



**MINUTES**

OF THE

**EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION**

OF THE

**Red River Missionary  
Baptist Association**

**HELD WITH AVERY BAPTIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 2, 3 AND 4, 1925**

W. F. Brooks, Avery, Moderator  
L. E. Walker, Avery, Clerk  
W. M. Thrasher, Paris, Treasurer

**NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH  
LONE PINE CHURCH**

Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September,  
1926. W. F. Brooks to preach the Introductory Sermon.  
L. E. Walker, Alternate.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of Letters and Enrolling Messengers.
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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Red River Missionary Baptist Association met with the Avery Baptist church, Avery, Texas, Wednesday, September 2, 1925, at 8:30 p. m. Elder W. M. Thrasher preached the introductory sermon as per election of previous Association. Subject: "The World's Gospel." Mark 13-10. After preaching adjournment was taken until 8:30 a. m. Thursday.

### Thursday, September 3, 1925

#### Morning Session, 8:30 o'clock.

Meeting called to order by Bro. W. F. Brook, moderator. After song and prayer, Bro. J. S. Caldwell read and discussed 142nd Psalms. The moderator appointed Bros. C. R. Meadows and J. C. Boon reading clerks. The letters from the various churches were read and the messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Akin Grove church—Bros. J. E. Watson, Oscar Bean, V. I. Stroud. Alternates, Bros. T. D. Malone, Jean Parks, and S. T. Norris.  
Avery church—Bros. W. F. Brooks, J. C. Dodd and I. E. Walker. Alternates, Bro. L. H. Walker, Sister Mattie Burden and Sister Ida McMillan.  
Bethlehem church No. 1—Bro. J. C. Hicks, Sisters Smith and Jamie Hawkins. Alternates, Sisters Bird Smith, J. C. Hicks, Revel.  
Downing church—Bro. G. D. Jones, Sisters Leona Barrette, Bell Jones. Alternates, Bros. B. F. Cornett, T. J. Pryor, and Sister Ella Nelson.  
Hopewell church—Bro. Robert Griffin, Sisters Edna

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Griffn and Cynthia Roberts. Alternates, Bro. Tom Roberts and wife, and Bro. Robert Parker.

Liberty church—Bros. W. M. Harvey, Hershel Craven and W. A. Patterson. Alternates, Bro. Alvie Hughes, Sisters M. E. Patterson and Texie King.

Limekiln church—Bros. W. M. Thrasher, Berry McFadden and Jesse Stewart. Alternates, Sisters Minnie Thrasher, Pearl Dunagan and Lela Stewart.

Lone Pine church—Bros. J. T. McNabb, F. H. Durham and Calvin Parker.

Lydia church—Bros. John Taylor, John Freeman and W. C. Shackelford.

Maple Creek church—Bros. W. H. Askew, J. M. Moore and Garth Gammond. Alternates, Bros. Jeff Lovelle, J. A. Thomas and I. A. Bond.

New Hope church—Bros. C. A. Hartgroves, W. L. McConnell and J. J. Kilmer. Alternates, Sister McConnell, Bros. C. A. Hartgroves, Jr., and J. L. Etheridge.

Pleasant Valley church—Bros. Harvey Cass, J. C. Boon and Sister Dora Bridges. Alternates, Bros. Henry James and C. L. Bridges.

Rehobeth church—Bros. B. J. Devinney, D. D. Miller and Joe Anderson. Alternates, Bros. R. P. Coffman and A. S. Crow.

Savannah church—Bro. C. J. Titus, Sisters Hey King and Clara Titus. Alternates, Bros. Frank Bearden, Therman Howard and Sister Avaline Jones.

Starksville church—Bros. Frank Bowman, B. J. Nations and J. M. Parks. Alternates Sisters Frank Bowman, Mattie Nations and Lela Parks.

By motion and second, the messengers from Limekiln, Post Oak and Rehobeth churches, who did not have letters from their churches at the time of enrolling messengers, were seated as messengers.

By motion and second the messengers from Lydia church were also seated.

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After letters were read and messengers enrolled, by motion and second the body went into election of officers. The officers were elected by ballot. Bros. W. F. Brooks was elected moderator, L. E. Walker, clerk, and W. M. Thrasher, treasurer.

By motion and second, the visiting brethren, W. L. Lackey, B. J. Albritton, C. R. Meadows, J. W. Overall, J. S. Caldwell, T. A. Johns were seated as visitors.

Bros. J. C. Dodd, B. J. Devinney and L. H. Walker were appointed as a committee on Divine service.

