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Order of Business

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading Minutes and Enrolling Messenger.
3. Election of Officers.
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5. Miscellaneous Business.
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Proceedings of the Red River Missionary Baptist Association

DAVIS CHAPEL CHURCH, WEDNESDAY

NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1920.

The 77th Annual Session of the Red River Missionary Baptist Association was called together by Elder W. R. Davis, moderator, and after a song a Scriptural Reading from the 10th Chapter of Romans by Elder L. F. Barnett and a prayer by Elder Fry were had. As elected, Elder J. B. Watson preached the Introductory Sermon; text from John 3-16, subject, "Christian Security," and after the sermon a prayer by Elder O. W. Davis. The Associational Clerk being absent, the Moderator appointed James White-cotton clerk pro tem. All visiting brethren were invited to sit with us, after which the Moderator appointed the following Committee on Assignments: Elder O. W. Davis and Bro. J. H. Gibson. Adjournment was taken until 9 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.

10 a. m. called together by Moderator and after song and prayer a scriptural reading by Elder Fry. Eld. O. W. Davis and Bro. D. B. Stewart were appointed Reading Clerks, and the letters from the various churches were read, and the Messengers names were enrolled as follows:

Avery Church—Messengers, Bro. R. P. Coffman, Elder J. C. Dodd, Lawrence Walker; alternates, Bros. W. H. Coffman, L. H. Walker and Omer Coffman.

Alkin Grove Church—Messengers, Bros. J. F. Bolton, E. L. Parks, J. H. Dunaway and Groff Russ; alternates, Sister Dunaway, Sister Russ, Bro. Oscar Bean and Bro. B. V. Stewart.

Collier Springs Church—Messengers, Bro. Nat Quarles, Sister Annie Talley, Sister Nannie Quarles and Sister Ruth Wooley; alternates, Sister Parks and Sister Collier.

Lydia Church—Messengers, Bros. R. K. Smith, and W. C. Shakelford; alternates, Bro. J. A. Jones and Sister R. K. Smith.

Starksville Church—Messengers, Bros. J. M. Parks, E. T. Nation and R. S. King.

Davis Chapel Church—Messengers, Bros. C. W. Garrett, A. C. Alexander, Lloyd Moles; alternates, Bros. Smith, J. H. Gibson and J. D. Whitecotton.

Pleasant Valley Church—Messengers, Bros. W. M. Thrasher, W. R. North, J. A. Bramlett and J. E. Wright; alternates, Bros. Roy Cass and Will Smith, and Sister Minnie Thrasher.

Maple Creek Church—Messengers, Bros. W. L. McConnell, P. H. Bankston and W. H. Askew; alternates, Sister Exie Bean, Sister Annie McConnell, and Bro. J. S. Howell.

Liberty Church—Messengers, Bros. C. R. Paterson, W. M. Harvey, Elbert Paterson, Elder J. C. Powell; alternates, Sister Nannie King, Sister Ruby Patterson, Bros. G. A. Lyon and J. S. Wood.

Hopewell Church—Messengers, Elder J. B. Watson, Bros. A. F. Gamble, W. A. Terrell; alternates, Bros. M. C. Raybourn, J. L. Watson and A. F. Coker.

Concord Church—Messengers, Bros. Whitehead, T. T. Parker and Everett Watson; alternates, Sister Whitehead, Sister Tobe Parks, Sister Everett Watson, Bethlehem No. 1 Church—Messengers, Bro. J. E. Vaughn, Sister Gerlie Vaughn; alternates, Bros. J. P. Boyd and M. C. Henson.

After the letters were read and the Messengers seated, the next in order was the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing associational year. After the nominations were placed in order, the following officers were elected: Elder W. R. Davis, Moderator; James Whitecotton, Clerk; D. B. Stewart, Treasurer.

A petitionary letter from Whiteman Chapel Church was read and the church received upon the letter and given full fellowship, and the following Messengers were seated: Bros. Charlie Watson, Ed Watson and Sister O. N. Watson; alternates, Bro. James Crow and Sisters Eula Campbell and Lou Watson.

The committee on Divine Services selected Elder H. F. Aulick of Dallas to preach the 11 a. m. sermon, after which adjournment was taken until 2 p. m.

