

MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION

—OF THE—

Red River Missionary Baptist Association

Held With the Lone Pine Baptist
Church, Sept. 1, 2 and 3, 1926.

W. F. BROOKS, Avery, Moderator

L. E. WALKER, Avery, Clerk

W. M. THRASHER, Atlas, Rt. 1., Treasurer

Next Session Will be Held With

DOWNING CHURCH

Wednesday night before the First Sunday in September,

1927. J. E. Watson to preach the Introductory

Sermon. W. M. Thrasher, Alternate.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of Letters and Enrolling Messengers
2. Election of Officers.
3. Petitionary Letters.
4. Miscellaneous Business.
5. Introductory Sermon.
6. Appointment of Committees.
 - 1st. On Divine Service
 - 2nd. On County Missions
 - 3rd. On State Missions
 - 4th. On Foreign Missions
 - 5th. On Sabbath Schools
 - 6th. On Christian Education
 - 7th. On Denominational Literature
 - 8th. On Temperance
 - 9th. On Orphan's Home
 - 10th. On Aged Minister's Relief
 - 11th. On Inter-State Missions
7. Special Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Clerk's Report
 - d. County Missionary's Report
8. Resolution of Thanks.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RED RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Red River Missionary Baptist Association met with the Lone Pine Baptist Church, Clarksville, Texas R. 3, Wednesday evening, September 1, 1926, at 8:30 p. m. Elder W. F. Brooks, preached the Introductory Sermon as per election of association of previous session. Subject, "The Seven One's that Make up the Unity of the Church." Ephesians 4, after preaching adjournment was taken until 8:30 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1926.

Morning Session, 8:30 o'clock.

Meeting called to order by Elder W. F. Brooks, Moderator. After song and prayer by Elder W. M. Thrasher, Elder A. J. Findeley read and discussed 51st Psalm. The Moderator appointed Elders W. M. Thrasher and J. L. Turner as reading clerks. The letters from the various churches were read and messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Akin Grove Church—Brothers Z. C. Humphrey, Jim Bolton and T. D. Malone. Alternates, Brothers Cad Bean, V. L. Stroud and wife.

Avery Church—Elder W. F. Brooks, Brothers J. W. Webb and W. B. Megason. Alternates, any member who might be present as per (instruction or request) of church.

Bethlehem Church—Brothers N. C. Hinson, J. C. Vaughn, Amos Wright.

Downing Church—Brother G. D. Jones and wife and Sister E. B. Jones. Alternates, Brothers Tom Pryor, Lowell Haddock and Sister Barrette.

Hopewell Church—Brothers Robert Parker, and Robert Griffin and wife. Alternates, Brothers Tom Roberts, Clarence

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Kegley and Sister Sinda Roberts.

Liberty Church—Brothers W. M. Harvey, G. H. Hollingsworth and W. A. Paterson. Any member who might be present is authorized to act as messenger in the absence of a messenger elect.

Lime Kiln—Brother C. A. Owins, Sisters Redell and Lela Stewart. Alternates, Brothers Sam Redell, Alton Hill and Jesse Stewart.

Lone Pine Church—Brothers W. C. Parker, J. T. McNabb and T. J. Parker. Alternates, Sister Essie Smith, Brothers D. Smith and A. L. Hearn.

Lydia Church—Brothers H. J. Lafferty, G. W. Taylor and Will Freeman. Alternates, Sisters Ada Lafferty, Bomer Taylor and Flora Taylor.

Maple Creek Church—Brothers Tom Covner, Jess Thomas and Jeff Lovell. Alternates, Brothers W. H. Askew, Jay Siddens and Bart Williams.

Post Oak Church—Elder J. L. Turner.

Rehobath Church—Elder B. J. Deviney, Brothers J. D. Coffman and A. S. Crow. Alternates, Elder D. D. Miller, Sisters Millie Deviney and Loda Smith.

Savannah Church—Brothers C. J. Titus and Theran Howard. Alternates, Sisters Nellie King and Clara Titus.

Starksville Church—Brothers J. M. Parks, Frank Bowman and Robert Morgan. Alternates, Sisters Mattie Nation, Ethel Morgan and Brother George Wright.

The following churches were not present at the association, but sent associational letters to moderator later.

New Hope Church—Brothers C. A. Hartgraves, W. L. McConnell, J. J. Kilmer. Alternates, Sisters Annie McConnell, Media Hartgraves and Brother Ethends.

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Pleasant Valley Church—Brothers S. R. Nance, W. R. North and Sister Minnie Thrasher. Alternates, Elder W. M. Thrasher, Brothers Barney Miller and J. C. Boone.