Bro. T. A. Johns was elected to preach at the eleven o'clock hour. Subject: "Methods of Reaching True Sympathy." Ezekiel 3:15.

After preaching services the body adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m.

### Afternoon Session, 2:00 o'clock.

The body met as per adjournment. After song, devotional led by Bro. J. L. Turner, lesson 133rd Psalm, and prayer by Bro. C. R. Meadows, the body took up report of committees.

The report on County Missions was read, discussed by Bros. W. M. Thrasher, J. S. Caldwell, C. R. Meadows, J. E. Watson, F. H. Durham, W. L. Lackey and J. W. Overall, and adopted as read.

The report on Temperance was read, discussed by Bros. J. S. Caldwell, Bro. W. L. Lackey, B. J. Albritton, and adopted as read.

The report on Orphan's Home was read, discussed by Bros. C. R. Meadows, J. L. Turner, J. S. Caldwell, B. J. Albritton, and adopted as read.

A collection was taken for the Home, which amounted to (\$25.00) twenty-five dollars.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by Bros. W. L. Lackey, C. R. Meadows, and J. W. Overall, after which by motion and second further discussion of Foreign Missions was deferred until Friday morning.

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By motion and second the body adjourned to meet at 8:00 p. m.

### Evening Session, 8:00 o'clock.

The body met at 8:00 p. m. as per adjournment resolutions. Preaching by Bro. C. R. Meadows as per Divine committee appointment. Subject: "Consecration to our Task." Genesis 6:22. After preaching services the body adjourned to meet Friday at 8:30 a. m.

### Friday, September 4.

### Morning Session, 8:30 o'clock.

As per adjournment resolutions, the body met Friday, at 8:30 a. m. After devotional led by Bro. H. E. Duffey, lesson, 1st Psalms, the body began the discussion of report on Foreign Missions as per motion requirement made at close of Thursday's afternoon session. After further discussion the report was adopted as read.

The report on State Missions was read and discussed by Bros. T. A. Johns, C. R. Meadows, and adopted as read.

The report on State Missions was read and discussed by Bros. C. R. Meadows, J. E. Watson, J. S. Caldwell, and J. W. Overall, and adopted as read.

During the discussion of State Mission report the hour arrived for preaching service. By motion and second the body dispensed with preaching service for further discussion of State Missions.

The body adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m.

### Afternoon Session, 2:00 o'clock.

As per adjournment resolution, the body came together at 2:00 p. m., by song and prayer.

By motion and second the body went into the selection of place for next Association to meet. Lone Pine church was selected by vote of body. Bro. W. F. Brooks was elected to preach introductory sermon. Alternate, L. E. Walker.

By nomination and vote of body New Hope was se-

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lected to entertain the Fifth Sunday meeting in November.

The report on Old Ministers Relief was read, discussed by Bro. H. E. Duffey, and adopted as read.

Report on Christian Education was read, discussed by Bros. B. J. Albritton, C. R. Meadows, L. E. Walker, J. W. Overall and W. L. Lackey, and adopted as read.

Report on Sunday Schools was read, discussed by Bros. B. T. Richardson, F. H. Durham, G. E. Pinkham, J. E. Watson, J. W. Overall, and adopted as read.

The report on Inter-State Missions was read, discussed by Bros. J. L. Turner and J. W. Overall, and adopted as read.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted as read.

Report of Treasurer was read and adopted as read.

By motion and second the body authorized the Treasurer to turn over (\$10.00) ten dollars of the collection for Foreign Missions to Bro. J. W. Overall.

By motion and second the body authorized the Treasurer to turn over to J. W. Overall the collection for Inter-State Missions.

Report of the County Missionary was read and adopted as read.

By motion and second, the Treasurer was authorized to pay the County Missionary in full for his salary.

By motion and second the Treasurer was authorized to pay the County Missionary the balance in treasury for County Missions, (\$18.25) eighteen dollars and twenty-five cents, for extra work done.

Resolution of thanks were read and adopted.

By motion and second the body authorized the treasurer to turn over the minute money to the clerk. The amount of minute money was \$36.82.

By motion and second the body adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

### Evening Session, 7:30 o'clock.

As per adjournment resolution the body met at 7:30

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p. m. for preaching service. Bro. G. E. Pinkham preached for us. Subject: Jesus Christ our Substitute. Isaiah 53:5.

After preaching service, by motion and second the Association adjourned to convene with the Lone Pine church, Clarksville, Texas, Route 6, Wednesday evening before the First Sunday in September, 1926.

