

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Eighth Session

OF THE

RED RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE BAPTIST
CHURCH AT AIKIN GROVE
SEPTEMBER, 1 and 2, 1921.

OFFICERS

Eld. W. R. Davis, Moderator
Eld. J. C. Powell, Clerk
A. S. Crow, Treasurer

Next Session to be Held with
CONCORD CHURCH

eight and one-half miles north-
east of Clarksville, beginning on
Wednesday night before the 1st
Sunday in September, 1922.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1921, 9 A. M.

The Red River Missionary Baptist Association assembled at 9 a. m. according to previous arrangements and was opened in regular order by the moderator, W. R. Davis. The clerk being absent A. S. Crow was appointed clerk pro tem. On motion the introductory sermon was deferred till 11 o'clock.

Letters from the churches were called for and the messengers were enrolled as follows:

Pleasant Valley Church—J. C. Boon, W. S. Smith, J. A. Branlet; alternates, Claud Cass, W. R. North, Myrtle Cass.

Rehobeth Church—Eld. B. J. Deviney, A. S. Crow, Sister Ollie Bearden.

Starksville Church—E. T. Nations, Bony Nations, E. F. Ladymon; alternate, J. M. Parks.

Lydia Church — W. C. Shackelford, Sister Myrtle Smith, J. A. Jones; alternates, R. S. Smith, Ada Laferty, W. C. Shackelford.

Aiken Grove Church—Z. C. Humphrey, T. D. Malone, J. H. Dunaway; alternates, Ed Proctor, O. O. Bean, Sister Dora Stewart.

Maple Creek Church—M. L. McConnell, W. H. Askew, Nellie Wharton; alternates, Sister Siddens, Myrtle Siddens, Lula Askew.

Concord Church—J. C. Powell, Ida Powell, J. C. Hooser; alternates, Sister Hooser, Tobe Parker, Sister Parker.

Hepewell Church—J. B. Watson; alternates, H. G. Gamble, W. M. Reed, A. F. Gamble.

New Haven Church—J. D. Ralston, Alvia Brandon, W. Pruitt; alternates, Cor. Thompson, Annie Pruitt, J. D. Ralston.

Jamison Chapel Church—Berry Watson, A. Ward, B. T. Richardson.

Bethel Church No. 1—John Vaughan, H. C. Hunter; alternates, H. C. Hicks, G. M. Smith.

Blakeney Church—Bro. King, Geo. Pitman, Bro. Marshall; alternate, Sister Marshall.

Avery Church—W. F. Brooks, Ruth Rhodes, B. Walker; alternates, Lizzie Hutchinson, L. Walker, Bunah Brooks.

Davis Chapel Church—J. H. Gibson, W. E. Gibson, J. C. Hunter; alternates, J. D. Whitecotton, J. H. Hornbuckle, Rosa Gibson.

Liberty Church—Ben Flippo, J. H. Miller, F. M. Stringer, Chas. King, G. H. Hollingsworth.

Post Oak Church—J. W. Lee, J. M. Rhodes, Eld. Turner.

Damascus Church—Jnl. Webster, E. E. Brannan, Emmit Carr; alternates, Tom Varner, G. G. Gannon, M. F. Peppers.

Cross Roads Church—J. W. Goolsby, Pete Har-
gus; alternates, Sister Goolsby, G. A. Lyon.

Cedar Creek Church—Eld. W. B. Rhae, Sister F.
A. Rhae, M. C. Hunter; alternates, Sister Cald. Hurte,
A. H. Watson.

Acworth Church—Sister Annie Tally, Sister Lucy
Collier.

List of Ministers—Eld. W. R. Davis, Detroit,
Texas, Route 2; Eld. J. C. Powell, Detroit, Route 2;
Eld. W. F. Brooks, Avery; Eld. J. B. Watson, Clarksville,
Texas, Route 6; Eld. J. E. Watson, Clarksville,
Texas, Route 6; Eld. B. J. Deviney, Avery Texas;
Eld. B. T. Richardson, Clarksville, Texas; Eld. A. H.
Watson, Annona, Texas; Eld. H. E. Duffy, Bogata,
Texas; Eld. W. B. Rhae, Dalby Springs, Texas; Eld.
N. C. Hinson, Johntown, Texas; Eld. C. R. Patterson,
Detroit, Texas, Route 2; Eld. M. E. Dodd, Avery
Texas.

