

**Minutes**  
**of the**  
**Ninety-Eighth**  
**Session**  
**of the**  
**Vernon Free Will**  
**Baptist Association**

**held with**  
**Sulligent First Free Will Baptist Church**

**OCTOBER 14, 1978**

**Moderator..... Rev. M. H. Hollis, Vernon, Alabama**  
**Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Edward Puckett, Sulligent, Alabama**

**OFFICERS FOR 1979**

**Moderator.....Rev. Edward Puckett, Sulligent, Alabama**  
**Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Walter D. Jagers, Belk, Alabama**

**The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 20, 1979.**

**OFFICERS FOR 1979**

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### PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-eighth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church on October 14, 1978. Rev. M. H. Hollis served as moderator, Rev. Edward Puckett served as assistant moderator, and Raphael H. Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "When We All Get To Heaven," directed by Bro. Russell Cole. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Leander McAdams.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Don Taggart, using John 15:4-6 as his scripture. His subject was, "What Kind Of A Christian Are You?" Prayer was by the speaker.

After the morning devotion, there was a song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," directed by Bro. Russell Cole.

The ninety-eighth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. M. H. Hollis. The moderator welcomed everyone to this session of the association and used Phillipians 4:13 in his opening remarks.

The moderator called for a report of the Digest Committee. The report was given by Sister Elsie Boyett. A motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report and discharge the committee.

We had a roll call of the delegates to the association by the clerk. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to seat the delegates.

The moderator excused the Credential Committee to take care of some business that came to their committee before they made their report.

Next we had a song, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," directed by Bro. Russell Cole. Prayer was by Rev. Malone Cobb.

The moderator recognized visiting brethren and sisters and invited them to seat with us during this session of the association. Those present were:

Rev. Leander McAdams  
Rev. Malone Cobb  
Sister Cloe Emmerson  
Sister Manila Brown

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees for the 1979 associational year. (See List).

We were dismissed by the moderator for a short recess and time of fellowship. The dismissal prayer was offered by Rev. Roy Barnes.

After an intermission and time of fellowship, we had a congregational song, "Victory In Jesus," directed by Bro. Russell Cole.

The moderator called for a report of the Committee on Committees. The report was given by Bro. James Price, chairman, and the various committees were appointed. (See List). We had a motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report and discharge the committee.

At this time, a Welcome was given to everyone by Rev. Edward Puckett, pastor of the host church.

The moderator called for petitionary letters. None were received.

The moderator called for a report of the General Board. The report was given by Raphael Yerby, clerk of the association. We had a motion, second and vote carried to vote on the report item by item. Items one and two carried by vote. Item three was amended by a motion, second and vote carried from the floor. Then we had a motion, second and vote carried to table item three until the afternoon session, since it dealt with a change of the Constitution.

We had a very interesting and informative report by Rev. Dennis Kizzire on the Summer Youth Camp Activities. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report and make it a part of the printed minutes.

The moderator dismissed the various committees to make their committee reports.

We had a song, "Heaven's Jubilee," directed by Rev. Edward Puckett.

The moderator called for a report of the Credential Committee. A partial report was given by Bro. Dewey Jordan. A motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report as a partial report.

After this report, we were dismissed for a short recess before the eleven o'clock message. The dismissal prayer was offered by Rev. Byron Meyer.

After recess, we had a song, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus," directed by Bro. Troy Cole. Prayer was offered by Bro. Roger Lucas.

We had another song, "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus," directed by Bro. Troy Cole.

The moderator recognized Bro. Pascal Yerby of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon for thirty (30) years of perfect attendance in Sunday School.

Just before the eleven o'clock message, we had a congregational song, "Amazing Grace," directed by Bro. Troy Cole.

The Key Note Message was brought at 11:00 A.M. by Rev. Milton Gann, pastor of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. The subject of his message was, "We Are Witnesses of All Scripture", using Luke 24:45-48 and Acts 4:31 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

After a very interesting and challenging message, we had a song of invitation, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." We had a prayer of dedication offered by Rev. M. H. Hollis, moderator of the association.

We were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Malone Cobb.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

After a delicious lunch, which everyone enjoyed, and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened at 1:00 P.M. with Bro. Troy Cole leading a congregational song, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Prayer was offered by Rev. Dennis Kizzire.

The moderator asked Bro. Richard Dean from the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church to give us an oral report on Master's Men. After a very informative report Bro. Dean encouraged each church in the association to organize a Master's Men and be active in the work.

The moderator called for a report of the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee. The report was given by Sister Sandra Carter, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote carried to receive the report and discharge the committee.

Next we had a report of the Finance Committee. The report was given by Bro. Robert Carter, chairman. A motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The Deceased Members Committee report was given by Bro. Reedus Wheat. A motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report. After the report the congregation stood and sang "Precious Memories" in memory of these loved ones. Prayer was offered by Rev. Walter D. Jagers.

