

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventieth Annual Session

OF THE

Red River County Baptist Association

Held with Concord Church Thursday, Friday and Saturday
September 25, 26 and 27, 1913.

OFFICERS:

G. B. DEAN, Moderator.
L. H. BASSETT, Treasurer.
W. F. BROOKS, Clerk.

Next Session of this Association will Convene with
White Oak Church, at Garvinsville, ten miles south
of Clarksville, Thursday before the first
Sabbath in September,
1914, at 10 a. m.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- I. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmingled truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.
- II. We believe in one God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- III. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression, from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness.
- IV. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.
- V. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- VI. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel.
- VII. We believe that except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter.
- VIII. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of everyone who hears the Gospel.
- IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners.
- X. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.
- XI. We believe in the preservation of the saints; that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
- XII. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of his church and moral government.
- XIII. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptist believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ; and that its officers are pastors and deacons.
- XIV. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, by a properly qualified administrator, into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
- XV. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist Church should partake of the Lord's Supper.
- XVI. We believe that the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath should be devoutly observed and sacredly devoted to religious services.
- XVII. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel.
- XVIII. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.
- XIX. We believe in the final judgment; and that in that day, the righteous and the wicked will be separated forever.
- XX. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Red River Baptist Association met in its seventh annual session with the Concord Church Thursday morning, September 25, 1913, and was called to order by Elder M. O. Grant. Moderator and Clerk not being present, W. M. Barnett was appointed Moderator pro tem and G. W. Myers clerk pro tem.

After devotional exercises and prayer by T. J. Pardue motion to defer introductory sermon to 2 p. m. carried. Adjourned until 2. p. m.

Afternoon Session

Met at 2 p. m. After prayer the Moderator, G. B. Dean, appointed W. F. Brooks and J. C. Hooser reading clerks and letters from the following churches were read and messengers names enrolled as follows:

White Oak—A. C. Bond, R. E. Crittenden, A. P. Bryant, Sister Margaret Bond.

Beulah—Bond and Berthie McCulloch.

Anderson Memorial—S. W. Beard, Sisters B. S. Pope and Viola Giles.

Savannah Springs—T. H. Howard, Frank Bearden.

Rehoboth—A. S. Crow, W. P. Myers, W. R. Meadows.

Concord—W. C. Parker, Date Pate, J. C. Hooser, Jesse Watson, Sisters Eliza Igo, Eunice Bledsoe, Sister Pate.

Collier Springs—Charlie Erraine, Sisters Nannie and Eva Quarles, Jesse Grayson.

Avery—Elder M. O. Grant, L. H. Bassett, J. C. Hutchinson, W. F. Brooks.

New Haven—Elder W. P. Beadle, B. T. Richardson, J. D. Raulston.

Hopewell—I. F. Swarts, W. E. Roberts, Ed Stanley.

Liberty—G. F. Brown, G. H. Hollingsworth, F. W. Stringer, C. R. Patterson, J. S. Patterson, Joe Gentry, T. J. Landers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: G. B. Dean, Moderator; L. H. Bassett, Treasurer; W. F. Brooks, Clerk.

Petitionary letters read and received and messengers seated: Pleasant Grove church—W. J. Roten, C. C. (Bagwell, Texas,) Luther Roten, J. E. Rogers, W. P. Beadle, pastor, Dimple, Texas. Pecan Grove church—S. E. Bryant, A. M. Tidwell. Elder A. S. Terry, pastor; J. N. Dunn, C. C.

The following named visitors and corresponding brethren were invited to seats in the body—Elder W. A. Anders, Bagwell, Texas, Elder J. S. Elliott, secretary and financial agent Texas Baptist Orphanage, Waxahachie, Texas. Elder J. W. Brewer, state missionary, representing B. M. A. News, Enloe, Texas; Elder T. J. Powell, Clarksville, Texas.

The introductory sermon, by motion and second, was postponed until Friday at 11 a. m., B. F. Richardson to preach same.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Friday.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

Met at 9 a. m. After devotional exercises by Elder W. P. Beadle, singing, then prayer by Elder J. W. Brewer. Brother J. M. Newburn, Jacksonville, Texas, representing the Jacksonville College and the Baptist paper published at Little Rock, Ark., was seated as a visitor.

A resolution by W. M. Barnett that the Moderator appoint a committee on resolutions of respect to our deceased brother, Elder J. A. Moore, carried.