Following are the names of the visiting brethren from various places: Dr. H. B. Pender, Greenville, representing State Missions; Elder P. C. Scott, repre-

senting the Orphan's Home and Baptist Progress, Dallas; Elder H. F. Aulick, representing the B. Y. P. U. of Texas, and Prof. B. J. Albritton, president of Jacksonville College, representing the Baptist College of Jacksonville; Elder L. S. Barnett of Magnolia, Ark., Elder Frye of Wharton, La.; Elder G. A. Pinkham of DeKalb; Bro. and Sister Merrett of Roxton.

Afternoon Session.

Called together by Moderator and after song and prayer, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

Divine Service, Elder J. B. Watson, Bro. John Dunaway and Sister Annie Talley.

County Missions, Bro. B. T. Richardson, G. W. Taylor, Charley Watson.

Sunday Schools, Bros. J. H. Gibson, R. P. Coffman and Sister Rose Davis.

State Missions, Bros. J. M. Parks, C. H. Watson and Sister B. V. Stewart.

Foreign Missions, Elder J. C. Powell, Elder O. W. Davis.

Christian Education, Bro. B. J. Albritton, Elder W. F. Brooks, Elder A. P. Teel.

Denominational Literature, Bros. W. M. Harvey, Elbert Paterson, Sister Nannie Quarles.

Temperance, Elder J. C. Dodd, Sister Collier, Bro. R. K. Smith.

Orphan's Home, Bros. J. H. Dunaway, W. E. Gibson, Sister O. L. Ramsey.

Home Missions, Elder W. F. Brooks, Bro. W. L. McConnell, Sister J. H. Dunaway.

Aged Ministers, Bros. A. C. Alexander, G. W. Taylor and Sister Powell.

Finance, Bros. E. T. Nation, C. H. Watson, Elder W. F. Brooks.

Resolutions, Elders J. C. Powell, J. B. Watson, O. W. Davis.

Report on State Missions was read and Elder P. C. Scott and Dr. H. B. Pender made splendid talks on State Missions, after which a collection was taken, amounting to \$30.00, and the report was adopted.

The committee on Divine Service selected Elder Fry to preach the 8:30 sermon, after which adjournment was taken until 8:30 p. m.

Thursday Night—8:30 P. M.

Called together by Moderator, and after a song and prayer by Elder J. C. Powell, the service was turned over to Elder Fry, and after preaching and a

prayer by Bro. B. J. Albritton, a talk was made on the Baptist Progress by Elder P. C. Scott.

The report on Christian Education was read and a splendid talk on the need of Christian Education was made by B. J. Albritton president of Jacksonville College. Dr. Pender also spoke on the subject and Dr. Scott spoke on the Valliant Service. Rendered by Bro. B. J. Albritton of the College, after which the session adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY—9:30 A. M.

Called together by Moderator, and after song and a prayer by Elder W. F. Brooks, the report on County Missions was read. Remarks on County Missions were made by Bro. B. T. Richardson and Elders W. F. Brooks, W. R. Davis and J. C. Powell. Question by Elder W. F. Brooks, Is the County Missionary paid up? Statement by Elder J. C. Powell, after which a collection for County Missions was taken, amounting to \$48 as follows:

Davis Chapel Church	\$23.00
Hopewell Church	5.00
Starksville Church	15.00
Bro. Jim and Elzey Watson	5.00
Also a pledge for County Missions to be paid as by November 1, 1920, as follows.	
Avery Church	\$25.00
Liberty Church	15.00
Hopewell Church	10.00
Pleasant Valley Church	15.00
Aikin Grove Church	15.00
Whiteman Chapel Church	5.00
Maple Creek Church	5.00

Total Pledges - - - - - \$90.00

Report on County Missions adopted and on account of being pressed for time, the body omits the 11 a. m. sermon, and the next business in order was the selecting of a place to hold the next Association and after taking a vote Aikin Grove Church was selected. Report of the committee on Resolutions was read, discussion by Elder J. C. Powell, Elder O. W. Davis talked on the recommendation in the reports of the Million Dollar Campaign, Elder W. F. Brooks on the question of How many Churches in the Association have gone into the Million Dollar Campaign? Elder J. B. Watson gave an explanation of the Million Dollar Campaign. A question by Elder J. C. Powell concerning the Million Dollar Campaign was answered

by Elder P. C. Scott also an explanation by Dr. H. B. Pender. The report on resolutions was then adopted. Upon a vote, Lydia was selected as the place to hold the next 5th Sunday meeting and Elder W. F. Brooks was designated to preach the missionary sermon and Elder W. R. Davis was selected to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association; Elder J. C. Powell alternate. Adjournment was taken until 2 p. m.