The moderator called for a report of the Temperance Committee. The report was given by Bro. Robert Carter using several different scriptures on the subject of temperance. A motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report as information.

The moderator called for a report of the Board of Christian Education. The report was given by Rev. Dennis Kizzire, chairman. A motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report.

The Ordination Service was held next. Bro. Norman G. Berryhill was ordained to preach the Gospel. Rev. Edward Puckett delivered the Ordination Message. The Charge was given by Rev. M. H. Hollis. The Ordination Prayer was offered by Rev. Roy Barnes. We had a song, "Ready," while the congregation was invited to come by and shake hands with Bro. Berryhill.

After the Ordination Service, we selected places for the Youth Rally each month, October through May. The meeting places are:

- October, 1978 - Springfield
- November, 1978 - Youth Camp
- December, 1978 - Mt. Harmony
- January, 1979 - Vernon
- February, 1979 - Banquet
- March, 1979 - Area Youth Revival
- April, 1979 - Liberty
- May, 1979 - Davis Chapel

The moderator called for a final report of the Credential Committee. The report was by Bro. Dewey Jordan. A motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report.

Next we had a final report of the General Board. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to take up item three of the report that was tabled in the morning session and bring it up for a vote. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to adopt the report.



The moderator called for any new business that anyone wanted to bring up from the floor. Bro. Richard Dean suggested that we consider having associational quarterly meetings and wanted to hear the feelings of others on this matter. Several different ministers gave their views, both for and against, on this subject. No action was taken on the subject at this meeting.

A report of the Appreciation Committee was given at this time by Sister Lovie Jagers. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to give the Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality.

The moderator appointed Rev. Roy Barnes to serve a five (5) year term on the Credential Committee.

The moderator called for nomination for one member to serve a three year term on the Youth Camp Board of Directors. Bro. L. C. Steedley was nominated and elected to serve a three year term.

The moderator called for nominations for one member to serve a three year term on the Board of Christian Education. Bro. Richard Dean and Bro. Michael Rogers were nominated. Bro. Michael Rogers was elected to serve.

The moderator called for the election of one member to serve a seven year term on the Youth Camp Committee. Rev. Walter D. Jagers was elected to serve. The moderator also called for the election of one member to serve out the unexpired term of Sister Lonie Fay Franks on the Youth Camp Committee. Rev. Byron Meyer was elected to serve.

Next the moderator called for the election of officers for the next year. First, nomination was opened for clerk of the association. Bro. Raphael Yerby was nominated and elected to serve as clerk.

Nomination was opened for assistant clerk of the association. Regina Yerby was elected to serve as assistant clerk.

Next, nomination was opened for the moderator of the association for the coming year. Rev. T. M. Scott, Rev. L. B. Nix, Rev. Walter Jagers, and Rev. Edward Puckett were nominated. Rev. Scott was disqualified by Article 9(B) of the constitution. Rev. Edward Puckett was elected to serve as moderator.

Nomination was opened for assistant moderator for the next year. Rev. Walter Jagers was nominated and elected to serve as assistant moderator.

Next a place was chosen for the next setting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. Mt. Willing Church and Eastside Church requested the next meeting of the association. The body voted to hold the 1979 session of this association at Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on October 20, 1979.

Delegates to the Alabama State Free Will Baptist Association were appointed next. They are:

Mrs. Lovie Jagers  
Mrs. Wanda Oaks  
Mrs. Ora Jordan  
Mrs. Sandra Carter  
Mr. Robert Carter  
Mr. Charles Fowler.

We had a motion, second, and vote carried to adjourn this session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The moderator asked for a song and asked the congregation to come by and shake hands with the new moderator, clerk, and the outgoing moderator. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Leonard Corbett.