Report on nominations approved and by vote the next annual meeting of this Association will be held with White Oak church at Garvinsville, ten miles south of Clarksville, beginning at 10 a. m., on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1914.

Resolution adopted to change the name of the Association, making it the Red River County Association instead of the Red River Association.

Report on Orphans Home was read and adopted. Short talks by Elders J. W. Brewer, J. M. Newburn, J. S. Elliott and Brother G. B. Dean, and the following cash collections and pledges taken for same: Liberty church, cash, \$2.50; White Oak, cash, \$1.00; Elder W. P. Beadle, cash, 20c; Pecan Grove church, cash, \$1.00; Hopewell church, pledge, \$5.00; F. W. Stringer, cash, 25c; W. J. Roten, cash, \$1.00; G. B. Dean, cash, \$5.00; Jesse Grayson, cash, 50c; S. W. Beard, cash, 50c; W. C. Parker, cash, \$1.00; W. P. Myers, cash, \$1.00; G. W. Myers, cash, 50c; P. W. Gentry, cash, 50c; J. A. Wilson, cash, \$1.00; F. W. Bearden, cash, 25c; J. C. Hooser, \$1.00; T. J. Brandon, 25c; Mrs. Igo, cash, \$1.00; C. R. Patterson, cash, 50c; Tobe Parker, cash, 50c; Joe Gentry, cash, 25c; Sister W. F. Burden, cash, \$1.00; Mrs. Parker, cash, 40c; T. H. Igo, cash, 25c; Sister M. O. Grant, cash, \$1.00; Sister J. A. Myers, 30c; hat collection, cash, \$2.60. Pledges \$5.00. Cash \$25.25.

Introductory sermon by Elder B. T. Richardson. Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session

Met pursuant to adjournment and after song service and prayer by Elder J. M. Newburn, report on Aged Ministers read and short talks by Elders J. M. Newburn and J. W. Brewer. Collection: W. M. Barnett 50c, R. E. Crittenden \$1.00, G. B. Dean \$1.00, J. W. Brewer 50c, J. C. Hutchinson 50c, G. H. Hollingsworth 50c, A. M. Tidwell 25c, S. W. Beard, 25c, W. C. Parker 50c, G. W. Myers 50c, F. W. Stringer, 25c, Frank Bearden 25c, L. H. Bassett 25c, C. R. Patterson 25c, W. A. Anders 25c, W. J. Roten 25c, J. C. Hooser 25c, Sister Igo 50c, Brother Monkhouse 25c. Pledges: White Oak church \$2.50, Anderson Memorial \$1.50, Rehoboth church \$1.50, Concord church \$2.00, Avery church \$2.50, New Haven church \$1.50, Liberty church \$1.00, Hopewell church \$1.50, Pleasant Grove church \$1.50, Pecan Grove church \$1.00. Total \$24.40. Report adopted.

Report on State Missions read. Short talks on report by Elders M. O. Grant, J. S. Elliott, J. W. Brewer and

Prayer by Elder J. M. Newburn. Collection and pledges for State Missions: R. E. Crittenden, cash, \$1.00; G. B. Dean, cash, \$1.00; Concord church, cash, \$3.00; Jesse Watson, cash, \$1.00; J. W. Brewer, cash, 50c; S. W. Beard, cash, 50c; B. T. Richardson, cash, \$1.00; Sister Igo, cash, \$1.00; J. S. Elliott, cash, \$1.00; Liberty church, cash, \$9.50; unknown parties, cash, 95c. Total \$20.45. Report adopted.

Elder W. F. Brooks was elected to preach the introductory sermon, Elder M. O. Grant alternate. Adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

Met at 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Elder J. S. Elliott. Scripture Matthew 18:15-21. Text Matthew 18:17. Subject: The difference between the Baptist Convention of Texas and the B. M. A. of Texas.

Report on Education read. Short talk on the report by Elder J. M. Newburn. Collection: W. C. Parker, cash, \$1.00; Elder M. O. Grant, cash, \$2.70; R. E. Crittenden, cash, \$1.00; L. H. Bassett, cash, 50c; W. F. Brooks, cash, 75c; F. W. Stringer 50c, C. R. Patterson, 50c, Sister Igo \$1.00, G. W. Myers 50c, J. S. Elliott 25c, W. J. Roten 25c, Hat collection, \$1.50, Total \$10.50. Report adopted. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

Met pursuant to adjournment. After devotional services by Elder W. A. Anders and prayer by Elder M. O. Grant report on Foreign Missions read and short talk by J. W. Brewer. Report amended and adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted.

