

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**EIGHTY SECOND SESSION**

**OF THE**

**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH**

**FAYETTE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 19, 20, 1962**

**OFFICERS**

Rev. K. V. Shutes, Moderator . . . . . Fayette, Ala.  
Rev. A. L. Warren, Assistant Moderator . . . . . Vernon, Ala.  
R. T. Mixon, Clerk . . . . . Rt. 2, Vernon, Ala.

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The next session of this Association will be held with Beaverton Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 9 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1963. Rev. B. T. Alexander to preach the introductory sermon - Rev. Frank Collins to be his substitute.

## PROCEEDINGS

of the Eighty-Second Session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association held with Fayette Free Will Baptist Church, October 19-20, 1962.

Rev. K. V. Shutes- Moderator; Rev. A. L. Warren- Assistant Moderator; R. T. Mixon- Clerk.

## FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 A. M.

Songs by Rev. K. V. Shutes and prayers by Rev. S. F. Lee and Rev. M. H. Hollis.

Called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. A. L. Warren. After a few appropriate remarks Bro. Warren introduced the new Moderator, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

The new Moderator declared the association in session for business and took charge by reading from the By-Laws of this association.

Devotion by Rev. A. L. Warren, based on the first Psalm.

Rev. A. L. Warren appointed as Assistant Moderator.

The following Credential Committee was appointed: Bros. W. H. Clearman, Jack MacDonald, Pascal Yerby, A. M. Wallace, Clyde Motes, Elvada Markham, Rev. J. B. Tittle.

Song, "Amazing Grace".

Devotion by Rev. L. C. Graham, reading from Second Kings.

The Moderator extended opportunity for recognition of visitors from other associations. The following were present and given a hand of welcome. Mt. Morriah- Bro. O. W. McGee; Mississippi State Line- Rev. L. V. Collier, Rev. Grover Perkins, Rev. M. H. Hollis, Rev. Roy Barnes, Rev. Grady Hudson, Bro. J. D. Kelly, and Bro. R. D. Franks; Progressive- Rev. Jimmie Brown, Bro. W. C. Smith and wife; Birmingham District- Rev. W. H. Ryland; Jasper- Rev. William Atkinson, Rev. James Waldon, Sister James Smith.

Call for petitionary letters. None Present.

The following committee on committees was appointed: Rev. W. D. Glasgow, Bros. Walter Fields, E. W. Rogers.

10 minute recess

Song by Rev. K. V. Shutes, "There is Power in the Blood". Prayer by Rev. Calvin Bevins. Song by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

At 11:00 A.M. Rev. K. V. Shutes brought the introductory sermon, reading from Song of Solomon, Second Chapter. Subject, "There is Power in the Church".

A Report from the Credential Committee was called for. The committee gave an oral report and turned the letters and list of delegates over to the Clerk. The report was received and Committee retained.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Jake Creech and Rev. Jimmie Brown as Reading Clerks, and they read the letters from the various churches. By move and second the letters were received and the delegates seated. The delegates were listed as follows:

BELK- Sisters Iva Newman, Flora Gilreath, Linda Gilreath,

Judy Williams.

DAVIS CHAPEL—Sisters Eulene Moore, Betty Eevins, Bro. Delbert Davis.

FAYETTE—Sisters K. V. Shutes, V. R. Lay, A. M. Wallace, Clint White.

FRIENDSHIP—Sisters Carl Roy, Paul Shelnut.

LIBERTY—Sisters Ellie Jenkins, Wilma Mixon, Elizabeth Yerby, Bros. Thomas Hankins, Lloy Dubose, Emmitt Perkins.

MT. HARMONY—Sister Dora Crawford, Bros. D. G. Johnson, L. C. Graham, Larry Crawford.

PINEY GROVE—Bro. Covin Finch, Sisters Carrie Roberts, Edna Markham, Gatha Hinkle.

MT. PLEASANT—Sisters Helen Chandler, Ara Cooper, Bro. W. M. Cooper.

