

MINUTES
Of The
Ninetieth Session
Of The
Vernon Free Will
Baptist Association



Held with

Springfield Free Will
Baptist Church
October 17, 1970

MODERATOR.....Rev. Roy Barnes



OFFICERS FOR 1971

ModeratorRev. M. H. Hollis, Vernon, Ala.
Ass't. ModeratorRev. Dewey Thomas, Northport, Ala.



The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Mt. Willing F.W.B. Church, beginning at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, October 16, 1971.

Rev. Billy Sharpston to preach the key note sermon at 11:00 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The ninetieth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church on October 17, 1970. Rev. Roy Barnes served as Moderator, Derrell R. Wheeler, Clerk.

This meeting opened with congregational singing under the direction of Bro. Tommy Rushing. The song: "When We All Go to Heaven." This song was followed by scripture reading by Rev. Roy Barnes from Colossians 3:12-17.

The ninetieth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was called to order by Rev. Roy Barnes.

Next, we had a prayer by Rev. Johnson.

Letters from the various churches were called for and turned over to the clerk. Rev. Byron M. Meyer and Bro. R. T. Mixon were appointed as reading clerks.

All the letters were read aloud and accepted as read. The delegates were seated as listed in the letters. (See churches and delegates listed).

A call was given for petitionary letters. None were received.

Appointment of the committee on committees for next session was made. Those appointed were Rev. G. C. Lawrence, Rev. Albert Hamm, Rev. Robert Franks, Rev. W. D. Glasgow and Bro. Jeff McDonald.

Three ministers requested membership in the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. They were accepted by vote of the congregation. They are: Rev. Carl Johnson, Rev. Billy Sharpston and Rev. J. W. Spencer.

Next, we recognized the visiting ministers. (See list of visiting Ministers).

We had congregational singing of "Precious Memories" in memory of the deceased members of our association. This song was followed by a prayer.

We were dismissed for a short intermission.

Following the intermission; a call was given for reports of the various committees.

The Business Committee report was read, received as read by the proper vote and second. The committee was dismissed. (See reports.)

The Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee report was read, received as read by the proper vote and second. The committee was dismissed. (See reports.)

The Temperance Committee report was read next.

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This report was received as read by the proper vote and second. The committee was discharged. (See reports.)

Next the Devotional Committee report was read and received as read by vote and second. The committee was discharged. (See reports.)

The Deceased Members committee report was given and received as read by vote and second. The committee was discharged. (See reports.)

The Finance Committee report was read, received as read by vote and second. This committee was discharged. (See reports.)

The Resolutions Committee report was read and received as read by vote and second. The committee was discharged. (See reports.)

A report was given on work done by the Vernon Home Missions Board during the past year. Report received as read by proper vote and second.

A devotional message was given by Rev. G. C. Lawrence—“Robbing God of Ourselves.” The scripture reference was Matthew 23:23.

Next, a song, “We’ll Work Till Jesus Comes”, was sung by the congregation.

Mrs. M. L. Hollis sang “What A Day That Will Be.”

Rev. Henry Crawford next directed a congregational song “I Feel Like Traveling On” before the key note message.

The keynote message was given by Rev. Leander McAdams. The message “The Church on Trial”, scripture reference was taken from 2 Timothy 3:1-7.

After the key note message the congregation sang “Are You Washed in The Blood.”

The song was followed by a prayer by Rev. Rayburn and the congregation was dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with a song—“Victory in Jesus”.

The afternoon devotional message was given by Rev. M. L. Hollis.

After the devotional message we enjoyed a song “He Bore it All” by the Springfield Quartet.

We next had the Executive Committee report read, received as read by vote and second and the committee discharged.

The Ordination Committee was appointed. This com-

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mittee consisted of Rev. G. C. Lawrence, chairman, Rev. M. H. Hollis, and Rev. Dewey Thomas.

Next, the Business Committee report was called for. The report was given but was tabled before obtaining the required vote until our other business was completed.

Next, the moderator was empowered to appoint a group of ministers to serve as the Board of Christian Education. Those appointed to this board were: Rev. Billy Sharpston, Rev. Robert Franks and Rev. Carl Johnson.

Next, Bro. Pascal Yerby was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee.

Next, a motion was made by Rev. M. H. Hollis to give the money on hand in the bank which had been left from a previous youth program, to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage in Eldridge, Alabama. This was approved by a unanimous vote of the congregation.

The congregation sang "Where The Soul Never Dies."

