

# *MINUTES*

*Of the*

*Sixty-sixth Annual Session*

*Of the*

*Red River Baptist Association*

*Held With Collier Springs Church, Near Acworth,  
September, 3-4th A. D, 1909.*

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## **Officers:**

*D. J. STANPHILL, Clerk, Baywell, Texas*  
*Eld. B. J. DEVINNEY, Clerk, Avery, Tex.*

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*Next Annual Session Will Convene With Old Annona Church  
at English, Beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M., Friday Before the  
First Lord's Day in September, 1910.*

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Election of officers.
- 2nd. Reading letters and enrolling messengers.
- 3rd. Petitionary Letters.
- 4th. Invite and return Correspondence.
- 5th. Introductory Sermon.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

- 1st. On Divine Service.
- 2nd. On County Mission.
- 3rd. On State Mission.
- 4th. On Foreign Mission.
- 5th. On Sabbath Schools.
- 6th. On Education.
- 7th. On Denominational Literature.
- 8th. On Temperance.
- 9th. On Aged Ministers Relief.
- 10th. On Orphans Home.
- 11th. On Nominations.
- 12th. On Home Missions.

### SPECIAL REPORTS:

- (a) Treasurer's Report.
- (b) Executive Board.
- (c) Finance Report.
- (d) Miscellaneous Business

# PROCEEDINGS

## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Red River Baptist Association met in Sixty-sixth annual session with Collier Springs church, Friday before first Lord's day in September, A. D. 1909.

The Moderator being absent the body was called to order by Eld. W. T. Clampet. After prayer, and the singing of "Firm Foundation," Bros. W. O. Hearn and J. E. Newman were appointed reading clerks.

After devotional services, letters from the following churches were read, and messengers' names enrolled.

Annona—R. L. Garrison.

Avery—J. C. Hutchinson, J. G. Coffman.

Bethlehem—J. E. Vaughn, N. C. Hinson.

Bethany—R. C. Alsbrook.

Cherry—D. J. Stanphill, J. K. Pritchett, Walter Carpenter.

Collier Springs—Lee Talley, Dr. W. O. Hearn, S. T. Bailey.

Alternates: Sisters Nannie Hearne, Lucy Bailey.

White Oak—Eld. I. A. Bond, A. W. Alexander.

New Haven—Eld. B. T. Richardson.

Hopewell No. 1.—Eld A. S. Terry, S. F. Neal, Sister M.

L. Terry, R. M. Monkhouse.

Lydia—Geo. W. Taylor, Sister Flora Taylor.

Rehoboth—A. S. Crow, Eld. B. J. Devinney, W. P.

Myers. Alternates: C. H. Watson, Sister C. H. Watson.

Concord—W. C. Parker, J. C. Estes. Alternates: Jess

Watson, Sister Eva Brantley.

Lone Pilgrim—Eld. W. T. Clampet, Sister A. J. Clampet.

J. E. Newman, representing the Baptist Echo, was

admitted a seat with us.

Bros. Swinney and Turner being absent, Eld. G. E.

Pinkham preached the introductory sermon.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

After devotional exercises, went into election of officers

which resulted as follows: S. T. Bailey, Moderator; D. J.

Stanphill, Clerk; Eld. B. J. Devinney, treasurer.

Committees on various reports were announced by the

Moderator, in their order.

Adjourned until 8:30 a.m.

Sermon at night by B. J. Devinney.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. House called to order by the Moderator. After devotional exercises proceeded to business.

The varied reports were called for, and after discussion of same were adopted.

Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. by J. E. Newman of Jacksonville, Texas.

## AFTERNOON SESSION,

After prayer by Bro. Pinkham, committee on nominations made their report, and by vote of the body the next annual association will convene with Old Annona church, at English, beginning 10 o'clock a. m., Friday before first Lord's day in September, 1910. Eld B. J. Devinney to preach introductory sermon.

There being no other business claiming attention of the body, after singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," amid general hand-shaking, the association adjourned.

S. T. BAILEY, Moderator.

D. J. STANPHILL, Clerk.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

We the messengers and visitors to the Red River Association, hereby tender our thanks to Collier Springs church and community for their hospitality so generously shown us while here.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

We, your committee on County Missions, beg leave to report that if there be destitution in Red River Association, that we locate the place or places, and with our means employ one or more men and send to those destitute localities, and confine them to four places, one each Sunday, and not have them try to cover the entire association, as we believe more good will be done and less labor on the missionary.

W. T. CLAMPET,

J. G. COFFMAN,

B. F. NEAL.

## AMENDMENT TO ABOVE REPORT.

Owing to the fact that this association is in debt to her former missionary, Elder G. E. Pinkham, for work done

in the association, we further recommend that a cash collection be taken to be applied on this deficit; and we also recommend that each church composing this association take this matter up immediately and send a cash collection to our treasurer to liquidate this debt.

Pledges to liquidate above indebtedness:

Lone Pilgrim church.....	\$2.50
New Haven church.....	1.50
Hopewell No. 1 church.....	1.50
Old Annona church.....	2.00
Bethany church.....	1.00
Cash Collection.....	3.25

#### HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following report: The home mission work as represented by the Baptist General Association of America is in a prosperous condition. There have been more baptisms and churches organized than in any preceding year in the history of the association. But the Treasurer is short on funds, and the missionaries have not been paid in full for the work done. We therefore recommend that the churches in this association take a collection for this work at once, and send the same to Elder C. R. Powell, Little Rock, Ark., Treasurer of the Association.