### REPORT ON COUNTY MISSIONS.

We your committee on County Missions beg leave to make the following report:

We find in our Association about —— churches. Those with some few exceptions have pastors and the majority seem to be prospering, and the future of these churches are indeed very encouraging, while some few are without pastors, but these are calling for them. We are sorry to say that all are not in sympathy with the work for which this Association was organized, to cultivate the territory in our bounds. The field is indeed working. The prospect is indeed more encouraging now than it has been heretofore and therefore we would recommend th mission board to consider the advisability of employing missionaries to go out and cultivate this territory. There are so many others sending out teachers who are unsound in the faith. We would advise that all our churches consider properly the demand upon us in reference to this work. We would advise that all pastors instruct their members in reference to their duty in supporting our mission work.

We hope that all may feel the responsibility and use the opportunity given us.

Respectfully,

J. T. McNABB,  
B. T. RICHARDSON,  
W. M. THRASHER.

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### STATE MISSION REPORT.

We your State Mission Committee beg leave to report as follows:

State mission is a very great and important work, it is the great foundation from which our work has been built and upon which the work now stands. We must give greater and more substantial support to our State Missions. The work of preaching the gospel to the lost in this great state. We have had a hard fight all the 25 years of our organization. We still have great opposition. There is much destitution in Texas. Many lost souls need Christ and many churches need strength and help. We recommend that every church in Red River Association take a collection for State Missions between this and November, and that we try to reach every member and secure a donation from them even though it be small.

J. C. BOONE,  
C. R. MEADOWS,  
BERRY WATSON.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee submit the following:

As missionary Baptists in faith, we believe that the gospel of Christ should be carried to all the nations. If we are missionary Baptists in practice, we will have some part in carrying out our Lord's great commission.

During the past two years through the prayers and efforts of church equality Baptists widely scattered over the U. S. of A. the American Baptist Missionary Association has been organized and become a great factor in making possible cooperative Foreign Mission work. At present we have prosperous mission in Portugal, Brazil, and Syria. In Portugal we are supporting a number of missionaries, led by our own beloved A. W. Luper,

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whose work has been signally blessed in that land of darkness and Roman Catholic superstition. In Brazil, largely through the leadership of our own beloved D. I. Hamilton, there is now an association of church equality Baptist, with sixty churches cooperating and a number of other churches who will represent in the next meeting of this newly organized body. In Syria we have a prosperous mission giving the light of the gospel in the land of its origin.

Our unification movement has made it possible for the churches who compose the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas to have a glorious part in all these worldwide missions, and has laid upon us the greater responsibility in that we must now "strengthen" our (home) stakes, since we have "enlarged our tent and lengthened our cords."

We recommend that the United Foreign Mission work receive our most soulful sympathy and most liberal contributions from all of our churches, and that our pastors preach and teach in all their churches the fundamental duty of cooperative worldwide missions.

B. J. DEVINNEY,  
C. H. RALEIGH,  
W. I. LACKEY.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following:

This is perhaps the most important of our churches. Upon this the future of our churches depend, for the proper seed is not sown anywhere else. Since we are living in an age of false teachers it becomes us to guard carefully the kind of instruction our children receive. Our churches, like our homes, should be safeguarded against the evils of the day. Since this work is placed in our hands our churches should have full control of our schools. Every officer in the Sunday School should

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be appointed by the church. Superintendent and teachers. We would recommend the Bible alone as sufficient for our faith and practice. The churches should use, nor endorse any literature that is not in harmony with the Bible. All churches should engage in the work and every member should be a part of the Sunday School. We would recommend the literature published at Texarkana as worthy our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. RICHARDSON,  
F. H. DURHAM,  
J. S. CALDWELL.

### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We your committee on Christian Education beg to submit the following:

In order for our young people to render the best and most efficient service to our homes, churches and country, as they become citizens, we must give them training and preparation. Christian education involves the development of the spiritual personality in addition to the physical and mental power. This must be done under the influence and instruction of christian teachers. It is said the heart has a need for education as much as the hands and head. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

We recommend 1st, Jacksonville College as a safe school to which we can send our boys and girls. Second, that a closer study be given Baptist doctrine and principles. Third, that we support the College with our sympathy, patronage and finances, and that we make an offering now. "To educate the reason without educating the desire is like placing the repeating rifle in the hands of the savage."

J. C. DODD,  
W. I. McCONNELL,  
B. J. ALBRITTON.

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### REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We your committee on Denominational Literature submit the following:

We recommend first of all the Bible, God's message to man and second, such denominational publication as the Baptist Progress and The Baptist and Commoner, and for Sunday Schools the Sunday School Literature published at Texarkana, as safe and sound.

