

MINUTES
OF THE
Sixty-Second Annual Session
OF THE
RED RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the **REHOBOTH BAPTIST**
CHURCH September 29-30, 1905.

OFFICERS:

G. B. DEAN, Moderator.
W. W. LAWSON, Clerk.
T. H. BOLT, Treasurer.

THE NEXT ANNUAL SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION
WILL BE HELD WITH THE DETROIT BAPTIST CHURCH, AT
DETROIT, BEGINNING AT 10 A. M. ON FRIDAY BEFORE
THE FIRST LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Order of Business

- 1st. Introductory sermon.
- 2nd. Reading letters and enrolling names of messengers.
- 3rd. Election of officers.
- 4th. Invite and return correspondence.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES—DIVINE SERVICE.

- 1st. On County Missions.
- 2nd. On Home Missions.
- 3rd. On Education.
- 4th. On Denominational Literature.
- 5th. On Sunday Schools.
- 6th. On Temperance.
- 7th. On Finances.
- 8th. On State Missions.
- 9th. On Foreign Missions.
- 10th. On Aged Ministers Relief.
- 11th. On Nominations.
- 12th. On Buckner Orphan Home.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

- (a.) Hearing Treasurer's report.
- (b.) Hearing report of Executive Board.
- (c.) Hearing reports of committees in their order.
- (d.) Miscellaneous business.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Red River Baptist Association met with the Rehoboth Baptist church, four miles south of Avery, in its annual session, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday, the 29th day of September, 1905, and was called to order by the moderator, Geo. B. Dear. The clerk not being present, W. W. Lawson was, on motion and second, elected temporary clerk.

After devotional exercises of an hour, conducted by the moderator, there being but few messengers present, the Association took a recess until 2 p. m. Dinner on the ground.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the moderator in the chair. After singing and prayer, letters from the churches were called for. Brethren C. A. Worley and W. F. Brooks were appointed reading clerks and letters from the following churches were read and their messengers enrolled as follows:

PIRGIM'S REST—W. W. Lawson and Miss Madge Banister.
AVERY—Eld. K. L. Keen, Eld. W. F. Brooks, Eld. J. S. Hubbard and C. R. Medford.
DETROIT—Geo. B. Dear, Miss Jennie McCaslin and Miss Hester Sharpe.
REHOBOTH—T. H. Bolt, A. S. Crow, Ed Watson and L. H. Bolt.
LYDIA—W. M. Wolf and G. W. Taylor.
CONCORD—Letter, but no messenger.
CHERRY—Eld. C. A. Worley.
LONE PIRGIM—Letter, but no messenger.

SAVANNAH SPRINGS—(No letter.) Joseph Anderson.
HOPWELL No. 2—J. C. Houston and W. T. Hughes.
ALGIN GROVE—W. B. Terry.

BREWSTER PRARIE—(No letter.) J. M. Hubbard, Sister
Martha Pinson and Sister J. M. Hubbard.

Went into the election of officers for the ensuing year,
which resulted in the election of Geo. B. Dean moderator, W.
W. Lawson clerk and T. H. Bolt treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for, but no applications.

After announcing that Bro. W. A. Campbell would preach
at 7 o'clock p. m., the Association adjourned until 9 a. m.
Saturday.

NIGHT SESSION.

As per previous agreement, the introductory sermon
was preached by Bro. Campbell, after which the moderator
announced the following committees:

DIVINE SERVICE—Pastor and deacons of Rehoboth church.
BROCKNER ORPHAN HOME—Eld. J. S. Hubbard, Miss Jen-
nie McCaslin and Miss Madge Banister.

COUNTY MISSIONS—Elds. C. A. Worley, J. S. Hubbard
and W. F. Brooks.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Eld. K. L. Keen, C. R. Medford and
Miss Hester Sharpe.

STATE MISSIONS—Eld. W. F. Brooks, G. W. Taylor and
Ed Watson.