Then the moderator appointed Elds. J. E. Watson,
W. F. Brooks and B. T. Richardson as a committee on
credentials. On motion the messengers enrolled were
seated.

On motion the body went into election of the of-
ficers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows:
Eld. W. R. Davis, moderator; Eld. J. C. Powell,
clerk and A. S. Crow, treasurer.

Then the moderator called for petitionary letters
and Cedar Creek Church responded with a letter ask-
ing to be admitted into this association. The letter
was read and the church was admitted and its mes-
sengers were seated and given the right hand of fel-
lowship, in compliance with the custom of this asso-
ciation.

A motion prevailed to admit visiting brethren and
sisters to seats with us.

Then the moderator appointed the following com-
mittees:

Committee on Divine Service, John Dunaway, O.
W. Davis, B. V. Stewart.

Committee on Finance, E. T. Nations, W. F.
Brooks, B. T. Richardson.

W. F. Brooks was called to the chair and Eld. J.
S. Lewis and J. W. Brewer addressed the association
both as visiting messengers.

Then the moderator resumed the chair and the

Following additional committees were appointed:

Committee on County Missions, L. E. Walker, B.
J. Diviney and J. E. Watson.

Committee on State Missions, W. F. Brooks, Bony
Nations, and J. L. Parker.

Committee on Foreign Missions, J. B. Watson, Joe
Bramlet and J. S. Lewis.

Committee on Orphan's Home, B. V. Stewart, A.
S. Crow and J. C. Boon.

Recessed for five minutes and when called to-
gether all joined in singing "The Sweet By and By,"
and B. J. Diviney invoked the blessings of Almighty
God on the association and its work.

The moderator being the one selected at the
last meeting to preach the annual introductory sermon,
he read Romans 1-1-14, subject, The Baptist Debt to
the World. The sermon was delivered in a sweet spirit
and was Biblical, logical and conclusive, and we be-
lieve it was to the satisfaction of all present.

Then the committee on Divine Service announced
that Eld. P. C. Scott would occupy the stand at night.
Then a motion prevailed to stand adjourned till 2 p. m.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE.

At 2 p. m. the house was called to order by the
moderator and all joined in singing "Jesus is Passing
By" and prayer was offered by O. W. Davis. The
moderator declared the body ready for business and
renewed the call for letters from the churches and
Damascus Church presented a petitionary letter asking
admittance into this association which was received
in the regular way and her messengers were seated.
Also Bethlehem and Post Oak churches presented
their letters which were read and their messengers
were seated.

A motion prevailed to go into the selection of a
place to hold the next session of this association which
resulted in the selection of Concord Church, 8 1-2
miles northeast of Clarksville.

The moderator made a call for report of committees
and the committee on State Missions reported ready
and W. F. Brooks read the report and motion was
made to adopt the report. After it was discussed by
W. F. Brooks and P. C. Scott, an offering was taken
amounting to \$15.72, and then the vote was taken and
the report was adopted. (See report A).
Committee on Obituaries read their report and
the same was adopted as read. (See report B).

The Committee on Christian Education made their report, which was read by Claud Cass and was discussed by J. S. Lewis, P. C. Scott and G. C. Starrett, after which the report was adopted. (See report C).

The Committee on Foreign Missions read their report and the same was discussed by J. S. Lewis and P. C. Scott and the report was adopted as read. (See report D).

A motion then prevailed to stand adjourned till 7 o'clock.

7:30, the house called to order by the moderator and the congregation sang several songs and was led in prayer by J. B. Watson.

After a few preliminaries, P. C. Scott read Psalm 119-59-60; subject, Steps that Lead to Salvation. The sermon was biblical, convincing and instructive.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called together in regular order at 9 a. m. and the moderator declared the body ready for business.

The committee on Sunday Schools read its report, and after being amended the report was discussed by Brooks, Rhae, Scott, Starrett, Diviney, and Davis, and was then adopted. (See report E).