Next, delegates to the State Association of Free Will Baptists were appointed.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Mrs. Sue Hester
Mrs. Lona Fay Franks
Mrs. S. Y. Shelton
Mrs. E. W. Graves
Mrs. Addie DuBose
Mrs. Quinn Haney
Mrs. Lona Barnes
Mrs. Lee Mixon
Mrs. Gera Mae Bobo
Mrs. Mary Weeks
Mrs. Tillis Walley

Delegates were appointed to other Free Will Baptist Associations as follows:

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Bro. and Sister Hamm

JASPER ASSOCIATION

Rev. Otis Parmer
Rev. Frank Lee

LIBERTY NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

Rev. W. D. Glasgow
Mrs. W. D. Glasgow

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STATE LINE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Otis Parmer

Rev. Roy Barnes

NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION

Rev. Tillis Walley

Rev. Roy Barnes

MT. MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Rev. M. H. Hollis

Rev. Leander McAdams

Mrs. Leander McAdams

The ordination service was held for one deacon, Bro Tommy Rushing. The charge was given by Rev. G. C. Lawrence. Advice and admonition was given by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

Discussion of the business committee report was conducted and the report was accepted by vote and second, item by item until the entire report consisting of six (6) items was covered.

In conjunction with this report a motion was made to change article 13 of the By-laws to omit the word deacons. The motion carried by vote and second.

Rev. Frank Collins was nominated and elected as our Associational Evangelist for the coming year.

Churches requesting the next meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association were recognized and votes cast by the congregation. The next session is to be held at Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church.

The body elected the following officers for the coming year.

Rev. M. H. Hollis Moderator

Rev. Dewey Thomas Ass't. Moderator

Derrell R. Wheeler Clerk

Rev. Billy Sharpston Key Note Speaker

Rev. Frank Collins Associational Evangelist

A song by the congregation was followed by a prayer by Rev. Tillis Walley. The Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church on October 16, 1971.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS LISTED

Beaverton—Sisters Liza Sizemore, Mary Weeks and Bro. Robert Bobo.

Belk—Sisters Eardeal Gilreath, Mamie Gilpin and Iva

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- Overton, Bros. R. H. Yerby and Laren Williams.
Davis Chapel—Sisters Sylvia Moore, Mary Logan and Euline Moore, Bro. Belton Nelson.
Eastside—Sisters Ann Johnson, Elma Rae Robertson and Edna Thompson, Bro. Coleman Robertson.
Friendship—Sisters Avis Cline, Myrtle Reynolds, Bros. Tilmus Cline, Loyd Turner and James Price.
Liberty—Sisters Sue Hester, Eula Mae DuBose, Addie DuBose, Wilma Mixon, Hattie Mixon, Bros. J. C. DuBose, Felix DuBose, Loyd DuBose and Steve Butler.
Mt. Harmony—Sister Lona Barnes, Bros., Prentiss Johnson, Leonard Corbett and Lowell Wheeler.
Mt. Pleasant—Sisters Helen Chandler, Clarine Bush, Lou Ella Cunningham and Estelle Cunningham.
Mt. Willing—Bros. Elzie Guin, Hoyt Chaffin, Obie Haney, and Quineth Haney.
Piney Grove—Sisters Gera Mae Bobo, Tisha Robertson, Virginia Guin, Bros. Fred Barnes and Huston Guin.
Springfield—Sisters Ora Jordan, Dean Rushing, Bros. Tommie Rushing and Roy Ashby.
Taylor Springs—Sisters Dean Callen, Lola Sorrells, Mary Dell Barker and Christine Sizemore.
Union Chapel—Sisters Daisey Clearman, Lucille Bradford, Jmimie Nell Graves, Bros. Don Freeman and Kell McAdams.
Vernon—Sisters Maureen Turner, Mildred Gilmore, Louise Shelnut, Docia Turner, Bro. Howard Gilmore.

COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS FOR 1970

(Committee Members for 1971 session are to be appointed at 1971 session—see Business Committee report).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Deacon Derrell Wheeler	1971
Deacon Dewey Jordan	1972
Deacon R. T. Mixon	1973 chairman
Deacon R. H. Yerby, Sr.	1974
Deacon P. N. Yerby	1975

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS COMMITTEE

Sister Louise Hamm—Chairman
Sister Avis Graves
Sister Loree Butler
Sister Flora Gilreath

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TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. Carl Johnson—Chairman
Rev. J. W. Spencer
Rev. Billy Sharpston

