

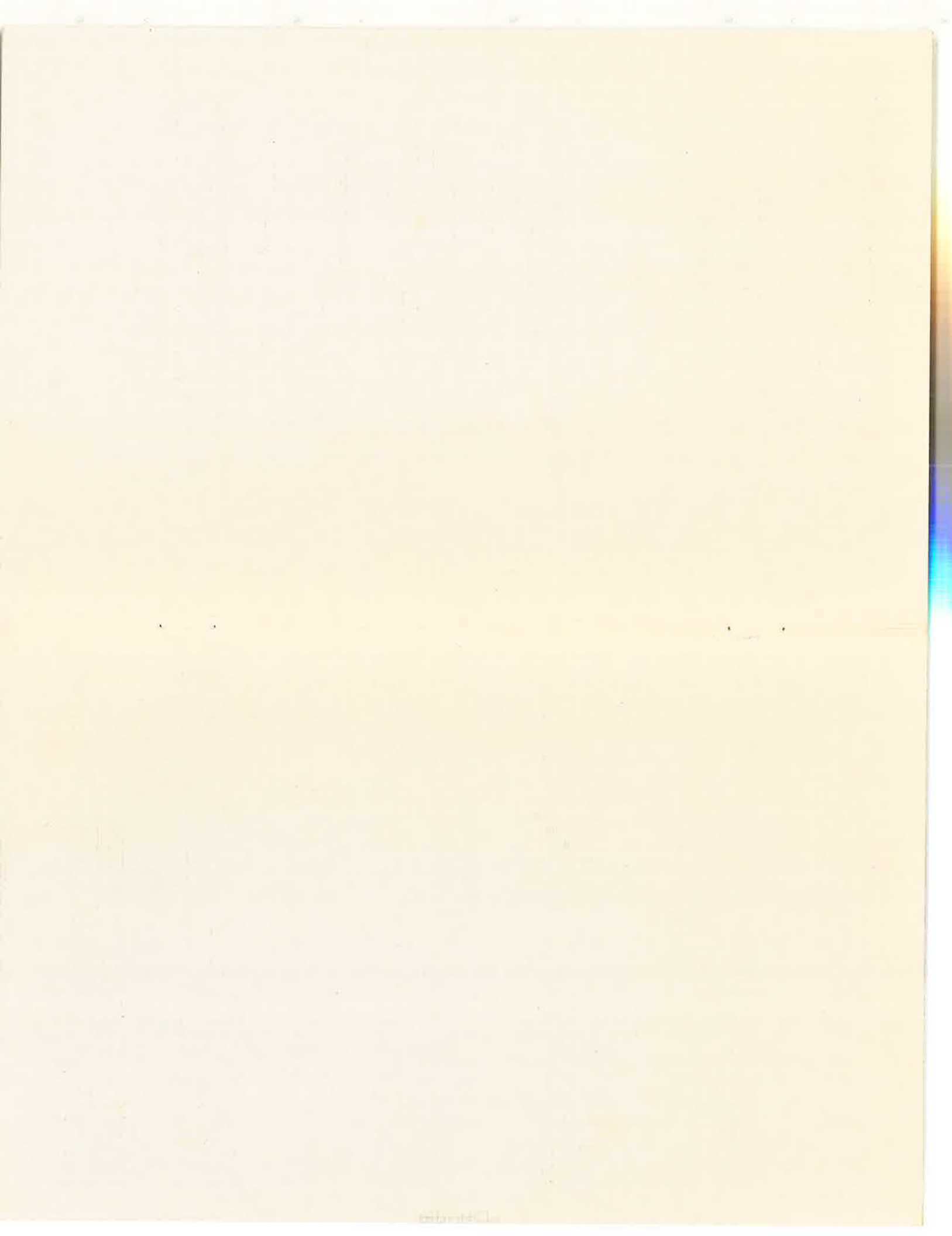
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Missionary Baptist

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2001 Yearbook



MINUTES OF THE
158TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

RED RIVER-BOWIE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2001

HOSTED BY

JOHNTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BOGATA, TEXAS

OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002

MODERATOR - BRO. WAYNE STRINGER
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ANNUAL SERMON - BRO. PAUL MAGNESS
ALTERNATE - BRO. JOHN BRYANT

2002 HOST CHURCH

BOGATA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BOGATA, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2002
9:00 A.M.

1964	Avery	Cecil Purcell	A. Downing	H. L. Johnson	Jerry Coffman
1965	New Haven	J. B. Watson	A. Downing	H. L. Johnson	Jerry Coffman
1966	Westside	Jerry Coffman	A. Downing	H. L. Johnson	Jerry Coffman
1967	Pinkham Memorial	A. Downing	Cecil Purcell	H. L. Johnson	Jerry Coffman
1968	Johntown	Cecil Hill	Cecil Purcell	H. L. Johnson	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	Darrel Owens	A. Downing	James Brown	G. P. Allen
1972	Hillcrest	B. A. Morris	A. Downing	James Brown	G. P. Allen
1973	Austin Chapel	A. I. Bond	Bob Griffith	James Brown	G. P. Allen
1974	Friendship	J. T. McNabb	J. C. Hancock	James Brown	G. P. Allen
1975	Johntown	James Garten	J. C. Hancock	James Brown	G. P. Allen
1976	Wards Creek	Carl Raleigh	J. C. Hancock	James Brown	Earl McBryde
1977	Hopewell	Lynn Hitt	Billy Daniels	James Brown	John Marler
1978	Avery	Don Rainey	Billy Daniels	James Brown	John Marler
1979	Austin Chapel	James Hinkle	Billy Daniels	James Brown	John Marler
1980	Johntown	James McBryde	Billy Daniels	James Brown	John Marler
1981	New Haven	J. R. McDougal	Billy Daniels	James Brown	John Marler
1982	Avery	Jim Henry	James Hinkle	Billy Daniels	Joe Helms
1983	Friendship	Lynn McBryde	James Hinkle	Billy Daniels	Joe Helms
1984	Johntown	Joe Helms	A. B. Kellam	Billy Daniels	Joe Helms
1985	East Post Oak	Ervin Gould	A. B. Kellam	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. Kellam	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	Kevin Plaster
1993	Johntown	Bill Johnson	Rod Jackson	David Wilson	Kevin Plaster
1994	Hooks	Joe Shafer	Rod Jackson	David Wilson	Kevin Plaster
1995	Friendship	Joe Stevens	James Kitchens	James Brown	A. B. Kellam
1996	Hopewell	Wayne Stringer	James Kitchens	James Brown	A. B. Kellam
1997	East Post Oak	Gene Smith	Joe Stevens	James Brown	James Brown
1998	Wards Creek	Steven Hill	Joe Stevens	James Brown	James Brown
1999	Avery	Billy Turpin	Steven Hill	Rod Jackson	Rod Jackson
2000	Friendship	Ray Brooks	Wayne Stringer	Rod Jackson	Rod Jackson
2001	Johntown	J. T. McNabb	Wayne Stringer	Rod Jackson	Rod Jackson

