.

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Pastor: James A. Kitchens, Rt. 3, Box 64, DeKalb, Texas 75559;
Clerk: Carolyn Grinder, Rt. 32, Box 82A, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Superintendent: Gerald Proctor, Rt. 3, Box 99, DeKalb, Texas 75559; Sunday School Secretary: Ina Dee Jones; Enrollment: 90; Number Classes 8; Deacons: Nathan Churchhill, Doyle Grinder, Gerald Proctor, Lynn Shumake, James Tidwell, Raymond Tidwell, Travis White, C. T. Vick; Ordained Ministers: James Kitchens.

EVERY: Pastor, Joe Stevens, P. O. Box 416, Avery, Texas 75554; Clerk: Johnnie Baird, Rt. 1, Box 139, Avery, Texas 75554; Sunday School Superintendent: Tiltman Deaton, Rt. 1, Box 183, Avery, Texas 75554; Sunday School Secretary: Johnnie Baird; Enrollment: 90; No. Classes: 10; Deacons: Wilson Grant, Marvin Stearman, Charley Downs, Glenn Woods, Harold Nevil; Ordained Ministers: Joe Stevens, Cecil Spears.

EAST POST OAK: Pastor: E. R. Reynolds, Rt. 1, Box 265, Detroit, Texas 75436; Clerk: Ruth Johnston, 995 22nd. N. E., Paris, Texas 75460; Sunday School Superintendent: Not Listed; Sunday School Secretary: Not Listed; Enrollment: ; No. Classes: ; Deacons: Claude Tyler, F. M. Allen, Alvis Bates, Buford Cleveland, James Freelen, George Rhodes; Ordained Ministers: E. R. Reynolds, J. T. McNabb.

FAITH: Pastor: Joe Shafer, 303 N. Bowie, New Boston, Texas 75570; Clerk: Joyce Hartline, Rt. 1, Box 155H, New Boston, Texas 75570; Sunday School Superintendent: Melvin Oliver, Rt. 1, Box 656, Simms, Texas 75574; Sunday School Secretary: Jean

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV: NATURE

Section 1: This Association shall be in nature a joint Auxiliary to the churches composing it. It is not formed for ecclesiastical end, but merely for benevolent purposes; but it reserves the right to withdraw from any church which becomes heterodox in faith to disorderly practice.

Section 2: This association shall recognize freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievement of its work.

ARTICLE IV: 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 the messenger assembly and to have the same published and distributed to the churches as a report of the Association.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct record of all monies received and disbursed, and to make a report of same to the association during its annual session.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This association may have an executive committee composed of one member from each church in the association. Five members of said committee shall constitute a quorum. The Moderator of the committee is to provide leadership and counsel in carrying out the work outlined in the annual messenger assembly of the association.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENT

Two-thirds of the Churches of this association must approve any change or amendment of this Constitution. The following procedure shall be followed in order to change or amend the Constitution. Any proposed amendment shall be presented for discussion in open session of the messenger assembly. After discussion, the proposed amendment may be withdrawn only by consent of a simple majority of the messengers voting. Otherwise it must be referred to the churches of the association. Each church may then vote for or against the proposed amendment, expressing said vote for or against in the associational letter to next annual session of the messengers. In this matter, each church is entitled to one vote.

to saving souls as God, and to winning souls as man. Jesus as the God/man knew all souls had to be saved and He committed Himself to reaching all His time permitted - from the top religious leader in the country to the lowest of harlots "across the railroad tracks."

Through God's Word His churches know all souls must be saved, God alone saves, and they must be committed to reaching all their time permits. A Christian can only do the job of one Christian, and a church can only do the job of one church. However, churches associating with the bounds of God's Word can work together and reach souls outside of their reach but inside of God's reach. Our God has a missionary mind and let us never forsake His thoughts as they are given to us. Let us pray for men to answer His call, then to go where He called them, and for God to protect and provide for His honor and glory.

Sincerely Submitted,
New Haven Missionary Baptist Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Our great nation has awakened to the need for a more productive public education system. Although no human devised plan will ever be perfect, we should commend and support the effort while at the same time seek to safeguard our students against the teachings of Humanism.

As citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom, we have an even greater responsibility to engage in the advancement of Christian Education. Seminars, both at home and abroad, deserve our prayerful and financial support. Literature for Sunday School, BTC, VBS and Discovery continues to be a time-tested tool available to local churches. These publications should be used to their fullest potential. In the realm of secular education, many parents are now turning to private Christian schools and Bible-based home schooling. They should not be viewed as radicals but rather as concerned parents seeking to educate their children in a God-fearing atmosphere.

Present and future generations stand in need of quality Christian Education. It is both our obligation and privilege to attend to this need.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wards Creek Missionary Baptist Church

REPORT ON A B A LITERATURE

In helping his listeners relate Old Testament prophecy to Christ, Paul mentioned that the specific prophecy could not have applied to King David for he had fallen on sleep after he had served his own generation by the will of the Lord. (See Acts 13:36). It is a commendable thing for anyone to serve his own generation by the will of God.

The Baptist Sunday School Committee of the American Baptist Association along with the writers, editors and all the other personnel in Texarkana pray that their efforts will be considered a service to the churches of this generation. It is the will of the Lord that the gospel be proclaimed and that all things which Jesus taught should be taught in the churches. Every lesson outline prepared, every book printed, every tape recording made, and every tract printed is done with a prayer that it is within the will of God.

A few of the things the Sunday School Committee is doing include the production of thirty-five quarterly units for Sunday School and BTC, preparation, printing and distribution of a full Vacation Bible School curriculum each year, production and

support of the Discovery youth ministry for children from kindergarten through sixth grade and teenagers, and the publication of countless tracts, books and other tools useful in helping people learn about the Lord Jesus. Overall use of these materials during the past eight months has increased by about four percent.

In addition to all this, the Committee is looking into new ways to be of service to this informational generation. The editorial office is searching for ways to produce computer discs of lesson materials. Internet, the information superhighway, will be used to help disseminate information. The American Baptist Association address already on the internet is "ABapist.org". This could become an important communications link between churches, missionaries, pastors and church members. The editor in chief has initiated studies of ways to revise and improve the through-the-Bible Sunday School curriculum and the Baptist Training Course curriculum. A full report along with recommendations will be made to the ABA messengers in June, 1996.

Please continue to pray for your publications ministry in Texarkana. There are millions of people to be reached in this generation. May God grant His churches the wisdom and ability to reach everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Johnson, Editor in Chief of Publications for American Baptist Association,
Pastor, Hooks Missionary Baptist Church

REPORT ON YOUTH WORK

Ephesians 6 and Proverbs 22 both described the direction we should lead our children. The Church was given the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel. This includes teaching and leading our own children to the Lord. The Home and the Church have an awesome responsibility to children - to teach and lead them in paths of righteousness.

Our Churches now have the potential to reach every child in every ABA Church Neighborhood. Discovery and Bible Clubs are working! Our leaders and workers are to be commended. For so long we needed a program that worked in any size Church. Thanks to the Lord for leading writers and editors to put together such a program.

Pinkham Baptist recommends Bible Clubs for the Youth and Discovery for Teens. They have brought many blessings to our Church. Pine Springs Camp is a wonderful place for young people to find and grow in the Lord.

Let us prayerfully and financially support the youth programs in our Churches, our ABA Youth Encampments, and other avenues that minister to our Youth. May we all strive to reach every young person for the Glory of the Lord.

Respectively Submitted,

Pinkham Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME

Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, a benevolent ministry of the churches to orphaned, abandoned, abused, and needy children, is extremely active and representing the churches well. Thanks to the loving care of the churches, it has been a good year for the Home. Somewhat of an overview of the Home in the past year may be visualized through consideration of children, staff, spiritual state, activities, equipment, and special provisions.

Due to varying circumstances, some children have left us during the year, but others have been added to the roll of residents. Presently there are thirty children ranging from three to eighteen years of age. All are healthy, well cared for, and en-

Let all men heed the admonition of Paul, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity." (II Cor. 16).
Respectfully Submitted,
Avery Missionary Baptist Church

OBITUARY REPORT

Paul wrote: "Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." "The last enemy of mankind that will be destroyed is death. Until that time comes, we remember those who have gone on before us and the work that they have done and look forward to the time when we will all be together with Him.

