

Year Book

THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

1954

Walnut Street Baptist Church, Hillsboro, Texas—Host Church
Vernon E. Lierly, Hillsboro, Texas -----Host Pastor



NEXT SESSION

November 1, 2, 1955

Landmark Baptist Church - - - Texas City, Texas

R. E. WALTERS, Pastor



Annual Sermon _____ DR. ALBERT GARNER

Alternate _____ ELD. J. W. KESNER, JR.

Moderator _____ ELD. BRUCE HIBBITT, Denison, Texas

Assistant Moderator _____ ELD. J. W. HARPER, Gallatin, Texas

RECORDING SECRETARIES:

Dr. Albert Garner, Box 1112, Henderson, Texas

Elder O. H. Griffith, Box 741, White Oak, Texas

THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Messenger Meeting, November 9-10, 1954

Walnut Street Baptist Church

Hillsboro, Texas

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Elder J. W. Harper.....Box 11, Gallatin, Texas

MISSIONARIES:

Elder J. W. Harper.....Gallatin, Texas

Elder R. E. Rodgers.....Henderson, Texas

Elder H. E. (Edd) Rhodes.....Orange, Texas

Elder J. E. Sherrill.....Dallas, Texas

PLACE OF MEETING FOR 1955:

Landmark Baptist Church.....Texas City, Texas

Elder R. E. Walters, Pastor

November 1-2, 1955

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Devotional
2. Welcome address
3. Organization
4. Annual Sermon
5. Reports:
 - a. State Missions
 - b. Christian Education
 - c. Interstate and Foreign Missions
 - d. Benevolence
 - e. Publications
 - f. Women's Work
 - g. Young People's Work
 - h. Finances
 - i. Miscellaneous matters.
6. Special: Regular business shall be suspended each day at 11:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. for preaching services unless the messengers shall otherwise direct. Any report may be made a special order in connection with the evening services, and as committees may be ready to report.

1954
MINUTES OF THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
November 9-10, 1954

TUESDAY MORNING

The messengers of the churches and visitors were assembled in the auditorium of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Hillsboro, Texas.

The assembly was called to order at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 9, by the moderator, Elder A. J. Findley.

Opening song: "The Call of the Reapers" was directed by Elder Wilson Garner, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. W. Mitchell.

Opening prayer was by Elder A. W. Smith.

The devotional was conducted by Elder Chas. R. Newman. He read John 14:1-4.

The Welcome Address was given by Elder Vernon E. Lierly, pastor of the host church.

Response was given by the moderator.

Prayer by Elder W. A. Simmons.

The moderator declared the 1954 session of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas open for business.

Elder J. W. Harper came forward and presented the association with a gavel made from Cedar of Lebanon. The tree from which the gavel was made was transplanted from the hills of Lebanon to Grayson County, Texas. The gavel was made from a limb of the tree; given to Bro. Harper, and he gave it to the association.

Motion that a metal identification plate be made and placed on the gavel. Carried.

At this time election of officers was called for.

Nominated for moderator were Dr. Albert Garner, and Elder Bruce Hibbitt. Bro. Hibbitt was elected.

The retiring moderator, Elder A. J. Finley, called for the newly elected moderator, Elder Bruce Hibbitt, to preside over the deliberations of the messenger body, and delivered to him the gavel.

Dr. Albert Garner and Elder O. H. Griffith were nominated for recording secretaries and elected by acclamation.

Motion prevailed to give the retiring officers a vote of appreciation for their faithful services.

At this time visitors were recognized.

Several were introduced from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Nevada.

A motion prevailed to make the report of the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer of Missions the first item of business after the annual sermon.

After the song: "We're Marching to Zion," by request of the moderator the speaker for the Annual Sermon was introduced by Elder C. W. Pierce.

Bro. Pierce presented Elder Jack Dean, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Snyder, Texas, who brought the message, using for his text Genesis 17:1. The subject was: "The God who Is Enough."

The message was a challenging one, and at its conclusion the audience stood as a token of their endorsement and appreciation of it.

Motion prevailed to recognize messengers from churches being represented for the first time in the association. Twelve were so recognized.

By special provision of the previous motion the report of the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer of Missions was read at this time. Elder J. W. Harper read the report, giving the auditor's report, and reading the names of the following who were recommended by their churches to do mission work. Elder Henry Martin, By Grace Temple Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Elder A. W. Smith, by Bethel Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Henderson, Texas; Elder Roy I. Pedigo, Beverly Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas. Motion to adopt.