Meeting adjourned.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES LISTED

- BEAVERTON - Sisters Mary Weeks, Emma Harris, and Flora Gosa.  
BELK - Sisters Louise Ham, Lovie Jaggers, Bros. Laren Williams, Jack Newman, and Charles Buckner.  
DAVIS CHAPEL - Sisters Eulene Moore, Lorene Pike, and Jessmer Nelson.  
EASTSIDE - Sisters Edna Thompson, Arlene Meyer, Susan Nicholson, Bros. Charles Fowler, and John Nicholson.  
FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sister Sandra Carter, Bros. Robert Carter, Billy Joe Turner, and Reedus Wheat.  
FRIENDSHIP - Sisters Laura Moore, Avis Cline, Edna Newell, and Sister W.D. Glasgow.  
LIBERTY - Sisters Ida Bell Perkins, Sula Gann, Loree Christain, Eula Mae Dubose, Jo Nina Lanier, Loree Oaks, Janice Sorrells, Bros. Roy Perkins, Steve Butler, and Wayne Dubose.  
LOVE JOY - Sisters Becky Cole, Shirley Berryhill, and Bro. Gary Berryhill.  
MT. HARMONY - Sisters Mattie Johnson, Flaudie Wheeler, Bros. Leonard Corbett, Richard Harris, and Bobby Gault.  
MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Helen Chandler, Daisey Barnes, Bros. Hollis Chandler, and Curtis Corbell.  
MT. WILLING - Sisters Margie Lee, Sammie Roberts, Dorothy Rye, Kathleen Garrison, Bros. Roger Rye, and Harkins Garrison.  
PINEY GROVE - Sisters Annie Bell Black, Edna Markham, Bros. Russell Cole, Troy Cole, and Clyde Weeks.  
SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Ora Jordan, Dean Rushing, Linda Ashby, Doris Mason, Nelda Kizzire, and Bro. Claude Mason.  
SULLIGENT - Sisters Elsie Boyett, Margaret C. Price, Mattie Lou Crosby, Una Pennington, Robbie Birmingham, Deborah McKay, and Bros. James Price and Shirley Whaley.  
TAYLOR SPRINGS - Sisters Eunice Perkins, Sheila Perkins, and Martha Bradford.  
UNION CHAPEL - Sisters Don Flynn, Gladys Freeman, Daisey Clearman, Lucille Bradford, Bros. Don Flynn, and Lamon Duckworth.  
VERNON - Sisters Inna Lee Yerby, Beatrice Christian, Martha Butler, Jean Adire, Lonore Meshbitt, Bros. Roger Lucas and Mike Rogers, and Sister Elwanda Oaks.

### GENERAL BOARD

- BEAVERTON - None listed  
BELK - Bro. Don Byars  
DAVIS CHAPEL - None Listed  
EASTSIDE - Bro. Charles R. Fowler  
FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bro. Reedus Wheat  
FRIENDSHIP - None Listed

LIBERTY - Bro. Bobby Joe Black  
LOVE JOY - Bro. Garry Berryhill  
MT. HARMONY - Bro. Leonard Corbett  
MT. PLEASANT - Bro. Lowell Hankins  
MT. WILLING - None Listed  
PINEY GROVE - Bro. Tommie Robertson  
SPRINGFIELD - Bro. Dewey Jordan  
SULLIGENT - Bro. Quinton Boyett  
TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. Gary Sizemore  
UNION CHAPEL - Bro. Benny Hardy  
VERNON - Bro. Jack McLemore

The following churches will elect a new member to serve a two (2) year term on the General Board and send them to the next session of the association.

MT. HARMONY  
MT. PLEASANT  
MT. WILLING

PINEY GROVE  
SPRINGFIELD  
SULLIGENT

TAYLOR SPRINGS  
UNION CHAPEL  
VERNON

### **COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1978**

#### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Rev. M. H. Hollis - 1979  
Rev. Edward Puckett - 1980  
Bro. Dewey Jordan - 1981  
Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1982  
Rev. Roy Barnes - 1983

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. COMMITTEE**

Bro. Harkins Garrison  
Sister Sandra Carter  
Sister Nelda Kizzire  
Bro. Shirley Whaley  
Bro. Stanley Cooper

#### **YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Rev. M. H. Hollis - 1979  
Rev. Walter Jaggers - 1980  
Bro. L. C. Steedley - 1981

#### **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. Dennis Kizzire - 1979  
Rev. Fred Graham - 1980  
Bro. Michael Rogers - 1981

#### **DIGEST COMMITTEE - 1979**

Sister Kitty Taylor  
Sister Margie Lee  
Sister Gara Mae Bobo  
Sister Beatrice Christian  
Sister Mattie Lou Crosby

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Robert Carter  
Bro. Russell Cole  
Bro. Quinton Boyett

#### **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

Sister Lovie Jaggers  
Sister Dorothy Rye  
Sister Edna Markham

#### **YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE**

Bro. Robert Carter - 1979  
Bro. Roger Lucas - 1980  
Sister L. C. Steedley - 1981  
Rev. M. H. Hollis - 1982  
Rev. Byron M. Meyer - 1983  
Rev. Milton Gann - 1984  
Rev. Walter Jaggers - 1985



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Edward Puckett  
Rev. Walter Jagers  
Bro. Raphael Yerby  
Bro. Bobby Joe Black  
Bro. Reedus Wheat  
Bro. Charles R. Fowler  
Bro. Jack McLemore

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE - 1979

Bro. Bobby Joe Black  
Bro. Mike Rogers  
Bro. Charles Buckner  
Bro. Wayne Sorrells  
Sister Flora Gosa

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

- 1979

Bro. Roger Lucas  
Bro. Frankie Beasley  
Bro. Tommy Robertson

DECEASED MEMBER COMMITTEE

Bro. Reedus Wheat  
Sister Janie Waldon  
Bro. Laren Williams  
Sister Margaret Price

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Credential Committee have met with Bro. Gary Berryhill and questioned him, and after listening to his answers to the questions laid out to answer, we the Credential Committee are satisfied and are happy to recommend him to the association for Ordination.

