

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION
OF THE
VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
BELK CHURCH
OCTOBER 17, 18, 19, 1953

OFFICERS

Rev. Gurley Roberts, Moderator ----- Guin, Ala.

D. G. Jordan, Clerk ----- Vernon, Ala.

The next session of this Association will be held with Mt. Harmony Church, beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1954. Rev. W. D. Glasgow is to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. Frank Collins to be his alternate.

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

Of The Seventy-Third Session of The

Vernon Association of Free Will Baptist

Held With Belk Church, October 17—19, 1953

The session was called to order by Rev. Gurley Roberts, Assistant Moderator of the Association. Rev. J. M. Cobb took charge of the song service. The Moderator read a scripture lesson and Rev. Warren led in prayer. After a second prayer by W. D. Glasgow, a Scripture Praise Service was enjoyed by a fine crowd.

At 11 o'clock Rev. Gurley Roberts brought a great message from St. John 2:5.

After a noon hour which every one greatly enjoyed, the Moderator, Rev. S. F. Lee, called the body together for further proceedings. After a song service led by Rev. Cobb, a scripture lesson was read by Rev. S. F. Lee from Revelation 22. A prayer was offered by Rev. T. S. Walker of Mt. Morriah Association. The Moderator then declared the session open for business, and appointed D. G. Jordan and W. H. Clearman as reading clerks and called for the letters from the various churches.

The following churches represented with letters and delegates.

BELK: J. G. Taylor, Sister D. Williams and Emma Yerby.

FAIRVIEW: Covin Finch, D. W. Dill, Carrie Roberts and Lilly Bell Roberts.

FRIENDSHIP: Bro. and Sister Warren Lewis and Fay Rector.

LIBERTY: Hasting Guyton, Kager Perkins and Monroe Perkins.

MT. HARMONY: Bob McReynolds, Olen Wheeler, Sister Addie Barnes and Blanch Pennington.

MT. PLEASANT: Bobby Crossley, J. W. Kemp and Joyce Kemp.

MT. WILLING: Earl McDonald, Clay Reese and Sella Reese.

PINEY GROVE: Sanders Woods, T. R. Gilliland and Grady Reese.

SPRINGFIELD: K. L. Jordan, E. W. Rogers and A. L. Hankins.

TAYLOR SPRINGS: Hershel Sorrels and Myrtie Barnes.

UNION CHAPEL: R. W. Maddox, Sister Alice Maddox and Sister Carlos Bradford.

VERNON: Ross Gunnels, Sister L. A. Crowder and Sister M. E. Carpenter.

BEAVERTON: Sister Lucille Knight, Emma Blaylock and Billy Knight.

Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates.

Motion carried to nominate all officers from floor and vote by a standing vote.

Results of election: Moderator, Rev. Gurley Roberts; Assistant Moderator, A. L. Warren; Clerk, D. G. Jordan.

A call for corresponding delegates from other associations was made and the following were seated:

JASPER: Bro. and Sister H. A. Pitts.

PROGRESSIVE: Bro. and Sister J. M. Cobb.

MT. MORRIAH: Bro. and Sister McAdams, M. P. Gare, Emmet Doughty and Rev. T. L. Walker.

NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI: Floyd Cline.

All ministers were called to record for any differences between them. None reported.

Moderator empowered to appoint all committees.

The following committees were appointed:

ARRANGEMENTS- List of names given to committee and not returned to Clerk.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS- Rev. E. W. Graves, S. F. Lee, Arlie Roberts, Billie Glasgow, with Moderator and Clerk and Assistant Moderator.

CREDENTIALS- Bob McReynolds, K. L. Jordan, Carlos Roberts, Emmet Lee, Kager Perkins, and W. H. Clearman.

QUERRIES AND RESOLUTIONS- Frank Collins, T. J. Adair, B. T. Alexander, Grady Reese, Bobby Crossley, T.R. Gilliland, and H. E. McDonald.

SABBATH SCHOOLS- Pascal Yerby, Jack McDonald, R. W. Maddox, Sister M. E. Carpenter, Sister Emma Blaylock.

