

MINUTES

of the

EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with

**MT. HARMONY FREE
WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

October 15, 16, 1965



OFFICERS FOR 1966

Rev. M. H. Hollis, ModeratorVernon, Ala.

Rev. W. D. Glasgow, Assistant ModeratorRt. 4 Theodore, Ala.

R. T. Mixon, ClerkRt. 2, Vernon, Ala.



The next session of this association will be held with Vernon Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 8:00 o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1966. Rev. Dewey Thomas to preach the introductory sermon - Rev. E. W. Graves to be his substitute.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-Fifth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church October 15-16, 1965 Rev. W. D. Glasgow, Moderator; R. T. Mixon, Clerk.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 A.M.

The service was opened with a song by Rev. M. H. Hollis. The past Moderator Rev. S. F. Lee, opened the session, reading Phil. 1st chpt. 2 and 3 verses, prayer by Rev. S. F. Lee.

The Moderator called the session to order by reading from 23 chpt. Psalms. The clerk read the By-Laws of this Association appointing of credential committee as follows. Rev. M. H. Hollis, Rev. Dewey Thomas, Bros. W. H. Clearmon, Jack McDonald, Pascal Yerby.

Letters from the various churches called for and turned over to the clerk. Songs by Rev. Lambert, of the Fayette Church.

Dismissed by prayer for a short intermission by Rev. O. Z. Johnson.

10:00 a.m.

Reconvened. Songs by Rev. E. W. Graves, Rev. M. H. Hollis.

The following devotional committee was appointed, Bros. Loyd Turner, Dewey Jordon, J. Cash, Olen Wheeler, Armon Collins, Rev. O. Z. Johnson was appointed to preach feet washing and communion service for Friday night.

Song in memory of Rev. M. E. Carpenter "The Pearly White Gates" (Welcome) by Rev. Roy Barnes. Devotion by Bro. Douglas Wales. After which about 10 minutes was spent in a testimonial service. Songs Rev. M. H. Hollis, prayer by Rev. William E. Atkinson.

11:00 a.m.

Introductory and key note message by Rev. Ray Barnes, Reading 1 Chpt. 1st Cor. 10th verse. "Subject, "Be in one Mind and one accord," Song by Bro. Hollis, hand shaking by the congregation remarks by the moderator. Subject "Let's Trust God." Dismissed by Rev. Lambert, the meeting adjourned one hour for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 p.m.

Song Service, Rev. Lambert, "Oh I Love Jesus." Reading by the moderator 1st psalm verses 1, 2, 3, prayer by Rev. E. W. Graves.

A report of the Credential Committee was called for. The committee gave an oral report and turned the letters and a list of the delegates over to the clerk. The report was received and the committee retained. The moderator appointed, Rev. E. W. Graves, Rev. G. C. Lawrence as reading clerks. The letters were read by move & second the letters were received as read, the delegates were seated, (see list) call for petitionary letters, none received. Song service by Rev. Lambert.

The following visiting ministers were recognized to-wit, Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. William E. Atkinson all of the Jasper Association.

Report of the devotional committee received, committee discharged, (see reports). Motion carried to adjourn the business part of this association until 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. S. F. Lee.

Churches & Delegates as listed:

BELK - Sisters Flora Gilreath, Erdeal Gilreath, Ruby Belk, Bros. Dalton Gilpin, Jack Newman.

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sisters, Euelene Moore, Flossie Snow, Barona Miller, Bro. John Miller.