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Reading of Letters and Enrolling of Messengers

Petitionary Letters

Election of Officers

Miscellaneous Business

Special Order of Business

Introductory Sermon

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Special Reports

Treasurer's Report

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

1935	New Haven	L. A. Stedeham	J. B. Watson	L. H. Peterson	A. I. Bond
1936	Post Oak	L. H. Peterson	J. B. Watson	L. H. Peterson	A. I. Bond
1937	Aikin Grove	L. E. Watson	J. B. Watson	L. H. Peterson	A. I. Bond
1938	Hopewell	L. E. Walker	J. B. Watson	L. H. Peterson	A. I. Bond
1939	Rehoboth	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	G. Bramlett	A. I. Bond
1940	Avery	J. B. Watson	W. R. Davis	G. Bramlett	A. I. Bond
1941	Malta	G. E. Pinkham	W. R. Davis	G. Bramlett	J. B. Watson
1942	New Haven	W. R. Davis	W. R. Davis	A. I. Bond	J. B. Watson
1943	Concord	J. B. Watson	L. H. Patterson	A. I. Bond	H. Humphrey
1944	Maple Creek	L. H. Patterson	L. H. Patterson	Jim Dodson	H. Humphrey
1945	Hopewell	H. L. Long	D. D. Miller	Jim Dodson	J. A. Bramlett
1946	Austin Chapel	W. O. McClung	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	A. H. Hodgson
1947	Hodgson	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	Sam Kennedy
1948	Mt. Pleasant	A. I. Bond	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	E. L. Duren
1949	Avery	J. B. Watson	J. B. Watson	Jim Dodson	E. L. Duren
1950	New Haven	A. I. Bond	H. L. Johnson	Jim Dodson	E. L. Duren
1951	New Hope	R. T. Stevens	H. L. Johnson	G. F. Crumley	R. T. Stevens
1952	Avery	G. F. Crumley	R. T. Stevens	G. F. Crumley	R. F. Tull
1953	New Haven	H. L. Johnson	R. T. Stevens	A. I. Bond	R. F. Tull
1954	Hodgson	Cecil Hill	H. L. Johnson	R. E. Deem	E. L. Merrill
1955	Lydia	R. E. Deem	R. T. Stevens	R. E. Deem	E. L. Merrill
1956	Friendship	Melvin Finley	R. T. Stevens	Jim Taylor	E. L. Merrill
1957	Westside	E. C. Mooney	A. Downing	Voe Glover	E. L. Merrill
1958	Avery	G. F. Crumley	A. Downing	Voe Glover	G. E. White
1959	New Haven	J. H. Kesner	J. H. Kesner	Voe Glover	G. E. White
1960	Hodgson	H. L. Johnson	R. C. Burt	Voe Glover	Billy Pearson
1961	Avery	G. F. Crumley	R. C. Burt	J. H. Kesner	Lynn McBryde
1962	Mt. Pleasant	J. H. Kesner	R. C. Burt	G. E. White	Lynn McBryde
1963	Austin Chapel	J. B. Watson	J. T. McNabb	G. E. White	Lynn McBryde

**MINUTES OF THE
RED RIVER-BOWIE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
MESSENGER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2001
JOHNTOWN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

The annual session of the Red River-Bowie Association Messenger's Meeting- 2001 began with Bro. James Bunger leading in the singing of "Send The Light". Moderator, Bro. Wayne Stringer, called upon Bro. Gaylon Merrill to lead in prayer. Bro. John Bryant brought a devotional from II Chronicles 7:14.

Bro. Billy Turpin, host pastor, welcomed the messengers on behalf of Johntown MBC. New pastors, Bro. James Hinkle at New Haven, and Bro. McNabb, at Paris, were recognized. Visitors were also recognized.

Bro. Stringer called the session to order and Bro. Turpin led in prayer. Bro. Magness and Bro. Bunger read the letters from the churches. The messengers were seated, including those from Bogata, and Unity, who petitioned to fellowship in the Red River-Bowie Association. Bro. Permenter and Bro. Hinkle were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

Officers for 2001-2002 were elected. (They are listed on the first page of these minutes).

The Bogata Missionary Baptist Church was selected as the meeting place for the 2002 meeting. The date of the meeting will be September 12, and the starting time will be 9:00 a.m..

Reports were called for at this time. Since Hooks was not present to give their report, a motion was made that the Missions Report from last year be listed in this year's minutes. The motion carried.

Bro. Bunger read the report, and Bro. Luther Crawford, Bro. Albert Riggs, Bro. Mike Mitchell, Bro. Billy Daniels, Bro. Ray Brooks, Bro. Calvin Permenter, Bro. Bill Johnson, and Bro. J. P.

