

Minutes

Of The

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

Of The

Red River Missionary Baptist Association

Held with the Avery Church

Wednesday Night, Nov. 2, 1932

W. F. BROOKS, Avert, Moderator.

A. I BOND, Clarksville, R. 5, Clerk

O. H. PINKHAM, Lydia, Treasurer.

Next Session will be held with
Maple Creek Baptist Church

Wednesday night before the first Sunday in November,
1933, Elder H. E. Duffey to preach the
Introductory Sermon. Elder J. D.
McClung, Alternate

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading Letters; 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 Ministers' 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 RED RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Red River Missionary Baptist Association met with the Avery church Wednesday night, Nov. 2, 1932. After song, "Are You Washed in the Blood," and a prayer by Elder J. D. McClung, sermon was preached by Elder Deckert Anderson. Text, Matt. 24-12; P. S. 23-3.

Thursday Morning

After song, "Glory to His Name," and prayer by A. I. Bond, the moderator read the constitution and rules of decorum. The moderator appointed Elder W. F. Brooks and Elder Deckert Anderson as reading clerks. The letters from sister churches were read and messengers names enrolled as follows:

Lydia—G. W. Taylor, O. H. Pinkham, A. M. I. Martindale; alternates, Frances Martindale, Basil Miller, D. D. Miller.

Pleasant Valley—Albert Hill, Roy Cass, W. R. North; alternates, S. R. Nance, H. N. Cass, Mrs. I. L. Hill.

Aikin Grove—Oscar Eean, Jude Mauldin, Jim Haskins; alternates, Herbert Humphrey, Carl Stroud, C. M. Holley.

Avery—W. F. Brooks, D. B. Rhea, F. F. Proctor; alternate, W. M. O'Hannon.

Rehoboth—Clay Harrison, P. P. Coffman, A. S. Crow, alternates, Sisters Oeal Beaty, Ruby Sanders, Ollie Bearden.

Maple Creek—Elder H. E. Duffey, J. D. Sidden, Willie Province; alternates, W. L. McConnell, G. G. Garmon, A. W. Harville.

Liberty—Herron Patterson, W. M. Harvey, Mar-
iam Flippo; alternates, George Hollingworth, Nellie Pat-
terson.

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Post Oak—Sister Alma Lee, Brother Butler Stevens, Sister Velma Ladymon; alternates, Cora Lee Stephens, J. N. Lee.

Hopewell—J. E. Watson, Albert Carey, Malcolm Mowery, alternates, Sister Eva Roberts, Oscar Mowery. New Heaven—Like Thompson, Sister Thompson, Robber Tull; alternates, Florence Tull, Lessie Guthrey, Nophlet Thompson.

New Hope—J. J. Kilmer, Jim Williams, Edmond McConnell; alternates, Garland Hines, Ernest English. Bethlehem—J. E. Vaughn, Robert Sims, N. C. Hinson; alternates, Jennie Hawkins.

Langford—H. N. Perkins, J. J. Pollock; alternates, B. L. Rainy, David Pollock. (Petitionary letter from Langford).

By motion and second the body went into the election of officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer: W. F. Brooks, Moderator; A. I. Bond, Clerk. O. H. Pinkham, Treasurer. By motion and second the visiting brethren were invited to aid us in our deliberations. Elder George Pinkham preached the 11 o'clock sermon. Theme being "The Spirit of Christ."

Afternoon Session

After song and a prayer by Deckert Anderson, report on Interstate Missions was read and spoken by Elder Deckert Anderson. A cash collection was taken to the amount of ten dollars and twenty-five cents (\$10.25) and stood adopted as read. By motion and second the collection was turned over to Elder Deckeret Anderson. Report on Christian Education was read and spoken to by Elder Anderson, W. F. Brooks, J. D. McClong, and stood adopted as read.

Report on Aged Ministers' Relief and spoken to by J. E. Watson and Elder McClong, and a cash collection

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taken to the amount of eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) to be sent to Elder H. E. Duffey.

Evening Session, 7 o'clock

After song and prayer by Bro. Robert Tull, Elder J. I. McClong preached lesson, read Acts. 16:24-33; text 30 verse, "What Shall I Do?"

Friday Morning Session

The report on State Missions was read and spoken to by J. D. McClong and Z. C. Humphrey. A cash collection was taken to the amount of five dollars and twelve cents (\$5.12) and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted, spoken to by Jim Williams, Elder D. D. Miller and Elder George Pinkham.

Five minutes intermission.

11 o'clock Service

Elder W. F. Brooks preached; text Eph. 1:13-14; subject, "The Plan of Salvation."