Friday Afternoon—2 O'clock.

Called together by Moderator and after song and a prayer by Bro. B. T. Richardson, the following business came up: Nomination and election of an executive committee on County Missions, resulted in election of Elder W. R. Davis, J. C. Boone, E. T. Nations, J. B. Watson, J. C. Powell.

Report on Home Missions was read and after a talk by Elder W. F. Brooks was adopted as read.

Report on Foreign Missions was read. Remarks were made by Elder J. C. Powell and also by Dr. P. C. Scott who read a letter of appeal from Portugal to the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas. The report was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read and was discussed by Elder J. C. Powell, Elder O. W. Davis and Bro. W. M. Harvey. Report adopted.

Report on Orphan's Home read and adopted as read.

Finance Report read and adopted.

Report on Denominational Literature read and adopted.

Committee on Divine Service selected Elder W. F. Brooks to preach the closing sermon. Adjournment was taken until 8:30 p. m.

Friday Night—8:30 O'clock.

Called together by Moderator and after song and prayer the closing sermon was preached by Elder W. F. Brooks.

There being no further business, this the 77th session of the Red River Missionary Baptist Association came to a close to meet on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1921, with the Aikin Grove Church.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, the Committee on State Missions, make the following report: Texas is a large territory and stands in need of the Gospel of the Son of God. Christ is the means by which the gospel must go

forth to the many people that stand in need of it. We also urge the pastors of our different churches to press this State Mission cause everywhere they go. "Awake, they that sleepeth; arise from the dead, and Christ will give thee light."

J. W. PARKS,
C. H. WATSON,
Mrs. B. V. STEWARD.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would state there is great need of the gospel being preached in all the world and we know the Baptists are the only body on earth that has been authorized to do that work in its fullness. It behooves us to carry the gospel to foreign lands as fast as possible and thus carry out the commission of our blessed Lord. We would especially call attention to the work going on in Brazil through Bro. A. W. Tupper and wife by the B. M. A. of Texas with which we are identified and that we request our churches to do their foreign work through our board located at Dallas, Texas.

J. C. POWELL.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to submit the following: By Home Missions, we mean mission work done through the general association of Baptist churches in the various parts of the United States. This department of our work needs to be extended beyond that which has been done. We need men on the field and in order to do this it will call for greater giving. We therefore recommend that a closer cooperation be given to this work by our churches and brethren.

W. F. BROOKS,
W. F. McCONNELL,
Mrs. J. H. DUNAWAY.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphan's Home, beg leave to report the following: We now have a great number of orphan children in whose welfare we are greatly interested and we as Baptists should do all we can to enlarge our Home and take care of and educate all the children that come to our home. We

should all let God direct us in paying in our means to support our Orphan's Home.

J. H. DUNAWAY,
Mrs. O. L. RAMSEY,
W. E. GIBSON.

REPORT ON COUNTY MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on County Missions, beg leave to submit the following: We find that there is great destitution in the land and we have no missionary in the field. These things ought not so to be. Either our inability or our neglect is increasing the demand. Some of our weak churches are unable to care for themselves and are losing out for the want of pastors, or a missionary to encourage and assist them. The situation is serious indeed. Other orders are sending out their literature and teachers who teach our people that any church organization will do—one as good as another. Thus many of our people are made to believe such teachings. Brethren, we verily believe we have the truth, and it becomes us to give it to the world. Hence we should employ at least one missionary for full time to visit those destitute ones and teach them the way of life. If we can't give full time, we should give one-half time, especially to those weak churches and strengthen and revive the same, and organize new churches when the surroundings will justify. Let us take this destitution under prayerful consideration and make an earnest endeavor to send out laborers in our territory.

B. T. RICHARDSON.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Christian Education, beg to submit the following: As custodians of the Gospel of the Lord, the carrying of it to all nations of the earth is upon us. We recommend that Baptist principles and doctrine be taught in the homes and the churches, and we heartily recommend to our people and others Jacksonville College, our own institution for the better preparation of our children for life's work and service, and especially for the training of our preachers, special workers and volunteers for foreign mission work.