HISTORICAL ROLL OF THE RED RIVER-BOWIE ASSOCIATION

YEAR	PLACE	SERMON	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASIRER
1857	Mt. Moriah	T.W. Anderson	T. W. Anderson	J. W. Leigh	G. B. Brem
1858	Concord	R. D. Potts	D.B. Morrell	Hardy Moore	G. B. Brem
1859	Salem	T. W. Anderson			
1871	Pleasant Grove	R. C. Buckner	R. C. Buckner	S. J. Anderson	A. D. Hatcher
1872	Clarksville	R. W. Billups	R. C. Buckner	S. J. Anderson	A. D. Hatcher
1873	Paris	S. J. Anderson			
1881	Antioch	T. W. Anderson	Tom Carter	John Wright	J. D. Williams
1882	Paris Baptist	J. E. Horner	J. E. Horner	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	Bennet	D. W. Perkins	Z. T. Eaton	Tom W. Anderson Jr.	J. Petty
1886	Center Springs	Thomas Whitten			
1889	Macedonia	T. C. Holt			
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	Clairmont	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	C. B. Furgeson	N. B. Terry	W. W. Lawson	W. B. Terry
1897	Salem Baptist	J. E. Horner	N. B. Terry	W. W. Lawson	W. B. Terry
1898	Liberty	W. T. Compere	H. C. Hill	T. C. Hold	W. B. Terry
1899	Clairmont	J. B. Riddle	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	I. H. Lawson
1900	Bogata	J. T. Duram	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. Pinkham	G. B. Dean	W. W. Lawson	T. H. Holt

Jones spoke to the missions report. Special prayer requests were called for, and Bro. Daniels led in prayer.

Bro. Ronnie Pipes gave the Christian Education Report and made a motion that it be adopted. Bro. Brooks, and Bro. Johnson spoke to the report. Motion to adopt carried.

The Orphan's Home Report was read by Bro. Permenter, who moved that it be adopted. Bro. Daniels and Bro. John Bryant spoke to the report. The motion to adopt carried.

Bro. Rod Jackson made a motion that the Temperance Report from the 2000 meeting be entered into the 2001 Minutes.

Bro. Stringer gave the messengers a ten minute break, and when the session resumed Bro. Permenter introduced Bro. J. T. McNabb to bring the Annual Sermon. Before the message, Bro. Arnold Ellington brought a special "My House Is Full".

Bro. McNabb's text was from John 4:19-24, and the subject was "Worshipping the Father in Spirit and in Truth". Upon completion of his message Bro. James Brown gave the right-hand of appreciation to Bro. Bryant for the devotional, and Bro. McNabb for the message.

Bro. Bunger gave the Ladies' Auxiliary Report and moved that it be adopted. Bro. Bunger and Bro. Jackson spoke to the report. The motion to adopt passed.

Bro. Stringer gave the Men's Brotherhood Report and made a motion that it be adopted. Bro. Wayne spoke to the report and the motion to adopt passed.

Bro. Jackson read the Youth Report on behalf of Avery MBC, due to the absence of Bro. Joe Stevens, who recently underwent surgery. Bro. Mitchell spoke to the report. Bro. Gene Hoover, and Bro. John Pino, representing Pine Springs Baptist Camp, spoke to the report. The motion carried. Bro. Stringer spoke briefly concerning the Senior Adult Retreat.

Bro. Blackmon gave the Obituary Report. He made a motion that it be adopted, and called for a moment of silence, and then prayer. Bro. Lynn McBryde led in prayer, and the motion to adopt carried. Bro. Brown gave the Treasurer's Report and called for it's

Section 8: Bible & Tract Distributor: (1) To solicit funds and receive voluntary offerings for Bible and Tract work; (2) To keep local Auxiliaries informed about the needs for the carrying on of this work; (3) To supply local Auxiliaries with tracts for distribution in their fields of work; (4) To give a financial report each quarter.

ARTICLE IX – MEMBERSHIP

Any woman who is a member of the Auxiliaries of the churches composing the Red River-Bowie Association shall have the right and privilege of membership in the District Ladies' Auxiliary. Four voting messengers shall be allowed from each Auxiliary.

ARTICLE X – CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions of this Auxiliary shall be raised by voluntary offerings and shall be given to the Treasurer for proper disbursement.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Agreement shall not be amended unless the amendment be submitted to the District Auxiliary in a regular meeting and said amendment lay over until the next regular meeting. It then may be adopted only by a two-thirds majority, each church having only one vote.

adoption. Bro. Bunger spoke to the report. The motion to adopt carried. Included in the motion was to pay the clerk \$225.00 plus expenses.

Bro. Permenter made a motion to thank the host church for the food and hospitality. Motion carried. He also made a motion to send our best wishes to Bro. Stevens during his illness. Motion passed.

Bro. Billy Daniels gave a brief report from Texas Mission Development and Texas Mission Builders. Several also spoke on the same subject.

Reports were assigned for the 2002 meeting.

Bro. Turpin dismissed the assembly with prayer, and the messengers enjoyed a meal prepared by the folks at Johnstown.

REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR 2001

MISSIONS REPORT (REPRINTED FROM 2000 MINUTES)

“The Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”
Luke 14:23

Clearly seen from this message is the Lord’s strong will in getting out the gospel which “is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” Romans 1:16

The carrying forth of the gospel message is referred to as mission-work with the message-bearer as missionary, believing that the Lord’s Church is God’s ordained mission bearer in the world. Yet, the message of necessity must be carried by individuals also called of God, The Holy Spirit, and loosed for the work by the Lord’s Church. Acts 13:1-4 is the Bible example of this. The scriptures also reveal that Missionary Paul and those who accompanied him received prayerful and monetary support from other churches of like faith and order. This gives us precedence for associated efforts

ARTICLE VII – QUALIFICATIONS

Any lady who is a member of a church in the Red River-Bowie Association, in good standing, and is an active participant in Auxiliary work is qualified to hold office in the District Auxiliary.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: President (1) To preside over all District Meetings, that they may be carried on in an orderly manner; (2) To appoint committees as directed by the District meeting; (3) To call special meetings when necessary; (4) To be active in looking after the welfare of the work.

