

# MINUTES

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## EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION

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### Red River Missionary Baptist Association

Held With the Downing Baptist  
Church, August, 31, Sep-  
tember 1, and 2, 1927.

W. M. THRASHER, Atlas, Rt. 1, Moderator  
W. F. BROOKS, Avery, Clerk  
J. T. McNABB, Clarksville, Treasurer

Next Session Will be Held With  
LYDIA CHURCH

Eight miles south of Avery, Texas.

Wednesday night before the First Sunday in Octo-  
ber 1928. Elder W. F. Brooks to preach the In-  
troductory Sermon. Elder D. D. Miller,  
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 Downing Church, 8 miles Southwest of Clarksville, Texas, Wednesday evening, August 31, 1927, at 8:00 p. m. Elder J. E. Watson preached the Introductory Sermon as per election of association of previous session. His text was Genesis, 6 chapter and 22 verse. After preaching adjourned until 8:30 a. m., Thursday September 1.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1927.

### Morning Session

Meeting called to order by Moderator, W. F. Brooks. After song by choir and reading of the 8th chapter of Proverbs by Elder J. L. Turner, prayer was led by Elder D. D. Miller. The Moderator then appointed Brethern J. C. Humphrey and J. T. McNabb as reading clerks. The letters from the Sister Churches were read and the messengers names enrolled as follows:

Lydia Church—Brothers G. W. Taylor, Hugh Hekaby and Oscar Pinkham. Alternates, Sister Flora Taylor, Sister Lara Pinkham and Brother H. J. Lafterly.

Hopewell Church—Elder J. E. Watson, Brother Oscar Mowery and Brother Harve Fryar. Alternates Brother Frank Stinge and Brother Louis Fryar. Downing Church—Brother G. D. Jones, Mrs. Belle Jones and T. J. Pryor. Alternates, W. H. Collins, Vester Cragg and Loyal Haddock.

Pleasant Valley Church—Elder W. M. Thrasher, Sister Minnie Thrasher and Brother Graddon Cass. Alternates, Brother W. R. North, Sister W. R. North and Sister Eva Thrasher.

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Liberty Church—Brothers G. A. Lyons, W. M. Harvey and Sister Clarice Patterson. Alternates, Brother Alvis Hughes, Sister Blanch Canley and Miriam Filippo. Ruth Turner.

Post Oak Church—Elder J. L. Turner and Sister Ruth Turner.

Akins Grove Church—Brothers T. D. Malone, W. O. Dawson and O. O. Bean. Alternates, J. E. Bean, Jean Parke and Z. C. Humphries.

Avery Church—Elders W. F. Brooks, L. E. Walker and Brother Wm. Obannon. Alternates, Elder J. C. Dodd and Brother J. E. Raleigh.

Lone Pine Church—Brothers J. T. McNabb, D. Smith and A. L. Hearn.

New Hope Church—Brother W. L. McConnell, Elder J. H. Smith and Brother C. A. Hartgraves. Alternates, Annie McConnell, Media Hartgraves and Brother J. J. Kilmer.

Savannah Church—Brother T. W. Bearden and Sister Clara Titus. Alternates, Brothers Theron Howard and Ollia Titus.

Lime Kiln Church—Brothers Berry McFadden, Jesse Stewart and Sam Redell. Alternates, Miss Lila Stewart, Miss Pearl Duncan and Brother Alton Hill.

Starksville Church—Brothers J. M. Parks, Frank Bowman and R. V. Lowe. Alternates, Mrs. Mattie Nation, Mrs. J. M. Parks and Mrs. D. D. Parke.

Maple Creek Church—Brothers J. A. Thomas T. J. Cavenner and W. H. Askew. Alternates, Sister Mollie Thomas and Brothers Jeff Lavelle and John Hill.

By motion and second the body seated Elder D. D. Miller from Rehobath Church and Brother Hugh Huckaby from Lydia Church their church letters not being present at that hour. Since they had been elected as messengers from the respective churches. After reading the letter and enrolling the names of the messengers,

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the body by motion and second went in to the election of officers. Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer for the evening associational year, which resulted in the election of Elder W. M. Thrasher for Moderator, Elder W. F. Brooks Clerk and Brother J. T. McNabb, Treasurer. Adjourned for dinner, which was spread on the ground.

## AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 O'CLOCK.

After singing, "Standing on the Promises of God," and prayer led by Elder D. D. Miller.

Motion and second to invite all visiting Brethren to aid us in our deliberation.

Moderator called for petitionary letters if any. None.

Report on committees were taken up.

Report on aged minister relief read and spoken to by W. F. Brooks then adopted as read.

Report on Denominational Literature read and discussed by Elders J. E. Watson and W. F. Brooks, then adopted as read.