Those who have died from our churches are:

AIKIN GROVE
J. C. Williams

NEW HAVEN
Alfred Cain

AUSTIN CHAPEL
Callie Ballew
Dovie Nell Barnett
Cooper Jeanes
Raymond Tidwell
C. T. Vick

PINKHAM MEMORIAL
Wes Magell Samuels
WEST SIDE
Willie Berry
Lloyd Cowley

AVERY
Martha Bearden
W. H. Little
Curtis Huckabay
Newell Goff
Travis Holder
Morriss Downs
Joseph Baird
Annie Peek
Leslie Cato

WARDS CREEK
Dorothy Stewart
Flora Cross
EAST POST OAK
Eula Mitchell
Alice Formby
FAITH
Bro. Joe Askew
Bro. Robert Elledge
Mary Johnson

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.

against the flesh and these are contrary to the other. The Holy Spirit who lives within His children opposes the evil desires of our flesh nature, so to be within God's will, we must yield to the desires of the Holy Spirit as we read God's Word and are shown what He would have us to do.

In Ephesians 5:18, the Lord instructs us to "be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be ye filled with the Spirit."

Paul, in speaking to Felix and Drucilla (Acts 24:24-25) was speaking to a man and his wife who were living in adultery. That element of the flesh nature is to be subject to God's ordinances concerning marriage, the home and family.

Temperance is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23), and is the third virtue to be added to our faith in the list given in II Peter 1:5-7, and contributes to faithfulness, vision, steadfastness and an abundant entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of Christ.

It should be understood that temperance only deals with things which are legitimate in God's sight. The Lord does not give us the right to be temperate in doing evil (I Thes. 5:22).

We fail to be temperate when we, as God's children, set our affections on things of this earth and not on things above, as we are commanded to do in Col. 3:1-2.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church

LADIES AUXILIARY WORK

Faithful women in the Lord's Churches have many places of responsibility, and the Ladies Auxiliary is such a place.

The Ladies Auxiliary is, by actual meaning, a helper to the Church. Those Auxiliaries can help, aid, and assist the church in many ways, both in spiritual and material matters.

Faithful women in the Ladies Auxiliary can teach others to be stronger Christians by work and by deed.

The Auxiliary should be a great asset to the Church and to the Pastor.

We, as a ladies group, can express ourselves more freely and have a unity that cannot be easily broken. Also, have many helpful projects that can be a great blessing to the Church.

We recommend a Ladies Auxiliary for each of our Churches.

In this way the ladies can have a great part in carrying out the Great Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD REPORT

Men's brotherhoods or men's meetings can be a great asset to any church and her pastor. These kinds of meetings offer the opportunity for men of the church to study God's Word, pray, and fellowship together. They can also consider important matters regarding the spiritual and material welfare of the church. Such things as mission outreach ministries, benevolence, building and equipment maintenance can be considered and recommendations referred to the church for action.

It should be clearly understood that a brotherhood is only an auxiliary of the church and as such has no power to exercise authority over the church or her pastor.

We recognize the value of a men's brotherhood and recommend that each church make this auxiliary available to their men.

rolled in public schools if they are school age. Most of our children are saved and members of the Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Texarkana where the Home attends.

As usual, there have been turnovers in staff this year, too. However, we started last year with a full staff and, thank God, we will do so again this year even though we spent a few months during the summer short-handed. Still, due to many of the children being with sponsors and in camps, etc., we were able to cover the shortage without sacrificing quality of care. We are so thankful to have a loving, caring staff of workers at the Home.

In addition to regular school activities, TBO children attended youth camps, visited sponsors, attended a major circus, attended two Vacation Bible Schools, participated in a fishing tournament, and took a special, short vacation trip. Also, there have been trips to some of our churches on special TBO days, when they were not far away. It has been a busy year of fulfilling activities.

The trustees of the Home elected to use interest earnings of the A. A. Forrester Memorial Trust Fund this year to purchase two vehicles for the Home: a near new 1994 Ford van and an extremely good used pickup truck. The vehicles were sorely needed and all of us are happy that these vehicles could be acquired without special solicitations from the Churches.

We express deep appreciation to so many of our churches and individuals who faithfully support the Home. Also, VBS offerings were especially helpful in keeping our budget in the black. God bless each one who helped. Every effort makes a better life for dear children who really doneed a helping hand in life to become productive, Christian citizens. Truly, extending loving help to the children is worthy of the churches. It is the practice of "pure" religion that each one will be proud to have on his record when meeting the Master in short days to come.

All of us at Texarkana Baptist Orphanage earnestly desire your continued prayers and encouragement even as we pray for you that God will bless you and give you many souls for your spiritual labor.