Section 2: Vice President: (1) To preside over the meeting in the absence of the President or when called upon by the president.

Section 3: Recording Secretary: (1) To keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings; (2) To announce special meetings; (3) To prepare and read reports as instructed by this District Auxiliary.

Section 4: Assistant Secretary: (1) To assist the Secretary in whatever manner needed in performing the duties of that office; (2) To act as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

Section 5: Treasurer: (1) To receive and disburse funds as designated by this District Auxiliary; (2) To keep accurate records of all funds taken in and dispersed by the Auxiliary.

Section 6: Assistant Treasurer: (1) To assist the treasurer in whatever manner needed in performing the duties of that office; (2) To act as Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.

Section 7: Corresponding Secretary and Reporter: (1) To correspond about necessary matters with the officers of this Auxiliary; (2) To report through our religious papers on the activities of this Auxiliary.

in supporting God-called, Church sent missionaries. Therefore, the churches associating together in this association can work together in sending missionaries with the Lord's message.

Most of the churches fellowshipping together in this association also fellowship in the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, the American Baptist Association, and the North East Texas Baptist Mission Council, through which missionaries have been recommended for support, and through which we can work together in supporting God's called, church-sent messenger with the message, "Come; for all things are now ready". Luke 14:17

The word to the servants (missionaries): Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke 14:23

Respectfully submitted by Bro. James Bunger

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The relationship among the men of a local New Testament Church is important for it's spiritual growth. It is for this reason many have realized the importance of "Brotherhoods" or other men's groups being organized and active in our churches. Many things have been tried, some have worked while others failed.

For several years West Side MBC has been involved with "All The King's Men" and would recommend it to our sister churches of the Red River-Bowie Association.

Quoting from their literature: "How does A. T. K. M. differ from other established men's groups? It differs a great deal, in a very important way. From the beginning, A. T. K. M. was and is intended to be a scriptural ministry specifically for the use of a LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH which does not intend to compromise doctrinal truths to seek unity in ecumenical organizations such as Promise Keepers, etc."

The purpose of the program, as stated in their material: "To teach and train according to the Word of God- that each man might teach others also. To share and pray for the needs of one another-to bear

Scriptural right and responsibility to participate.

ARTICLE IV – TIME AND PLACE

Section 1: This District Auxiliary shall meet quarterly: the 1st Tuesday in the months of January, April, July, and October, or at such time most convenient for the host church.

Section 2: The place of the meeting shall be determined on a rotation basis, based on the alphabetical order of Auxiliaries.

Section 3: On this basis, the Auxiliary which is next in order must be present or send word that they desire to entertain the District Auxiliary, otherwise, the District Auxiliary will go to the next church in order.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of this District Auxiliary shall be: (1) President; (2) Vice President; (3) Secretary; (4) Assistant Secretary; (5) Treasurer; (6) Assistant Treasurer; (7) Reporter & Corresponding Secretary; (8) Bible & Tract Distributor; (9) Song Leader; (10) Pianist.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS & TERMS OF OFFICE

All officers shall be elected annually at the meeting of the second quarter (April). No officer, except the Bible & Tract Distributor, shall succeed herself more than once consecutively.

one another's burdens. To encourage, exhort, and admonish one another - to find strength through God's direction. To present possibilities and opportunities for outreach to others - to spread the gospel. To discuss the needs and business of our church - to maintain the pillar and ground of the truth. To fellowship with men of God - to enjoy the blessings of being one of the King's men."

Each year in May, there is a retreat for the men of all the churches participating in the program at Pine Springs, Laneville, TX. A time of preaching and fellowship is enjoyed by all who attend.

For more information about this program, contact Bro. Mike Rice at Arp First Baptist Church, Arp TX.

We highly recommend this program to our sister churches.

Respectfully submitted by West Side MBC, New Boston TX

**TEMPERANCE REPORT
(REPRINTED FROM 2000 MINUTES)**

We recommend that all Christians and especially church members abstain from any evil, such as liquor, and worldly pleasures, as well as not supporting them, in order that their lives might be an example to others. In other words, live it as God's word teaches. That is what temperance is all about.

Submitted by the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT

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

RED RIVER-BOWIE DISTRICT LADIES' AUXILIARY

ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the District Ladies' Auxiliary of the Red River-Bowie Association.

ARTICLE II - DEFINITION

This organization shall be composed of all the Auxiliaries of the churches of the Red River-Bowie Association.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The purpose of this District Auxiliary shall be to further promote the Lord's work and encourage the women of each local church to be more active in all phases of the work in which they have the

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The subject "Christian Education" is a very broad subject. Not only is it broad, but we believe every phase of it is extremely important to the world we live in today. In this report, we will deal with three phases or levels of Christian Education. Level one is, in our opinion, the most important, but it must be kept in mind that it is dependent upon the other two.

Level one is the Christian Education that takes place in the home. If the Word of God is going to be believed on and lived by in the lives of our children, it must be taught to them and lived by in front of them by us. God had this to say concerning His Word to the children of Israel "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the doorpost of thine house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth." (Deuteronomy 11:19-21) Every family needs to understand that this applies to our families today. Indeed, our future of living in this land we call "America" that God has given to us depends upon us teaching the Word of God to our children and living by the Word of God in front of them. This great responsibility rests upon the shoulders of the fathers first, and then the mothers.