We are happy to recommend the acceptance into the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association of Rev. Don Taggart, who comes to us with a letter of good standing from the Northeast Mississippi Association.

We are also happy to recommend the acceptance of Rev. Malone Cobb, upon his statement and pending a letter from the Northeast Mississippi Association, into the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association.

We recommend that each minister of the Vernon Association be given a card of good standing for the coming year. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted  
Rev. Roy Barnes, chairman

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee offer the following report:

Our Sunday School enrollment is 1,399, with an average attendance of 1,082. We show a decrease of 75 members enrolled, but a gain of 130 in the average attendance.

Our C.T.S. enrollment is 492 with an average attendance of 424. We show an increase of 118 members enrolled and an increase of 46 members in average attendance.

We would like to encourage more of our churches to start a C.T.S. program and we ask that all churches that have a C.T.S. to promote the program in every way possible. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted  
Sandra Carter, chairman

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Finance Committee have examined the finances and find a total of \$800.00 was sent to this association as minute funds. There is a balance in the treasury from 1977 of \$326.10. Our total estimated expenditure for 1978 is \$653.40, leaving a balance of \$472.70. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted  
Robert Carter, chairman

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Temperance Committee Report was an oral report given by Bro. Robert Carter, Chairman. He used Proverbs 16:32, Acts 24:25, Galatians 5:22-23, II Peter 1:6, and I Corinthians 9:25-27 as his scripture in his comments on the subject of Temperance. M.S.C.

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Appreciation Committee make the following report:

We wish to extend to the Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church our sincere appreciation for inviting this session of the Vernon Association, for the warm hospitality and fellowship and give a rising vote of thanks for the delicious meal.

We also want to praise the Lord for the harmony in the business meeting, and thank Him for the message, "Because We Are His Witnesses," that was a challenge to each of us of our duty and our responsibility. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted  
Lovie Jagers, chairman

**GENERAL BOARD REPORT**

The General Board met on September 23, 1978, and we offer the following report:

- I. We recommend the moderator appoint a Constitution and By-Laws Committee to study the Constitution and By-Laws of this association and bring them up to date and in harmony with each other and with the duties of the various committees. This committee will report back to this association at the next regular meeting. M.S.C.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Bro. Raphael Yerby, Chairman  
Bro. Reedus Wheat  
Bro. Dewey Jordan  
Rev. T. M. Scott  
Rev. Walter Jagers

- II. We recommend this association send a letter to the Alabama State Association asking them to help secure donations from the various churches in the state to pay the expense of the winners of the State C.T.S. Competition to the National Convention. M.S.C.
- III. We recommend that the pay of the moderator of this association be raised to \$25.00 and the assistant moderator to \$15.00.

Article three was amended by motion and second from the floor and vote of the delegated body to read the moderator \$50.00 and assistant moderator \$25.00.  
M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted  
Rev. M. H. Hollis, chairman

### YOUTH CAMP REPORT

The Lord blessed the efforts of everyone that has had a part of the camp in that we were able to witness the salvation of souls and the rededication of many lives to be used for the Glory of God.

#### Statistics

Staff Workers .....	14
Total Campers.....	(41 girls, 47 boys) 88
Campers By Churches:	
Springfield .....	19 campers
Belk.....	15 campers
Mt. Harmony .....	11 campers
Sulligent .....	8 campers
Taylor Springs .....	7 campers
Vernon.....	5 campers
Eastside .....	4 campers
Union Chapel.....	2 campers
From Other Associations:	
Macedonia .....	16 campers
Union Ridge .....	1 camper
Total.....	88 campers

#### Financial Report

##### Paid Out

Camp Rent.....	\$200.00
Insurance.....	85.68
Literature .....	61.65
Snack Bar Material .....	466.45
Groceries and Supplies.....	1,092.89
Recreation and Crafts .....	81.15
Evangelist.....	200.00
Printing and Checks .....	19.81
Ambulance Fee.....	44.00
Total Paid Out.....	\$2,251.65

##### Receipts

Fees for Campers .....	\$2,115.00
Snack Bar .....	544.84
Food Sales .....	38.90
Total Receipts .....	\$2,708.74
Balance Brought Forward .....	\$ 395.15
Total Receipts .....	2,708.74
Total .....	\$3,103.89
Total Paid Out .....	2,251.65
Balance in Bank October 1, 1978.....	\$ 852.24

Respectfully submitted  
Rev. Dennis Kizzire  
Camp Director

**COMMITTEE REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS**

We, the Committee On Deceased Members make the following report:

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - Sister Wilma Yerby

DAVIS CHAPEL - Bro. Loyal Bills, Sister Lizzie Nelson

EASTSIDE - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sister Edna Jackson, Bro. Brown Taylor, Bro. Albert Elliott, Sister Geneva Hood

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Fanny Godfrey

LIBERTY - Sister Addie Dubose, Sister Lazelle Stewart, Bro. Braxton Oaks, Bro. Lee Hankins

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Bro. Stephen Cash, Sister Elma Graham

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - Sister Della Cauley

PINEY GROVE - None

SPRINGFIELD - None

SULLIGENT - None

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL - Bro. J. K. McAdams, Bro. Lonnie Hand

VERNON - None

The Deceased Members Committee recommends that we use the examples of these loved ones to encourage us to better Christian living. We also recommend that we stand and sing "Precious Memories" in memory of these loved ones. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted  
Reedus Wheat, chairman

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon was host to the Association Competition, which was held on April 14 and 15, 1978. Six (6) churches entered the competition with their young people.

