

MINUTES
of the
EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION
of the
VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
held with
VERNON FREE
WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
October 15, 1966

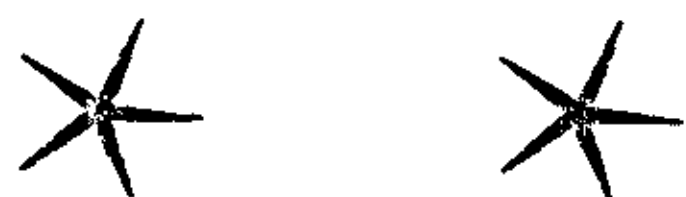


OFFICERS FOR 1967

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

Rev. Dewey Thomas, Assistant Moderator
Rt. 2 Box 75, Northport, Ala.

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



The next session of this association will be held with Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 8:00 o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1967. Rev. E. W. Graves to preach the introductory sermon—Rev. B. T. Alexander to be his substitute.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-Sixth Session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with Vernon Free Will Baptist Church Oct. 15, 1966 Rev. M. H. Hollis, Moderator, Rt. T. Mixon, Clerk.

The meeting opened with congregational singing under the direction of Rev. Roy Barnes, Rev. A. J. Lambert led in prayer.

The Moderator called the session to order.

The Clerk read the By Laws of this Association.

The morning devotional was brought by Rev. W. D. Glasgow based on 23 Psalm, Subject "The Lord is my Shepherd." Prayer by Rev. J. B. Tittle.

Rev. M. H. Hollis welcomed the association and all present to the Vernon Church.

Letters from the various churches called for and turned over to the Bros. Derril Wheeler, Raphol Yirby were appointed as reading clerk.

clerks, the letters were read by move and second the delegates were seated as listed see (Churches and delegates as listed).

Call for petitionary letters, none.

The following committee on committees, was appointed by the moderator.

Rev. Roy Barnes, chairman, Bro. Dewey Jaudon. Sisters Mary Crossley, Sue Hester. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The following visiting ministers were recognized at this time. Rev. A. J. Lambert from the Progressive Association. Rev. M. L. Hollis from N. E. Miss. Association, Rev. W. L. Lynn, Rev. Henry Crawford from Mt. Marriah Association, Rev. O. Z. Johnson, Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Rev. Jas. F. Walden from Jasper Association, Rev. William E. Atkinson, Rev. William L. Atkin from State Line Association, Rev. R. P. Ritch, North Ala., Association.

Songs by congregation. Rev. A. J. Lambert, directing. The following ordaining Committee was appointed by the moderator, Rev. Dewey Thomas, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. G. C. Lawrence.

Short talks were given by visiting ministers and others at this time, which was inspiring and uplifting to those present. Song directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis. Dismissed for a short intermission.

Following the intermission the congregation sang, "I want to be ready to meet Him," directed by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Another hymn was sung, "I feel like traveling on", directed by Rev. Henry Crawford.

The report of the committee on committees was given at this time. Song by Miller Tnls, Prayer by Rev. James Walden.

Songs by congregation.

The report of Devotion Committee was called for they reported as listed. (see reports) Report received, committee discharged.

Bro. Lawrence, Bro. Lambert ask to be excused from having parts in the night service as they could not be present. Substitutions, were made at a later date with Rev. V. R. Lay having charge of the devotional, Rev. O. Z. Johnson bringing the message. Song by Rev. R. P. Ritch "Have Thine own way Lord."

Key note message by Rev. Dewey Thomas from the East Side FWB Church of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Reading Matthew Chapter 28, Verses 18, 19, 20. Proverbs Chapter 29, Verse 18 forward and proclaim the message. The Need of a Vision."

Prayer by Rev. Thomas, Song and invitation given. Song used, "Careless

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Soul Prepare to Meet God."

Remarks by Mod. as to lunch. Dismissed for one hour, after prayer and grace by Rev. William Atkinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1 P. M. Song by Rev. R. P. Ritch, prayer by Rev. Atkins, Songs by quartet composed of Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Roy Barnes, Rev. R. P. Ritch, Rev. M. H. Hollis.

An oral report of the children's home was given at this time by Rev. A. J. Lambert. He stated that we now have boys in the armed services, and young ladies who had gone out to make homes of their own who were one time occupants of the home. The report was received as information. An offering for the home was taken the amount of \$80.50 was counted.

The reports of the various committees were read, and received (See Reports).

Song in memory of the deceased. Prayer by Rev. G. C. Lawrence.