After reading of letters and enrolling of messengers, the body, by motion and second, went into the election of officers. The moderator was elected by ballot, Elder W. F. Brooks being unanimously elected.

By motion and second the body authorized the moderator cast the ballot for clerk and treasurer. L. E. Walker was elected clerk and Elder W. M. Thrasher, treasurer.

By motion and second, the visiting brethren, Elder R. B. Key, Corsicana; Elder Rex McClung, Talco; Elder A. J. Findley, Pictou; Elder J. S. Caldwell, Omaha, County Missionary of Bowie County, were seated as visitors and invited to aid us in our deliberations.

Elder R. B. Key was selected to preach at the eleven o'clock hour. Subject, "The Second Coming of the Lord." Text: Acts 1:11.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00 O'CLOCK.

After singing and prayer by Elder Rex McClung, Elder J. S. Caldwell read and discussed Heb. 2: 1-12 as a devotional lesson.

Report of Committees were taken up.

The report on Foreign Missions was read, discussed by A. J. Findley, and adopted as read.

The report on Inter-State Missions was read and discussed by Elders R. B. Key and Rex McClung, and adopted as read. A cash collection was taken which amounted to Eleven (\$11.20)

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Dollars and twenty cents.

By motion and second, the body went into the selection of place to entertain the association when it convenes in 1927. Downing Church was selected to entertain the association. Elder J. E. Watson was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder W. M. Thrasher as alternate.

The body dispensed with the preaching at the evening hour to discuss the reports on State Missions and Orphan's home.

The body adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

As per adjournment resolutions, the body was called to order by moderator at 7:30 o'clock. After song and prayer led by Elder A. J. Findley, Elder W. M. Thrasher conducted the devotional.

As per resolutions of the body, the State Mission report was read, discussed by Elders D. D. Miller, J. S. Caldwell and R. B. Key, and adopted as read. A cash collection amounting to Thirteen (\$13.70) Dollars and seventy cents was taken; and pledges were made to the amount of Seventeen (\$17.50) Dollars and fifty cents.

The body adjourned to meet Friday morning, at 8:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Morning Session, 8:30 o'Clock.

As per adjournment resolutions, the body met and was called to order by moderator, Friday at 8:30 a. m. After song and prayer led by Elder B. J. Deviney, Elder D. D. Miller read and discussed 134th Psalm.

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Motion and second was made that the body go to Brother Morrow's home to hold preaching services, for his aged mother, at the eleven o'clock hour, but owing to pressing business the motion was lost, and the body voted to go to Brother Morrow's home for services at a later hour.

Since the body did not get to the Orphan's Home report Thursday evening as per resolution requirement, the body took up the Orphan's Home report.

The report was read, discussed by Elders A. J. Findley and R. B. Key and adopted as read..

Report on County Mission was read, discussed by Elders D. D. Miller, A. J. Findley, B. J. Deviney, and J. S. Caldwell, and adopted as read.

By motion and second the body voted to dispense with preaching services at the eleven o'clock hour, but motion was defeated and Elder J. S. Caldwell preached at that hour. Subject, "The Wonderful Christ." Text: Isaiah 9:6.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00 O'CLOCK.

As per adjournment resolutions, the body came together at 2:00 p. m., and was called to order by moderator. After song and prayer led by Brother Berry McFadden, Elder B. J. Deviney read and discussed 23rd Psalm.

The body concluded the report on County Missions.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read, discussed by Elder B. J. Deviney and adopted as read.

Report on Aged Minister's Relief was read, discussed by Brother Charlie Clark, Elders G. C. Sterrett, J. E. Watson, Bros. Z. C. Humphrey and Forest Gamble, and adopted as read. A cash collection amounting to Five (\$5.33) Dollars and thirty-three cents was taken and sent to Elder B. T. Richardson, a Veteran

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soldier of the Cross, who is respected, appreciated and loved by all who know him for the faithful and noble service he has rendered in the cause of the Master, both as a teacher in our public schools and as a minister of the Gospel.

Report on Denominational Literature was read, discussed by Elder J. S. Caldwell and adopted as read.

Report on Christian Education was read, discussed by Elder J. L. Turner, L. E. Walker, Elder J. E. Watson, and adopted as read.

Report on Temperance was read, discussed by Elders J. E. Watson and G. C. Sterrett and adopted as read.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted as read.

Report on Resolutions was read and adopted as read.