When we reflect upon what a great responsibility the fathers and mothers have of carrying out this first level of Christian Education, we can easily see the importance of level two- Christian Education in the Local Church. The Word of God must be "rightly divided" and presented, so those families can teach it at home. Our Sunday School Teachers, Baptist Training Course Teachers, and Youth Leaders have the enormous responsibility of laying the groundwork for what is taught in our homes.

We are concerned that our society has the idea that the most important education that anyone gets is a secular education. We often hear "Get a good education so you can make a good living in this world". We do not minimize the importance of reading, writing, and arithmetic, but we do not believe you are truly

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 it's work.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk/treasurer, an assistant clerk/treasurer who shall be chosen by the messengers meeting in annual session, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are chosen.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the messenger assembly, keep order, and to discharge such other duties as are incumbent upon this office.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the clerk/treasurer to keep a correct record of each session of the messenger assembly and to have the same published and distributed to the churches as a report of the Association, to keep a correct record of all moneys received and disbursed, and to make report of the same to the Association during it's 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 the carrying out the work outlined in the annual Messenger Assembly of the Association.

educated if you are ignorant of God's Word. Indeed, the most important part of your education is learning God's Word, so that you can put everything else in proper perspective.

This helps us to see the importance of the next level of Christian Education. It is vital that we have sound seminaries, such as Texas Baptist Institute, to train our pastors to be overseers of our local churches.

We all have a part to play in Christian Education. We need to be actively engaged in Christian Education at home and in our local churches. We all need to prayerfully and financially support our families, teachers, pastors, and seminaries as we carry on the great work of Christian Education. Our future depends on it.

Respectfully submitted, Austin Chapel MBC

YOUTH REPORT

We live in an ever-changing world. What worked well in the past may not work well today. Youth ministry is one area that has made a drastic change. At one time almost every local association had a thriving monthly youth rally. Today they are hard to find.

To say we are failing in youth promotion would be untrue. We are just doing things differently. Churches of the American Baptist Association are doing more with youth than ever before. There is better literature and promotional material available for churches to use to build a strong youth program. A few years ago there were only two summer youth camp facilities. Today there are many scattered among the states and in some foreign fields. These facilities are available for retreats throughout the year.

Plans are being made to have a youth activity day in our association on October 20, 2001. There is also consideration for having a youth retreat in 2002.

We encourage all churches to promote and participate in these activities. We recommend that each local church seek out Bible-

PLEASANT OAKS: President: Judy Baggett, 3109 FM 2148, Texarkana, TX. Secretary: Mary Hackleman, 12 Space Dr., Texarkana, TX.

WARDS CREEK: President: Kitty May, Rt. 1, Box 149, Dekalb, TX 75559. Secretary: Doris Coleman, Rt. 1, Box 151A, Dekalb, TX.

WEST SIDDE: President: Vicki May, Rt. 1, Box 328-2B, New Boston, TX 75570. Secretary: Kathy May, 1213 Rolling Hills, Dekalb, TX 75559

CONSTITUTION OF THE RED RIVER-BOWIE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I NAME

The 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 churches, to cultivate a closer fellowship among the churches, and to encourage and perpetuate the very greatest possible activity in missionary, educational, and benevolent enterprises.

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 the 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 in their letters to the association.

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

J. T. MCNABB.....982-5941
 MIKE MITCHELL.....427-2647
 WILBOURNE LEE.....982-5309
 CALVIN PERMENTER.....632-9393
 RONNIE PIPES.....667-2445
 CARL RALEIGH.....684-3240
 SAM REEVES.....667-5277
 ALBERT RIGGS.....671-3176
 BOB WHITE.....794-3468
 JOE SHAFER.....628-2652
 JOE STEVENS.....684-3420
 WAYNE STRINGER.....628-5314
 BILLY TURPIN.....632-9953

LADIES' AUXILIARIES

AVERY: President: Cheryl Megason, P. O. Box 197, Avery, TX 75554; Secretary: Joy Stevens, P. O. Box 416, Avery, TX 75554.
BOGATA: President: Dana Neeley, Rt. 1, Box 230, Bogata, TX 75417. Secretary: Susan Shirley, Rt. 1, Box 239 D, Bogata.
ECHO HILLS: President: Deborah Riggs, 312 Broadway, Maud, TX 75567. Secretary: Betty Litton, Rt. 1, Box 260, Dekalb, TX 75559.
EAST POST OAK: President: Bonnie Flatt, Rt. 1, Box 140 A, Blossom, TX 75416. Secretary: Anna Crawford, P.O. Box 284, Blossom, TX.
FRIENDSHIP: President: Bonnie Keas, Rt. 1, Clarksville, TX. Secretary: Ramona Duren, 1105 S. Locust, Clarksville, TX.
JOHNTOWN: President: Robbie Hawkins, Bogata, TX 75417. Secretary: Jerry Ann Richardson, Rt. 1, Box 1915 Bogata, TX 75417.
OAK RIDGE: President: Mary Bailey, Rt. 2, Box 218, Maud, TX 75567. Secretary: Janeta May, P.O. Box 553, Maud TX 75567.
PINKHAM MEMORIAL: President: Carla Batchelor. Secretary: Bernice Martin. (Both can be contacted at church address.)

based literature and all Scriptural means to encourage and strengthen the youth in our local association.

Respectfully submitted by Avery MBC

LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT

The Scriptures are clear in revealing that the two God-ordained offices in the Lord's Church, the office of pastor and the office of deacon, are to be filled by men God has qualified to fill them, however, this does not imply that women have no place of service in the church. On the contrary, it reveals that theirs is a very important ministry.

While it may not have been called an auxiliary, nevertheless, the New Testament reveals many ways in which they filled vital functions in the church. Though Joseph and Nicodemus had claimed and buried the body of Jesus, it was women of the church who came one the first day of the week to anoint His body, thus, the message of Jesus' resurrection was first given to them, who in turn carried the message to the assembled church.