G. D. JONES,  
T. A. JOHNS,  
J. M. PARKS,

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

The subject of Temperance is a very important one. First, we do not think that anyone under the influence of whiskey is fit to attend to business and, second, we think that God's people should help to enforce the laws regulating and suppressing the sale of whiskey. Not only this, but there are many things God's people indulge in that are as dangerous. The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things, touch not, handle not the unclean things.

W. A. PATTERSON,  
J. C. HICKS,  
J. S. CALDWELL.

### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Your committee on Orphanage report the following:

The Baptist Missionary Association of Texas has a splendid Home located in Waxahachie, Texas. We have about one hundred children in this Home. We have 41 acres of land and a good two story building all paid for. The Home at present is in great need of cash for running expenses and all the food and clothing we can send them can be used and will be appreciated. We are admonished in the Bible to look after and support the widow and

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orphans in their needs. We recommend that our churches take regular monthly offerings for the Home where it is possible to do so.

J. E. WATSON,  
C. R. MEADOWS,  
E. T. NATIONS.

### REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.

Dear Brethren:

We have a number of dear good old brethren in the state who have worn their lives out preaching the gospel and now they are old and feeble and have no earthly means of support. Your committee would recommend that we give more consideration to them, and show our appreciation for them by better supporting them both with our prayers and money.

H. E. DUFFEE,  
J. E. WATSON,  
W. A. FREEMAN.

### REPORT ON INTER-STATE MISSIONS

Inter-State mission work is fostered and supported by the churches agreeing to cooperate in the American Baptist Association. There are about 3,000 churches, 150 district Associations, 8 state associations in this work. There are ten missionaries, including the corresponding secretaries engaged in the Inter-State mission work.

Inter-State mission work is that field known as Samarita, comparatively speaking. Our churches should engage more in this work in order to fully carry out the commands of our Master.

We recommend that an offering now be made for Inter-State missions, and that the churches of Red River Association make regular contributions to Inter-State missions.

J. W. OVERALL,  
J. L. TURSER,  
W. M. HARVEY.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury .....	\$9.00
County missions .....	35.50
State missions .....	18.55
Foreign missions .....	20.00
Orphan's Home .....	31.00
Ministers .....	33.65
Old minister's relief .....	2.00
Jacksonville College .....	6.90
Inter-State missions .....	12.10
Total .....	168.70

W. M. THRASHER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We your committee on finances submit the following

report:

Orphans' Home .....	\$31.00
County missions .....	35.50
Minutes .....	33.65
Old Minister's Relief .....	2.00
Foreign missions .....	20.00
State missions .....	18.55
Jacksonville College .....	6.90
Inter-State missions .....	12.10
Total .....	\$159.70

All of which was turned over to treasurer, W. M. Thrasher.  
Committee:

Wm. M. O'BANNON,  
C. H. RALEIGH,  
J. L. PARKER

COUNTY MISSIONARY REPORT.

I, W. M. Thrasher, make the following report as missionary for the Red River Missionary Baptist Association, for one-half time, beginning Jan. 1st, 1925:  
Days labored ..... 72

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Churches visited .....	18
Sermons preached .....	73
Miles traveled about .....	949
Homes visited .....	87
Sunday Schools visited .....	19
Assisted churches in calling pastors .....	2
Conversions .....	3
Moderator Conference .....	5
Prayer in homes .....	15
Conducted funerals .....	2
Balance in treasury .....	\$9.00
Amt. collected on field .....	189.75
Amt. due me—75 days at \$3.00 per day .....	225.00
Balance due me .....	26.25

In connection with my missionary work I have pastored two churches, had 23 conversions, baptized 27, of them were married men and women, aged from 15 to 61 years, 16 additions to the church.

I done the best I could, and I believe Red River Association is in better shape to do more mission work in the years to come, that is with a good missionary on the field. May God bless and save souls, is my prayer.

I remain a brother in Christ, pastor and missionary.  
W. M. Thrasher.  
136 S. 15 Street, Paris, Texas.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the messengers and visitors to this Association that we express to the Avery Baptist church and people of the community, our very great appreciation for their splendid hospitality during the meeting of the Association. May God bless them.

Signed,  
C. R. MEADOWS.



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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 between 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 session of this body shall be chosen by their respective churches, such action being certified by the churches in their letters to the 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 by any ecclesiastical end, but 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 her messengers.

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

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Officers.

Article 9. The officers of this Association 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 for 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 this body, and to 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 the 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 the chairman of said committee; to have charge of the work outlined by the messengers to 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 be 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.

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

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### 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 uses personal or indecorous language.
- Rule 4. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any 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.

Sunday School