At this point the letter from Davis Chapel Church was presented and read and the messengers were seated. A motion prevailed that the county missionary make a full report of the work done. The report was made by Eld. G. C. Starrett the county missionary in which he showed what had been done and the possibilities of the work. The report was discussed and a collection amounting to \$31.52 in cash and \$81 pledged to be paid within the next thirty days was taken. Then the report was adopted. (See report F).

Pledges on Associational Missions to be paid within thirty days:

Avery Church	\$10.00
Rehobeth Church	\$5.00
Aikin Grove Church	\$20.00
Pleasant Valley Church	\$5.00
Jamison Chapel Church	\$2.50
J. B. Watson	\$5.00
Lydia Church	\$5.00
W. L. McConnell	\$5.00
Bro. Wolf	\$5.00
Damascus Church	\$5.00
Bro. Gibson	\$1.00

Cedar Creek Church \$2.50
 E. T. Nation \$10.00

TOTAL \$81.00

Recessed for ten minutes and came together and Eld. J. B. Watson preached a sermon that was an uplift to all present. Motion carried to stand adjourned till 2 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the body was called together by singing and prayer was offered by Bro. Bramlet.

Being ready for business, the report on Temperance was read and discussed then adopted as read. (See report G).

The petitionary letter from the Cross Roads Church was read and the messengers were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Committee on Denominational Literature was read and discussed and adopted. (See report H).

The Committee on Orphans' Home read, their report which was discussed and a collection of \$11 taken up. Then the report was adopted. (See report I).

The report of the Committee on Romanism was read and discussed and then was adopted. (See report J).

Then the report on Old Ministers Relief was made and adopted as read. (See report K).

The committee on County Missions read their report and the same was discussed and on motion it was accepted. (See report K).

A motion prevailed to turn over to Bro. Scott the State Mission money.

The Finance Committee made their report and the same was adopted as read. (See report L).

Then a resolution was read by the moderator to adopt a substitute for the constitution, and there was a motion to adopt same, and after some discussion it was adopted. (See constitution).

W. F. Brooks was selected to preach the next introductory sermon and J. B. Watson was chosen as alternate.

A resolution was read by the clerk and adopted, thanking Aikin Grove Church and community for their hospitality during our stay among them.

Then a motion prevailed to adjourn to meet with the church at Concord on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1922.

REPORT A.

We, your Committee on State Missions beg leave to make the following report:

Texas is a large territory and needs the Gospel of the Son of God. Paul said that the Gospel was the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. We, as Baptists, believe that Christ gave the commission to the church and the church only to preach the Gospel to the lost. Therefore, we urge all churches to do all they can for State Missions, in order that the poor may have the Gospel preached to them. The commission is, GO TEACH. Let us obey the command of Jesus by doing what is commanded.

W. F. BROOKS,
B. J. NATIONS,
J. M. PARKER—Committee.

REPORT B.

We, the Committee on Obituaries, beg to report the following:

That we feel like we are neglecting the respect of our dead and should in all ways respect them with all courtesy by publishing in some religious paper sketches of those who have worked so faithfully in the Master's cause, and we should always remember them for the good deeds they have done.

Signed, J. C. HOOSER, FRANK LAYDAMON,
W. L. McCONNELL,

REPORT C.

We, your Committee on Christian Education, beg to submit the following:

As custodians of the Gospel of the Lord and being responsible for the carrying of it to all nations of the earth, we recommend that Baptist principles and doctrines be taught in the homes and in the churches, and we further recommend early impressions of Baptist principles on the minds of children. We heartily recommend to our people and others Jacksonville College, our own institution, for the better preparation for life's work and service and especially for training our teachers, preachers and spiritual workers and volunteers for foreign service in work.

J. E. VAUGHAN, C. CASS, ANNIE TALLY.

REPORT D.