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FRIENDSHIP - Sisters W. E. Ford, Carl Ray.
LIBERTY - Sisters Wilena Rector, Ora Seay Burnett, Omie Glasgow, Sue Hester, Ida B. Perkins, Bros. Choyce Perkins, Loyd Dubose.
MT. HARMONY - Sisters R. J. McReynolds, Lizzie Glasgow, Bros. Leon McReynolds, Deral Wheeler, James Crawford.
PINEY GROVE - Sisters Virginia Reece, Erline Ritchey, Bro. Arthur Reece.
MT. WINNING - Sisters Carrie Crews, Essie McDonald, Donnie McDonald, Bro. Leonard McDonald.
TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. & Sister Stanley Cooper, Sisters Erlane Sorrells, Christine Sizemore.
UNION CHAPEL - Sisters Martha Bynum, June Rebels Wallace, Bros. Earnest Haynes, James Bynum.
VERNON - Bro. O. D. Turner, A. J. Wilson, Sisters Ruby Turner, Chapel Barnes, Lucille Yerby.
BEAVERTON - Sisters Mary Weeks, Lizzie Sizemore, Mary Jane Palmer, Romie Barnes.
HUBBARD SPRINGS - Sisters Doris Keeton, Melvinia Tittle, Offie Lee Fountaine, Bros. James Richie, Kelly Owens.
MT. PLEASANT - Bro. & Sister W. M. Cooper, Sister Hellan Chandler.
EAST SIDE F.W.B. TUSC. - Sisters June House, Edna Thompson, Bro. Billy Dockery.
SPRING FIELD - Bros. Armon Collins, William Mason, Aubrey Hall, Mack Hollis.
FIRST F.W.B. B'HAM. - Sisters Lillian Crawby, Elzadie Morris, Patsy Morris.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Song Service by Bro. Dewey Jordon, Prayer by sister Ellie (Jenkins) Price, Message by Rev. O. Z. Johnson. Scripture St. John 13, 15 communion & Feet Washing observed. Dismissed with a hymn directed by Bro. Dewey Jordon

SATURDAY MORNING

Song Service by Rev. M. H. Hollis, Remarks by the moderator and reading 6 chpt. of Gal. 6 to 10 verses.

The role was called and a quorm fond present. the following visiting ministers were recognized, Rev. H. E. Crawford, and Rev. William L. Atkins. Devotional by Rev. William L. Atkins of the State Line Association reading from 21 chpt. Luke 6th Verse, subject, "God is not the Author of confusion" "Be not worry in well doing." followed by a short testimonial service.

Song service by Bro. W. H. Clearmon. Rev. M. L. Hollis not being present his service was omitted.

Devotional by Rev. William E. Atkinson, reading from Daniel Chpt. 5, verses 2-5 subject "Thou Art Weighed in the balances and art found wanting." The report of the Business Committee was called for. They reported as follows:

(1) We recommend the next session conviene with Vernon or Springfield, as the association elects.

(2) That Rev. Dewey Thomas bring the introductory message at the next session, Rev. E. W. Graves be his alternate.

(3) That section 4 of the by-laws be so changed as to read. The moderator call for letters and appoint reading clerks to read the letters from the various churches, Delegates are enrolled by the clerk of the Association to be seated. That the Executive Committee recommend card of good standing for the ministers.

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(5) We recommend that the moderator appoint a committee on committees to appoint all committees.

(6) That two deacons be appointed on the executive committee, beginning at this session.

Order of Business to Read as Follows

(1) New Moderator takes over.

(2) Devotion.

(3) Call for letters.

(4) Reading of letters and seating of delegates

(5) Call for petitionary letters.

(6) Appointing of committee on committees

(7) Invite visiting brethren to be seated with us.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. E. W. Graves, Chair.

Rev. M. H. Hollis

Moderator and clerk

The report was received and committee discharged, the report was re-read and considered by sections, all sections were adopted as read.

It was decided that Vernon get the next session. Sermon by Rev. S. F. Lee reading from Acts. 8 chpt. 37 verse subject "Need More Philips and less Simons."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. H. E. Crawford.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 p.m.

Song service, prayer by Bro. Lando Shelnut. Devotional by the moderator, subject "Ye have not chosen Me I Have Chosen You."

The following Deacons were appointed to serve on the Executive Committee. Bro. Dewey Jordon, R. T. Mixon and Rev. Roy Barnes to replace Rev. A. L. Warren. The reports of the various committees were read and received. (See reports of committees) Song in memory of the deceased. Prayer by Rev. Frank Collins.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credential Committee make the following final report.

(1) We recommend that Bro. Pedru Keeton from Hubbard Springs Church be examined by the Ordaining Council, and if found worthy be ordained as a deacon.

(2) We recommend that Bros. Douglas Wales, A. H. Morris and A. F. Isaac be ordained as ministers from the Birmingham Church.

(3) We recommend that Rev. B. E. Frith who wishes to come to this body from the Missionary Baptist Church be examined by the Executive Committee.

(4) We recommend that the names of Rev. H. E. Cobb, Rev. Calvin Bevins be dropped from the list of ordained ministers of this association.

(5) We recommend that the moderator appoint a committee to contact Bro. L. C. Graham about his ministerial work.

(6) We recommend that all other ministers of the association be given a card of good standing.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. M. H. Hollis (Chair.)

The report was received, and committee discharged. The report was re-read and considered by sections, all sections were adopted as read.