Bro. Harper discussed the report and stated that support for State Missions was about \$1,000 above that for last year. The missionaries were paid in full, and a small balance is left in the mission treasury. He also read a recommendation from the East Texas Women's Auxiliary to place another missionary on the field.

Bro. R. E. Rodgers gave a brief report of his work as state missionary.

Bro. H. E. Rhodes, another state missionary also gave his report.

Report adopted.

The moderator was requested to appoint a committee to draw up a resolution on Segregation to be read to the messengers and given to the press.

Dr. Albert Garner, Elder Barnett Rippetoe, and Elder Lamar Hill were appointed.

Motion to retain the same missionaries and Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer and at the same salaries as of last year carried.

Motion to adjourn until 2:00 P.M.

A few words were spoken by Elder A. L. Patterson, Secretary-Treasurer of Missions of the American Baptist Association.

Elder J. A. Rester, Business Manager of the Baptist Sunday School Committee and the Baptist Book Store in Texarkana also had a few words to say.

There were several other brief announcements.

Motion to adjourn was amended to reconvene at 2:30 P.M.

Motion to amend carried.

Closing prayer by Elder Vernon E. Lierly.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with congregational singing directed by Elder Leonard Milford, and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Barnett Rippetoe.

A devotional was brought by Elder Bill Knight who read John 15:22.

The mission question was still the order of business.

Elder V. L. Barr gave it as his opinion that the churches would not adequately support another missionary, and he therefore was opposed to placing another on the field.

Elder G. P. Allen spoke in favor of another missionary and felt that he should work in West Texas.

Dr. A. J. Kirkland stated that it was a question for serious consideration and he believed the churches will support another.

Elder J. W. Harper spoke in favor of another missionary.

Motion to give the missionary who may be elected the same salary as those who have been elected already, carried.

At this time an offering for State Missions was received in the amount of \$120.19.

Motion to accept the three men whose names were sent to the association as having been endorsed for mission work as nominees. These shall then be voted on until one receives a clear majority. Motion carried.

Eld. A. W. Smith was elected.

Resolution on Segregation was read by Dr. Garner.

There was a motion to adopt the resolution and after a short discussion it was unanimously carried.

Report on Interstate and Foreign Missions was read by Elder A. L. Patterson. Motion to adopt.

Bro. Patterson discussed the report, and said that the Interstate and Foreign Missions is in better financial condition than it has been, but there still is a small deficit in the fund for Interstate Missions.

Elder V. L. Barr also discussed the report briefly. Report adopted.

At the request of the host church a motion prevailed for Elder L. Chester Guinn, a former pastor, to preach the evening message.

There was a motion to make the Christian Education report a special order to precede the evening sermon.

There was a substitute motion to make the Orphans Home report a special order to precede the evening sermon. The explanation for this move was that Bro. Jack Dean, one of the trustees of the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, had a film of the home that would be of interest to the messengers, and it would be necessary to show it at night for best results. After a brief discussion the substitute motion carried.

A motion then prevailed to hear the Christian Education report as the first order on Wednesday morning.

Motion to adjourn until 7:00 P. M.

After a few announcements motion to adjourn carried.

Closing prayer was by Elder W. Herbert Brown.

TUESDAY EVENING

Opened with the singing of several songs by the congregation, directed by Elder Wm. E. Lee, with Mrs. Ralph Wooten accompanying at the piano.

Prayer by Elder J. C. Johnson.

The Orphans Home report was read by Elder D. B. Freeman.

Motion to adopt.

As a part of the discussion of this report, Elder Jack Dean, one of the trustees of the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage, showed a film of the buildings, grounds, workers, and children.

Elder C. H. McBryde, another of the trustees discussed the conditions of the home, and introduced the superintendent of the orphanage, Mr. Willie Miller.

Mr. Miller expressed thanks in behalf of the Orphanage and all concerned for the generous support the home has received from Texas Baptists. He said the home has 17 children, ranging in ages from 2 to 15 years.

Elder Wm. E. Lee reported on the orphanage near Ada, Oklahoma. There are 23 children in the Oklahoma home. The Oklahoma Orphanage suffered some serious reverses as a result of the NABA schism in that state, but is now on a sound basis, and our people should support it.

Elder J. W. Kesner, Jr., formerly of Oklahoma, verified the report given by Bro. Lee.

Report adopted.

Motion to at this time select a meeting place for 1955 carried.

Invitations were received from the Landmark Baptist Church, Texas City, Texas, and the churches of the South Texas Baptist Association; and from Northside Baptist Church, Snyder, Texas.