By motion and second, the association adjourned to convene with Downing Church, Detroit, Rt. No. 1, Wednesday evening before the First Sunday in September, 1927.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minute Money

Starksville Church	\$2.20
Hopewell Church	1.70
Lone Pine Church	1.00
Lydia Church	1.50
Maple Creek Church	1.70
Liberty Church	1.00
Avery Church	5.15
Akin Grove Church	2.00
Rehobath Church	2.25
Lime Kiln Church	1.50
Post Oak Church	1.00
Collection taken at association	5.50
Total	\$26.50

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Received and paid out to R. B. Key State Missions	\$13.70
Orphanage	13.84
Paid to S. Rex McClung	12.37
Total	\$39.91

Received of Downing Church for State Missions	\$1.80
For Orphanage	1.80
Received of Lydia Church for Orphanage	3.25
Received of Maple Creek Church for Orphanage	1.70
Old Minister's Relief—Cash collection	5.33
Total	\$13.88

W. M. Thrasher, W. C. Parker, J. T. McNabb, Committee.

REPORT ON COUNTY MISSIONS

We, your committee on County Missions, make the following report:

We find that we have no County Missionary in the field. It makes our hearts sad to know that we have no County Missionary in the field.

We feel the great need of having a County Missionary, for they hold our weak churches together and keep them working.

We, as a committee, advise the churches of Red River County Association to consider the present need of a County Missionary and send one to the field at an early date.

We feel that other teachers and ministers are teaching our people contrary to our faith and practice. Therefore, we recommend the board to employ a missionary soon.

Signed,
 W. M. THRASHER,
 Z. C. HUMPHREY,
 G. D. JONES.

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REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Brethren:

We come to bring you this report, realizing that the importance of this subject can not be over-estimated. Texas presents one of the most wonderful fields for constructive evangelism on earth.

State Missions has had a good year, but we have had few workers. The field is white to harvest. Many have become tired of conventionalism and are coming back to us to labor with us in old time historic path of Baptist.

We hope to be able to put more men on the field next year; but our present efforts are to pay out of debt first. We owe about \$28,000, and about \$3,000 on Foreign Missions. We have spent but little money this year trying to get out of debt.

We recommend that at this time we make the best collection in cash possible and then pledges to be paid by the meeting of the association at Ennis in November.

Submitted, Committee.

D. D. MILLER,

R. B. KEY,

G. W. TAYLOR.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

As Missionary Baptist, we believe that the commission to preach the Gospel to all the world was given to the church. Mark 16: 15 says, "Go ye unto all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.." This means all human creatures. Then we can

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not fulfil our mission until every creature has had a chance to hear the gospel.

As a State association we cannot do this as we should, but we are glad to state that we have a wider organization through which we can cooperate with other states in this great work, and one with which we have agreed to work, known as the American Baptist Association. We consider this an open door to Texas Baptist, to make our power felt in other parts of the world.

It is true that we, as a State association, have established a mission field in far away Portugal and have done our best, but is that carrying out the program, given us by our Christ, as it can be carried out through the American Baptist Association.

We believe it is the indispensable duty of the Texas Baptists to grasp the opportunity given us through the American Baptist Association to cooperate with other churches in this work. May this be our motto. Text: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

A. J. FINDLEY,

C. J. TITUS,

W. C. PARKER.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, report the following:

We find that the Sabbath Schools are being neglected, and that is hurting our churches. We recommend that every church maintain a Sabbath School and that it be organized and contracted by the church whenever it is possible..

We further recommend that we use the Bible and the literature published by B. M. A. of America, at Texarkana. We find

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that God said in His word that He gave to the churches pastors, evangelist and teachers. We believe in using the material God gave us. Furthermore let us, like David of old, hide the word of God in our hearts that we might not sin against Him, Psalm 119-11.

Signed,

B. J. DEVINNEY,
F. D. MALONE.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education, 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 influence and instructions of Christian teachers.

We recommend First—Jacksonville College, as a safe school to which we can send our girls and boys.

Second—That a closer study be given Baptist doctrine and principles.

Third—That we support the college with our sympathy, patronage and finances.

J. L. TURNER,
MRS. G. W. TAYLOR,
MISS CLARICE PATTERSON.

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REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Denominational Literature, submit the following:

We recommend first of all the Holy Bible, because we find by reading it that it is written by inspired writers, and find that the Baptist Progress is a sound paper. For Sunday Schools the Sunday School literature published at Texarkana as safe and sound.

Z. C. HUMPHREY,
J. A. THOMAS,
ROBERT MORGAN.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, report the following:

The subject temperance is a very important subject. First we do not think anyone under the influence of strong drink of any kind is qualified to attend to business of any kind. Second, we believe that God's people should help to enforce the laws regulating and suppressing the soul of anything, not only this, but there are many things God's people indulge in that are dangerous. The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things.