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

Sister Myrtle Reynolds—Chairman
Sister Helen Chandler
Sister Wilda McAdams

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Sister Sue Hester—Chairman
Sister Rosemary Shelton
Sister Iva Overton
Sister Ida Wilson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Raphael Yerby—Chairman
Bro. James A. Hallman
Sister Eulene Moore
Sister Martha Palmer

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Byro M. Meyer—Chairman
Rev. Dewey Thomas
Bro. Jack McDonald

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. Leander McAdams—Chairman
Rev. Robert Franks
Rev. Otis Parmer
Bro. J. C. DuBose
Bro. Eris Wilson

VERNON HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Roy Barnes—Chairman
Rev. G. C. Lawrence
Rev. M. H. Hollis

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

- (1) We recommend that the delegates for each committee be appointed in the session for which their church has appointed them to serve.
- (2) We recommend that each church send \$15.00 minute funds; however, any church that is able should send \$20.00.
- (3) We recommend that the Home Mission Board organize a youth program in conjunction with the State Board

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of Education.

- (4) We recommend the Devotion Committee appoint the speakers for the coming year, at the session prior to their speaking.
- (5) We recommend that the Vernon Association letter to the Alabama State Association denote the number of parsonages in this association.
- (6) We recommend that each church be empowered to ordain their own deacons.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Robert Franks

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

- (1) Be it resolved that this association extend to Springfield Church our thanks for the hospitality shown to everyone during this associational meeting.
- (2) That we call upon all the churches and especially the pastors to plead for a greater loyalty to more interest in and concern for the work of the association. That we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works that God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.
- (3) That we pray God's blessings upon Rev. Dewey Thomas and those devoted workers who, with him, are organizing another Free Will Baptist Church dedicated to the cause of almighty God.
- (4) We are greatly alarmed at the falling away or spiritual decay of our nation today. There is a great responsibility facing the church in our day. If we fail in that responsibility these will be required at our hands.
II Chronicles 7:14—"If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."
If we follow these words of the Bible and live by them, we will see fruits of our labors.

Respectfully submitted
Rev. Byron M. Meyer, Chairman
Rev. Dewey Thomas
Bro. Jack McDonald

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Finance Committee wish to report, after hearing the reading of the letters from the various churches, that \$215.00 had been sent in as minute funds.

Respectfully submitted

Bro. Raphael Yerby, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your committee on Deceased Members report the following:

Beaverton	none
Belk	none
Davis Chapel	Bro. Delbert Davis
Eastside	none
Friendship	none
Liberty	Bro. Willis Butler, Sister Merla Perkins
Mt. Harmony	Sister Florence Johnson
Mt. Pleasant	Sister Lila Kemp
Mt. Willing	Sister Carrie Crew, Bro. Robert Gosa, Bro. Andrew Shelton
Piney Grove	none
Springfield	none
Taylor Springs	none
Union Chapel	none
Vernon	Bro. George Moore, Sister Hattie Baker

"Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die, unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 15:8.

We extend our sympathy to the families of the deceased.

Sister Sue Hester, chairman
Sister Rosemarv Shelton
Sister Iva Overton
Sister Ida Wilson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, as Free Will Baptists and most of all as christians believe that we should practice temperance in all things. As our Church Covenant says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." As I John 2:15 says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

As Christain parents we have the responsibility of teaching and practicing temperance in the home.

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Respectfully submitted
Rev. Carl Johnson
Rev. J. W. Spencer
Rev. Billy Sharpston

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS COMMITTEE REPORT

After examining the church letters, we find all churches with Sunday Schools and 53.5% attendance, less than half of our churches have C.T.S. programs. (43% with 11% attendance.)

Whlie we are thankful for the effort put forth and the progress made, we would urge that each church put forth more effort to:

- I. Emphasize the importance of these educational programs.
- II. Encourage the young members by their participation in church business affairs.
- III. Special care be given to election of christians of Free Will Baptists faith for officers and teachers classes.
- IV. The Superintendent and President along with the Pastor appoint the teachers for the primary and junior

Respectfully submitted,
Sister Louise Hamm, chairman

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from 1969	\$45.00
Minute Funds received	\$215.00
EXPENDITURES	
Moderator	\$10.00
Assistant Moderator	\$ 5.00
Minutes	\$125.00
Clerk	\$50.00
State Association	\$70.00
Postage & Supplies	\$10.00
Total Expenditures	\$270.00
Balance on hand	\$10.00

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. T. C. Barnes, Rt. 1, Beaverton. Ala. 35544
Rev. Roy Barnes, Rt. 1, Vernon, Ala. 35592