LITERATURE- J. D. Shelnut, Sister L. A. Crowder, Sister Addie Barnes, Sister Joyce Kemp, Billie Knight, Lucille Knight, Sister Warren, and Sister D. Williams.

TEMPERANCE- G. W. Chaffin, Monroe Perkins, Olen Wheeler, Clay Reese, Sister Carlos Bradford, Covin Finch.

DECEASED MEMBERS- Emma Yerby, Mrs. Warren Lewis, Fay Rector, Sella Reese, Alice Maddox, and Carrie Roberts.

FINANCE- L. A. Crowder, Earl McDonald, E. W. Rogers, Hastings Guyton.

While the committees were being arranged, Rev. H. A. Pitts brought an interesting message to an attentive congregation. An offering was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$30.73.

A motion carried to grant Rev. O. Z. Johnson a letter of dismission in good standing.

REPORT OF ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE- We your committee make the following report: Rev. T. J. Adair, preach at 7 o'clock Saturday p.m. Devotional Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Frank Collins preaching at 9:45 a.m. B. T. Alexander hold devotional and E. W. Graves preach at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sanders Woods, Chairman.

This closing the business for the day, assignments of delegates were made and business adjourned until 8 a.m. Monday.

SATURDAY NIGHT

At 7 o'clock a fine congregation met to enjoy thirty minutes of song and praise service and then to hear a great message brought by Rev. T. J. Adair from 1st. John 6-7.

SUNDAY A.M.

At 9:30 o'clock Bro. Sanders Woods opened the service with a song. T. J. Adair offered prayer, then Rev. W. D. Glasgow gave a fine devotional after which Rev. B. T. Alexander brought a message from St. John 6-27.

At 11 o'clock D. G. Jordan opened the service by song. Prayer by Orlando Shelnut. Rev. E. W. Graves gave a good message from Joshua 2-18, using as a theme "The Scarlet Thread".

After the message a very spiritual communion service was observed.

12 o'clock dismissed for lunch.

After lunch the body came together with song by W. D. Glasgow. Prayer by W. H. Clearman, then Rev. Clarnece Barnes brought a message, using Deut. 32: 9-10.

At 2:30 the Jordan Trio sang a song, W. D. Glasgow offered prayer. Robert Collins gave a fine devotional and J. L. Lavender brought a great message, text Mat. 7;

Sunday night service omitted.

MONDAY A.M.

A good number being present the Moderator called the body to order with song directed by J. D. Shelnut. The Moderator read 1st Psalm and Emmet Lee offered prayer.

The roll of delegates was called and the Moderator declared the body ready for business.

A move carried to seat substitute delegates, and the list of committees was read.

The committees arranged their reports and reassembled with song and prayer.

A move carried to seat O. L. Fields and Rev. M. H. Hollis and wife as corresponding delegates from Mt. Morriah and Northeast Mississippi Association respectfully, also Bro. and Sister Bobo from the Methodist church.

The Moderator read the rules of procedure and called for reports.

The Document and order of Business report was received and committee discharged.

Moved and carried to reread and adopt by sections. All sections adopted except Section 6. Time as before (See Report).

The Credential Committee gave their report and were dis-

charged.

Business adjourned until 1 p.m.

At 11 o'clock a brief devotional was directed by Jessie Barnes, after which Rev. Frank Collins brought a stirring message from Exodus 2: 3-4.

Dismissed for lunch by A. L. Warren.

At 12 o'clock a nice lunch was enjoyed by all.

At 1 o'clock the body was called together with song directed by O. L. Fields and prayer by M. H. Hollis, after which all the committees gave their reports which were received and adopted and committees discharged.

(See Reports of Committees).

An offering of \$7.20 was given to the minute fund.

Rev. S. F. Lee preached a memorial message in honor of our dead.

Moved and carried that the memorial service be held at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning from here on. Call for unfinished business.

Moved and carried that the letter from the Vernon church be printed in the minutes.

Moved and carried to authorize the Finance Committee to turn all money over to Clerk.

Moved and carried that the Clerk write Bro. Frank Collins a license to replace the one that was burned.