Report on Resolutions of Respect to Elder J. A. Moore read and adopted.

Report on County Missions read and a talk by Elder M. O. Grant and Elder W. P. Beadle. Amendment offered. accepted and adopted as amended.

A collection amounting to \$4.00 was taken for Dick Giddens' blind children.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.
Resolutions of thanks read and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee and Treasurer read and adopted.

The Association adjourned to meet on Thursday at 10 a. m., before the first Lord's Day in September, 1914.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

County Missions

Our Lord has said in his word, Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth: Acts 1:3. In view of this missionary work carefully laid out by our Lord in this passage of scripture to his faithful disciples we believe that we could not do better than follow our Master's directions when we make the application to our own field, Red River County, as it means a great field to us. We find much destitution in this field where the gospel in all its fullness is needed. We find churches without pastors and much destitution. We would recommend that this Association at once place a missionary in the county to occupy the field.

F. W. BEARDEN,
M. O. GRANT.

Amended—We recommend that this Association now designate a chairman of the Missionary Board and that each church be requested to send a member of their church to meet at as early day as possible for permanent organization for the purpose of carrying this report into execution and that they be requested to ask the State Board to assist in the work. The Moderator, G. B. Dean, chairman, and G. H. Hollingsworth vice chairman.

State Missions.

Our state work is in a fair condition. We have forty-five missionaries on the field. Our increase in baptisms have outstripped any year up to this time. Churches organized more than heretofore. We need to come out of debt at

state meeting about \$10,000. We recommend that a collection be taken for state missions and request that our churches do what they can to help raise this debt by November 1. Brethren, if you do not evangelize the people they will heathenize us, and as we are the people to whom was committed the responsibility of the gospel of Christ, we as the churches of our Lord ought to discharge the responsibility imposed upon us.

J. W. BREWER,
L. H. BASSETT,
J. C. HOOSER.

Foreign Missions

The Savior gave to his church the commission: Go ye in to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and since we as missionary Baptists claim to be that body, this commission is given to us. The recommendation is, go or send. It is the duty of the church to send missionaries to foreign fields as well as in our own bounds. We have every reason to be encouraged that the Lord is blessing the labors of his children abroad, giving us every assurance of the fact that our work is meeting his approbation. The facts and figures as given in last year's report should be an inspiration to our work. These native workers in foreign fields are doing noble work for their own people. These native workers are the fruits of the labors of our missionaries. These native churches are growing in self support and mission work. Our Saviour teaches us that this gospel of the kingdom must first be preached as a witness to all nations and then shall the end come. We recommend that our churches take this matter under prayerful consideration and do what they can for the foreign field. We recommend as an organ for information the Foreign Mission Journal. We recommend that our money go through the General Association unless the B. M. A. selects a man to do foreign mission work.

W. F. BROOKS,
W. P. BEADLE.

Amended—Requested that the B. M. A. open up a direct channel for the church to do foreign mission work through.

Sabbath Schools

We find five Sunday schools reported and find so many churches that have no Sunday schools we recommend that the churches that have no Sunday schools organize them at the earliest time possible. One of the greatest demands of the christian world to-day is teachers qualified for the work so that they may so direct the minds of the young as to bring them to the Saviour in early life. What an opportunity is open to us in the Sunday school work. We therefore recommend that the parents of the children go with them to Sunday school. We also recommend that our Sunday schools use Baptist literature. F. W. STRINGER,

JESSE WATSON,
W. C. PARKER.

Baptist Education

Baptists are pioneers in education. Our fathers were the staunch supporters of the public schools in Texas. We are taught in the Bible that Elijah built a school for the prophets and taught them God's word. Jesus went up into a mountain and called unto him whom he would and ordained them apostles. They were with him and he taught them. Baptists have in all ages advocated higher education. We recommend Jacksonville College as a safe and competent school where we may send our children for training under the best influences. We had in Jacksonville College last session twenty-eight young preachers. They baptised last year between 800 and 1000 people. Our property is worth \$40,000. We can care for 300 students. We have a faculty of ten members. Board may be had for \$12.00 per month. Tuition in the literary department is from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per month. This school belongs to the Baptist Missionary Association. Our preachers get free tuition in the literary department and also in the Bible.