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERIES	Christian Education	Members Received	Members Decreased	Members Dismissed	Total Members	Number in C.T.S.	No. in Ladies Auxiliary	Ordained Ministers	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions	Paid Old Age Pastors	Minute Funds	Paid for Improvements	Total Paid Out	Value of Church Property
BEAVERTON	Rev. T. C. Barnes Rt. 1 Box 73 Beaverton, Ala. 35544	Mrs. Emma Harris Star Route North Sulligent, Ala. 35586	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	1	\$ 719.29	0	\$ 30.00	\$ 0	0	\$15.00	\$1479.00	\$2446.41	\$ 5479.00
BELK	Rev. Albert Hamm c/o F.W.B. Bible College Nashville, Tenn.	Mr. R. H. Yerby, Sr. Route 6, Box 130 Fayette, Ala., 35555	110.00	0	0	0	111	30	10	4	\$4025.00	275.00	\$220.00	\$169.00	60.00	15.00	91.38	6176.10	50000.00
DAVIS CHAPEL	Rev. Lawrence Lynn Route 3 Northport, Ala. 35476	Mrs. Barbara A. Miller Route 1 Berry, Ala. 35546	0	3	1	0	131	0	6	3	\$ 138.33	100.00	\$ 22.41	\$ 0	0	15.00	7383.68	7956.00	15000.00
EASTSIDE	Rev. Carl R. Johnson P. O. Box 1306 Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401	Rev. Byron M. Meyer 31 Lake Wildwood Cottondale, Ala. 35453	0	29	0	5	104	57	14	3	\$3000.00	385.46	\$478.04	\$237.89	83.09	15.00	5041.00	12419.65	75000.00
FRIENDSHIP	Rev. Leander McAdams Route 2 Columbus, Miss. 39701	Mrs. Agatha Reynolds Route 1 Steens, Miss. 39766	0	5	0	1	23	0	0	1	\$ 997.21	70.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	15.00	825.00	2108.50	15000.00
LIBERTY	Rev. Tillis Wally Route 2, Box 169A Vernon, Ala. 35592	Mrs. Elsie Black Route 3 Vernon, Ala. 35592	30.00	2	2	1	240	50	0	3	\$4925.00	280.00	\$213.00	\$297.80	0	15.00	0	6778.34	50000.00
MT. HARMONY	Rev. M. H. Hollis Vernon, Ala. 35592	Mr. D. R. Wheeler Route 1, Box 124 Vernon, Ala. 35592	0	25	1	3	114	0	0	1	\$2125.00	150.00	\$100.00	\$ 25.00	0	25.00	5708.59	70212.11	25000.00
MT. PLEASANT	Rev. Roy Barnes Route 1 Vernon, Ala. 35592	Mrs. Helen Chandler Route 1 Vernon, Ala. 35592	0	3	1	1	46	0	0	0	\$ 601.00	110.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	0	15.00	0	891.88	6000.00
MT. WILLING	Rev. J. W. Spencer Route 2 Guin, Ala. 35563	Mrs. Nellie Hawkins Route Sulligent, Ala. 35586	0	24	3	0	192	0	0	2	\$1087.25	125.00	\$190.00	\$ 0	0	15.00	2310.86	4158.44	6000.00
PINEY GROVE	Rev. Ottis Parmer Route 1 Beaverton, Ala. 35544	Mr. Fred Barnes Route 1 Guin, Ala. 35563	0	11	0	0	147	0	0	4	\$ 501.62	80.00	\$598.03	\$ 19.55	0	15.00	2615.00	3829.20	15000.00
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. Robert Franks Route 1 Vernon, Ala. 35592	Mr. Tommie Rushing Route 1 Vernon, Ala. 35592	215.00	7	0	0	193	45	0	1	\$1210.00	185.00	\$150.69	\$113.02	113.02	15.00	2836.16	5485.98	21000.00
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. Delmus Miller Route 2 Winfield, Ala. 35594	Mrs. Charlene Cooper Route 1 Beaverton, Ala. 35544	0	0	0	1	30	0	0	0	\$ 350.00	100.26	\$ 15.00	\$ 0	0	15.00	500.00	1067.02	6000.00
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. L. B. Nix c/o F.W.B. Children's Home Eldridge, Ala. 35554	Mr. James M. Bynum Fayette, Ala. 35555	0	2	0	0	105	22	0	1	\$1730.00	205.00	\$220.00	\$ 0	0	20.00	3436.50	6539.95	20000.00
VERNON	Rev. Billy Sharpston Vernon, Ala. 35592	Mrs. Clyde Motes Vernon, Ala. 35592	107.04	5	2	12	173	50	0	2	\$4405.00	150.00	\$323.37	\$371.41	71.34	15.00	8902.43	16864.75	50000.00