Appointment of delegates to various associations were as follows:

STATE ASSOCIATION- Verdo Dubose.

MT. MORRIAH- Bros. T. J. Adair and Frank Collins.

STATE LINE- A. L. Warren, S. F. Lee, Gurley Roberts.

JASPER- Robert Collins, Clarence Barnes.

PROGRESSIVE- B. T. Alexander, and W. D. Glasgow.

Move carried to adjourn to meet with Mt. Harmony church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1954.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee beg to report as follows:

We recommend the following:

1. The former order of business.
2. That Rev. W. D. Glasgow preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. Frank Collins be his alternate.
3. That Bro. Lee or Bro. Glasgow be the Evangelist and that the Association make the choice.
4. That this body select the place for the next session.
5. That the body decide who shall be the Sunday School Evangelist. The choice to be made between E. W. Graves and Rev. Robert

Collins.

6. That the Association meet on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the 3rd Sunday in October.

7. That the Clerk superintend the printing of minutes and that he have 500 printed.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. W. Graves, Chairman

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Credentials make the following report:

We, having made a careful investigation of all our ministers finding all in good standing, except one Brother, Howard Sorrels.

We recommend that a committee be appointed to investigate according to Article No. 2 of the Constitution.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob McReynolds, Chairman

QUERRIES AND RESOLUTIONS REPORT

We your committee on Querries and Resolutions make the following report:

Be it resolved that we extend our heart felt thanks to Belk church and surrounding community for their fine hospitality shown us during our stay among them. We urge that each and everyone do more in the future for God's cause than we have in the past.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Frank Collins, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday Schools make the following report:

1. We find that each church represented has a prosperous Sunday School for which we are greatful.

2. We believe a good Sunday School is very valuable to any church and community and that it is the most fertile field for evangelism in the church.

3. We recommend that each pastor encourage the Sunday School work as much as possible.

4. We suggest that each church employ only Christians as teachers and Superintendents.

5. We recommend that each church represent and take part in our Sunday School Convention which convenes with Piney Grove church the Second Fifth Sunday in 1954.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pascal Yerby, Chairman

TEMPORANCE REPORT

We your committee on Temperance wish to report as follows:

That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. (Titus 2:2.) and every man striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. (I Cor. 9:25.) Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, who so ever is deceived thereby is not wise. (Prov. 20:1.) We urge our mnisters and laymen to use their influence against the evils of today.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. W. Chaffin, Chairman

LITERATURE REPORT

We your committee on Literature make this report:

We recommend the churches in the Vernon Association to use the Quarterlies printed at Ayden, N. C., by Free Will Baptist Press. We urge all who are followers of Christ to teach our children to make it a practice to read good wholesome literature that bears a religious and moral influence. We urge our people to read their Bibles more with the other literature.

Respectfully Submited,
J. D. Shelnut, Chairman

FINANCE REPORT

We your committee on Finance make this report:

Minute Funds Received	\$122.23
Disable Preachers	10.34
Fifth Sunday Meeting	6.29
Offering	7.20
TOTAL	\$146.06

Respectfully Submitted,
L. R. Crowder, Chairman

DECEASED MEMBER REPORT

We your committee on Deceased Members report as follows:

God has seen fit to call from our midst the following members:
From Belk- Bro. Delbert Belk; Fairview- Bro. H. H. Dill, Bro. W. H. Wright and Sister Etta Stack; Liberty- Bro. Cleve Hester and Bro. Frank Barnes; Mt. Harmony- Bro. John Hall; Mr. Pleasant- Bro. Lonnie Atkins; Mt. Willing- Bro. J. T. Taylor, Sister Rosa Kuykendall and Sister Tidy Kennedy; Piney Grove- Bro. W. A. Hill; Union Chapel- Bro. Pleasy Maddox.