MT. WILLING—Sisters Essie McDonald, Myrtle Robertson, Polly Collins, Ellen Gilmore, Carrie Crews, Annie Lee Miller, Bros. Leonard McDonald, James Robertson.

SPRINGFIELD—Sisters Ora Johnson, Bena Langley, Bros. William Mason, Kelsey Jordan.

TAYLOR SPRINGS—Sisters Mary Ann Barnes, Myrtie Barnes, Bro. Carlos Barnes.

UNION CHAPEL—Sisters Alice Maddox, Rosa Shelton, Hettie Maddox, Bro. Kell McAdams.

VERNON—Sisters Kitty Lee Turner, Ethel Rogers, Bros. E. W. Rogers, Clyde Motes.

BEAVERTON—Sisters Mary Weeks, Romie Barnes, Earline Roden, Eliza Sizemore, Bro. Robert Bobo.

HUBBARD SPRINGS—Sisters Frank Parker, Francis Owens, Bro. Frank Parker.

Prayer by Rev. Jake Creech.

Grace by Rev. Atkinson. Dismissed one hour for lunch.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Assembled back at 1:00 P. M. with Rev. Roy Barnes leading the singing. Prayer by Rev. Jake Creech of the Nashville College.

At this time Bro. Smith gave an oral report of the Children's Home. He stated that we had at this time twenty-eight boys and twenty-two girls, there being eight in high school, two finishing this year, and one in college. We should be proud of the home and give God the Glory. Let's give more of our finances and prayers to the worthy institution. The report received as information.

Rev. Jake Creech gave a report on the Bible College. He reported that of the forty-two mission workers on the field, thirty-seven came from the College. Bro. Creech gave some of the background and aims of the College. The report was received as information.

At this time an offering was taken, the amount being \$36.46 which was divided between the Children's Home and College.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: Devotion Committee- Bros. A. M. Wallace, Daniel Johnson, Sister Jimmie

Price; Business Committee- Rev. S. F. Lee, Rev. Bert Alexander, Eros. C. S. Collins, Olen Wheeler, Rev. V. R. Lay; Ordaining Committee- Rev. S. F. Lee, Rev. Bert Alexander, Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. T. C. Barnes.

At this time Rev. W. H. Ryland gave an oral report on Home Mission Board. The report was received as information.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Committees. They made the following report: Committee on Resolutions- Bro. W. M. Mason, W. M. Cooper, Sisters S. Y. Shelton, Judy Williams, Eulene Moore; Committee on Sunday School and League- Bros. L. C. Graham, Covin Finch, Sisters Hettie Maddox, Essie McDonald, Helen Chandler, Wilma Mixon; Committee on Deceased- Sisters Iva Newman, Elizabeth Yerby, Francis Owens, Eulene Roden; Committee on Finance- Bros. W. L. Turner, P. N. Yerby, A. M. Wallace. The report was received and committee discharged.

The Devotional Committee made the following report: We your Committee on Devotional recommend that Rev. L. V. Collier bring the Devotional at 10:30 A.M. and that Rev. M. H. Hollis bring the message at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 20, 1962. A. M. Wallace, Chairman. By move and second the report was received and committee discharged.

Motion carried to adjourn the business part of this Session until 9:00 A.M., Saturday. Dismissed by Rev. V. R. Lay.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

Song Service with Rev. K. V. Shutes leading the singing.

Prayer by Rev. Jimmie Brown.

Song, "There is a Fountain".

Message by Rev. W. D. Glasgow, reading First John 1-5. Subject, "Fellowship". Followed by Communion and Feet Washing.

Service dismissed by Rev. R. P. Ritch.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

Opened with singing by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. R. P. Ritch.

Devotion by Rev. L. V. Collier, reading from Twenty-third Chapter of Psalms.

The house was called to order for business by the Moderator. The following visitors were recognized: Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. R. P. Ritch, Rev. N. A. Patterson, Rev. Arlie Lynn. By move and second they were seated to aid in any business that might come before the body.