W. T. CLAMPET,  
J. K. PRITCHETT,  
J. E. NEWMAN.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, make the following report: Our State Mission work is in fairly good condition, considering the opposition and the dry weather. We have about twenty-five missionaries who have labored faithfully during the year, and the Lord has blessed their labors as never before in the history of the Association. The destitution in the State is great, and our people need to bestir themselves as never before, to enlarge the work and cover these fields of destitution. We recommend systematic giving among the churches of the association to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. RICHARDSON,  
J. E. NEWMAN,  
G. W. TAYLOR.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We find it to be the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, that we should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We have as foreign fields, China, Old Mexico, Persia, Syria, where men and women are bowing down and worshipping gods made with their own hands. We as Baptists feel it to be our indispensable duty to send the gospel to those people through the hands of well-qualified men and women. We find in God's Word that the man that takes hold of the plough and looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God. So let us as the church of the living God support this work and carry it on till Jesus comes again to gather up His jewels.

B. J. DEVINNEY,  
A. S. CROW,  
G. E. PINKHAM.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to report as follows: Of the thirteen churches represented, only four have Sabbath schools. This sad state of affairs is indeed deplorable. The Sabbath school is indispensable to a live working church. So brethren and sisters in Christ, let us renew our zeal and effort in this grand and glorious work and not even consider ourselves in good working order until every church has a live working Sabbath school. Then and not until then will our churches grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Master as they should.

W. O. HEARN,  
C. H. WATSON,  
A. S. CROW,

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We your committee on Christian Education, submit the following report: We urge the importance of an education which leads to usefulness and happiness in life. Usefulness is the thing which God requires of us as His creatures. The mind of man is like the soil. Notwithstanding it may contain all the elements of plant food yet in an uncultivated state it produces nothing except that which is common; but when carefully prepared and the proper seeds implanted yields an abundant supply of the necessaries of life. So with

the mind of man. When undeveloped and left to our natural propensities, profit but little in the great work of life which God requires at our hands. With these facts in view we insist upon such an education as prepares for the accomplishment of these purposes. We recommend Jacksonvillle College and Texas Baptist University at Dallas, Texas as worthy of our patronage.

B. T. RICHARDSON,  
J. C. HUTCHINSON,  
J. K. PRITCHETT,

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We your committee on denominational literature, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend first of all and above all, a constant and prayerful reading and study of the Bible, which is a safe and reliable guide to all. Especially in the Sabbath schools we cannot over-estimate the importance of a careful study of God's Word, as a source of all wisdom and knowledge, and the only true guide for our children. We further recommend the reading of true Baptist papers.

I. A. BOND,  
A. W. ALEXANDER,  
R. L. GARRISON,

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance, recommend total abstinence from intoxicating liquors of all kinds. We further recommend that any church member who drinks intoxicants of any kind as a beverage or who shall vote an anti-prohibition ticket shall be deemed guilty of unchristian conduct by the church, and dealt with accordingly. We find that since prohibition has gone into effect in our county that sobriety has greatly advanced in our country. We thank God for putting into the hearts of our lawmakers to enact such laws as have done away with whiskey solicitors.

B. F. NEAL,  
SISTER G. W. TAYLOR,  
SISTER NANNIE E. HEARN.

AGED MINISTERS.

We believe it is the duty of the churches to support the aged ministers who have given their lives to the cause of our Lord. They have planted the gospel and been builders of

our churches, and we enjoy the fruits of their labors. Many of them have grown old and feeble and are not able to work and are not able to make a living and but little is being done for their support and comfort. Brethren this ought not to be May God's Spirit move upon the churches to take care of the old ministers. We make special mention of Bro. T. C. Holt, who is now 76 years old and is upon a bed of affliction.

D. J. STANPHILL,  
G. E. PINKHAM.

FINANCE.

To Eld. G. E. Pinkham.....	\$ 3.25
To State Missions .....	4.75
To Eld. T. C. Holt .....	3.60
For minutes .....	12.20
Total .....	\$23.80

A. S. TERRY,  
A. S. CROW,  
G. W. TAYLOR.

ORPHANS HOME.

We, your committee submit the following: We would recommend to this Association the plan adopted by the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, that is the placing of a homeless child in every childless home—which work is placed in the hands of our Corresponding Secretary. We would therefore recommend that each church make at least one contribution to this work annually.

W. C. PARKER,  
G. W. TAYLOR,  
J. C. ESTES.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to make the following report: That the Missionary Board meeting meet with Concord church, and that Eld. P. H. Swinney be chairman and the Board be composed of one member from each church. We recommend that it be left to a vote of this body as to which of the two churches, Old Annona or Cherry, that this association convene with the next annual meeting.

With Eld. B. J. Devinney to preach the introductory sermon; H. E. Duffee, alternate.

R. L. GARRISON,  
J. K. PRITCHETT,  
R. C. ALSOBROOK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- J. A. Moore, Clarksville, Texas.
- J. S. Hubbard, Avery, Texas.
- G. E. Pinkham, Avery, Texas.
- W. T. Clampet, Avery, Texas.
- W. F. Brooks, Avery, Texas.
- B. J. Devinney, Avery, Texas.
- T. J. Williams, Avery, Texas.
- J. W. McElroy, Avery, Texas.
- T. C. Holt, Annona, Texas.
- P. H. Swinney, Bogota, Texas.
- B. T. Richardson, Dimple, Texas.
- W. P. Beadle, Dimple, Texas.
- H. E. Duffee, Cuthand, Texas.
- R. R. Fry, Cuthand, Texas.

LICENTIATES.

- James Sanders, Detroit.
- J. L. Greer, Rosalie, Texas.
- I. A. Bond, Cuthand, Texas.
- L. B. Neal, Dimple, Texas.
- A. S. Terry, Vesey, Texas.



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