The winners well represented our association in Jasper at the State level of competition, June 3, 1978.

Representing Alabama at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri from the Vernon Association were: Laura Williams of the Springfield Church, Darlene Carter, Free Will Chapel Church, Pam Jagers, Belk Church, Ricky Otts, Free Will Chapel Church, Pam Burgess, Vernon Church and Diane McDaniel, Vernon Church.

Winners on the National Level from our association were: Laura Williams, First Place - 3rd grade Bible Memorization, Darlene Carter, First Place - Declamation (original Oration), and Pam Jagers, 2nd runner-up - Vocal Solo.

We wish to thank Rev. Thomas Scott and Rev. L. B. Nix for their great work and inspiration in helping the Board of Christian Education this year. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted  
Rev. Dennis Kizzire, chairman



## REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

## Statistics

## Church Membership

Resident .....	1,889
Non-Resident .....	298
Total Membership .....	2,187

## Members Received

By Baptism .....	60
By Letter .....	70
Total Members Received .....	130

## Members Lost

Lost to Non - Free Will Baptist Churches .....	12
Total Members Lost .....	75

## Sunday School Enrollment

Number Enrolled .....	1,399
Average Attendance .....	1,082

## C.T.S. Enrollment

Number Enrolled .....	492
Average Attendance .....	424

## Women's Auxiliary Enrollment

Number Enrolled .....	53
Average Attendance .....	30

## Master's Men Enrollment

Number Enrolled .....	17
Average Attendance .....	8

## Mid - Week Service

Average Attendance .....	433
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## Evangelistic Outreach

Visitation .....	10
Revivals .....	13
Others .....	2

## Vacation Bible Schools

Enrollment .....	749
Average Attendance .....	620

Number of Ordained Ministers .....	21
Number of Licensed Ministers.....	13
Number of Students at Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges.....	0
Other Colleges .....	16

**Pastors**

Full Time Employment .....	6
No Outside Employment .....	6
Part - Time Employment .....	4

**Financial**

**Church Finances**

Total Receipts, Tithes, and Offerings .....	\$278,556.18
Amount Borrowed.....	63,000.00
Total Receipts .....	\$357,744.79

**Spent For Local Causes**

Pastor's Salary .....	\$112,009.89
Other Staff .....	2,404.45
Paid for Remodeling and Buildings .....	85,449.87
Debt - Retirement .....	40,144.33
Other Local Expenditures .....	76,815.22
Total Spent For Local Causes .....	\$304,242.94

**Spent For Outside Causes**

Executive Offices .....	0
Foreign Missions .....	\$4,833.19
Retirement and Insurance Board .....	393.54
Other National Ministries .....	0
Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	2,651.57
Home Missions and Church Extensions.....	3,186.94
Designated District or State Ministries .....	12,996.87
Total Spent For Outside Causes .....	\$24,312.10

Respectfully submitted  
Elsie Boyett, chairman

**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

CHURCH	PASTOR	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK	Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number in C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Auxiliary	Ordained Ministers
BEAVERTON	Rev. Johnny Taylor Beaverton, Ala. 35592	698-8685	Emma Harris P. O. Box 43 Beaverton, Ala. 35544	5	0	41	32	0	0	0
BELK	Rev. Walter D. Jagers P. O. Box 31 Belk, Ala. 35545	932-3144	Rosa Lea Atkins P. O. Box 45 Belk, Ala. 35545	7	1	142	111	60	0	1
DAVIS CHAPEL	Rev. Johnny Bözeman Route # 3, Box 196 Berry, Ala. 35546	689-4916	Pat Sanford Route # 5, Box 193 Northport, Ala. 35476	1	2	94	64	0	0	0
EASTSIDE	Rev. Byron M. Meyer 4014 - 6th Street East Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401	553-4763	Karen M. Wyatt 440-26th Ave. East Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401	20	0	144	80	50	15	1
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Rev. L. B. Nix Route 2 Sulligent, Al. 35586	695-9840	Reedus Wheat Route # 1 Vernon, Ala. 35592	3	4	141	120	-	0	1
FRIENDSHIP	Rev. James C. Newell Route # 1 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-6101	Lura Moore Route # 1 Steens, Miss. 39766	0	1	48	15	0	0	2
LIBERTY	Rev. Milton Gann Route 2 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9400	Steve Butler Route # 2 Fayette, Ala. 35555	12	4	229	130	70	0	1