J. C. HUTCHINSON,
J. M. NEWBURN,
T. H. HOWARD.

Temperance

This is not a subject of minor importance because upon it depends the future prosperity of our country as well as churches. This is an evil that is not only spoken of by the Bible, but denounced by it in the severest terms. No drunkard shall ever inherit the kingdom of heaven. Since this is true it is evident that no man professing christianity should indulge in drunkenness. We should not defile the temple by partaking of intoxicating drinks. It is evident from a Bible standpoint that no man professing christianity should indulge in strong drink, for by so doing he defiles the temple of God. In this age it is necessary for us to discourage strong drink in every conceivable manner possible. We should impress upon our members the importance of touching not, tasting not, handling not the unclean thing after the using of which all are to perish. Be sober, be vigilant, for your adversary the devil is going about seeking whom he may devour.

B. T. RICHARDSON,
G. H. HOLLINGSWORTH,
S. W. BEARD.

Report on Orphanage

Your committee is glad to be able to report that our orphanage at Waxahachie is now in operation. We have twenty children, seven boys and thirteen girls. There has been considerable obligations assumed to fit up building and cultivate the farm. The institution is growing and we need to constantly improve. We need to put in heating plant at once. The present indebtedness has been assumed by private individuals. They expect us to come to their assistance. Our thirty four acres of land is now worth \$8,000.00, the building cost us \$9,000.00, we have about or above \$1,000.00 worth of chattels, furniture, fixtures, etc. making the home worth \$18,000.00. Good management in the future as has been in the past in a financial way means success.

Therefore we recommend that our churches take more interest in the work, that our pastors and preachers in general put the matter before the people and give them a

chance to give, and that we now take a collection in cash and pledges to be paid by October 25th.

G. H. HOLLINGSWORTH
P. W. GENTRY.

Aged Ministers Relief

It is a sad fact that many of our aged ministers and their wives are dependent on their brethren for a support. They were pioneers in church work. Now that they are old and needy we should look after their necessities. We recommend that at least one collection each year be sent to W. W. Scales, Dallas, for these worthy brethren.

SISTER B. S. POPE,
JESSE GRAYSON,
REUBEN DAVIS.

Resolution of Thanks

Be it resolved, That the messengers and visitors of this Association offer their heartfelt thanks to the members of this church and the people of this community for the reception they have given us and the hospitality they have shown us while here in their midst. May God's richest blessings rest and abide with them until we meet to part no more.

W. F. BROOKS,

Finance and Treasurer's Report

For minutes	\$18 05
County Missions	2 60
State Missions	40 55
Foreign Missions	3 00
Orphans Home	26 55
Old Ministers Relief	7 95
Jacksonville College	10 50
Collected for Giddens	4 00
Disbursements	\$112 60
Balance on hand for County Missions	110 60
	2 00

L. H. BASSETT,
G. R. PATTERSON,
JOE GENTRY.

Elder J. A. Moore

Elder James A. Moore was born in Mississippi May 4, 1841. Died September 11, 1913, aged 72 years, 4 months, and 6 days.

Brother Moore took upon himself the yoke of Christ in early life, was licensed and ordained to preach the gospel by Crystal Springs church in Mississippi in 1872. Came to Texas in 1873. He was one of the pioneer preachers in Texas. At his death he was a member of Aiken Grove church in Red River county.

Last year when we met he was with us and was one of the leading spirits in our body; but God in the dispensation of His providence has seen proper to take him away. While we deeply feel the loss which we have sustained in his death, we realize that our loss is his gain. "To die is gain," says Paul. Brother Moore was a loyal citizen, labored for the well being of his fellowman and the prosperity of his country, in this he was a model citizen. When the civil war broke out, notwithstanding his youth he volunteered his services, laid his life as a sacrifice upon the altar of his country to defend its rights. As a soldier he was true and fearless on the field of battle, facing the mouth of the cannon and meeting the leaden storm. As a courier, he often risked his life to carry messages where few would ever dare to venture. Notwithstanding the many dangers, hardships and privations, incident to soldier life through which he passed, while many of his fellow soldiers were slain, yet his life was protected by an arm unseen. We believe that because of his worth he was preserved that he might engage in that war wherein it is said, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds," that he might be a soldier of Him who is the captain of our salvation. From the time he entered the ministry till the day of his death he proved a faithful servant, ever standing as an advocate for his Master's cause and the gospel. His life stands out before the world as a living epistle which is read and known of all men.

Even when of tender age he resisted temptation—Joseph

like—and overcame the evil influences that surrounded him; hence his life stands unspotted before the world. Brother Moore was above the average in literary attainments, was an eloquent speaker and a fluent writer.