Today's auxiliaries, working under the authority of the Church, perform many, many very useful functions that help in the spreading of the gospel, giving aid to the needy, and for themselves, gaining knowledge of the Word. Dedicated ladies working together as an auxiliary give added strength to the overall ministry of the Lord's Church and churches in their association with another.

Jesus was blessed by the service of faithful women in His earthly ministry. Truly, He is blessed by such today.

Respectfully submitted by Wards Creek MBC

ORPHAN'S HOME REPORT

Since 1907 the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage has been providing a Christian environment to needy and abandoned children. Located on Hwy. 82, east of the city, the home is well-equipped, neatly maintained, and staffed by committed Christian men and women.

The money to maintain the home comes from voluntary contributions of the Churches of the American Baptist Association, individuals, and civic and charitable organizations. Missionary Baptist Churches from Arkansas and Texas contribute the major support for the home; however, offerings are received from churches and individuals of other states.

We thank God for this home. We encourage regular support of this ministry, and pray for both children and workers.

Submitted by Liberty MBC

OBITUARY REPORT

Death is something we will all face if our Lord does not return during our lifetime. We, unlike the world, have hope that we will see these beloved members of our churches who went home to be with the Lord this past year again. May we remember the hope that the scriptures give us in I Thessalonians 4:13-14- "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

Those who have gone asleep this past year are:

AUSTIN CHAPEL: Annie White, Velma McKenzie, Clayton Whittle, Gay Nell Russell Hackney, James Moody

AVERY: Julia Audas, Myrtle Downs, Lloyd Huckabay, Cleoda Robinson, Kelly Butler, Zella Downs, Pauline Peacock, Iva Stanley, Inez Webb

EAST POST OAK: Leon Tuck, Bill Luce, Dan McKnight, Sr.

Bryant, 216 Larkspur, Wake Village, TX 75501. CHURCH CLERK: Barbara Beard, Rt. 9, Box 698, Texarkana, TX 75501. SS SECRETARY: Charles Capps. DEACONS: J. Sutton, Steve Stone, Charles Beard, Larry Stanley, Charles Staggs, Gary Crane, Woody Hearn, Reggie Johns. ORDAINED MINISTERS: John Bryant, Lynn McBryde, John P. Jones, Gene Smith.

WARDS CREEK: Rt. 1, Box 855, Simms, TX. 75574. Phone-628-3526. PASTOR: James Bunger, Rt. 3 Box 79, Dekalb TX. 75559. CHURCH CLERK: Donis Coleman, Rt. 1, Box 151 A, Dekalb, TX. 75559. SS SUPERINTENDENT: John Proctor. SS SECRETARY: Sarah Chesser. ENROLLMENT: 65, Classes- 8. DEACONS: John M. Proctor, L. D. Coleman, Kenneth Tower. ORDAINED MINISTERS: James Bunger

WESTSIDE: Hwy. 82 West, New Boston. Phone-628-3526. PASTOR: Wayne Stringer, 710 S. McCoy Blvd. New Boston, TX. 75570. CHURCH CLERK: Ozell Thompson, 706 Hwy. 82 W., New Boston, TX. 75570. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Randy Scott, SS SECRETARY: Jimmy Rackley. ENROLLMENT: 118, Classes- 11. DEACONS: Perry May. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Wayne Stringer, Nael Badar, Rodillo Lasdimozo. LICENSED MINISTERS: James H. Mills.

PASTOR'S PHONE NUMBERS

HENRY BLACKMON.....
JAMES R. BROWN.....427-2821
JAMES L. BUNGER.....667-2837
JOHN BRYANT.....838-7082
BILLY DANIELS.....632-9948
RICKY GANDY.....684-3712
ROD JACKSON.....667-3902
JIM JONES.....838-8022
A. B. KELLAM.....966-2465
PAUL MAGNESS.....501-773-4018

NEW HAVEN: Clarksville. PASTOR: James Hinkle, Rt. 6, Box 308, Clarksville, TX. 75426. PHONE-427-3522. CHURCH CLERK: John R. Mitchell, Rt. 6, Clarksville, TX. 75426. DEACONS: Aubrey Raulston. ORDAINED MINISTERS: James Hinkle.

NEW HOPE: Dekalb. PASTOR: Sam Reeves, P. O. Box 44, Dekalb, TX. 75559. Phone- 667-5277. CHURCH CLERK: Rachel Reeves, 410 SE Browning, Dekalb, TX 75559. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Sam Reeves.

OAK RIDGE: P. O. Box 627, Maud, TX. 75567. PASTOR: CHURCH CLERK: Janet May, P. O. Box 553, Maud, TX 75567. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Thelma Helms. SS SECRETARY: David Williams. ENROLLMENT: 116 Classes-8. DEACONS: Elwood Binning. ORDAINED MINISTERS:

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: 117 S. E. Browning, Dekalb, TX. 75559. PASTOR: Rod Jackson, Rt. 3, Box 119-C, Dekalb, TX. 75559. PHONE- 667-3902. CHURCH CLERK: Carol Flanery, Rt. 3, Box 500, Dekalb, TX. 75559. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Lewis Tull. SS SECRETARY: Pauline Shumake. ENROLLMENT: 100, Classes- 10. DEACONS: Lewis Forsythe, Lynn Shumake, Stan Flanery, Gay Shumake, Jim Jacobs, Roger Batchelor, Terry Sturdivant. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Rod Jackson. LICENSED MINISTERS: Gerold Rankin.