The roll was called and a quorum declared present.

Call for report on Credentials. We your Committee on Credentials wish to make this final report. (1) We find all our preachers are in good standing and recommend that they be given a card to show the same. (2) We recommend that Bro. L. C. Graham and Bro. Delmus Miller be ordained as ministers of this association. (3) We recom-



mend that Bro. Lewis Cooley be licensed as a minister. (4) We recommend that Bro. Hollis Chandler be ordained as a deacon of Mt. Pleasant Church. (5) We recommend that this association grant Rev. R. P. Ritch a letter of dismissal, in good standing from this association and that his name remain on our list of ministers for one year.

W. H. Clearman, Chairman

The report was adopted as read and committee discharged.

The reports of the committees were read and received, and committees were discharged. (See Report on Committees).

The final report of the Business Committee was called for. They reported as follows: (1) We recommend that we stay with article 12 as written in the By-Laws and do away with the Committee on Committees. (2) We recommend that the next session of this association convene with the Beaverton Church. (3) We recommend that Rev. B. T. Alexander preach the introductory sermon next year and that Rev. Frank Collins be his substitute. (4) We recommend that the Moderator appoint a man on Friday of next year at the association to preach the Communion and Feet Washing Service.

S. F. Lee, Chairman

The report was received and committee discharged. The report was reread, and considered by section. All sections were adopted as read, except Section 1. It was amended to read as follows. The Moderator with the help of the Assistant Moderator and Clerk shall have power to appoint all committees. Each committee to consist of from three to five members.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Association to be held at Northport, Alabama: Bros. R. H. Yerby, Jr., A. M. Wallace, Paul Shelnut, D. G. Johnson, A. J. McDonald, Covin Finch, Carlos Barnes, J. K. McAdams, E. W. Rogers; Sisters Eulene Moore, Wilma Mixon, Helen Chandler, Earlin Roden, Francis Owens; Sister S. Y. Shelton as delegate at large.

The following corresponding delegates to sister associations were appointed: Jasper- Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Warren; Mt. Morriah- Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Tittle; Mississippi State Line- Rev. and Mrs. Frank Collins; Progressive- Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes; North East Mississippi- Bro. W. L. Turner.

A short intermission.

Assembled back at 11:00 A.M. with singing, Rev. K. V. Shutes directing.

Prayer by Rev. G. C. Lawrence. Message by Rev. M. H. Hollis, reading from Second Peter, third verse. Subject, "Be sure of our salvation". Offer given for prayer. Dismissed by Rev. Clarence Barnes.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Opened with singing by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Tittle.

The body stood one minute in silent prayer for the deceased, with the prayer being closed by Rev. Arlie Lynn.

At this time the Ordaining Council came forward and did the ordinations as requested, Rev. S. F. Lee giving the charge and Rev. Bert Alexander reading. Prayer by Rev. A. L. Warren.

About ten minutes was spent in a testimonial service which was uplifting and enjoyed by everyone. Special song by the Miller Trio.

The body elected the following officers for the next year:

Moderator- Rev. S. F. Lee; Assistant Moderator- Rev. W. D. Glasgow; Clerk- R. T. Mixon.

Rev. A. L. Warren was reappointed as a member of the Executive Committee as his time expired in 1962.

The association adjourned to meet with Beaverton Free Will Baptist Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1963.

Closing prayer by Rev. S. F. Lee.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. K. V. Shutes- 1963

Rev. W. D. Glasgow- 1964

Rev. A. L. Warren- 1965

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from 1962 .....	.00
Minute Funds .....	123.00
Offering .....	39.25

#### TOTAL

\$162.25

Paid Out:

Moderator and Clerk .....	30.00
State Association .....	30.00
Minutes- \$92.00 plus \$4.60 tax .....	96.60
Postage .....	5.28

#### TOTAL PAID OUT

161.88

Balance on Hand .....	.37
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### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the committee on Temperance submit the following report.