At this time the ordaining committee, ordained all those recommended, reading and charge by Rev. S. F. Lee, Prayer by Rev. V. R. Lay, assisting Rev. Frank Collins.

It was dcussed that the Executive Committe would have jurisdiction

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in regards to section 5 of the above report.

Rev. M. H. Hollis gave an oral report of the youth program.

The following delegates were appointed to the
STATE ASSOCIATION - Bros. Clyde Motes, Bro. & Sister Hiram McDonald,
Sisters Rosa Shelton, Hettie Maddox, and Mary Weeks.
NORTH EAST MISS. - Rev. M. H. Hollis, Bros. Clyde Motes, Loyd Turner.
PROGRESSIVE - Rev. Bert Elexander.
MT. MORIAH - Rev. M. H. Hollis, Rev. V. R. Lay, Rev. & Sister W. D. Glasgow
JASPER - Rev. and Sister Frank Collins, Rev. and Sister Delmus Miller.
LIBERTY NO. 2 - Rev. & Sister W. D. Glasgow.

The body elected the following officers for the next year. Rev. M. H. Hollis, Mod. assistant Mod. Rev. W. D Glasgow. R. T. Mixon was retained as clerk. The Association adjourned to meet with Vernon Church on Sat. before third Sun. October, 1966. Time 8:00 a.m.

The closing prayer by sister Ora Seay Burnett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE COM. REPORT

We the committee on S. S. and League make the following report:

By examining the letters from the churches that constitute this association we found (15) Churches had active Sundays Schools and that (6) Churches had Organized Leagues.

This committee feels that much stress should be placed on the great importance of Sunday School and League Work, and that every church in this body should be urged with untiring efforts to maintain an active S. S. and League.

We believe that the head of every S. S. and League, and every department thereof should be born again, Christian, so that by their teaching our children may be able to withstand the dangerous Doctrines that are creeping into our Schools and Colleges, which deny the Virgin birth of Jesus Christ and the incarnation of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray that God will give us a vision and a greater insight of the approaching dangers, and that he will give us courage to fight with all we have and are to whip down the adversary.

Faithfully Submitted

D. G. Jordan, Chr.
Mrs. Gilreath
James Crawford
Patsy Morris
Billy Dockery

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Finance make the following report.

After calling for minute funds from the various churches, we have collected \$155.00.

Respectfully submitted.

O. D. Turner, Chairman
Lucile Yerby
Mrs. S. Y. Shelton

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the committee on Temperance Submit the following report.

That we as Christian ought to be very temperate in our every day walk of life Eph. 5:15-16 and 18 See then that ye walk circumspectfully, not as fools, but as wise redeeming the time, because the days are evil, and be not drunks with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit.

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Also be ready to turn from every evil 1st Thes. 5:22 abstain from all appearances of evil.

That we as Christian be always ready to discourage and turn from the use of alcoholic beverages Prov. 20:1 wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Continue in the word that we may be able to be temperate in all things
Rev. Dewey Thomas, Chairman

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COM.

We recommend that Rev. William Atkinson bring a devotional at 10:30 Rev. M. L. Hollis, preach at 11:00 and that Rev. Lee bring a short message at 11:30.

Submitted, W. L. Turner, Chair.

DECEASED MEMBERS

We the committee on Deceased members report the following:

HUBBARD SPRINGS - 1 Sister Lona Keeton.

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH - B'Ham. — 1 sister Ada Francis Alexander.

DAVIS CHAPEL - 4 Bro. Bro. Jim H. Moore, Bro. Johnny Moore, Bro. James Edward Sanford and Bro. Judge Epsy.

BELK - 1 Sister: Emma Yerby

PINEY GROVE - 1 Bro.: W. A. Motes

MT. PLEASANT - 3 Bro.: Pevie Lee Barnes, Bro. Walter Atkins, Bro. Robert Harper & Sister Ola Hopper.

SPRINGFIELD - 1 Bro. William Chaffin.

UNION CHAPEL - 1 Sister Lula Maddox. and 1 Deacon, Bro. S. Y. Shelton.

LIBERTY - 4 Sisters, Sis. Rosetta Yerby, Sis. Lura Black, Sis., Rita Yerby and Sis. Etta Randolph.

MT. HARMONY - 1 sister Neomie Johnson.

We feel that in giving up those loved ones, we realize how close eternity is, how much we should be concerned about those that are lost. We extend our sympathy to the families of the deceased.