Report on State Missions read and spoken to by W. F. Brooks then adopted as read.

Report on Orphan's Home, read, discussed by Elders J. E. Watson, W. F. Brooks and L. E. Walker, then adopted as read.

Report on Christian Education read and discussed by Elders L. E. Walker and W. F. Brooks adopted as read.

Adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

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EVENING SESSION, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

As per adjournment resolution, the body was called to order by the Moderator at 8 p. m.

After singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" by the choir and prayer by Elder J. L. Turner. Preaching by Elder W. M. Thasher, text 1 Corinthians, 2 chapter, 10 verse, subject the deep things of God.

Adjourned to meet 8:30 a. m. Friday, September, 2, 1927.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1927

Met Friday morning, 8:30 a. m., called to order by the Moderator as per adjournment.

After singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and prayer led by Brother Z. C. Humphrey.

The report on Foreign Mission was read and discussed by Brethern Z. C. Humphrey, Roy Cass, W. F. Brooks, J. E. Watson, D. D. Miller and L. E. Walker, then adopted as read.

Reading report on Interstate Mission read and discussed by Elders J. L. Turner, W. F. Brooks, and J. E. Watson. Adopted as read.

A collection was taken for all the causes that we foster, which resulted as follows:

State Missions	2.50
Interstate Mission	\$10.00
Orphans Home	6.50
Foreign Mission	1.50
Aged Minister	1.75

Lydia Church pledged \$5.00 for Orphans Home

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and \$5.00 for State Mission to be paid in the near future, Eleven a. m. preaching by Elder W. F. Brooks. Text, Ephesians, 1 chapter, 13 verse. Adjourned for dinner which was spread on the ground.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by the Moderator at 2 p. m. After singing, "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour" and prayer by G. W. Taylor.

Motion and second that we go into the selection of a place to entertain the association when it convenes in 1928. Lydia church which is 8 miles South of Avery, Texas was elected and the time of meeting was changed to Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1928.

Elder W. F. Brooks was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder D. D. Miller Alternate.

The next fifth Sunday meeting, which is in October 1927 to meet with Hopewell Church about 12 miles north of Clarksville, Texas.

Report on County Missions read and talked on same made by Elders J. L. Turner, W. F. Brooks, J. A. Brown and Brother Collins. Adopted as read.

Report on Sabbath School read and talks on same by Brothers W. L. McConnell, Z. C. Humphrey and Elder J. A. Brown. Adopted as read.

Report on Temperance read and talks on same by Elders D. D. Miller and J. A. Brown. Adopted as read.

Report of finance committee read and adopted. Treasurer report read and adopted.

Motion and second that the Treasurer turn all money that comes into his possession over to the one it

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is far and get a receipt for same as it comes to him.

Resolution of thanks read and adopted.

After singing, "God Be With You Until We Meet Again," and a hearty handshake.

Adjourned to meet with the Lydia Church, Wednesday night, before the First Sunday in October, 1928.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report as follows for Orphans Home.

Hopewell Sunday School	\$10.00
Collection	6.50
Total for Orphanage	\$16.50
For State Mission	\$2.50
For Foreign Mission	1.50
Aged Ministers	1.75
For Printing Associational Minutes	35.30
Total	\$67.55

Committee,

Z. C. HUMPHREY,  
M. M. OBANNON.

## REPORT OF COUNTY MISSIONS

We your committee on County Missions make the following report:

We find our association has some eighteen or more churches. Many of them small and in need of some

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ministerial aid.

We believe the stronger churches should help the weaker ones according to their ability and urge them to do so by supporting a County Missionary to visit and assist the churches in need of assistance, preach the gospel to the lost in the destitute places in the bounds of our Association and strengthen the churches in the faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Signed,

J. L. TURNER,  
ALTON HILL.

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We your committee on State Missions be to say we heartily endorse State Missions and we beg to recommend that the work be kept up as we feel that it is greatly needed.

Signed,

E. T. NATTIONS,  
T. D. MALONE,  
J. E. WATSON.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

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.

As a county association we cannot do this as we should, but we are glad to state that we have a wider organization through which we can co-operate with our states in this great work, we have agreed to work with

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our American Baptist Association we consider this an open door to Texas Baptist to make our power felt in other counties and other parts of the world.

It is true that we have a state association that has established a mission field in far away Portugal and have done their best to carry out the work of our Christ, as it can be carried out through the American Baptist Association.

We believe it is the indispensable duty of the Red River Missionary Baptist Association to grasp the opportunity given us through the American Baptist Association to co-operate with our 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.