Temperance means- moderation, avoiding extremes, especially in eating and drinking, says Mr. Webster. But, the Bible is an authority on anything that is right.

We ought to be temperate in our talk, Psalms 19:14- "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight O, Lord my strength and my redeemer". James 3:2- "If any man offend not in word the same is a perfect man and able to bridle the whole body."

We ought to be temperate in our walk: 1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	S. S. Collections	Christian Education	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number in S. S.	Number in League	Number in Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Paid Childrens Home	Paid Missions	Paid Old Age Ministers	Minute Funds	Paid for Improvements	Total Paid Out	Value of Church Property
Belk	Rev. G. C. Lawrence	R. H. Yerby, Sr. Rt. 6, Fayette	688	0	1	0	1	138	60	40	0	1	845	125	240	0	0	0	426	1646	25000
Davis Chapel	Rev. Curtis Williams	Betty Bevins Fayette, Ala.	295	0	1	0	0	121	60	0	0	0	800	95	16	0	0	10	28	1002	4000
Fayette	Rev. K. V. Shutes	Mary M. Lewis Rt. 5, Fayette	588	50	2	0	0	137	131	59	10	3	3240	343	359	64	20	10	197	6342	45000
Friendship	Rev. L. C. Graham	Mrs. Paul Shelnut Vernon, Ala.	66	0	1	0	0	65	19	0	0	0	157	41	0	0	0	5	22	274	4500
Liberty	Rev. L. V. Collier	J. E. Collins Rt. 2, Vernon	2319	175	9	3	2	228	101	0	0	1	1423	130	10	30	35	10	0	1813	5900
Mt. Harmony	Rev. Roy Barnes	Olen Wheeler Fernbank, Ala.	223	0	5	1	2	76	40	0	0	1	664	100	15	0	0	10	0	956	10000
Mt. Pleasant	Rev. L. C. Graham	Mrs. J. C. Crossley Vernon, Ala.	20	0	0	1	3	55	15	0	0	0	291	87	5	0	0	5	0	383	6000
Mt. Willing	Rev. Hudson Burleson	Clyde F. May Rt. 2, Winfield	223	0	0	8	1	215	57	0	0	1	470	133	61	0	0	10	0	900	3500
Piney Grove	Rev. Hurdus Sullins	J. M. Chaffin Rt. 1, Guin, Ala.	304	0	1	1	1	130	50	0	0	2	378	61	0	0	0	10	176	625	5000
Springfield	Rev. Grover Perkins	J. A. Harper Vernon, Ala.		0	9	1	3	238	54	35	0	0	889	120	45	0	15	10	383	1436	12000
Taylor Springs	Rev. V. R. Lay	Mary Ann Barnes Beaverton, Ala.	100	0	1	0	0	10	27	0	0	0	110	46	0	0	0	3	0	159	1500
Union Chapel	Rev. Leander McAdams	Earnest Haynes Fayette, Ala.		0	4	2	2	100	65	35	0	0	750	0	130	0	0	10	2302	3141	15000
Vernon	Rev. M. H. Hollis	Mrs. Clyde Motes Vernon, Ala.	835	178	3	5	0	159	65	45	16	1	2302	100	186	89	35	10	910	4674	35000
Beaverton	Rev. B. T. Alexander	Earline Roden Beaverton, Ala.		0	1	0	1	24	0	0	0	0	249	60	0	0	0	5	256	565	3500
Hubbard Springs	Rev. Arlie Lynn	Francis Owens Centreville, Ala.	121	0	6	2	0	28	25	15	0	1	216	0	22	0	0	5	300	600	3000
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all sin. Romans 8:14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

We ought to be temperate in our Dress. The folk today try to copy Hollywood in all their apparel, but the Bible says in Titus 2:2- That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things.

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.

To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husband, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity.

Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Remember temperance covers more than just drinking, making or voting for whiskey, beer or wine.