Sue Hester, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We offer the following resolutions.

1. Be it resolved that the delegated body offer a standing vote of thanks and appreciation to the Mt. Harmony. Free Will Baptist Church and Community for their fine reception and hospitality to this delegated body of delegates and visitors.

2. Since our Religion and Civil Freedoms for which our fore fathers fought and died are being endangered by Evil forces may we be ever alert to our responsibilities while there is yet time and opportunity, and use our every means to keep these forces from our churches schools and homes.

Be it resolved that our committee submit to this delegated body to vote on a change in our association to take care of our business of our churches, to have a one day session if it be possible, to be held on the 3rd Sat. in Oct.

Respectfully submitted.

Chair. Mrs. Ora Seay Burnett

Mrs. Eulene Moore

Mr. Derrell Wheeler

Mr. Ernest Haynes

Mr. Auther Reese

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REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Funds received from association	11.00
Union Chapel	76.80
Mt. Harmony	55.00
Mt. Willing	19.00
Vernon	80.00
East Side	33.00
Springfield	20.00
Friendship	6.00
David Chapel	26.00
	\$326.80
Paid Out To Montgomery	100.00
Balance	226.80

We appreciate your cooperation in this good work.

We urge all pastors to do their best to promote this phase of the Lord's work.

W. L. Turner, Chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Robert Collins — 1966
 Rev. V. R. Lay — 1967
 Rev. Roy Barnes — 1968
 Deacon Dewey Jordon — 1969
 Deacon R. T. Mixon — 1970

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from 1964	\$ 2278
Minute Funds	155.00
Offering	46.13
TOTAL	\$223.91

Paid Out:

Moderator and Clerk	\$ 30.00
State Association	80.00
Minutes - \$80.00 plus \$3.20 tax	83.20
Postage	8.90

TOTAL PAID OUT **\$202.10**

Balance on Hand **\$ 21.81**

LIST OF DEACONS

BELK — L. D. Williams, Britt Belk, R. H. Yerby, Jr., Grady Newman.
 DAVIS CHAPEL — John D. Moore, Sr., Raymond Gray.
 FRIENDSHIP — Paul Shelnut.
 LIBERTY — Henry Perkins, Henry Harrison, Chelsie Poore, Lee Mixon,
 J. E. Collins, John Stewart, R. T. Mixon.
 MT. HARMONY — S. L. Cash, Erbie Robertson, Olen Wheeler, Coy Johnson.
 MT. PLEASANT — Hollis Chandler, J. G. Adair, Raymond Pennington.
 MT. WINNING — Jack McDonald, Hiram McDonald, Doffie Shelnut, Ernest Lee, Arlie Roberts, Jeff McDonald, Olen Markham.
 PINEY GROVE — C. E. Roberts, Alxada Markham, Arlando Shelnut, J. M. Chaffin.
 HUBBARD SPRINGS — Huston Owens, Allen P. Keeton.
 BEAVERTON — Robert Bobo, J. T. Barnes.
 FIRST F.W.B. Birmingham — Fred Reed, B. B. Alexander, Leon Crawley.
 EASTSIDE FREE WILL — (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) J. K. Thompson, Delmer L. Meyer.

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

TAYLOR SPRINGS — C. W. Barnes.