The messengers elected to go to Texas City for the 1955 meeting.

Time for the evening message had now arrived and business was suspended for same.

The congregation sang, "Send the Light."

Billy Walters rendered a special song number, "Just A Closer Walk With Jesus." He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. H. Gwathney.

The moderator called for Elder Wm. E. Lee to introduce the speaker selected for the occasion. Bro. Lee presented Elder L. Chester Guinn of Forth Smith, Arkansas.

Bro. Guinn read Acts 1:1-3. He used for a subject, "Things That Jesus Began Both to Do and Teach."

Bro Guinn delivered an interesting message, after which the moderator asked Bro. Vernon E. Lierly to give Bro. Guinn the hand of appreciation in behalf of the congregation.

Report on Religious Publications was read by Elder Kenneth L. Bazar. Motion to adopt.

The report was discussed by Elder J. A. Rester. Report adopted.

Motion to adjourn until Wednesday at 9:00 A.M. prevailed.

Elder A. L. Patterson suggested that offering plates be placed at the exits that the people might be given the privilege to contribute to Interstate and Foreign Missions. The offering was \$23.44.

Closing prayer by Elder Lester Skelly.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Wednesday morning session of the association got under way at nine o'clock with singing directed by Elder Wilson Garner. Mrs. C. H. Gwathney, piano accompanist.

Opening prayer was by Elder Olen W. Wilson.

Elder J. W. Harper made a statement relative to the transfer of small funds from the tent fund and from the minute fund to the State Mission fund. He explained that the transfer of these funds was made on authority from the messengers in the 1953 session, or by recommendation of the Missionary Committee. This statement was made to avoid misunderstanding on the part of those not familiar with the facts.

The morning devotional was given by Elder Ray O. Brooks. He read II Corinthians 5:14-20.

Dr. A. J. Kirkland suggested that some person be given official authority to represent the association to the press.

Motion that the 1955 associational meeting be convened on Tuesday morning before the first Sunday in November. Motion carried.

Motion prevailed to elect Elder O. H. Griffith and Dr. Albert Garner as committee to officially represent the association to the press.

Motion prevailed to re-elect Elder J. W. Griffith to audit the books of the State Secretary-Treasurer of Missions.

Dr. A. J. Kirkland, president of Texas Baptist Institute, read the Christian Education report. Motion to adopt.

The report was discussed by Bro. Kirkland. He suggested that an offering be taken and divided equally to the Texas Baptist Institute and the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage.

The report was further discussed by Elder Bruce Hibbitt; Dr. Albert Garner, Dean of Texas Baptist Institute, who introduced the faculty and students of the Institute who were present.

Elder J. W. Kesner, Jr., discussed the report and told about the extension of the Texas Baptist Institute being conducted by the Northside Baptist Church, Snyder, Texas. He explained that this was an extension of Texas Baptist Institute, in full harmony with, and under direct supervision of the school in Henderson. Bro. Kesner reported 20 students enrolled in the extension school.

Elders Eugene Reagan and A. L. Patterson also spoke of the good work being done by the schools in the ranks of Missionary Baptists.

Elder Wm. E. Lee gave a report on the Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Institute located in Turley, Oklahoma.

The offering for Texas Baptist Institute and Texarkana Baptist Orphanage was \$100.64.

Report adopted.

Elders J. A. Kirkland and Eugene Reagan were nominated to preach the sermon of the morning. Elder Kirkland elected.

Elder J. W. Kesner, Jr., read the State Missions report. Motion to adopt.

The report was discussed by Elder Kesner and others.

Elder Larry Romero, missionary to the Mexicans and working in Pharr, Texas, spoke encouragingly of the work there and told some of the needs of the field.

Report adopted and an offering in the amount of \$71.58 received for Elder Larry Romero and the work in Pharr, Texas.

Report on Young Peoples Work and Daily Vacation Bible Schools was read by Elder Chas. R. Newman. Motion to adopt.

The report was discussed by Bro. Newman, and motion to adopt prevailed.

Elder M. G. McNeill read the report of the Finance Committee. Motion to adopt prevailed without discussion.

Report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. W. Herbert Brown.

Motion to adopt prevailed without discussion.

The Enrollment Committee reported a good increase in the number of churches representing in the messenger meeting this year over that of last year.

Dr. Albert Garner was nominated and elected by acclamation to preach the Annual Sermon in 1955.

Elder J. W. Kesner, Jr., was elected by acclamation as Dr. Garner's alternate.