Mrs. Mary Weeks, Chairman

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Sunday School and League make the following report.

We regret to find one church in our Association without Sunday School and eight churches without League.

We find that our Sunday Schools are the upbuilding of our churches today and tomorrow.

We recommend that every effort be made in each church to use only Christians for teachers and superintendents. We urge each pastor of each church along with the help of the deacons to see that a Sunday School be established in each church.

Wilma Mixon, Chairman

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We your committee on Resolutions make the following report.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Fayette Church and the community for their hospitality and fellowship shown us during this session.

We recommend that we use our young people and young ministers more in our churches, and give them more spiritual encouragement.

We recommend that we encourage our children to associate more with Christian people, that they may obtain spiritual training and encouragement to live better lives.

We recommend the Bible as the best reading for both the young and old.

Mrs. S. Y. Shelton, Chairman



**REPORT ON FINANCE COMMITTEE**

We your committee on Finance make the following report.

After calling for the minute funds from the various churches, we have collected \$123.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. L. Turner, Chairman

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

We the committee on deceased members report as follows:

BELK—Sister Kitty Taylor

BEAVERTON—Bro. Jim Trentham

MT. WILLING—Sister Zelmo Collins

MT. PLEASANT—Bro. George Crossley, Bro. T. F. Hollis,  
Sister Bessie Atkins

LIBERTY—Sister Joann Yerby

FAYETTE—Sister Harvey Cobb

We feel that in giving up these loved ones how close eternity is and how much we should be concerned about those that are lost.

We extend our sympathy to the families of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Grady Newman, Chairman

**LIST OF DEACONS**

BELK—L. D. Williams, Britt Belk, Jessie Overton, R. H. Yerby, Jr.,  
Grady Newman.

DAVIS CHAPEL—John D. Moore, Sr., Raymond Gray.

FAYETTE—A. M. Wallace, E. E. Lewis, Reece Henderson, J. P. Kelley, Grady Kennedy, Douglas Stripland.

FRIENDSHIP—Paul Shelnut.

LIBERTY—Henry Perkins, Henry Harrison, Chelsie Poore, Lee  
Mixon, J. E. Collins.

MT. HARMONY—S. G. Johnson, S. L. Cash, Erbie Robertson,  
Titus Barnes, Olen Wheeler, Coy Johnson.

MT. PLEASANT—Hollis Chandler, J. G. Adair, Raymond Pennington.

MT. WILLING—Jack McDonald, Hiram McDonald, Doffie Shelnut,  
Emmet Lee, Arlie Roberts, Jeff McDonald, Olen Markham.

PINEY GROVE—C. E. Roberts, G. W. Chaffin, Alvada Markham,  
Arlando Shelnut, J. M. Chaffin.

HUBBARD SPRINGS—Huston Owens.

BEAVERTON—Robert Bobo, J. T. Barnes, Jim Trentham.

SPRINGFIELD—Dempsey Langley, D. G. Jordan, Haley Wright,  
Claud Hollis, J. A. Harper.

TAYLOR SPRINGS—C. W. Barnes, Kelsie Barnes.

UNION CHAPEL—C. S. Collins, S. Y. Shelton, W. H. Clearman,  
Carlos Bradford, James E. Maddox.

VERNON—W. L. Turner, B. E. Turner, Jay Y. Turner, J. L. McNees,  
L. A. Crowder, P. N. Yerby.