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

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

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 OF DECEASED DEACONS

L. A. Crowder, S. Y. Shelton

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. B. T. Alexander	Rt. 14, Box 1093, Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. V. R. Lay	Fayette, Ala.
Rev. J. B. Tittle	Centerville, Ala.
Rev. L. C. Graham	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Delmus Miller	Winfield, Ala.
Rev. Lewis Colley	Not Given
Rev. E. W. Graves	Rt. 2, Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Roy Barnes	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. M. H. Hollis	Vernon, Ala.
Rev. Dewey Thomas	Rt. 2, Box 75, Northport, Ala.
Rev. Anthony Keeton	Rt. 1, Centerville, Ala.
Rev. Douglas Wales	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. A. H. Morris	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. A. F. Isaac	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. B. E. Frith	Rt. 1, Woodstock, Ala.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Christian Education	Members Received	Members Deceased	Members Dismissed	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, Ala.	0	6	1	0	80	40	15	2	1,446	175	200	36	90	10	2,199	4,610	40,000
Davis Chapel	Rev. Curtis Williams	John D. Moore Rt. 4, Fayette, Ala.	0	6	4	0	55	0	0	0	700	100	30	0	0	10	0	840	4,000
Friendship	No Pastor	Mrs. Carl Ray Rt. 1, Fernbank, Ala.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	270	50	0	0	0	0	0	320	4,500
Liberty	Rev. M. L. Hollis	Samuel Collins Fayette, Ala.	75	7	4	0	125	0	0	1	1,249	160	36	40	0	15	2,275	3,850	35,000
Mt. Harmony	Rev. Roy Barnes	Olen Wheeler Rt. 1, Fernbank, Ala.	0	2	1	0	48	0	0	0	990	130	60	0	0	15	64	1,351	10,000
Mt. Pleasant	Rev. M. L. Hollis	Earl Funderburk Vernon, Ala.	0	0	4	2	26	0	0	0	174	127	0	0	0	10	0	311	6,000
Mt. Willing	Rev. Gibb Lacey	Mrs. Carrie McGowan Rt. 2, Winfield, Ala.	0	2	0	2	57	0	0	3	1,147	125	61	42	0	10	15	1,488	4,700
Piney Grove	Rev. Louie B. Nix	J. M. Chaffin Rt. 1, Guin, Ala.	0	10	1	0	33	0	0	2	416	75	0	0	0	10	400	900	6,000
Springfield	Rev. G. C. Lawrence	Tommie Rushing Vernon, Ala.	50	3	1	2	55	35	0	0	1,058	229	118	283	116	10	1,360	3,631	12,000
Taylor Springs	Rev. Frank Collins	Mary D. Baker Winfield, Ala.	0	4	0	0	35	0	0	0	219	51	0	0	0	5	0	361	3,000
Union Chapel	Rev. O. Z. Johnson	Earnest Haynes Rt. 6, Fayette, Ala.	105	7	2	4	35	20	0	1	780	100	120	103	25	15	546	1,755	15,000
Vernon	Rev. M. H. Hollis	Mrs. Clyde Motes Vernon, Ala.	102	11	0	1	5	48	10	2	3,508	115	290	201	123	10	237	5,451	30,000
Beaverton	Rev. O. Z. Johnson	Emma Harris Beaverton, Ala.	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	240	24	0	0	0	10	240	504	4,000
Hubbard Springs	Rev. B. E. Frith	Doris Keeton Centreville, Ala.	0	5	1	0	10	0	0	4	146	52	0	0	0	5	0	213	3,000
First F.W.B. Birmingham	Rev. B. T. Alexander	Kathleen Sfakianos Rt. 14, Box 1093 Birmingham, Ala.	0	11	1	0	52	45	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	1,736	25,000
Eastside Free Will Tuscaloosa	Rev. Dewey Thomas	Etta Davis, 2109 19th St., Northport, Ala.	0	5	0	10	4	26	0	1	950	185	31	611	0	10	1,172	6,498	12,500
			332	79	20	23	1	188	25	20	25,893	1,698	946	1,316	354	155	8,508	38,870	214,700

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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 report 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 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 School, 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

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be 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 moderator shall appoint a committee on committees, whose duty is to appoint various committees at each session. Each committee to consist of from 3 to 5 members. (See List).

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. The moderator calls for the letters from various churches, and appoints reading clerks. After reading of the letters, the delegates are enrolled by the clerk, at the decretion of the body.

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

6. The Executive Committee shall recommend, or reject a card of good standing for the ministers. The final decision to be made by the body.

7. 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.

8. Two Deacons shall be appointed by the moderator to serve on the Executive Board together with the three ministers.

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

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

11. 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.

12. No person shall laugh or talk during discussion.

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

14. All ordination shall be done by the association, either at the association, or by the ordaining council.

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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 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 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 domination 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 is an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and is 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, Judgment, 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."

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR VERNON ASSOCIATION

1. New moderator takes over.
2. Devotion.
3. Call for letters.
4. Reading of letters and seating of delegates.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appointment of committee on Committees.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us.
8. Committees as follows: Business, Querries and Resolution, Sunday Schools, Finance, Deceased Members, Devotion, Temperance, Church Extension.
9. Call for report of devotional committee.
10. Appoint ordaining committee.
11. Call for business committee report.
12. Call for committee reports (see committees).
13. Final report of business committee.
14. Delegates to state association.
15. Corresponding delegates to other associations.
16. Place for next setting of association.
17. 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 seat.
5. Reading of Previous minutes.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Acknowledgements.
9. Committee reports.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.