Afternoon Session

After song and prayer by J. W. Askew, by motion and second the body went into the selection of the place for the next association, which will be held with the Maple Creek church, 10 miles south and 4 miles east of Clarksville, Texas, to begin on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in Nov., 1933.

Report on Orphans Home was read and adopted, spoken to by Elder J. D. McClong. A cash collection was taken to the amount of twelve dollars and nine cents (\$12.09) which was turned over to Elder J. D. McClong.

Report on Associational Missions was read and spoken to by Elder J. E. Watson, D. D. Miller, J. D. McClong and Bro. Harvey. The messengers were instructed to go before their churches and ask for aid to support a missionary in the field.

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Report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted, spoken to by Z. C. Humphrey and Elder Bill Johnson.

Report on Temperance spoken to by Bro. Robert Tull and Elder George Pinkham and adopted as read.

Report on Finance

Minutes	\$20.45
State Missions	\$ 5.12
Orphans Home	\$12.09
Aged Ministers	\$ 8.50
Interstate Missions	\$10.25
Total	\$56.41

Resolution of Thanks

Resolved, That we, the messengers and visitors, extend to the Avery Baptist Church and community our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the kind hospitality and splendid entertainment extended to us during the sitting of the Red River Association.

GEORGE PINKHAM,

J. D. McCLUNG,

By motion and second the body adjourned to meet with the Maple Creek Baptist Church, 10 miles south of Clarksville, to begin on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in November, 1933.

Report on Associational Missions

We, your committee, beg to make the following report on Associational Missions: We see the need of a missionary on the field. We also recommend that at the earliest date possible some one qualified to fill this position be employed for this work. Unless we make some move along this line the cause will be injured by the intrusion of those who are enemies to the true Baptist doctrine.

J. E. WATSON,

H. N. PERKINS,

W. B. RHEA.

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Report on State Missions

We, your committee on State Missions, beg to submit the following report: State Missions are the foundation of all our work. If the mission work goes down, our college and orphans home will go down. We therefore recommend the pastors of this association keep State Missions before our churches. We also recommend a cash collection at this time and ask that every pastor take a collection in their churches before the state meeting. Signed, committee,

GARTH GARMAN.

J. D. McCLUNG.

J. J. POLLOCK.

Report on Foreign Missions

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following: For the Lord said "and this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness un'o all the nations." We, as missionary Baptists, believe that the Lord gave the marching orders to the church. We recommend the churches of this association work to that end. Signed,

D. D. MILLER,

W. F. MARTINDALE.

J. H. WILLIAMS.

Report on Sabbath Schools

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, find that many of our churches do not maintain Sunday schools of any kind. We feel and realize they are falling short of their duties in this respect. Where we do not have preaching every Sunday it is more important that we have a Sunday school in every church through which we can preach Christ to our children and those about us. Therefore we recommend that every church maintain a

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Sabbath school. We further recommend that our schools use our literature put out by our people at Texarkana. We further recommend that our churches elect our officers and teachers to carry on our Sabbath schools, in conference. Signed, committee,

Z. C. HUMPHREY,
W. A. JOHNSON,
A. W. HILL.

Report on Christian Education

We, your committee on Christian Education, submit the following: We all know that an education does not make a Christian. Of course it helps, but it takes the grace of God to make a true Christian. Of course, education is needed in our lay members as well as our teachers and preachers. We believe an education makes a better and stronger preacher. We recommend that the churches should strive to help our pastors along this line. We also recommend as a safe place for this kind of education at Jacksonville College, and we recommend the churches contribute to the support of Jacksonville College as much as possible. Signed, committee,

W. R. NORTH,
W. M. Harvey,
BASIL MILLER.

Report on Denominational Literature

We, your committee on Denominational Literature, submit the following: First, we recommend God's word, the Holy Bible, for it is a true guide left by Him for us to go by, and is necessary for Christian growth and development. We recommend as religious literature, the Baptist Progress, the Baptist Commoner and the American Baptist. We have found them to be sound in the

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faith. We also believe the Baptist Sunday school literature published at Texarkana under the auspices of the American Baptist Association by the Baptist Sunday School Committee, O. A. Gilbert, business manager, as a safe and sound literature for our Sunday schools. Signed,

HERBERT HUMPHREY,
D. D. MILLER,
B. J. DEVINNEY.