We feel that our loss is their eternal gain.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emma Yerby, Chairman

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Balance on hand	\$ 8.00
Minute Funds	122.23
Fifth Sunday Meeting	6.29
Sunday School Meeting	7.65
Disabled Ministers	25.00

TOTAL ON HAND	\$169.17
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PAID OUT

Moderator and Clerk	\$ 30.00
Minutes	61.50
State Fee	20.00

TOTAL PAID OUT	\$111.50
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Balance on hand, \$ 57.67

LETTER FROM VERNON CHURCH JULY6, 1953

We the official board of the Free Will Baptist church of Vernon, met in the basement of the church at 7:15 o'clock, July 6, 1953. all in peace and good fellowship with Bro. Lock Crowder, who is a member and Deacon in the Free Will Baptist church of Vernon.

We find that the charge preferred against Bro. Lock Crowder was without foundation.

The Deacons

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING MARCH 29, 1953

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association held with Beaverton church.

Services began at 10:00 o'clock called to order by Moderator Rev. Girlie Roberts.

Song by Rev. Robert Collins. Prayer by Rev. T. J. Adair. Reading by Moderator, 12th Chapter of Romans.

Song by Bro. Elvada Markham.

Lecture on Sunday School by Bro. W. H. Clearman.

Theme Jesus crucified. Song by Bro. Elvada Markham. Prayer by Rev. Franks, "Jasper Association".

Sermon by E. W. Graves. Theme, "Love To Be Fostered", Jude 21.

Song by Rev. Robert Collins, prayer by Moderator.

11:00, Rev. A. L. Warren. Theme, "Who Is Christ And What Think Ye Of Him", Matt. 22:42.

Adjourned for lunch with prayer by Arlander Shelnut.

Afternoon program began at 1:00 o'clock with song by Glasgow and prayer by Rev. T. J. Adair.

Sermon by Rev. S. F. Lee, Gen. 35: 2. Song by Rev. E. W. Graves.

Devotional by Rev. Bob Franks, "Ja."

Special song by Colette Clearman. Sermon by Rev. Howard Sorrells. Theme, "A Child Of God."

Song by Bro. J. D. Shelnutt. Sermon, Rev. Robert Collins. Text, Matt. 17:1. Song by Bro. C. E. Roberts. Sermon by Rev. Billie Glasgow. Theme, "Life Worth Living," St. John 1:4. Sermon, Rev. T. J. Adair. Theme, "What The Church Should Do," 1 Tim. 5:8. Song by Rev. E. W. Graves. Sermon by Rev. Frank Collins. Theme, "Prayer." Song by Rev. E. W. Graves. Sermon by Rev. J. J. Barnes. Theme, "What God Done For Us." Sermon by Rev. O. Z. Johnson. Text, Psalm 34:7.

Song by Rev. E. W. Graves.

BUSINESS SESSION

Motion carried to have meeting every Fifth Sunday except the Second Fifth Sunday of each year.

Motion carried for next meeting to be held at Mt. Pleasant church.

Collection for Minute Fund \$6.29

Election of Officers: Moderator- Rev. Billie Glasgow; Clerk- Bro. Sanders Woods.

Offering for Children's Home \$8.56. It was given to O. Z. Johnson. Adjourned by prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

MAY 31, 1953

The Sunday School Rally was held with the Beaverton church. Bro. W. H. Clearman opened the session by singing "Oh I Want To See Him." Rev. W. D. Glasgow led the prayer. Bro. Markham led the song service. Rev. Roberts, as Moderator, made some fine remarks concerning the program.

Fairview presented the 1st program, entitled "Christians, The Light Of The World". We were glad to have several churches which presented programs for the first time.

Piney Grove was next to present a program, "Solving A Sunday School Puzzle" was the title of a fine play, showing the need of cooperation of all.

Several special songs were rendered by some small girls.

Vernon church then presented, "Using Our Talents". This program was a demonstration of local talent in song, prayer and readings.

Rev. E. W. Graves, Sunday School Evangelist, spoke to the audience on the importance of child training.

A bountiful feast was greatly enjoyed at the noon hour.

The afternoon service was opened by Rev. Glasgow leading the song service and Bro. Shelnut led the prayer.

Union Chapel presented, "The Ten Virgins" as a play for the first program of the afternoon.

"The Jordan Knot" was the title of the play presented by Beaverton church as the closing program of the day.