He was a missionary in the western part of our state under the employ of the State Board, where his labors were wonderfully blest. He was highly appreciated by all who came under his influence even the cowboys themselves with whom he often ate and slept. A part of his life was given to pastoral work in different sections of our state. The last few years of his life, on account of ill-health, he was not so actively engaged, but when his health would admit he labored among weak and pastorless churches, thus giving of his time and means in the Saviour's cause. In him we have an example of self denying for the love of Christ's kingdom. As a business man, he might have accumulated an earthly fortune but he like Moses, chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to live in ease and affluence. He esteemed the Cross of Christ greater riches than the sordid treasures of earth. The beautiful flowers that grow up in spring, sending forth their fragrance, wither and decay when autumn comes; but the fragrance and beauty of his life will never lose its influence for good, but will widen and spread out till the dawn of eternity's morn, when the son of man shall come to select his jewels home. The sacred writer says: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth; yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their words do follow them." We deeply sympathize with his child, his only son, in the death of his father, with his relatives and many friends in the loss of good man.

To show our appreciation of him we have penned these lines and offer the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the pages of our minutes and a copy be sent to the B. M. A. News, one to the Baptist for publication. Respectfully,

B. T. RICHARDSON,
W. M. BARNETT,
M. O. GRANT.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- (1) Divine service by Moderator.
 - (2) Reading letters and enrolling names of messengers.
 - (3) Election of officers.
 - (4) Petitionary letters.
 - (5) Appointment of committees.
1. Divine service.
 2. County Missions.
 3. State Missions.
 4. Denominational Literature.
 5. Sabbath Schools.
 6. Temperance.
 7. Education.
 8. Finance.
 9. Foreign Missions.
 10. Aged Ministers Relief.
 11. Orphans Home.
 12. Nominations.

MINISTERS WITH POSTOFFICE ADDRESS

P. H. Swinney Avery
 B. F. Richardson Dimple
 W. F. Brooks Avery
 H. E. Duffee Cuthand
 M. O. Grant Avery
 W. P. Beadle Dimple
 T. J. Williams Avery
 A. S. Terry Vesey
 G. H. Welch Dekalb, Route 1
 B. J. Deviney Avery
 L. B. Neal Dimple
 W. T. Clampitt Avery
 J. L. Geer Rosalie Route
 J. A. Bond Cuthand
 G. V. Elliott Dimple
 W. A. Anders Bagwell
 I. F. Swarts Annona
 Jesse Grayson Annona
 T. J. Parker Annona

CHURCH		PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE		CLERK AND POSTOFFICE		PAID	
LIBERTY	M. O. GRANT	W. A. PATTERSON	15	39	18	1	
AVERY	M. O. GRANT	W. P. RHODES	45	2	3	4	\$121 40
ANDERSON MEMORIAL	NONE						\$10 70
REHOBOTH	JESSE WATSON	A. S. CROW	45	2	2	1	\$14 70
NEW HAVEN	W. P. BEADLE	N. L. PITTMAN	45	3	2	2	78 40
COLLIER SPRINGS	JESSE WATSON	T. M. LEWIS	35	21	15	3	100 00
CONCORD	M. O. GRANT	J. C. HOOSER	25	2	5	3	120 00
WHITE OAK	P. H. SWINNEY	H. BRYANT	35	9	2	2	64
HOPEWELL	I. F. SWARTS	S. R. DAVIS	45				40
SAVANNAH SPRINGS	JESSE WATSON	F. W. BEARDEN	15	1			1
PLEASANT GROVE	W. P. BEADLE	W. J. ROTEN	45	3			15
PECAN GROVE	A. S. TERRY	J. H. DUNN	15	8			19
Atken Grove, Bethlehem, Brewster, Cherry, Mt. Pleasant and Lydia have no statistics. The Sabbath School statistics are omitted. The church statistics may be incorrect as some of the church letters did not state the amounts that they had paid for the different causes.							

Pledges \$7 50
 To Poor
 Printing Minutes 50
 Orphans Home Waxahachie 2 35
 County Missions 1 50
 Jacksonville College 1 00
 State Missions 2 00
 Pastor's Salary 2 00
 Total Membership \$2 50
 Died \$2 50
 Expelled \$2 50
 Letter \$2 50
 Statement \$2 50
 Restoration \$2 50
 Letter \$2 50
 Baptism \$2 50
 Church Day \$2 50
 INCREASE \$2 50
 DECREASE \$2 50
 DECREASE \$2 50