Signed,

Z. C. HUMPHREY,  
BRO. OBANNON,  
ROY CASS.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on Sabbath Schools report the following:

We find that the Sabbath Schools are not hurting our churches.

As the churches are greatly benefited by the Sabbath Schools. We recommend the use of the Holy Bible and the Baptist Literature published at Texarkana.

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We believe in using the material that God gave us. Further more let us like David of old hide the word of God in our hearts, that we might not sin against him.

Committee,

J. M. PARKS,  
W. O. DAVIDSON,  
J. H. FRYAR.

## REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We your committee on Christian Education submit the following report:

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 Christian preparation and training from childhood. Pro. 22:6.

Christian involves the development of the spiritual personality in addition to the physical and mental powers. Therefore in the light of the present day environments, influence and public teaching and training, it behoves the parents to be more zealous, as servants of God in the Scriptural instructions and training of their children.

Therefore we recommend first: that we as God's people be more anxious about the training of the child in the Sunday School to that extent that the parent not only teach and encourage the child in the home, but that they go and take them and teach them in the Sunday School.

2. That a closer study be made of Baptist Doctrines and principles.

3. Jacksonville College as a safe school to which we can send our young people after they have finished

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their training in the home school.

4. That we support the college with our sympathy, patronage and influence.

Committee,

L. E. WALKER,  
A. L. HEARN,  
M. M. HARVEY,

## 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.

The Sunday School Literature published at Texarkana as safe and sound literature. We your committee beg to submit that all Baptist churches ought to use the literature published at Texarkana.

Signed,

J. T. McNABB,  
ROY LOWE,  
W. L. McCONNELL.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance report the following:

The subject of Temperance is very important subject.

1. We do not believe any one under the influence of

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ence of strong drink is qualified to tend to business of any kind.

2. We believe that God's people should help to enforce the laws regulating and suppressing the sale of same. Not only this but there are many of God's people indulging in things that are dangerous. The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things.

Signed,

Mrs. W. M. Thrasher,  
D. D. MILLER,  
D. D. PARKS.

## REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME

We your committee on Orphanage report the following:

The Baptist Missionary Association of Texas has a splendid home at Waxahachie, Texas.

We have about one hundred children in the home. We have a good two story house and forty acres of land paid for; also sixty-three acres partly paid for.

We recommend that every Church and Sunday School set apart one Sunday in each month to take up collections for the home.

We have been informed that the home is in great need of money to pay running expenses.

We know this is a great work, the Bible teaches us to care for the widow and orphans.

Committee,

REV. J. E. WATSON,  
MRS. P. L. BAGWELL,  
Miss Clarice Patterson.

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**REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF**

Dear Bretheren—We have a number of dear good old Brethren in the State who have worn out their lives by preaching the Gospel. Probably some of us were saved under their preaching and we as a church feel it our duty to aid them both spiritually and financially and we your committee would recommend that we give more consideration to them by showing our appreciation by supporting them.

Signed,  
MRS. W. M. HARVEY,  
G. W. TAYLOR,  
O. H. PINKHAM,

**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. Bible Baptist 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 the churches of Jesus Christ, heretofore ground under the heel of 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 extended to them than they can possibly accept according to the report of our corresponding secretaries of the American Baptist Association. There are

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(9000) nine thousand churches in the territory of the Southern Baptist convention and (2000) two thousand in the territory of the Northern Baptist convention who are refusing to officiate with these bodies. Truly the harvest is white and the laborers are few.

We recommend that:

1. That we pray fervently for God to send more laborers into the harvest.
2. That we take active steps to occupy more field.
3. That we use our means, as God prospers, us to advance the work in this field.

Signed Committee,  
J. L. TURNER,  
L. E. WALKER.

**REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS**

We your committee on Sabbath Schools report the following:

We the messengers and visitors of the Red River Association hereby extend to the members of this church and people of surrounding community our heartfelt thanks for your loyal entertainment and spiritual cooperation with us while convened with the Downing Church in the eighty-fourth session of the Red River Missionary Baptist Association. Our visit has been a pleasure indeed. Since we are about to be separated to our respective places of abode. We pray God's richest blessings upon the church and community.

Signed,  
L. E. WALKER,  
ROY CASS.

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### TREASURER REPORT

Received for Orphans Home .....	\$16.50
Interstate Mission .....	10.00
Foreign Mission .....	1.50
State Mission .....	2.50
Aged Ministers .....	1.75
Printing Association Minutes .....	35.30
From W. M. Thrasher, former Treasurer .....	1.00
Total .....	\$68.55

J. T. McNABB, Treasurer.

### 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  
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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.

### 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. This 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  
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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 two-thirds vote of the messengers present to change or amend the Constitution.

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

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**RULES OF DECORUM.**

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.

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