TEMPERANCE—Eld. K. L. Keen, A. S. Crow and T. H. Bolt.
FINANCE—J. M. Hubbard, W. M. Wolf and G. W. Taylor.
Adjourned as per previous agreement.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock a. m., Saturday, Sep-
tember 30, 1905, pursuant to adjournment and was called to
order by the moderator. Devotional exercises were conduct-

ed by Eld. J. W. Brewer.

On motion and second all messengers were seated with-
er bearing letter or not.

On motion and second the following committee was ap-
pointed on obituaries: C. A. Worley, W. F. Brooks and W.
B. Terry.

On motion, Eld. J. W. Brewer, representing the B. M.
A., was seated as a visitor.

The report on County Missions was read, and pending
its adoption, adjournment was taken for preaching by Bro.
G. E. Pinkham, after which the Association adjourned until
1:30 p. m. Dinner on the ground.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled, as per adjournment, at
1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Pinkham, after which the report
of County Mission was again taken up and after considera-
ble discussion was amended and adopted.

On motion opening speeches were limited to ten minutes
and all others to five minutes.

Report on B. O. H. was read and pending adoption, the
following pledges were taken for the work, after which the
report was adopted:

Pilgrim's Rest church	\$10 00
Detroit church	5 00
Avery church	2 00
Bethlehem (by Pastor J. S. Hubbard)	2 00
Sister Pritchett, Lydia	1 00
T. H. Bolt, Avery	1 00
J. R. Elkins, Madras	1 00
Sister G. W. Taylor, Lydia	1 00
C. H. Watson, Lydia	1 00
Sister M. E. Crow, Lydia	1 00

Reports on State Missions read and adopted. Collection for this work, \$10.60.

The report on Sunday Schools read and discussed by Bro. K. L. Keen, after which it was adopted.

The reports on Temperance, Foreign Missions and Obituaries were all read and adopted without discussion.

The finance committee reported \$9.90 received for printing of minutes, with nothing for any other fund, which report was adopted.

On motion and second, the Association was adjourned into the next annual meeting and a brother to preach the introductory sermon, which resulted in the choice of Detroit as the place and Bro. J. S. Hubbard to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. W. A. Campbell alternate. The Treasurer's report read and adopted.

On motion the clerk was instructed to write to the churches of this Association, asking them to select at their earliest convenience from their number a suitable person to serve them as a member of the Executive Board and send his name at once to the moderator of this Association, G. B. Dean, at Detroit, Texas.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Detroit, on Friday before the first Lord's day in September, 1906.

G. B. DEAN, Moderator.
W. W. LAWSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

COUNTY MISSIONS.

We, your committee on County Missions, beg to make the following report: From the best information we can get; we learn that there is a great destitution in our county, and that we the more particularly need colporter work than in the work with a colporter wagon and be furnished with a sufficient supply of book. And in order to do so, we make an effort to get all the churches in the county to harmonize and co-operate together, and to effect this there will be concessions made, as we all know there are divisions and discord among us and that the churches are not in harmony. Brethren, we ought for the cause's sake, to do this—and to do this we suggest and recommend that we lay aside all our differences on missions and methods and endeavor to work together in harmony, that we agree that each and every church and member be allowed its or his opinion as to our contributions and co-operations with the different mediums through which to work for Foreign, Home and State Mission, but all work together for County Missions. We recommend that a missionary colporter be put in the work and that we should, if we need it and can get it, accept help from any source or organization from which we can procure it. All of which is submitted.

J. S. HUBBARD.
C. A. WORLEY.

To the above report the following amendment was adopted: To amend by striking out the clause recommending accepting help from any source or organization and asking those only to help who are in harmony and united in the purposes of Red River County Association.