Report on Temperance

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: Temperance means to be temperate in all things. In eating or drinking, whether the drink is intoxicating or not. Solomon, in speaking of the use of wine and mixed wine, declares it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. The wine cup is forbidden. Wisdom says, "Enter not into the path of those who drink the wine of violence; avoid it, pass not by it, but turn from it, and pass away." Solomon says "Woe to him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth and maketh him drunk." Inasmuch as there is a strong effort being made to repeal the 18th amendment, which is the first part toward a move to bring back the open saloon, we recommend that this body go on record as opposing any move toward the repeal of the 18th amendment. May God help us in this trying hour to vote as we pray.

ROBT. H. TULL,
G. E. PINKHAM,
MRS. W. M. HARVEY.

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Report on Aged Ministers Relief

We, your committee, beg to make the following report on Aged Ministers Relief: We have in our association some aged ministers who have worn out their lives preaching the gospel. They need our support. We recommend a collection be made in their behalf.

J. E. WATSON,
F. F. PROCTOR,
B. L. MILLER.

Report on Inter-State Missions

By Inter-State Missions we mean mission work without reference to state or county lines. We think that we are all agreed that we should do such missions. Because of the financial condition of our churches it was thought wise at the last meeting of the association to greatly reduce the mission force, therefore, only one missionary was elected to work with the secretary this year. Collections have been so low as to render it impossible for even one to be kept busy; however, the efforts that we have been able to make have been greatly blessed of the Lord. Souls have been saved, churches revived and persuaded to call pastors and resume work. Some real substantial mission work has been done at a very low cost to the churches. We hope to be able to keep the work alive until such time as conditions become normal, then we hope to press forward in a greater way. We recommend that the churches pray for the work and the worker and make more regular offering to the work. We further recommend that this congregation be given opportunity to make an offering to this work. Respectfully,

J. W. ASKEW,
DICKERT ANDERSON,
CHAS. HUTCHISON.

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Report on Orphans Home

We, the committee on Orphans Home, submit the following: We have seventy orphans in the home at Waxahachie. The institution is owned by the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas. We recommend that every church take monthly offerings for the home. We also recommend a cash offering be made now. Signed,

J. D. McCLUNG,
J. D. SIDDENS.

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 benevolences.

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.

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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 at the next annual session of the association; and five members of said committee, shall compose a quo-

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rum; 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 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 his 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.

STATISTICS

MEMBERS	POSTOFFICE	CHURCH CLERK	POSTOFFICE	BOARD MEMBER	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DISMISSED BY EXCLUSION	DIED	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	PASTOR'S SALARY	SUNDAY SCHOOL	NUMBER ENROLLED	ATTENDANCE	TEACHERS	CHURCH PROPERTY	DAYS OF MEETING	SUPT.	POSTOFFICE
Miller	Annona	B. L. Miller	Paris, R. 5	V. L. Stroud	1		1	10		10	90	\$240.00	1	1	36	5	\$1250	1	R. S. Nance	Paris, R. 5.
McCuiston	Seagoville Tex	Chas. Halley	Clarksville, R 2	L. H. Walker	1		1	6		13	117	50.00	1	1	700	5	700	1	Jud Mauldin	Clarksville, R 2
Watson	Clarksville, R 1	Virgie Proctor	Avery, R 2	G. G. Garmon	1		1	5		13	137		1	1	1000	5	1000	2	A. S. Crow	Avery.
Miller	Clarksville, R 6	A. S. Crow	Cuthand	W. A. Patterson	4		1	2		3	34		1	1	800	3	800	3	J. D. Siddens	Cuthand.
Johnson	Clarksville, R 5	J. D. Siddens	Detroit, R. 2	J. L. Turner		2	1	1		4	6		1	1	1000	3	1000	1	Hurshal Burton	Detroit, R. 2.
Anderson	Avery	W. A. Patterson	Detroit, R. 3	J. Watson			1	1		1	118		1	1	1000	3	1000	3		
Walker	Detroit, R 3	Velma Ladymon	Clarksville, R. 6	Robert Tull			1	1		1	64		1	1	160	4	160	1		
Walker	Clarksville, R 6	Malcon Mowrey	Clarksville, R 6	Ernest English			1	1		1	72	25 21	1	1	41	8	1000	1		
Walker	Clarksville, R 5	Robert Tull	Clarksville				1	4		2	78	60 00	1	1	96	4	1000	2	D. Strickland	Clarksville R. 6
Walker	Annona	Jim Williams	Clarksville				1	2		8	110	48 50	1	1	50	5	1000	4	Jim Williams	Clarksville R. 5
Walker	Annona	Robert Sims	Johnstown				1	4		8	50	49.10	1	1	45	1	1000	1	Robert Sims	Johnstown.
Walker	Clarksville, R 6	J. B. Lenthrell	Clarksville, R. 5				1	4		7	23		1	1	34	1	1000	1		