PLEASANT OAKS: P. O. Box 579, Texarkana, TX. 75505. PASTOR: Bobby White, 4706 Walnut Texarkana, TX. 75503. Clerk: Rhonda Maxwell. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Dennis Maxwell. SS SECRETARY: Rhonda Maxwell. Classes:5 DEACONS: Ron Dancer, Dennis Maxwell, Gary Allen. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Bobby White

UNITY: 2711 Texas Blvd, Texarkana, TX 75503. PASTOR: John

HERITAGE: James Terry, Steven Green, Brenda Terry, Laura Steltz

FRIENDSHIP: Dale Baker, Faye Caldwell, Pauline Crow, Billy Hammond, Millard Morrison, Ethel Thompson, Kenneth Tucker

HOPEWELL: George Mowery

HILLCREST: Raymond Stanley, Delbert Smith

JOHNTOWN: Georgia Black

LIBERTY: Ray Fry

MT. PLEASANT: Ernest Carey

NEW HAVEN: Mary Huddleston, Howard Westbrook

NEW HOPE: Janet Taylor King

OAK RIDGE: Faye Dockter

PINKHAM MEMORIAL: Gladys Dalby, Homer Sellers, T. E. Hatley, Henry McIntosh, Bonnie McClain

WARDS CREEK: Lola Hefley, Gladys Cooper

WEST SIDE: Lola Brailey, Bruce Tidwell, Dovie Duffer, E.G. Batchelor, Leonard Hankins, Marjorie Story

UNITY: Maggie Corley, Joe Hucker, Charlie Kipple, Zettie Phillips, Vivian Stuckey

Respectfully submitted by East Post Oak MBC

FINANCIAL REPORT

9-14-2000- Beginning Balance 1,235.56

Received at Assoc. Meeting 805.00

Received for Broadcast 1,385.00

Received from Interest 41.19

Total Received 2,231.19

Total to account for 3,466.75

Paid out:

Radio 1,325.00

Minute Books 574.00

Bro. Jackson 215.00

Total paid out 2,114.00

9-13-2001 Balance on hand 1,352.75

Received today for minutes from 19 churches 955.00

Received for Orphan's Home 50.00

CHURCH DIRECTORY

AIKIN GROVE MBC, Rt. 4 Clarksville, TX. Pastor: James R. Brown, P. O. Box 155, Clarksville, TX. 75426. Phone: 427-2821.
CHURCH CLERK: Dean Moore, 603 West 6th, Clarksville. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Bobby Brown, SS SECRETARY: Neva Duen. ENROLLMENT: 45, Classes-5. DEACONS: Bobby Brown, W.H. Hammer, Dean Kerr, John Townes, Boyce Tull.
ORDAINED MINISTERS: James R. Brown.

Clarksville, TX. 75426. Phone-966-2465. CHURCH CLERK: Pat Boyd, Rt. 6 Box 283-1, Clarksville, TX. 75426. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Kenneth Henderson. SS SECRETARY: Shirley Henderson. Classes- 5. Deacons: Byron Duren, Nolan Meredith, Johnny Boyd, Kenneth Henderson, Jim Hays.
ORDAINED MINISTERS: A. B. Kellam, John McCallister.

HUBBARD CHAPEL: Rt. 2, Box 391-D, Dekalb, TX. 75559. PASTOR: Rick Gandy, 685 San Marcus, Avery, TX. 75554. Phone-684-3417. CHURCH CLERK: Dora Perry, Rt. 2, Box 391-D, Dekalb, TX. 75559. ENROLLMENT: 18, Classes-3. DEACONS: Lester Stout, Jackie Hawkins, Ewell Burden.
ORDAINED MINISTERS: Ricky Gandy.

JOHNTOWN: Rt. 1, box 216, Bogata, TX. 75417. PASTOR: Bill Turpin, Rt. 1, Box 216, Bogata, TX. 75417. Phone-632-5493. CHURCH CLERK: Tracey Eudy, P. O. Box 471 Bogata, 75417 S SUPERINTENDENT: Steven Hawkins. SS SECRETARY: Jan McCuller. Enrollment: 52, Classes- 10. DEACONS: H. Druie Pitlre James Gaddis, Mark Richardson, Adam Eudy, Steven Hawkins, Elmer Green, Mark Hawkins. **ORDAINED MINISTERS**: Billy Turpin.

LIBERTY: Rt. 1, Detroit, TX. PASTOR: C. W. Permenter, Rt. 1, Box 256 K, Bogata, TX. 75417. Phone-632-9393. CHURCH CLERK: Myra Permenter, Rt. 1, Box 256 K, Bogata, TX. 75417 SS SUPERINTENDENT: Larkin Gooch. SS SECRETARY: Mrs. D. A. Pearce. ENROLLMENT: 24, Classes- 2. DEACONS: Wilbourn Lee, Hershel Smith. **ORDAINED MINISTERS**: C. W. Permenter, Wilbourn Lee.

MT. PLEASANT: Negley. PASTOR: Carl Raleigh, Rt. 1, Box 122, Avery, TX. 75554. CHURCH CLERK: Linda Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 2460, Bagwell, TX. 75412. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Don Thornsberry. SS SECRETARY: Linda Jackson. Classes- 1. DEACONS: . **ORDAINED MINISTERS**: Carl Raleigh.

SS Enrollment- 97 Number of classes- 10

DEACONS: John Talkington, Ralph Parker, Robert Martin, Jimmy Parker. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Joe Shafer, Albert Riggs, LICENSED MINISTERS: Michael Littleton, T.J. Shafer.

FRIENDSHIP: P. O. Box 606, Clarksville, TX. 75426. PASTOR: Mike Mitchell, Rt. 4, Box 97, Clarksville. CHURCH CLERK: Sally Reed, 1205 W. Jackson, Clarksville. SS

SUPERINTENDENT: James Daniell. SS SECRETARY: Terrie Townes. ENROLLMENT: 85, Classes-11. DEACONS: Ed

McConnell, Bobby Hines, Buddy Langston, James Daniell, Derald Kuhlengal, Bobby Cornelius, Larry Napier. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Mike Mitchell.

HERITAGE: P. O. Box 1410, Texarkana, TX. 75504 PASTOR: Paul Magness, 1815 Timberline, Texarkana, AR. 71854. CHURCH CLERK: June Little, 704 Tri-State Rd, Texarkana, TX.