The report of the Business Committee was called for. They reported as follows.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the business Committee humbly make the following report.

We recommend that all letters presented to the association be read and approved by each church representing.

That article 8 of by laws be dropped since is a matter of business transactions and not a by law.

That all committees of this session hold office and make their reports to next session and then a new group of committees be appointed for the following session.

That the Executive Board be composed of deacons only and that they serve by rotation one be replaced each year. Appointed by Moderator.

Since four churches asked for the next session. We recommend that the body decide the place.

That E. W. Travis preach at the next session and Rev. Bird Alexander be his substitute.

That the Ordaining Council's name be listed in the Ministers.

Rev. Roy Barnes, Chairman

Rev. E. W. Graves

Rev. A. L. Warren

Rev. W. D. Glasgow

Rev. V. R. Lay

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the committee on S.S. and C.T.S. make the following report.

By examining the letters from the churches that constitute this association we found 15 churches had active Sunday Schools and that 7 churches had organized CTS programs.

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

We believe that the head of every S.S. or C.T.S. and every department thereof should be born again, Christian, and recommend that they be a member of that church, so 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

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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. R. Wheeler, Chairman
Harwood Thompson,
Euline Moore
Clyde Motes
Earline Sorrells

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on Temperance report as follows:

That we as Christians ought to be very temperent in our every day walk of life. Eph. 5:15-16 and 18.

See then that your walk circumspectfully, not as fools but as wise, and be not drunk, but be filled with the Holy Spirit.

1st We recommend that the Vernon Association oppose legalizing the sale of intoxicating liquors.

2nd We urge that all Christians refrain from the use of social drinks.

3rd We recommend that Christians be temperate in all things.

Respectfully submitted,
D. G. Jordan, Chairman
J. M. Chaffin
Harvey Yerby, Sr.
Garvin Chaffin
Orlando Shilmet

DEVOTIONS COMMITTEE

We your committee on Devotion recommend that Bro. G. C. Lawrence give the devotion and that Bro. A. J. Lambert bring the message at 7:00, and that Bro. Dewey Jordan sing.

Chairman
Loree H. Butler
Helen Chandler
David Markham
Deacons of Vernon Church

DECEASED MEMBERS

We the committee on Deceased members report the following:

SPRINGFIELD CHURCH—2. Bro. Earl Wilson and Bro. Houston Pennington.

MT. HARMONY—1. Bro. Addie Barnes.

EAST SIDE—TUSCALOOSA—1. Bro. Wallace R. Thompson.

DAVIS CHAPEL—2. Sister Beulah Moore and, Sister Stella Watkins.

MT. WILLING—2. Sister Lula Davis, and Bro. Gurley Haney.

LIBERTY CHURCH—2. Sister Pearlie Barnes and Bro. K. M. Randolph.

BELK—2. Bro. Johnny Wiggins and Sister Essie Belk.

VERNON—3. Sister Christina Crewder, Bro. Esker L. Rogers and Bro. Dennis L. Lavgley.

PINEY GROVE—1. Sister Pauline Sizemore.

We feel that giving up our loved ones, we realize how close eternity

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is, how much we should be concerned about those that are lost.

We extend our sympathy to the families of the deceased.

Lowell Hankins, Chairman

Mrs. Mary Weeks

Mrs. Ozille Cantrell

Mrs. S. Y. Shelton

Benny Harly

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Finance make the following report. After calling for minute funds from the various churches, we have collected \$151.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudus Mason, Chairman

Edna Thompson

Ollie Mae Hawkins

Ruth Hayes

Flaudia Wheeler

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We offer the following resolutions.

1. Be it resolved that the delegated body offer a standing vote on thanks, and appreciation to the Vernon Freewill 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 forefathers 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 home.

Be it resolved that our committee submit to their delegated body to hold on to our one day session of the association to be held on Saturday before 3rd Sunday in October.

We recommend that all members of the F.W.B. Churches practice tithing, and that our pastors stress tithing to his church.

Ora Jordon, Chairman

Bill Dacker

Lewis Colley

Doris Keeton

Houston Ham

Earnest Haynes

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Bal. on Hand	226.80
Recd. Union Chapel	22.00
Recd. Piney Grove	15.30
Recd. Mt. Willing	15.00
Recd. Eastside Tusc.	29.00
Recd. Taylor Springs	10.00
Recd. Mt. Harmony	25.00
Recd. Vernon	24.00
	\$366.80
Paid out Montgomery	\$ 24.00
Paid Out Eastside Tusc.	100.00
Paid Out Eastside Tusc.	75.00

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Paid Out Montgomery	75.00
Paid Out First F.W.B. Birmingham	75.00
	\$349.00
Balance	\$ 17.80

We recommend that all our pastors push this program more fully.