### NAMES OF DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. W. T. Springfield, Rev. W. B. Taylor, Rev. W. R. Turman, Rev. Tom Butler, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. M. D. McGee, Rev. J. R. Baker, Rev. W. B. Crawley, 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. A. Tate, Rev. E. A. Palmer, Rev. J. A. Isbell, Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Rev. T. J. Adair, Rev. J. J. Barnes, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. S. F. Lee .....	Rt. 1, Guin, Ala.
Rev. W. D. Glasgow .....	Rt. 4, Theodore, Ala.
Rev. A. L. Warren .....	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Robert Collins .....	Kennedy, Ala.
Rev. Frank Collins .....	Guin, Ala.
Rev. Clarence Barnes .....	Beaverton, Ala.
Rev. R. P. Ritch .....	Box 113, Madison, Ala.
Rev. H. E. Cobb .....	Fayette, Ala.
Rev. B. T. Alexander .....	Rt. 8, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. Calvin Bevins .....	Fayette, Ala.
Rev. V. R. Lay .....	Fayette, Ala.
Rev. J. B. Tittle .....	Centerville, Ala.
Rev. L. C. Graham .....	Fernbank, Ala.
Rev. Delmus Miller .....	Winfield, Ala.

### CONSTITUTION

1. This association shall be known as the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of ministers, deacons and delegates from the 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 for the first 50 members and one additional delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof, 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 Treaties of Faith and practice of Free Will Baptist. This association shall have authority over all ministers in the matters of doctrine, character, etc. In case any minister in this association depart from and teach doctrine not in keeping with the Treaties of Faith and practice of Free Will Baptist the same shall be dealt with by the association as it may deem proper according to the teaching of the Bible.

3. When a church desires that one of its members should be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel, it requests the association to examine, by council, such member. The examination for license should refer to the piety, doctrines and convictions respecting the work of the ministry, and the reputation for character and ability of the candidate. The examination for ordination should include all that is required for license, and also satisfactory examination respecting the life and labors of the candidate. No preacher shall

be accepted or ordained in this association as a preacher who has more than one living wife.

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, assistant moderator and clerk-treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority vote of the delegates present. The officers shall be chosen at the close of each session to take office at the beginning of the next session.

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 be 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 serve in that capacity.

10. Any member of this association who shall be guilty of circulating reports of any nature or aiding in circulating 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 the association. Any minister of this association who is known to be guilty of using intoxicating spirits by drinking as a beverage, which is calculated to destroy his influence and usefulness, the same may be dealt with by the association as it may deem proper, according to the teaching of the Bible.

11. The association shall 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 considered 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.

#### BY-LAWS.

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 with devotion by the previous moderator and closed by prayer.

3. The officers shall be chosen by a majority of delegates present, at the close of each session to take office at the beginning of the next session.



4. A credential committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each session who shall receive and examine the letters and list the delegates and turn them over to the clerk with any recommendations they may wish to make.

5. The delegates shall be seated at a designated place in the assembly and a majority shall rule in all cases.

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 shall 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 person 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 persons shall laugh or talk during discussions.

11. No person shall absent himself from the association without permission of the moderator.

12. The moderator, assistant moderator, and clerk shall appoint all committees, each committee to consist of from 3 to 5 members.

13. Any minister of the association who fails to represent in person or by letter for a period of two years without a reasonable excuse, his name shall be dropped from our list of ordained ministers.

14. All ordinations shall be done by the association.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.



6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are:

1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water and the LORD'S SUPPER are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23-23), and the apostle Paul said "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16.2).

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgement, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR VERNON ASSOCIATION**

1. Open and devotion by former moderator.
2. New moderator takes over.
3. Credential committee appointed.
4. Devotion.
5. Message.
6. Lunch.
7. Report of credential committee.
8. Reading of letters and seating of delegates.
9. Call for petitionary letters.
10. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
11. Appointing of committees.
12. Committees as follows: Business, Querries and Resolution, Sunday Schools, Finance, Deceased Members, Devotion.
13. Call for report of devotional committee.
14. Appoint ordaining committee.
15. Call for business committee report.
16. Call for committee reports (see committees).
17. Final report of business committee.
18. Delegates to state association.
19. Corresponding delegates to other associations.
20. Place for next setting of association.
21. Election of officers.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE**

1. Call to order.
2. Call for peace and fellowship.
3. Opportunity for membership.
4. Invite visiting brothers and sisters to seats.
5. Reading of Previous minutes.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Acknowledgements.
9. Committee reports.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.