BUSINESS SESSION

In the business session Piney Grove was selected as the next meeting place. Rev. Gurley Roberts was elected as Moderator and E. W. Graves, Clerk.

Rev. T. J. Adair closed the session with some fine remarks.

Adjourned to meet the 2nd and 5th Sunday in 1954 at Piney Grove church.

PROCEEDING OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AUGUST 30, 1953

The Fifth Sunday Meeting held with Mt. Pleasant church.

Bro. Walter Crossley led the song service. Rev. A. L. Warren led the prayer.

E. W. Graves was elected Clerk in the absence of the regular Clerk.

Bro. Glasgow gave the scripture reading and opened the session in order.

Bro. Clearman gave a fine lecture on the Sunday School lesson.

Rev. E. W. Graves delivered the 11 o'clock message, using for his subject, "Things Out Of Place".

Everyone enjoyed a bountiful feast at the noon hour.

Bro. Harvey Yerby led the song service and Bro. Pascal Yerby prayed.

Rev. S. F. Lee brought the first evening message. Subject, "Election By Grace", 2nd Peter 1, 10, Rev. O. Z. Johnson selected Eph. 4:1 for his text in his interesting message.

Rev. Robert Collins delivered a fine message from Matt. 14: 1-13.

Rev. Glasgow selected Mark 4: 29 for his text to bring his usual message. Rev. Adair used Ps. 1-6 very effectively. Rev. Jessie Barnes spoke on Redemption, Jno. 3.

All officers were retained. Vernon church was selected for the next meeting. Adjourned.

**PROCEEDINGS OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 1953**

The Fifth Sunday Meeting held at Piney Grove church.

Bro. Sanders Woods led the song service opening the session.

Bro. W. H. Clearman led the prayer.

Rev. Glasgow read the 23rd Psalm for the Bible reading.

Bro. Clearman was selected to give a lecture on the Sunday School lesson.

Rev. E. W. Graves delivered the 11 o'clock message using Luke 20: 25 for his text.

The noon hour was an enjoyable affair.

Bro. Amos Roberts sang, "I'll Be Satisfied", to open the evening service. Bro. Roberts led the prayer.

Rev. Howard Sorrels delivered the 1st message of the afternoon. His thoughts were from Rev. 20. Rev. E. R. Franks of the Jasper Association brought the second message.

Rev. Jessie Barnes was next on the program. He chose for his subject, "Mark The Perfect Man".

After a short recess Sister Frank Collins led the prayer, then Rev. Frank Collins brought a fine message from Isa. 6:8.

Rev. Gurlie Roberts delivered a splendid message on the subject, "Losing Our Strength". Rev. W. D. Glasgow chose Job 12-7 for his text in bringing his closing message.

BUSINESS SESSION

In the Business Session, the Moderator and Clerk were authorized to arrange for the next meeting place.

Rev. Glasgow and Rev. Graves were retained as officers for the next year.

An offering of \$7.65 for Minute funds was given.

Rev. Glasgow was selected to deliver the 1st. message of the next session.

Bro. W. H. Clearman is to deliver the Sunday School lecture of the next session. A rising vote of gratitude to the people of Piney Grove church for the fine hospitality and fellowship shown to us.

Adjourned to meet the next 5th Sunday.

NAME OF DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. W. B. Taylor, Rev. Tom Butler, Rev. W. R. Turman, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. W. D. McGee, Rev. J. R. Baker, Rev. W. B. Crowley, Rev. A. J. Brown, Rev. S. M. Perkins, Rev. T. G. Harrison, Rev. D. G. W. Hollis, Rev. J. W. Porter, Rev. T. M. Lollar, Rev. C. A. Chaffin, Rev. G. B. Taylor, Rev. J. A. Tate, Rev. E. A. Palmer, Rev. J. A. Isbell, Rev. W. T. Springfield, and Rev. M. E. Carpenter.