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- Rev. Frank Collins, Rt. 3, Sulligent, Ala. 35586
Rev. Robert Collins, Kennedy, Ala. 35574
Rev. Robert Franks, Rt. 1, Vernon, Ala. 35592
Rev. W. D. Glasgow, Rt. 9, Box 223, Eightmile, Ala.
Rev. E. W. Graves, Rt. 2, Vernon, Ala. 35592
Rev M. H. Hollis, Vernon, Ala. 35592
Rev. Carl R. Johnson, P. O. Box 1306, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
35401
Rev. G. C. Lawrence, P.O. Box 365, Winfield, Ala. 35594
Rev. V. R. Lay, Fayette, Ala. 35555
Rev. S. F. Lee, Rt. 1, Guin, Ala. 35563
Rev. Lawrence Lynn, Rt. 3, Northport, Ala. 35476
Rev. Leander McAdams, Rt. 2, Columbus, Miss. 39701
Rev. Byron M. Meyer, 31 Lake Wildwood, Cottondale,
Ala. 35453
Rev. Delmus Miller, Rt. 2, Winfield, Ala. 35594
Rev. L. B. Nix, F.W.B. Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.
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Rev. Ottis Parmer, Rt. 1, Guin, Ala., 35563
Rev. Billy Sharpston, Vernon, Ala. 35592
Rev. J. W. Spencer, Rt. 2, Guin, Ala., 35563
Rev. C. Dewey Thomas, Rt. 2, Box 75, Northport, Ala.
35476
Rev. Tillis Wally, Rt. 2, Vernon, Ala. 35592
Rev. A. L. Warren, Vernon, Ala. 35592

LIST OF DEACONS

- Bearverton—J. T. Barnes, Robert Bobo
Belk—Gardy Newman, Britt Belk, Raphael Yerby, Dalton
Gilpin
Davis Chapel—Raymond Gray, John D. Moore, Sr., E. D.
Sanford, John Pike
Eastside (Tuscaloosa)—J. H. Thompson, Bedford Hester,
Byron Meyer, Paul Jordan, Bobby Sargent

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Friendship—James Price, Loyd Turner.

Liberty—R. T. Mixon, Edd Collins, John Stewart, Chelsey Poore, Lee Mixon, Henry Harrison, Henry Perkins, L. R. DuBose, Arnold Hester, Bobby J. Black.

Mt. Harmony—S. L. Cash, Olen Wheeler, Erbie Robertson, Coy Johnson, D. R. Wheeler, Odus Robertson.

Mt. Pleasant—W. M. Cooper, J. G. Adair, J. S. Crossley, Raymond Pennington, Hollis Chandler

Mt. Willing—A. J. McDonald, Jeff McDonald, Emmett Lee, H. E. McDonald, J. D. Shelnut, Arlie Roberts

Piney Grove—C. E. Roberts, Arlander Shelnut, Alvada Markham, J. M. Chaffin, Ozell Cantrell.

SPRINGFIELD—Dewey Jordan, J. A. Harper, Haley Wright, Dempsey Langley, Edward Walden, Tommie Rushing

Taylor Springs—Stanley Cooper, Chester Barker

Union Chapel—Cullen Collins, Harvey Clearmon James Maddox, Carlos Bradford

Vernon—B. E. Turner, Joe L. McNees, P. N. Yerby, Titus Barnes, Eris Wilson, Max Turner, Paul Shelnut

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, Rev. J. B. Tittle.

NAMES OF DECEASED DEACONS

L. A. Crowder, S. Y. Shelton, J. H. Cole

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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 delegate 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 trans-

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sacted.

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 members 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 delegates failing or refusing to do so, is and shall 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 \$50.00 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).

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3. The officers shall be chosen by a majority of delegates 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 direction of the body.

5. The delegates shall be seated at a designated place in the assembly and a majority 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 of ministers shall be done by the association, either at the association, or by the ordaining council.

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

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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 all 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 The Son of God by His incarnation, life sufferings, death, and resurrection effected all a redemption from sin that is full and free 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.

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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, Judgement, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They 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 righteous into eternal life."

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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.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call to order.
2. Call for peace and fellowship.
3. Opportunity for membership.
4. Invite visiting brother 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.