Signed,

J. E. WATSON
E. L. PARKS,
O. H. PINKHAM.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We, your committee on Orphanage, report the following:
The Baptist Missionary Association of Texas has a splendid home located at Waxahachie, Texas. We have about one hun-

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dred children in the home. We have forty acres of land and a good two-story building all paid for; also, sixty-three acres of land partly 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 orphans in their needs. We recommend that our churches take regular monthly offerings for the home where it is possible to do so. We further recommend that as soon as possible we build some cottage on our property that we might be better able to care for our old worn out preachers.

J. M. PARKS,
W. A. PATTERSON,
J. S. CALDWELL.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF

We, your committee on Aged Minister's Relief, report the following:

We have a number of dear old ministers who have worn out their lives in preaching the gospel, and are now old and feeble and have no means of support. We, as your committee, recommend that we look after them better than we ever have before, by praying for them and with financial support.

Signed,

D. SMITH,
CHARLIE CLARK,
T. J. PARKER.

REPORT ON INTER-STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee on Inter-State Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

The work of the American Baptist Association in Inter-State Missions is the golden opportunity of real church equality,

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Bible Baptists churches to, not only carry the gospel of the son of God into that field comparatively known as Samaria, but to carry a message of cheer to churches of Jesus Christ, heretofore ground down under the heel of despotic pop-a-ping conventionism, Devil inspired and modernism.

Our mission forces, this year, have been handicapped by the smallness of the force and lack of finances, but despite these difficulties, great and lasting good has been accomplished.

Our workers are gladly received and more invitations are tendered them than they can possibly accept. Truly the harvest is white and the laborers are few.

We would recommend, (1) That we pray fervently for God to send more laborers into the harvest.

(2) That we take active steps to occupy more fields.

(3) That we take a cash collection to liquidate the present small indebtedness and also to make such promises as we may to be paid between now and the meeting of the American Baptist Association in Hot Springs, Ark., March 8, 1927.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. E. WATSON,
S. REX McCLUNG,
E. T. NATIONS.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that we, the messengers and visitors, to this association, hereby extend to the good people of this community our heartfelt thanks for the noble way in which they have taken care of us since we have been in your midst, for our visit has indeed been a pleasure and as we go from your midst we can truthfully say twas good to be here, so as we separate we go praying God's richest blessings upon the church and community.

G. C. STARRETT.

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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.

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.

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STATISTICS

	POSTOFFICE	CHURCH CLERK	POSTOFFICE					SUPT.	POSTOFFICE				
Dismissed by Letter	Clarksville	Z. C. Humphrey	Clarksville, Box 430	5	2	10	\$142.83	1	100	45			
Dismissed by Exclusion	Talco	W. P. Rhodes	Avery	6	1	2	110.00	1	65	5	500.00	J. E. Rawleigh	Avery
Died	New Boston	J. C. Vaughn	Bogata, Rt. 1	9	4	11		1				W. P. Hood	Johntown
Received by Letter	Clarksville	Leona Barrett	Detroit		8	16	100.00	1					
Received by Statements	Clarksville	Edna Griffin	Clarksville, Rt. 6	5	2	1		1					
Received by Baptism	Clarksville	W. A. Patterson	Detroit	1	1	1							
Total Membership	Detroit, Rt. 3	Jesse Stewart	Paris, Rt. 4	6	5	62	88.00	1	50	35	500.00	Berry McFadden	Paris, Rt. 4
Pastor's Salary	Annona	W. C. Parker	Clarksville		74	76.25		1	65	35			
Church Property	Cuthand, Rt. 1	E. H. Huckaby	Avery, Rt. 2		5	60	86.30	1	65	35			
Attendance	Avery	J. D. Siddens	Cuthand, Rt. 1		5	7	140.00	1					
Number Enrolled	Avery	Ruth Turner	Detroit, Rt. 3		1	5	96.00	1					
No. Baptised from School	Avery	A. S. Crow	Avery, Rt. 2	3	5	33		1					
Teachers	Paris	C. J. Titus	Avery, Rt. 1		6	36	78.60	1				R. P. Coffman	Avery, Rt. 2
Church Property	Cuthand, Rt. 1	Robert Morgan	Blossom, Rt. 1	2	3	1		1	40		1800.00	C. J. Titus	Avery
Attendance		C. A. Hartgraves	Clarksville, Rt. 5	4	1	30	109	1	60	31		J. M. Parks	Blossom, Rt. 1
Number Enrolled		J. A. Bramlett	Paris, Rt. 4	3	1	12	145	1	81	48	1250.00	W. L. McConnell	Clarksville, Rt. 5
Sunday School				1	1	5	240.00	1	81	48		J. C. Boone	Paris, Rt. 5