LOVE JOY	Rev. Charles Yielding Route # 1 Hamilton, Ala. 35570	921-4428	Ellie Ruth Mixon Route # 1 Beaverton, Ala. 35544	7	0	67	60	0	0	3
MT. HARMONY	Rev. Don Taggart P.O. Box 159 Vernon, Al. 35592	695-7546	Erbie Robertson Route 3, Box 295 Vernon, Ala. 35592	2	2	123	81	41	0	1
MT. PLEASANT	Rev. Clarence Barnes Sulligent, Al. 35586		Peggy Corbell Route # 1 Caledonia, Miss. 39740	2	0	74	49	0	0	1
MT. WILLING	Rev. Doyle Chandler Route # 5 Hamilton, Ala. 35570	921-4872	Maelene Collins P.O. Box 604 Winfield, Ala. 35594	5	1	177	75	0	0	1
PINEY GROVE	Rev. M. H. Hollis P. O. Box 183 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-7736	Jackie Atkinson Route # 1, Box 85-A Guin, Alabama 35563	9	0	145	100	50	0	3
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. Dennis Kizzire P.O. Box 515 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-6354	Tommie Rushing Route # 1, Box 217 Vernon, Ala. 35592	24	0	233	150	75	0	1
SULLIGENT	Rev. Edward Puckett Route # 1, Box 45-A Sulligent, Ala. 35586	698-8177	Margaret Price P. O. Box 681 Sulligent, Ala. 35586	21	0	163	130	75	0	1
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C. C. Berryhill Route # 1 Greenwood Springs, Ms. 38848	256-8225	Martha Bradford Route # 2, Box 107 Vernon, Ala. 35592	0	0	70	60	0	0	0
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. Fred Graham Route # 2 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9631	James E. Maddox Route # 2 Vernon, Ala. 35592	1	2	119	75	0	0	1
VERNON	Rev. Thomas M. Scott P. O. Box 582 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9730	Mrs. Paul Shelnut P. O. Box 57 Vernon, Ala. 35592	13	0	178	143	112	38	1

CHURCH	Paid Pastors	Paid Childrens Home	Paid Missions	Paid Christian Education	Paid Association Dues	Paid For Improvements	Total Paid Out	Value Of Church Property
BEAVERTON	2,530.00	15.00	0	0	35.00	1,458.28	4,669.28	16,000.00
BELK	9,375.00	306.75	1,633.24	260.44	50.00	14,011.02	40,319.29	200,000.00
DAVIS CHAPEL	2,752.25	150.00	0	0	50.00	0	4,035.40	22,200.00
EASTSIDE	7,800.00	468.59	322.02	0	35.00	0	19,229.94	120,000.00
FREE WILL CHAPEL	8,988.50	1,394.85	886.58	270.39	50.00	44,182.07	60,656.47	135,000.00
FRIENDSHIP	0	80.00	0	0	30.00	90.00	888.46	15,000.00
LIBERTY	11,342.00	847.00	1,215.00	741.00	50.00	879.00	32,441.00	129,800.00

LOVE JOY	3,637.44	0	288.54	0	50.00	0	8,436.21	65,000.00
MT. HARMONY	14,518.70	0	180.00	370.54	50.00	1,635.00	24,695.04	25,000.00
MT. PLEASANT	2,600.00	50.00	0	0	50.00	0	3,650.00	25,000.00
MT. WILLING	5,300.00	302.78	0	0	50.00	6,304.66	13,824.44	30,000.00
PINEY GROVE	4,360.00	760.00	40.00	0	50.00	3,124.00	12,092.00	50,000.00
SPRINGFIELD	7,225.00	483.00	198.00	228.00	50.00	946.00	22,643.00	50,000.00
SULLIGENT	10,835.00	730.70	1,561.40	780.70	50.00	6,850.92	31,071.52	140,000.00
TAYLOR SPRINGS	3,621.23	207.00	0	0	50.00	2,610.00	8,438.60	20,000.00
UNION CHAPEL	6,725.00	0	0	0	50.00	0	11,423.39	70,000.00
VERNON	10,400.00	1,928.45	1,745.34	0	50.00	3,358.32	49,487.15	225,000.00



**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance From 1977 .....	\$ 326.10
Minute Funds Received .....	\$ 800.00
Total .....	\$1,126.10

**Expenditures**

Moderator .....	\$ 10.00
Assistant Moderator .....	5.00
Clerk .....	50.00
Assistant Clerk .....	25.00
State Association .....	120.00
Minutes .....	413.40
Postage and Supplies .....	30.00
Total Expenditures .....	653.40
Balance .....	\$ 472.70