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

REV. S. F. LEE	Rt. 1, Guin, Ala.
REV. B. T. ALEXANDER	Guin, Ala.
REV. E. W. GRAVES	Vernon, Ala.
REV. W. C. RAYBURN	Guin, Ala.
REV. W. D. GLASGOW	Vernon, Ala.
REV. T. J. ADAIR	Vernon, Ala.
REV. J. J. BARNES	Rt. 1, Beaverton, Ala.
REV. A. L. WARREN	Vernon, Ala.
REV. ROBERT COLLINS	Kennedy, Ala.
REV. GURLEY ROBERTS	Guin, Ala.
REV. FRANK COLLINS	Guin, Ala.
REV. HOWARD SORRELS	Beaverton, Ala.
REV. CLARENCE BARNES	Beaverton, Ala.

PROGRAM FOR HOLDING ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be called to order and presided over by the officers elected at the last session.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing of the delegates present.

3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot immediately after the beginning of each session, by a majority of delegates present.

4. The names of delegates from different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.

5. A majority of the delegates shall rule in all cases, except in the reception of churches, then it should be unanimous.

6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in case of a tie and then he shall cast the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question, after others have spoken provided he appoint someone to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall rise and address the Moderator and after recognition by the Moderator shall proceed.

8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal reflection.

9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without the authority of the Association nor more than fifteen minutes.

10. No person shall laugh or talk during discussions.

11. No person shall absent himself from the Association without permission of the Moderator.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be known as the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of ministers, deacons and delegates from different churches forming the same. All having full power to vote on all questions which come before the Association. Each church being entitled to three delegates in addition to ministers and deacons.

2. This Body shall be considered an advisory council, having no authority over the internal affairs of the churches unless they depart from the Articles of Faith of this Association. This Association shall have authority over all ministers in the matters of doctrine, character and etc. In case any minister in this Association depart from and teach doctrine not in keeping with the Articles of Faith of this Association the same shall be dealt with by the Association as it may seem proper according to the teaching of the Bible.

3. Each church of this Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, etc. If any Brother feels impressed to preach the Gospel, the church shall recommend such Brother to the Association and upon examination of the Brother's qualifications, if in judgment of the Body, the Brother would be useful, they shall confer ordination, same being done at the Association by a legal Presbytery.

4. All questions of doctrine and general interest shall be settled by a majority vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

5. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority vote.

6. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon at the previous session and shall not adjourn finally until all business matters are transacted.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

8. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work, etc.

9. No member of this Association shall be eligible to serve as Moderator for more than two consecutive sessions unless no other.

member be competent to act in that capacity.

10. Any member of this Association who shall be guilty of circulating reports of any nature or aiding in the circulating of any report that is untrue on a brother minister, that is circulated to injure his moral reputation and religious influence, the same shall be dealt with by this Association. Any minister of this Association who is known to be guilty of using intoxicating spirits by drinking as beverage, which is calculated to destroy his influence and usefulness, the same shall be dealt with by the Association as it may deem proper, according to the teachings of the Bible.

11. The Association shall be in all cases in the transaction of all business brought before it, be governed by a majority of all delegates present, and any church or delegate failing or refusing to do so is and shall be considered by the Association as being out of order. Each member is to be a party to the enforcement of same.

12. The Moderator shall receive \$10.00. The Assistant Moderator, \$5.00, and the Clerk \$15.00 for their services.

13. The Clerk shall superintend the printing of the minutes after each session of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe there is one true and living God, who is the ruler of Heaven and earth, self-existent Creator of all things, revealed under personal distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost equal in every divine perfection and existing in distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

2. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of instructions; that it has God for its author, truth for its matter and salvation for its end, that reveals principles upon which God will judge the center of Christian unions, the supreme standards by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions will be tried.

3. We believe that man was created holy, under the law of his Maker, but from voluntary transgression, fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind is now deprived and unable of his own free will and ability to recover from the fallen state which he is by nature.

4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by an absolute and unconditional decree but salvation is offered in the Gospel free to all, and if sinners are lost forever it will be their own fault.

5. We believe that Christ by His death and suffering made an atonement for the sins of mankind in general and every individual in particular who believes in Him can partake of the Divine benefit.