Dear Brethren: We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following:

By referring to last year's annual of the Baptist Missionary Association it will be seen that our foreign work is now in splendid condition, but by no means as large as it should be. We have two missionaries in Brazil, Bro. A. W. Luper and wife, who are doing a good work in that priest-ridden country. Bro. J. W. Overall and wife have been approved by the Baptist Missionary Association as missionaries to go to Portugal and will no doubt go this fall. In view of these facts we, as your committee, recommend that the churches of this association foster this work that is growing in favor with God and man.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. WATSON, JOE A. BRAMLET, J. S. LEWIS.

REPORT E.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to report the following:

The good Lord in the commission said. Go make Disciples, baptising them, to observe what I commanded you. Therefore we believe the Sunday school is one of the great teaching factors of the church. Therefore we recommend that each church composing this association not only put forth their utmost effort to have a good live Sunday school in their church, but to organize a Baptist Sunday School in every available place in the bounds of the church, under the supervision of the church. We are glad to report that we have in our association a good Sunday School Association that is doing much to create a greater interest in the Sunday school work within our bounds. Therefore we recommend that each Sunday school in the association have at least one representative present at the next meeting of the association. Each Sunday school is entitled to two messengers to the Sunday School Association. Therefore we earnestly beg that each Sunday school be represented in the next meeting. We recommend that we use good literature in our Sunday schools therefore we your committee recommend the BIBLE as the only sound literature to be used in our Sunday schools. We want to go on record as opposed to union literature and union Sunday schools and we urge that Baptists don't go into such a movement.

J. C. BOON, J. L. WATSON, G. C. STARRETT.

REPORT F.

I am pleased to come to you with this, my, report

of the work done in Red River Association this year. I will say that the work has been fraught with many difficulties; but thanks be to our good Lord, He has given us some degree of victory, so that I am able to come to you with this report. It seems that Satan is working as never before, and as Paul of old said: I sometimes think I have fought with beasts; but thanks be unto the great Jehovah, He has given victory after victory to your unworthy missionary. Following is the work that has been done:

Days labored, 180—7 months.
Amount for seven months, \$466 2-3.
Amount paid on salary, \$136.90.
Balance due missionary, \$329.66 2-3.
Sermons preached, 189.
Sunday Schools organized, 5.
Ordinations aided in, 1.
Churches helped to secure pastors, 3.
Professions of faith, 129.
Additions to churches, 65.
Number of churches reorganized, 2.
Number of churches reorganized, 1.

Dear Brethren: I wish to say that you have one of the greatest missionary fields in the State, and further it is a needy field and the door of opportunity is open to this Association, and I sincerely hope the good Lord will open the way that you may develop this great field. I have done my very best under the circumstances; have gone my full length in the work for Christ's sake, and feel that the blessings of the Lord have been on the work. I come to you exhausted physically and financially. I have gone as far as I can and hope that you may come to my rescue.

REPORT G.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report the following:

This is a subject of great importance, because on 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 a people advance in happiness. The Bible denounces intemperate use of ardent spirits in the strongest terms. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Wise people will shun strong drink. "Woe to him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips and maketh him drink." Therefore we should not drink strong drink nor give it to our neighbors, for it is degrading to mankind. We, as God's children, should

keep ourselves from drink and thereby obey the injunction to "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing."

H. WATSON, J. H. DUNAWAY, W. E. RHAE.

REPORT H.

We, your Committee on Deominational Literature, advise sound books in the homes that our children may have clean literature to read. The Bible teaches us to show ourselves workmen that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word. First we will advise all people to study to do this. We ask that the Bible, the book of all books, be read more in the homes.
O. W. DAVIS, SISTER LUCY COLLIER.

REPORT I.

We, your committee on Orphans Home, beg to report the following:

We now have a great number of children in whose welfare we are greatly interested, and as Baptists we should do all we can to enlarge our home and take care of and educate all the children that come into our custody. We would suggest that all of the pastors impress these things on our people more, because there has never been a time when the Home has been so badly in need of money as now. We should all ask God to direct us in giving our money and means to the support of our Orphans Home.
B. V. STEWART, J. C. BOON, A. S. CROW.

REPORT J.