**NAME AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS**

Rev. Roy Barnes, Route 1, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. T. C. Barnes, Sulligent, Alabama 35586  
Rev. Frank Collins, Route 1, Guin, Alabama 35563  
Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 183, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. W. D. Glasgow, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Delmus Miller, Route 2, Winfield, Alabama 35594  
Rev. L. B. Nix, Route 2, Sulligent, Alabama 35586  
Rev. J. W. Spencer, Route 2, Guin, Alabama 35563  
Rev. Byron Meyer, 4014-6th Street East, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401  
Rev. W. H. Clearman, Route 3, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Fred Graham, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Quineth Haney, Guin, Alabama 35563  
Rev. Edward Puckett, Route 1, Box 45-A, Sulligent, Alabama 35586  
Rev. Walter D. Jaggers, P.O. Box 381, Belk, Alabama 35545  
Rev. James C. Newell, Route 1, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Herman Yielding, Route 1, Beaverton, Alabama 35544  
Rev. Thomas M. Scott, P. O. Box 582, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Milton Gann, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Doyle Chandler, Route 5, Hamilton, Alabama 35570  
Rev. Larry Shotts, Route 3, Box 104-B, Hamilton, Alabama 35570  
Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Route 3, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Malone Cobb, P.O. Box 534, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Don Taggart, P.O. Box 159, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
Rev. Norman G. Berryhill, Route 2, Winfield, Alabama 35594

**LIST OF DEACONS**

BEAVERTON - Roland White  
BELK - Raphael Yerby, Grady Newman, Dalton Gilpin, Roy Gilreath, Mackey Watkins  
DAVIS CHAPEL - Raymond Gray, John Pike, Belton Nelson.  
EASTSIDE - J. H. Thompson, Bedford Hester, Paul Jordan, E. S. South, Richard Dean, James Cooper.  
FREE WILL CHAPEL - Charlie Elliott, Sr., Edsel Gideon, L. D. Hall, Daniel Franks  
FRIENDSHIP - None  
LIBERTY - Bobby J. Black, L. R. Dubose, Willie J. Perkins, Roy Guyton, Wayne Sorrells.  
LOVE JOY - Coy Robertson, Gary Taylor.  
MT. HARMONY - Olen Wheeler, Odis Robertson, O. B. Graham, Coy Johnson, Erbie Robertson, Derrell Wheeler, L.C. Steedley, David Barton, Frankie Beasley.  
MT. PLEASANT - Hollis Chandler.  
MT. WILLING - A. J. McDonald, Jeff McDonald, H. E. McDonald, Earl McDonald, Arlie Roberts, Emmett Lee, E. O. Shelnut, Elzie Guin, Obie Haney.  
PINEY GROVE - Elvada Markham, Arlanda Shelnut, J. M. Chaffin, E.C. Roberts, Fred Barnes, Ozell Cantrell, Jerry Eastman, Tommie Robertson.  
SPRINGFIELD - Dewey Jordan, J. A. Harper, Haley Wright, Tommie Rushing, Aubrey Hall, Roy Ashby, Larry Williams.

**SULLIGENT** - Ray Birmingham, Clarence Birmingham, Hezzie Harrison, Richard Mansell, John Q. Boyett.

**TAYLOR SPRINGS** - Gary Sizemore, Stanley Cooper, Jessie Lee Barnes, Jr.

**UNION CHAPEL** - James E. Maddox, Carlos Bradford, Lamon Duckworth, Don Freeman.

**VERNON** - B. E. Turner, P. N. Yerby, Titus Barnes, Eris Wilson, Loyd Turner, Paul Shelnut.

### **NAMES OF DECEASED MINISTERS**

Rev. J. W. 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. D. 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. J. A. Isbell, Rev. G. B. Taylor, Rev. A. White, Rev. E. A. Palmer, Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Rev. T. J. Adair, Rev. J. Barnes, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. B. J. Tittle, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. E. W. Graves, Rev. S. F. Lee.

### **NAMES OF DECEASED DEACONS**

L. A. Crowder, S. Y. Shelton, J. H. Cole, Lee Mixon, J. S. Crossley, J. D. Shelnut, Earnest Roberts, D. L. Markham, Joe L. McNease, Johnny Williams, Johnny Collins, Dewitt Williams, J. G. Adair, Cullen Collins, John D. Moore, Sr., R. D. Franks, Hoyt Chaffin, Dempsey Langley, and S. L. Cash.

The following is a portion of a letter received by our moderator, Rev. M. H. Hollis, from Richard Yerby, Missionary in Japan.

Brother Hollis, I want to write a letter of thanks for what the people and the churches of the Vernon Association are doing to help us and the work we are carrying on here in Japan. You all mean so much to me and I appreciate you all more than you can ever know. Many people there in the various churches pray for us regularly. We hear from them and some of the pastors from time to time. I know God has answered many of those prayers and they have been the reason why much of the work has been accomplished here. God does hear and answer prayer and I often feel the power of your prayers in my heart. Thanks so much. Thank God for prayer warriors.

Also, several churches and individuals give faithfully and so generously to support the work here and we appreciate that too. God has been so faithful to provide our every need since we have been here in Japan and I praise His name for it. A lot of that support has come through the people in the Vernon Association and may God bless you for it and repay everyone many times over. You all certainly haven't let me down and that means a lot to me here, being half way around the world from home.