Motion prevailed to pay the recording secretaries \$35.00 each.

Motion prevailed to print 2000 copies of the 1954 yearbook.

The three elected missionaries each made a statement of acceptance and expressed appreciation to the messengers for the confidence placed in them.

Motion prevailed to continue Elder J. E. Sherrill on the mission field as of last year. (Clerk's note: Bro. Sherrill receives only those funds designated for him. Such should be sent to Elder J. W. Harper so designated and Bro. Sherrill will receive every penny of it.)

Motion prevailed that the messengers and visitors stand and thus express their appreciation to the Walnut Street Baptist Church and pastor for the thorough and efficient manner in which they entertained the messenger assembly.

Elder J. M. Muirhead spoke of the work he was doing in Milford and Waxahachie.

It was now time for the sermon, and the moderator called for a song. The song, "At The Cross" was directed by Elder Chas. R. Newman. Piano accompaniment was by Elder J. M. Muirhead.

Elder J. A. Kirkland was presented by the moderator to bring the message.

Bro. Kirkland read Proverbs 18:24 and spoke on the subject, "The Greatest Friend the World Has Ever Known."

Motion prevailed that the moderator of the association have the gavel identified, as called for by a previous motion.

Motion prevailed that the messenger assembly of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas adjourn to meet in Texas City, Texas, at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, November 1, 1955.

Closing song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was directed by Elder Chas. R. Newman, with Jackie Dean as piano accompanist.

Closing prayer was by Elder Vernon E. Lierly.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Your committee on Publications defines publications as including (1) the Bible, and only those publications based on the Bible, (2) Bible study helps, (3) Sunday School, Baptist Training Course, and various other literature pertaining to local church work, (4) and the various periodicals published in interest of Missionary Baptist work.

During the past year the publications of the American Baptist Association have continued to make great strides. New fields are constantly opening for the further spread of the literature. We understand that lessons are being prepared for use in Vacation Bible Schools this coming year. The various periodicals have continued to grow in subscribers, in amount of material carried, and in equipment. All this bespeaks the progress being made in this field.

We make the following recommendations which we believe to be practical:

(1) That each church and pastor encourage the renewal of family altars—with special emphasis on the reading and study of the Scriptures.

(2) That books of Bible helps, Sunday School, Baptist Training Course, Ladies' Work, and Vacation Bible School literature be purchased from the Baptist Book Store in Texarkana. With continued prayer and effort we can sow the Word in areas now barren of it.

(3) That every one support the continued improvement in quality and appearance in the various Baptist Sunday School publications.

(4) That efforts be made to give wide spread distribution to the free tracts provided by the Baptist Book Store.

(5) That in cases where possible and advisable churches establish a church library providing scriptural and worthwhile literature for the use of its members.

(6) That each Missionary Baptist home especially receive the two Texas periodicals, that is, the **Baptist Monitor** and **The Soul-Winner**, and such others as they may deem desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Alvan Rester
Kenneth Bozar
O. H. Griffith
A. T. Powers

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Texas Baptist Institute is now giving a full four year seminary course and students may now earn the diploma of Master in Theology. Courses are also given for two and three year diplomas in English Bible and in Bible Languages. The 1954-55 enrollment has reached sixty-nine, and sixty of them are ministers. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the school.

During the past year an administration building has been erected. This building was erected at the actual cost of \$24,800.00 (Twenty-four thousand and eight hundred dollars), including equipment and furnishings, and has been approved by educational authorities to accomodate 140 students. The net worth of Texas Baptist Institute as of today is \$50,800.00. Against this net worth is an indebtedness of \$13,500.00 which is to be paid over a ten year period.

The wonderful property of the school and the administration building has been accumulated in less than four years as the campaign for a building began in June 1951. It represents what our people are capable of doing in so short a time. May the Lord have all praise, and may it also be a challenge to us and to our faith in realizing what our Lord can and will do through us, if we continue to enter the doors opened to us.

Texas Baptist Institute ever needs your prayers and your financial support. We urge that regular offerings be sent to the school, that offerings of supplies for the students' store room be stressed, and that we encourage more and more of our young ministers to attend school.