B. J. ALBRITTON,
W. F. BROOKS,
A. P. TEEL.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report: This is not a subject of minor importance; because upon it depends the future of our country, and just in proportion to the perfection in which it is established in our midst will we as people advance in happiness. The Bible denounces the intemperate use of ardent spirits in the strongest terms. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Wise people will shun strong drink. "Woe to him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth, and maketh him drink." Therefore we should not drink strong spirits nor give it to others, as it degrades mankind. We as a Christian people should keep ourselves free from strong drink and obey divine injunction to touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean things.

Elder DODD,
Sister COLLIER,
R. K. SMITH.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Ministers' Relief, beg to report the following: If there are any old ministers in this Association that there should be a collection taken for, we will be glad to do so, for we as a Christian people believe in holding up God's children.

A. C. ALEXANDER,
Sister POWELL,
G. W. TAYLOR.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following: We find that so many of our churches are delinquent, that we ask that each minister press the need of this great work. Realizing that the rising generation is the hope of our country, we feel the weight of our responsibility resting upon Christian people to teach the Gospel because the Gospel is the power of God, and the power of God comes through teaching. We recommend that sound literature be used in the teaching of Sunday schools—which is Landmark Literature, published at Texarkana.

J. H. GIBSON,
R. P. COFFMAN,
Sister ROSE DAVIS.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Denominational Literature, beg leave to report as follows: Inasmuch as there is so much incorrect literature being distributed in our country and some of it coming from so-called Baptists, it behooves us who love the cause for which the Baptist denomination has fought for nineteen hundred years, to use the denominational papers, especially the State paper. Brethren, let us keep our reading tables and our homes clean. Men of the Baptist denomination, we recommend The Baptist Progress and The Baptist and Commoner as sound Landmark Literature.

W. M. HARVEY,
NANNIE QUARLES,
ELBERT PATTERSON.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

We beg to report the following: We are behind with our missionary and this debt should be liquidated now. We have had \$300 from the State Board, and if we had fully put on the campaign we would not have taken our missionary off the field. So we recommend that the churches adopt the Million Dollar Campaign and that the churches cooperate with the State Association with our county work. We recommend that the association elect five members as a county missionary committee. Resolved that this association express our thanks to the good people and church of Davis Chapel and community for their kindness toward us as an association.

J. C. POWELL,
J. B. WATSON,
O. W. DAVIS.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report of amounts raised.

Orphan's Home	\$ 7.50
County Missions	52.00
State Missions	30.00
Old Ministerial Relief	1.00
Minutes	51.00

E. T. NATTON,
C. H. WATSON,
W. F. BROOKS.

STATISTICS OF THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

Church	Pastor	C. Clerk	Postoffice	Dismissed By Letter	By Exclusion	Died	Received by Letter	By Statement	By Baptism	Total Membership	Pastor Salary	Sunday School	No. Enrolled	Attendance	Teachers	No. Baptised from School	Name of Supt.	Postoffice
Avery	A. J. Findley	L. Walker	Avery	3	1	1	1	3	103	\$300	1	1					W. B. Megason	Avery
Starksville	J. C. Powell	J. M. Parks	Clarksville R 1		2	3	1	6	36	200								
Concord	J. C. Powell	A. G. Parker	Clarksville R 1			1	1	41	150									
Whiteman Chapel	J. B. Watson	Lou Watson	Detroit R 2			8	1	12	35								Chas. Watson	
Liberty	J. C. Powell	W. A. Patterson		10	2	3	11	5	17	140	150	1						
Pleasant Valley	W. R. Davis	J. E. Wright								490								
Maple Creek	B. J. Deviney	W. H. Askew				4	2	60										
Alkin Grove	W. R. Davis	R. V. Stewart	Clarksville R 2	4	3	9	14	90	450	450	1	71	45	7	6		J. H. Dunaway	Clarksville R 5
Collier Springs	W. R. Davis	Nat Quarles				1	4	8	52	275								
Davis Chapel	B. J. Deviney	J. J. Whitecotton	Dalby Springs	14	1	4	1	5	70	70		1	65	6	2		O. L. Ramsey	
Hopewell	J. B. Watson	M. C. Raybourne				16	1	22	120	218		1	131	6			J. T. Watson	Clarksville R 6
Bethlehem No. 1	H. E. Duffey	J. P. Boyd	Johnstown															
Lydia	J. A. Brown	H. J. Lafferty	Avery	3		7			40									

James Whitecotton, Associational Clerk, Dalby Springs, Texas.