W. L. Turner, Chairman

Rev. E. W. Graves

Pascol Yerby

Early Robertson

Rev. Robert Collins

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Executive Committee was called for they reported as follows:

After meeting with Bro. L. C. Graham, he made the following statement. By disobedience I fell into a state of sin and condemnation. He desires that he be restored to fellowship in the association. After hearing his acknowledgement as to sincere sorrow and repentance, we recommend that he be given a card of good standing.

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

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Robert Collins, Chairman

Deacon Dewey Jordon 1967

Deacon R. T. Mixon 1968

Deacon B. E. Turner 1969

Deacon John Crossley 1970

Deacon Deral Wheeler 1971

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from 1965	\$ 21.81
Minute Funds	151.00
Offering	20.00
TOTAL	\$192.81
Paid Out:	
Moderator and Clerk	\$ 30.00
State Association	75.00
Minutes	78.31
Postage—Supplies	9.50
TOTAL PAID OUT	192.81
Balance on Hand	None

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, Deral Wheeler.

MT. PLEASANT—Hollis Chandler, J. G. Adair, Raymond Pennington, John Crossley, Mack Cooper.

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

PINEY GROVE—C. E. Roberts, Axada Markham, Arlando Shelnut, J. M. Chaffin.

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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, Billy Dockery.
 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	Rt. 1, Winfield Ala.
Rev. Lewis Cooley	Rt. 1, Duncanville, Ala.
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. A. H. Morris	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. A. F. Iasac	Birmingham, Ala.
Rev. B. E. Frith	Rt. 1, Woodstock, Ala.
Rev. Marvin F. Worley Jr.	421-1st Place, Pleasant Grove, Ala.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. M. L. Hollis
 Rev. G. C. Lawrence
 Rev. Dewey Thomas

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Churches and Delegates as Listed

BELK—Bros. Aubrie D. Belk, Dalton Gilpin, Huston Ham.

Sisters Louise Ham, Ruby Belk.

DAVIS CHAPEL—Sisters Flossie Snow, Barbara Miller, Sandra Pike, Euline Moore.

LIBERTY—Sisters Sue Hester, Ollie May Hankins, Ellie Price, Bros. Thomas Hankins, Felix Dubose, Emmitt Perkins, J. C. Dubose.

MT. HARMONY—Bros. Derel Wheeler R. W. Guyton, Bro. and sister Lawell Wheeler.

PINEY GROVE—Bros. Arthur Reece, David Lewis Markham, Orville Ritchey, Sisters Earleen Ritchey, Ozill Cantrell.

MT. WILLING—Bro. Garvin Chaffin, Sister, Cora Cook, Pauline Haney, Etma Nix, Carrie Crews.

TAYLOR SPRINGS—Sisters Stanley Cooper, Christine Sizemore, Erlane Sorrells.

UNION CHAPEL—Sister Rosa Shelton, Bros. Earnest Haynes, Benny Hardy, Don Freeman.

VERNON—Bros. O. D. Turner, Clyde Motes, Sister, Mary Crossley, Ruth Turner.

BEAVERTON—Sisters Mary Weeks, Ronnie Barnes, Jane Palmer.

HUBBARD SPRINGS—Bro. Kelly Owens, Sisters Doris Keeton, Hazil Richie, Melvinie Tittle.

MT. PLEASANT—Bros. Mack Cooper, Enlow Brown, Sisters Ruth Hayes, Helen Chandler.

EAST SIDE TUSC.—Bros. Dewey Thomas, Harwood Thompson, Billy Dockery, Sisters Edna Thompson, Clara Cicero.

SPRING FIELD—Bros. Lowell Hankins, Claudus Mason, Jas. M. Pennington, Sister Ora Jordon.

FIRST F.W.B. BIRMINGHAM—Bros. B. T. Alexander, Ruben Warren,

Zell Randolph, Sisters Kathleen Sfakionas, Onex Randolph.

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

Article No. 3 amended as follows. In case of absence, then the second person listed on the committee act as chairman.

The report of the Executive Committee was called for, they requested as follows.