This year an extension work offering courses in keeping with those offered in Texas Baptist Institute has been undertaken by North Side Baptist Church of Snyder and associated churches. We believe that on account of the great distance from Henderson, this work will serve a great need and purpose. We commend it to all of our churches for prayer and support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Kirkland
Ed. Rhodes
G. P. Allen

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Monies sent in and turned to your finance committee during this annual session are as follows:

1. For State Minutes	\$222.51
2. For State Missions	124.57
3. For Inter-State Missions	52.44
4. For Foreign Missions	13.00
5. For Ladies Aux. Print Work	23.44

6. For Texas Baptist Institute	50.32
7. For Bro. Larry Romero (Mission).....	71.58
8. For Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home ..	50.32

Total\$608.18

Signed:

M. G. McNeil
W. A. Simmons
Jack Strickland

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

We, your Committee on Benevolence, submit the following:

The Scriptures give instruction to the church for caring for the aged, needy widows, and orphans. This is benevolent work.

There are responsibilities in the local church for such work at home. Also we have a Baptist Christian Orphans Home at Texarkana, under the supervision of the churches, and overseen by Brother and Sister Willie Miller, who are Superintendent and Matron respectively.

We recommend the support of this worthy work of our churches. We also recommend help for the aged and disabled ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dean
O. P. Meador
D. D. Freeman

AUDIT REPORT OF J. W. GRIFFITH ON BOOKS OF J. W. HARPER

Secretary-Treasurer of Missions

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

From November 1, 1953 to October 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

State Missions—By balance 10/31/53 ..	\$ 150.07
State Missions—Deposit to Bank	6561.64
State Missions—R. E. Rodgers Collections ..	1650.94
State Missions—H. E. Rhodes Collections ..	871.72
State Missions—J. W. Harper Collections ..	403.08
State Missions—J. E. Sherrill Direct.....	23.70
State Missions—Misc. Cash and Transfer.....	47.93
Texarkana Baptist Orphanage.....	103.66
South Texas Missionary	6.52
Minute Fund and Clerk Hire.....	269.33
Tent Fund (Collection and Balance).....	100.88
Interstate and Foreign Missions	268.01
Total\$10,457.48	

DISBURSEMENTS

To J. W. Harper, by Check	\$548.42	
To J. W. Harper Collected	403.08	
Total (Including \$51.50 traveling expense)		951.50
To R. E. Rodgers, by Check	2549.56	
To R. E. Rodgers Collected	1650.94	
Total		4200.50
To H. E. Rhodes, by Check	3340.28	
To H. E. Rhodes Collected	871.82	
Total		4212.00
To J. E. Sherrill, Designated	87.34	
To J. W. Griffith, auditing books	10.00	
Texarkana Baptist Orphanage	94.16	
A. L. Patterson, Interstate and Foreign Missions	280.66	
Antioch Church for Tent (Including transfer (89c))	100.88	
Postage, Stationery, etc.	39.40	
Minutes and Clerk Hire (Including \$17.33 transfer)	269.23	
South Texas Missionary	5.57	
Dishonored Checks and Bank Charges	25.18	
Total		\$10,276.13
On Deposit Texas Bank and Trust Co., Jacksonville, Texas		\$192.72

Signed: J. W. Griffith

STATE MISSION REPORTS (Summary)

BY J. W. HARPER: (State Secretary-Treasurer)

Revivals conducted, five; Local Associations attended in their Annual Sessions, seven; Edited The Mission Page of Baptist Monitor; Prepared copy for Mission Page in Baptist Monitor twice each month; Made financial report once each month and quarterly report on the work through the Monitor; Kept complete set of records; Sent receipts to all who sent money to us through the mail. All these services have been rendered at the cost of less than one fourth time of a regular missionary.

Your Secretary recommends that ONE additional missionary be endorsed and that he be designated (or requested) to work in the western part of the State.

BY R. E. RODGERS:

Revivals conducted	12
New churches organized	2
Funerals conducted	6
Souls saved	41
Additions to churches	86
Collected on field	\$1,650.84

BY H. E. RHODES:

One year ago I was serving as Missionary Pastor of the new church at Port Arthur, Texas. In January of this year the church

called Bro. O. W. Wilson as full time pastor. I moved to Orange, Texas and began a mission effort that resulted in the organization of a church on the 12th day of March with 16 charter members. The church now has 28 members, has bought two lots with a building and is worshipping in it at 1002 College Street. Collected on field \$856.22; Churches Org., 1; Revivals conducted, two; Conversions witnessed, 3; Additions to Churches, 32.

WE, YOUR COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

We recognize the value of trained leaders and know that our youth of today will be our leaders of tomorrow. We feel that one of the greatest needs in our Churches today is a concentrated effort on the part of pastors and churches to direct the natural energies of our youth into constructive channels of work for our Lord.