75501. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Randy Murray. SS SECRETARY: Debbie Murray ENROLLMENT:137, Classes-8. DEACONS: Byron Johnson, Kale Magness, Bob Murray. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Paul Magness.

HILLCREST: Paris. PASTOR: J.T. McNabb, 415 Young St., Blossom, TX 75416. CHURCH LERK: Mary Glass, 2255 E. Cherry St. #8, Paris, TX 75460. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Dora Landers. SS SECRETARY: Martha Henry. ENROLLMENT:24, Classes-2. ORDAINED MINISTERS: J.T. McNabb

HOOKS: P. O. Box 935, Hooks, TX. 75561. PASTOR: Jim Jones, P.O. Box 1085, Nash, TX 75569 CHURCH CLERK: Vicki Murchison, P.O.Box 935, Hooks, TX 75561. SS SUPERINTENDENT: David Butler. Enrollment:35, Classes-11. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Jim Jones, Bill Johnson.

HOPEWELL: Clarksville. PASTOR: A. B. Kellam, Rt. 6,

AUSTIN CHAPEL MBC, Dekalb. PASTOR: Ronnie Pipes, RT. 3, Box 64, Dekalb, TX. 75559. Phone-667-2445. CHURCH CLERK: Carolyn Grider Rt. 3, Box 82 A Dekalb. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Gerald Proctor. SS SECRETARY: Ima D. Jones. ENROLLMENT-112, Classes-9. DEACONS: Doyle Grider, Gerald Proctor, James Louis Tidwell. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Ronnie Pipes

AVERY MBC, P. O. Box 41, Avery TX. 75554. Phone-684-3451. PASTOR: Joe Stevens, P.O. Box 41, Avery. Phone-684-3420. CHURCH CLERK: Erveyn Hardman, P.O. Box 41, Avery. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Joe Stevens, Cecil Spears. LICENSED MINISTERS: Danny Cooper.

BOGATA MBC: P. O. Box 855, Bogata, TX. 75417. PASTOR: Billy Daniels, Rt. 1, Box 248, Bogata, 75417. Phone-632-9948. Church Clerk: Dana Neeley, Rt. 1, Box 230, Bogata, TX. 75417. SS SUPERINTENDENT: Ryan Brunson. SS SECRETARY: Jeannie Primm. Deacons: Ricky Daniels, Bob Estill, Donald Jean, Ray Shirley. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Billy Daniels

EAST POST OAK, Detroit: PASTOR: Henry Blackmon, Rt. 1, Box 265, Detroit, TX. 75436. Phone-982-5226. CHURCH CLERK: Ruth Johnston, 995 22nd N.E., Paris, TX. 75460. SS SUPERINTENDENT: James Freelen. SS SECRETARY: Patricia Freelen. Classes-8. DEACONS: Alvis Bates, James Freelen, Claude Tyler. ORDAINED MINISTERS: Henry Blackmon.

ECHO HILLS MISSION: Red Water: Pastor: Albert Riggs, 312 Broadway, Maud, TX. 75567. Church clerk: Vanessa Wilson, 608 Thatcher Lane, Texarkana, AR. 71854. SS Superintendent: Westie Wilson, Jr. Classes-6. Ordained Ministers: Albert Riggs, John Moles.

FAITH: 301 N. Bowie, New Boston, TX. PASTOR: Joe Shafer, 303 N. Bowie, New Boston. Phone-628-2652. CHURCH CLERK: Joyce Hartline, Rt. 1, Box 155H, New Boston, TX. 75570.

RED RIVER-BOWIE ASSOCIATION STATISTICS

CHURCHES OF THE RED RIVER-BOWIE ASSOCIATION	INC	DCR	PRESENT MEMBER SHIP	PASTORS SALARY	ASSOC MISSIONS	STATE MISSIONS	INTEREST AND FOREIGN MISSIONS*	TMD	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	ORPHANS HOME	RADIO PROGRAM	BLDG & REPAIRS	OTHER EXPENSES	TOTAL TO MISSIONS
AIKIN GROVE	8	0	176	15600	1049	581	432		322	594	300	25503	4878	2062
AUSTIN CHAPEL	26	10	229	25175	1500	1059	3600		2231	75		124165	16509	6159
AVERY	13	15	247		700	1550	2000		2400	1200	180		82044	9067
BOGATA	14	1	110	19100	1247	1747	1247	300	1247	300		66218	15773	4541
POST OAK	1	11	192	21750	5195	1759	4531	1463	2194	840	2860	2727	29053	12948
ECHO HILLS	7		38											
FAITH														
FRIENDSHIP	7	12	301		60	1172	2954		1710		240	1842		4186
HERITAGE	32	16	135						1900					29040
HILLCREST	3	39	24	7900	430	430	430			630		4981	400	1290
HOOKS	22	31												
HOPEWELL	4	2	330	24050	894		2789				300	2305	5905	6365
HUBBARD														
JOHNTOWN	7	6	193	23960	1037	1037	2074			300	120	12464	26530	4148
LIBERTY		2	36	15000	1307	737	1094		50	497			25	3138
MT. PLEASANT		1	25								50			
NEW HAVEN	7	6	168	21743			4200		167	117	120	93950	23923	4200
NEW HOPE	3	2	47	5200	2868	888	888		3253	1848		5296	1830	4652
OAK RIDGE	6	14	197	17790			3269		1885	1885		11033		4200
PINKHAM	8	15	311		330	1452	6553		1779	1542				8335
PLEASANT OAKS														
UNITY	21	17	483		4185	10917								38901
WARDS CREEK		7	184	23540	160	1949	3858			1929			3900	5967
WEST SIDE	19	23	395	27897		3285	8145		1098	549		54123	37354	11430
TOTALS	213	230	3821	248705	16777	21831	58981	1763	20236	12356	4120	404517	248124	160629