The report was received and committee discharged. The report was reread and considered by section all sections adopted as read.

The ordination service was held at this time. Rev. G. C. Lawrence reading, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Charge, prayer by Rev. Dewey Thomas.

Four Deacons, Bro. Billy Dockery, John Crossley, Mack Cooper, Derel Wheeler, one minister, Bro. Marvin F. Worley Jr. were ordained.

The following 3 Deacons were appointed to the Executive Committee. Bro's. Derel Wheeler, B. E. Turner and John Crossley.

The body elected the following officers for the next year. Rev. M. H. Hollis as moderator, Rev. Dewey Thomas as assistant moderator, R. T. Mixon was retained as clerk. The following delegates were appointed to the State Association, Bro. and Sister Clyde Motes, Bro. and sister W. L. Turner.

Mt. Moriah—Rev. V. R. Lay.

State Line—Rev. Roy Barnes.

Song by quartet, and an old time hand shaking by those present as a token of "God be With You."

The Association adjourned to meet with Piney Grove Church on Sat. before the thrid Sunday, October 1967. Time 8:00 a.m.

The closing prayer by Rev. V. R. Lay.

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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	7	2	5	80	40	12	2	1,425	225	120	174	60	10	2,409	5,230	45,000
Davis Chapel	Marvin F. Worley, Jr.	John D. Moore Rt. 4, Fayette, Ala.	0	2	2	0	62	0	0	0	294	120	60	0	0	10	164	810	4,000
Friendship	No Pastor	Mrs. Carl Ray Rt. 1, Fernbank, Ala.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,500
Liberty	Rev. Clovis Tucker	Edd Collins Vernon, Ala.	0	7	2	0	93	0	0	1	1,463	217	25	0	0	15	0	3,573	35,000
Mt. Harmony	Rev. Roy Barnes	Olen Wheeler Rt. 1, Fernbank, Ala.	0	5	1	1	40	35	0	2	1,285	100	60	50	0	10	0	1,561	10,000
Mt. Pleasant	Rev. M. L. Hollis	Earl Funderburk Vernon, Ala.	0	8	0	1	30	0	0	0	244	109	15	0	0	10	0	452	6,000
Mt. Willing	Rev. Gibb Lacey	Mrs. Carrie McGowan Rt. 2, Winfield, Ala.	0	0	2	3	57	0	0	3	904	125	61	15	0	10	500	1,663	4,700
Piney Grove	Rev. Ottis Parmer	J. M. Chaffin Rt. 1, Guin, Ala.	0	3	1	1	53	0	0	2	643	50	59	34	0	10	105	901	8,000
Springfield	Rev. M. L. Hollis	Tommie Rushing Vernon, Ala.	0	3	2	0	67	35	0	0	1,099	179	287	177	91	10	0	2,439	12,000
Taylor Springs	Rev. Frank Collins	Mary D. Baker Winfield, Ala.	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	240	53	0	10	0	6	180	483	3,000
Union Chapel	Rev. O. Z. Johnson	James N. Bynum Fayette, Ala.	0	1	0	0	65	25	0	1	905	115	135	222	0	15	0	1,392	15,000
Vernon	Rev. M. H. Hollis	Mrs. Clyde Motes Vernon, Ala.	240	5	3	2	80	40	10	2	3,520	150	273	300	53	10	1,128	7,710	30,000
Beaverton	Rev. Dewey Cooley	Emma Harris Beaverton, Ala.	0	0	0	1	20	0	0	1	335	0	0	0	0	10	240	585	4,000
Hubbard Springs	Rev. Lawrence Lynn	Doris Keeton 105 Woodlane Ave. Centerville, Ala.	0	4	0	3	20	0	0	3	195	40	0	0	0	5	76	326	3,000
First F.W.B. Birmingham	Rev. B. T. Alexander	Kathleen Sfakianos Rt. 14, Box 1093 Birmingham, Ala.	0	20	0	5	101	45	0	2	0	50	13	0	0	10	0	63	58,774
Eastside Free Will Tuscaloosa	Rev. Dewey Thomas	Delmer L. Meyer 2709 3rd St. East Tuscaloosa, Ala.	57	4	1	0	48	46	0	1	1,300	220	102	331	8	10	740	4,652	13,240
			297	69	16	22	856	266	22	20	13,852	1,753	1,210	1,303	212	151	5,542	31,840	256,214

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

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

10. 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.

11. No person shall laugh or talk during discussion.

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

13. 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 Scripture 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.

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.