We feel that this can best be accomplished through any or all of the following, and recommend them to our churches for their consideration.

1. Vacation Bible Schools
2. Baptist Training Courses
3. Girls Auxiliaries
4. Boys Brotherhoods

We further recommend that each church encourage their young people to take an active part in local and State wide associational youth fellowship meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Newman
Ray O. Brooks
James B. Powers

WOMAN'S WORK

We, your committee on Woman's Work, submit the following:

We find in God's eternal Word that woman has a definite part in the spread of the gospel of the Son of God.

Paul says in Romans 16 "I commend unto you Phebe, our sister which is a servant of the church (that is, a helper to the brethren in the church). Women do not wish to take the place of men but only to be helpers in the Lord's work.

We feel through our women auxiliaries we have a united force, whereby we can accomplish greater things in our humble way in His work.

Since we have just organized the Missionary Baptist Auxiliary of Texas, we recommend that our pastors cooperate with us in encouraging this organization both by attending and helping in the organizing of new auxiliaries in the churches.

We hope that when our State Meeting convenes at Corsicana April 5th and 6th, 1955, that many new Auxiliaries will represent.

Prayerfully submitted,
Mrs. Herbert Brown
Mrs. Riley Dale
Mrs. Ester Scroggins

REPORT ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

"WHERE there is no vision the people perish," is still true. May the messengers from the churches of the land have an ever increasing vision of the need for the spread of the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

May each messenger take it upon himself personally to see that his church is kept informed concerning the men on the interstate and foreign fields and their needs; May each church be urged to remember missionaries in prayers and with regular and liberal offerings.

Offerings for Interstate and Foreign Missions should be sent to the American Baptist Association, Texarkana, Arkansas, with instructions as to how they are to be used.

Your Committee,
A. L. Patterson
Vernon L. Barr
Larry Romero
D. B. Wright

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We have had two full time missionaries on stipulated salaries during the past year. Others have labored well on the field without a stipulated salary. We feel that the several new churches represented in this session reflects the commendable work done by our fine missionaries during the past year.

We are also encouraged by the increased financial support of mission work. This reflects the fact that more churches have broadened their vision of what can be done in cooperative mission work in our State.

Having now increased the number of full time missionaries for the special State work to three, full time with stipulated salaries, we urge each messenger to continue praying for even more workers and encourage his church at home to continue regular financial support to this good work. If your church is not now sending an offering at least once a month, help them

to see the need of such regular support, that our missionaries may be paid in full each month.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Kesner, Jr.
Dan Griffith
J. W. Harper
R. T. Perritt

RESOLUTION ON SEGREGATION

Whereas our United States of America has held the historic position of the segregation (separation) of the races in social, recreational, and religious life for more than a century and a half, and

Whereas a recent ruling of the United States Supreme Court, May, 1954, has reversed opinions handed down by our courts of equity and justice for more than a century and a half, with regards to the races, and

Whereas, we, the churches of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, believe equity and justice have been and may be meted to the races under the principle of segregation, without discrimination, and

Whereas we believe the origin of races among men is of Divine origin and races are decreed to continue separate to the end of time, Acts 17:26, and

Whereas this nation, under God, has prospered in business, governmental, religious, and educational life for a century and a half above any other nation of the world, and

Whereas Missionary Baptists are law abiding citizens and have never worked in any nation to overthrow the government under which they lived,

Be it therefore resolved that We, The Annual Session of the Missionary Baptist Association of Texas, voice our disapproval of the Supreme Court's Ruling to the effect that our children should be forced into schools with the Negro race.

Be it further resolved that we publish to the world that we protest the attempts being made to desegregate the races, because we believe such would inevitably lead to the fusion, union, and amalgamation of the races into a hybrid monstrosity that would defy the Word and will of God.

Be it moreover resolved that we use our influence, as Christians in general and Baptists in particular, in molding and remolding public opinion on this moral issue; that we write and contact our legislators and insist that they seek to save our schools, businesses, churches, and homes from unnecessary sorrows that would be brought by a legislated social intercourse of all the races, through the proposed desegregation attempts that are being made upon public society.

Be it finally resolved that since God made the races, and appointed the bounds of their habitations, and since attempts to force racial union in social life would lead to the communist hope of producing a "one world hybridized human," against the Word and Will of God; we pray the people of our country to join us in speaking for the preservation of our historic past position on segregation and speaking against the immoral principle of social, business, recreational, and religious fusion, union, and amalgamation of the races.

Albert Garner
Barnett Rippetoe
Lamar Hill