From the Trustees, Staff and Children of TBO,

Dr. W. A. Dillard, Administrator, for Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

AGED MINISTERS REPORT

So often the older preachers are forgotten by the churches after they reach retirement or old age. Most of these men have given their lives for the cause of Christ. Some are not in the best of health or financial condition when the time comes for them to stop pastoring. The churches of the Lord Jesus Christ have an obligation to pray for and help these men of God as the need may arise.

May we, as the Lord's churches, have a desire to help and support our elder preachers and their wives. May we pray for them, may the churches use their wisdom and ability in areas in which they are still useful.

The Pastor's retirement Center at Texarkana is a very worthy project. May we support this with our prayers, offerings and labour.

Prayerfully Submitted,

West Side Missionary Baptist Church, Wayne Stringer, Pastor.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Temperance not only should be interpreted to mean controlling one's desire for strong drink, but it has the broader meaning of controlling any desire one might have for that which would be out of the will of God for His children.

In Galatians 5:17, we are told that the flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit

	INCREASE	DECREASE	PRESENT MEMBERSHIP	PASTOR'S SALARY	ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS	STATE MISSIONS	INTERSTATE MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	T. M. D.	TOTAL PAID TO MISSIONS	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	ORPHANS HOME	RADIO PROGRAM	BUILDING & REPAIRS	OTHER EXPENSES	TOTAL PAID OUT
AIKIN GROVE	7	3	125	13,334.00	150.00	194.20	65.00	490.00		1,738.95	411.18	319.37		1496.55	3,559.25	20,063.75
AUSTIN CHAPEL	5	11	195	23,410.00	905.00			2295.10		5,168.10	1,579.50	46.96		5,796.23	1,525.05	40,883.89
AVERY	19	11	361	22,850.00	210.00	1625.00	750.00	4450.70		18,301.70	3,539.00	650.00	225.00	11,779.44	34,986.87	62,700.00
POST OAK	6	9	191	19,290.00		2260.00	2303.52	2,303.52		11,894.94	3,403.50	609.50	330.00	3,858.75	29,630.90	72,600.00
FAITH	13	11	321	22,800.00	1753.96	1753.96	101.96	4919.56	120.00	9,049.04	2,316.36	322.00		12,000.00	34,524.42	77,196.80
FRIENDSHIP	1	10	306	21,200.00		1950.40	1911.20	1211.20		4,590.80	1,550.13			911.18	1,234.85	60,300.07
HILLCREST	13	6	54	13,200.00					850.00							
HOPEWELL	14	3	321	19,100.00	80.20		2443.94			3,254.25			295.00	122.00	9,259.90	31,440.55
HOOKS	18	4	120		740.00	940.00	665.50	665.50	50.00	6449.00	840.00			30,231.00	17,000.00	61,581.91
HUBBARD	2	1	98	15,000.00	391.00	391.00	391.00	391.00		2,957.00	782.00	391.00		2139.14	9,530.26	31,134.45
JOHNTOWN	12	4	199	25,000.00	1496.17	1014.67	540.83	540.83		3,544.51	1,009.17	200.00	700.00	8,581.25	1,914.24	56,734.55
LIBERTY	0	0	37	5,200.00	338.80	338.80	338.80	704.19		1,720.57	50.00	338.80		839.00	1,314.24	9,521.06
MT. PLEASANT	0	2	30	6,000.00		753.00				753.00	09.48	15.00		390.88	850.94	8,130.05
NEW HAVEN																
NEW HOPE	0	0	49	5,200.00	500.00	513.89	304.87	214.00		1,321.74	1663.89	513.89			5515.50	14,290.04
OAK RIDGE																
PINKHAM	14	6	292	20,000.00		1945.22	1968.30	9001.33		16,256.57	4,534.90	890.90		3,462.44	36,503.42	73,759.99
WARDS CREEK	6	5	165	14,400.00	1231.33	1623.24	1423.24	1522.04		5,950.55	4015.79	1423.84		5,346.24	9,498.89	82,148.34
WESTSIDE	33	25	375	22,400.00	1408.19	1468.82	3,285.10	1,785.84	991.06	1,933.95	1,712.62	991.98		9,882.11	37,987.91	105,906.81
TOTALS	178	129	3,294	264,350.61	10,424.57	16,774.64	18,506.33	31,090.58	961.06	54,921.53	23,824.77	7,309.66	3,520.40	148,874.09	340,566.72	874,057.76