W. F. BROOKS.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, report the following: We recommend total abstinence from intoxicating liquors of all kinds. We find sobriety greatly advanced since prohibition went into effect in this county and would recommend that we, as Baptists, assist the officers as far as we can in enforcing the prohibition laws. Respectfully submitted,

K. L. KEEN.
A. S. CROW.
T. H. BOLT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

In as much as Foreign Missions is a doctrine taught in the Bible, preached by the Baptists, contained in the Commission and executed in the past by our predecessors, the result of which we ourselves, as Gentiles, have had the Gospel in time, it is our duty, as far as possible, as the Lord prospers us, to send the Gospel where it is not, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

J. C. HOUSTON.
W. T. HUGHES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, report the following: We find that the cause of Sunday Schools is being greatly neglected by the churches throughout our entire Association, and to the detriment of the cause generally. We call your attention to these facts in order to arouse a greater interest in the important department of our work. Wherever this work is made a living issue experience teaches us that the cause in general is advanced. We recommend that the board of this Association be instructed to employ a live and efficient man in the field to have charge of this work, and that

to be his duty to go from place to place organizing Sunday Schools and distributing sound literature.

K. L. KEEN.
HESTER SHARPE.
C. R. MEDFORD.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following: The mission question in Texas is a great one and is paramount of all others. The work is now on good footing and much good is being done. There are over 60 missionaries under the appointment of the Board of the State Missionary Association. These are all in fields of destitution and must be supported by voluntary contributions from the churches. Hundreds have been baptised during the last year, churches are being built up and the cause being advanced all along the line. The B. M. A. comes asking our Association at this time to make a special effort to help eliminate the debt which is now due on our mission work, and may God help us to make every stride possible to the onward march in the State Mission work. Would to God every brother and sister in our Association help in this State Mission work. It is a command from God to do mission work. Matthew 28:19-20.

W. F. BROOKS.
G. W. TAYLOR.

BUCKNER ORPHAN HOME.

We, your committee on B. O. H., submit the following: We know that it has been for years a home indeed for orphans and it is the only Baptist institution of the kind in the state. Therefore we urge the Baptists of this Association to help in its support. Resp'y submitted,

J. S. HUBBARD.
JENNIE McCASLIN.
MADGE BANISTER.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on obituaries, report the following deaths during the last year, so far as have been reported your committee:

- LOVE PUGKIN CHURCH—Eld. N. B. TERRY, who was known and loved by all as a minister of the gospel, and who spent number of years in the active discharge of his duty within the bounds of the Red River Association. The loss of whom we mourn, but which has been his Heavenly gain. Also sister Lillian Richardson and Claud Lane.
- SAVANNAH SPRINGS CHURCH—Sister Edna Bearden.
- DETROIT CHURCH—Sister Minnie Nix.
- AIKIN GROVE CHURCH—Sisters Dollie Maxwell and Lew Stuart.

PUGKIN'S FIRST CHURCH—Bro. E. H. Williams and Sister Eura Hill.

REHOBOTH CHURCH—Bro. L. J. Watson.
HOPWELL No. 2—Sister Janie Shaver.

W. F. BROOKS,
W. B. DERRY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Sept. 1, 1904.	To balance on hand	\$ 1 00
Sept. 1, 1904.	To amt't received of finance committee	63 92
Sept. 1, 1904.	To amt't public collection, B. O. H.	4 40
Sept. 1, 1904.	To amt't public collection, State Missions	2 50
Sept. 1, 1904.	To amt't of Bethlehem, p't of minutes	1 30
Sept. 1, 1904.	By amt't pd. T. C. Holt	\$ 2 20
Sept. 1, 1904.	By amt't pd. Bro. Terry	2 20
Sept. 1, 1904.	By amt't pd. Bro. Martin	2 20
Sept. 1, 1904.	By amt't pd. T. C. Holt, minutes	29 40
Sept. 1, 1904.	By amt't pd. S. J. Anderson, S. M.	10 50
Sept. 1, 1904.	By amt't pd. B. O. H.	12 20
Sept. 1, 1904.	By amt't pd. W. A. Campbell, Co. II	12 22

T. H. BOLT, Treas. Red River Association. 73 12 73 12

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the members of the Rehoboth church and the citizens of the surrounding country for their kind and hospitable entertainment during the setting of this Association.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be called the Red River Baptist Association.

ART. II. This Association shall be composed of representatives from such Baptist churches as are in regular standing, and contribute to its funds and co-operate in its objects.

ART. III. Churches applying for membership, or the right of representation, must send by their messengers letters containing satisfactory evidence of their soundness in the faith, and their desire to assist in the missionary work.