We, your Committee on Romanism, beg to report that Romanism is a religio-political hierarchy without one principle of religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is the avowed enemy of our true Americanism, our public schools and our churches. Let every good citizen see to it that no Roman Catholic be employed to teach in our public schools nor any other schools, and not vote for a Catholic to fill any office. For they are not only opposed to and are an enemy to our government, churches and schools; but they are oathbound to do all they can to destroy them. It is a fact that no Roman Catholic can be a loyal citizen of the United States, because of his oath of allegiance to his god, the pope, and sworn obligations to all other masters whom he must obey. This enemy is seeking and gaining advantages not known by many of our people. They place themselves, if possible, in

every prominent paying position or office. By this cunning craftiness they design to undermine and overthrow this government, the churches of Jesus Christ, and all good things of our land.

A. S. CROW, L. F. BARNETT, J. N. LORIMORE.

REPORT K.

We, your Committee on Aged Ministers Relief, beg to report the following:

If there be any old ministers in our Association that there should be an offering made for, we should be glad to do so; for we, as a Christian people, owe these old soldiers of the cross a support.

LUTHER PROCTOR, N. C. HINSON, C. R. PATTERSON.

REPORT L.

We, your Committee on County Missions, submit the following report:

We believe there has been a great work done by our beloved Brother Starrett, and there is much more needed doing; but owing to the financial conditions, we recommend paying our present indebtedness before putting another missionary in the field. We therefore recommend that we show our appreciation to Brother Starrett by putting forth every effort to pay our indebtedness at the earliest date possible.

L. E. WALKER, B. J. DIVINEY, J. E. WATSON.

REPORT M.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report the following:

Received on Minute Fund	\$28.31
Received on State Missions	\$3.75
Received on County Missions	26.65
Received on Orphans Home	5.00
Received on Old Ministers Relief	1.26

Total Receipts \$64.97
E. T. NATTON, B. T. RICHARDSON, W. F. BROOKS.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Red River Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this body shall be to awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the denomination, to cultivate a closer union among the churches and to produce and perpetuate the very

greatest activity as to missionary and educational enterprises and to widen the scope of denominational benevolence.

Article 3. This body shall be composed of such regular Baptist Churches as may agree to unite with this Association by means of messengers to carry out the objects set forth in Article 2 of this constitution; such messengers to present letters of petition for admission from their respective churches.

Article 4. The messengers holding the annual sessions of this body shall be chosen by their respective churches, such action being certified by the churches in their letters to this Association.

Article 5. Each church composing this body shall be entitled to three messengers.

Article 6. This Association shall be in nature a joint auxiliary to the churches composing it. It is not formed for any ecclesiastical end, but for purely benevolent purposes, but reserves the right to withdraw from any church which becomes heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Article 7. Each church shall be the sole judge of the qualification of her messengers.

Article 8. This Association shall recognize freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievements of its work.

Officers.

Article 9. The officers of this body shall be a moderator, a clerk and a treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot from the messengers composing the body and shall hold office one year, or until their successors are chosen.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body, to keep order and discharge such other duties as belong to the office.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a correct record of each session of the body, and have same published and distributed to the churches as the report of the Association to the churches.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed and he shall make a report of same to the Association during its annual sessions.

Article 13. The Association shall have an executive committee composed of one member from each church in this Association, to be chosen by their respective churches at the time the church elects its messengers to the annual meeting of the Association, to report at the next annual session of the Association,

and five members of said committee shall compose a quorum, the moderator to be chairman of said committee, to have charge of the work outlined by the messengers at the annual meeting of the body.

Article 14. In order to change or amend this constitution, the amendment or amendments must be offered in writing and presented in open session on the first day of the session, and said amendment or amendments must lie over until the second day's meeting, and then it shall take a two-thirds vote of the messengers present to change or amend the constitution.

Rules of Decorum.

Rule 1. This body shall be opened with song and prayer.

Rule 2. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the moderator and await his recognition.

Rule 3. When a member has been recognized by the moderator he shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or use personal or indecorous language.

Rule 4. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject.

Rule 5. No one shall be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes on any one subject unless granted an extension of time by the body.

Article 15. This constitution shall become effective and be in full force from and after its adoption.

Offered by Eld. W. R. DAVIS, J. C. POWELL,
O. W. DAVIS.

Adopted by the Association, Sept. 2, 1921.