6. We believe that true faith cannot proceed from the exercise of our own free will, since man, in consequence of his natural corruption is incapable of thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

7. We believe in the general applicant of the grace of God to fallen men sufficiently to enable him morally and actually to obey the requirement of the law of liberty (James 1:5; this the Act-saving Faith; John 1:9. However, none but those who believe in Christ will be saved thereby; Acts 17:22; Romans 2:19; John 3:9).

8. We do not believe under the gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost, Luke 9:62.

9. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in the fellowship of the Gospel observing the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper offices are bishops, pastors and deacons whose qualifications and duties are defined in the epistle of Timothy and Titus.

10. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers are the proper subjects.

11. We believe the Lord's Supper is a perpetual obligation by which members of the church are to commemorate together, in the form of bread and wine, the dying love of Christ preceded always by solemn self-examination.

12. We believe in open and free communion, and the churches of our body are authorized, through their pastors to invite all Christians of orthodox churches, who are in good standing in their respective churches, to commune with us at the Lord's table.

13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgement; that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, upon the principles of grace and justice.

14. Concerning the washing of the Saint's feet as a Gospel ordinance, each member shall have the right to participate in such ordinance, as he can best answer his own conscience to God without criticism on the part of anyone.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Members	Members Added	Members Removed	Ordained Ministers	No. In Sunday School	No. In League	No. In Ladies' Auxiliary	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Paid Children's Home	Paid To Missions	Paid Old Aged Ministers	Sunday School Offerings	Paid For Improvement	Total Paid Out
Belk	Leander McAdams	R. H. Yerby Covin, Alabama	187	2	0	1	94	50	0	\$12,500.00	\$ 600.00	\$180.87	\$ 93.47	\$ 11.05	\$	\$	\$	\$ 823.39
Fairview	Gurley Roberts	Carrie Roberts Beaverton, Alabama	51	0	3	1	38	0	0	2,000.00	315.42		15.00		7.27		5.00	549.49
Friendship	L. E. Winters	Mrs. W. E. Ford Steens, Mississippi	83	0	0	0	25	0	0	1,000.00	280.05		11.36				10.00	301.41
Liberty	L. V. Collier	J. E. Collins Rt. 2, Vernon, Alabama	218	12	2	1	75	0	0	3,000.00	470.33	87.50		46.80			24.63	704.23
Mt. Harmony	M. H. Hollis	Odis Robertson Millport, Alabama	226	4	0	0	50	0	0	4,000.00	400.00	115.00					360.00	885.00
Mt. Pleasant	Frank Collins	Johnnie Barnes Vernon, Alabama	66	0	3					4,000.00	201.00	22.00						223.00
Mt. Willing	L. V. Collier	Robert Gosa 1420 - 12 Av. N. B'ham.	206	8	4	0	50	0	0	2,500.00	249.01	119.06	60.36	20.00	5.60		81.50	545.53
Piney Grove	Gurley Roberts	J. M. Chaffin Guin, Alabama	178	20	1	3	50	30	0	2,000.00	154.00	62.00		6.47	5.34			299.50
Springfield	A. L. Warren	K. L. Jordan Rt. 1, Vernon, Alabama	283	0	3	0	70	0	0	6,127.60	223.05	105.08	36.97					490.61
Taylor Springs	Clarence Barnes	Myrtle Barnes Rt. 1, Beaverton, Ala.	50	3	0	3	20	0	0	1,000.00	69.20	29.00	45.00		2.00		100.00	273.20
Union Chapel	Gurley Roberts	James E. Maddox Rt. 2, Vernon, Alabama	111	0	0	1	60	0	0	6,000.00	467.72		60.00	58.21		244.27		596.36
Vernon	Malone Cobb	Mrs. Earl Robertson Vernon, Alabama	127	9	2	1	95	45	12	16,000.00	640.26	82.00	110.71	158.12			264.08	1,429.77
Beaverton	E. W. Graves	Emma Blaylock Beaverton, Alabama	22	1	0	1	24	20	0	2,500.00	146.22	61.50		8.54	5.00		353.82	580.03
TOTAL			1808	59	18	12	651	145	12	\$62,627.60	\$4,216.26	\$864.01	\$432.87	\$309.19	\$25.21	\$244.27	\$1,199.03	\$7,701.57