ART. IV. Each church shall be entitled to four delegates and an additional one for every twenty-five members above one hundred.

ART. V. It shall be the duty of each church to furnish her delegates with an annual letter to the Association containing her statistics, contributions for associational purposes, and such other items of interest as she may wish to communicate, not contrary to the constitution nor foreign to the business of the Association.

ART. VI. The business of the Association shall be to promote the cause of missions within her bounds, and to the extent of her ability assist in the same work in such places as Providence may indicate, always being governed by the teachings of the Bible. And it shall be her duty at her several meetings to adopt and carry into effect such measures as may appear most likely to advance this great work. She may, at any time she may think expedient, establish an associational school.

ART. VII. This Association is to have no ecclesiastical authority, recognizing the fact that each church is complete and independent, being responsible to God only for her faith and practice.

ART. VIII. The Association shall at each meeting elect by ballot a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, and shall have a committee consisting of one member from each church, said member to be named by the church from which he is chosen at their first meeting, which committee shall constitute a Missionary Board for the management of the business of the Association during the recess of its annual meetings, five of which board shall constitute a quorum.

ART. IX. The Moderator shall perform the duties usually required of the presiding officer of other deliberative bodies. The Clerk shall take and preserve a correct account of the proceedings of this body in an associational book, which he is required to deliver to the Association at the expiration of his term of office. The Treasurer and Executive Board shall make a report in writing annually.

Rules of Decorum.

ART. X. Any visiting brother in good standing shall be entitled to sit in counsel in this Association, but shall not be entitled to vote.

ART. XI. At each meeting of this body some brother shall be appointed to preach an introductory sermon at the next annual meeting and a letter of correspondence may be written and corresponding messengers appointed for sister Associations.

ART. XII. The annual meeting of this Association shall be Friday at 10 o'clock, before the first Sunday in September.

ART. XIII. This Constitution may be amended and altered (the 6th and 7th articles excepted) at an annual meeting by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND POST OFFICES.

Herewith append a list of the churches in the Association from previous reports so far as I am able to gather from previous reports with their P. O. address. I do not publish their statistics for lack of funds, and besides, it would necessarily be very incomplete as many of the churches have not reported for years.

Antioch	Deport	Lydia	Lydia
Alkin Grove	Clarksville	Liberty	Detroit
Avery	Avery	Lone Pilgrim	English
Ammona	English	Line Branch	Rosalie
Albion	Albion	Mount Pleasant	
Bogota	Bogota	Mount Zion	Bagwell
Bethany	Clarksville	Maple Creek	Cuthand
Bethel	Avery	Manchester	Manchester
Brewster Prairie	Clarksville	Macedonia	Rosalie
Bethlehem	Pope	Morris Chapel	Bogota
Bethsada	Hodgson	New Hope	Hodgson
Bagwell	Bagwell	New Haven	Dimple
Chairmount	Fulbright	Oxford	Bagwell
Concord	Madrass	Pilgrim's Rest	Ammona
Clarksville	Clarksville	Pine Branch	Cuthand
Collier Springs	Acworth	Pecan Grove	
Cross Roads	Detroit	Providence No. 1	Avery
Cherry	Cherry	Rehoboth	Cuthand
Detroit	Detroit	White Oak	Woodland
Ebonezar	Caton	Woodland	Box Elder
Hopewell No. 1	Dimple	Salem	
Hopewell No. 2	Shawnee	Savannah Springs	Avery

1st. Every person desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or indulges in personal reflection; in either case the moderator shall call him to order, and no one shall speak offener than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator or the Association.

2nd. No messenger shall absent himself without permission of the moderator or the Association.

3rd. All business shall be introduced by motion and second, or in the form of a resolution, and shall be decided by a majority vote except in anything touching fellowship, in which case unanimity of action shall be required.

4th. A call shall be made for motions and resolutions.

5th. These rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the Association.

Standing Rule.

Any member of our body whose name occurs in the Minutes of our Association, bearing a copy of the same, visiting sister associations with whom we correspond, shall be considered by us as our correspondent.