I always pray that God will reveal to you how much all of you mean to me.

Love in Christ,  
Richard Yerby  
P. O. Box 8  
Karuizawa, Nagano-Ken  
Japan 389-01

**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 practices 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 will be the responsibility of the local church to license the member and later request the association to ordain the 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 the Application for Ministers approved by the National Association of Free Will Baptist. No preacher shall be accepted or ordained in this association as a preacher who has more than one living wife. No preacher shall be accepted or ordained in this association as a preacher who uses tobacco in any form.
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, clerk-treasurer, and assistant clerk, 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 close of that session with the outgoing clerk being responsible for the printing and distribution of the minutes.
6. The association shall meet annually on Saturday before the third Sunday in October each year 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 usage.
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, Sunday School, Missionary Work, etc.
- 9(a). 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.
- 9(b). No member of this association shall be eligible to serve as moderator of the association until he has been a member of the association for at least two (2) years.
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 the same.

12. The moderator shall receive \$50.00, the assistant moderator \$25.00, the clerk \$50.00, and the assistant clerk one-half that of the clerk for their services.

13. The clerk shall superintend the printing of the minutes after each session of the association and shall have them out to the churches within 90 days after the associational meeting.

14. The moderator shall appoint a Credential Committee, consisting of five (5) persons with the senior member in point of service being replaced each year. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to Examine All Ministers who become a part of this body, either by ordination or by letter. Any item of business pertaining to ministers or the conduct of ministers must originate with this committee. This committee shall consist of three (3) ministers and two (2) laymen.

15(a). The association shall have a General Board, which shall consist of the moderator and clerk along with one person from each church. Each person from the local church shall serve for two (2) years, with one-half being elected each year as specified in the printed minutes. When this association is not in session this board shall have power to act as a body, but such action must be approved by the association.

15(b). The association shall have an Executive Committee, consisting of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and four (4) members from the General Board.

### 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 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 close of that session, with the outgoing clerk being responsible for the printing and distributing of the minutes.

4. The moderator calls for the report of the Digest Committee and a roll call of the delegates. After a reading of the report, the delegates are enrolled by the clerk, at the discretion of the body.

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

6. The Credential Committee shall recommend, or reject a card of good standing for the ministers. The final decision to be made by the body. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to examine all ministers who become a part of this body, either by ordination or by letter.
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 the permission of the moderator.
13. All Ordination of Ministers shall be done at the association while in regular annual session, by the ordaining council.
14. The General Board along with the Credential Committee, in special called session, shall have authority to grant letters to ministers leaving our association and to receive ministers into our association, provided they are a member of a church in our association, reporting their action to the annual associational meeting, with their action being subject to final approval by the associational body.
15. No person shall be ordained by this association as a preacher unless he has been licensed by his local church for at least one year.
16. The Vernon Free Will Baptist Associational Year shall begin on the first day of September and end on the last day of August each year and hold the annual meetings on Saturday before the third Sunday in October of each year.
17. The Executive Committee shall secure a speaker for the 11:00 o'clock message and plan the program for each annual session of the association.

### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. **The Bible.** The Scripture of the Old and New Testament 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, Preservor, 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 Savior 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.
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 Works 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 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 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, having 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 has prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2).
15. **The Lord's Day.** The devine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities and for personal communion with God.
16. **Resurrection, Judgement, and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but righteous into eternal life."



**BY-LAWS FOR THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

1. It is the duty of this board to promote the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association Youth Rally, and other related projects.
2. This board shall, along with the duly elected officers and the host pastor, plan the programs of the rallies each month.
3. The Board of Christian Education shall work with all churches in getting them involved in the Youth Rally work and other related projects.
4. The board shall act in advisory capacity to the elected officers of the Youth Rally.
5. The board shall consist of three (3) members, with the senior member in point of service being replaced each year.
6. The board shall be responsible each year for planning the District T-N-T Rally in May.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR VERNON ASSOCIATION**

1. New Moderator takes over.
2. Devotion
3. Call for Digest Committee report and roll call of delegates.
4. Seating of Delegates.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appointment of Committee on Committees.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us.
8. Committee as follows: Credential, Digest, Appreciation, Sunday School and C.T.S., Finance, Deceased Members, Temperance, Board of Christian Education, Executive.
9. Call for General Board report.
10. Call for committee reports. (See committees).
11. Final report of General Board.
12. Delegates to State Association.
13. Corresponding delegates to other associations.

**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.



**APPLICATION FOR MINISTERS****GENERAL**

Briefly tell of your conversion and give reasons for your assurance of salvation.

How long have you been a Free Will Baptist?

Why do you want to be ordained?

Give a short account of your call to preach.

Do you meet the qualifications of I Timothy 3:1-7?

Do you have a family? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or your wife ever been divorced?

What is the extent of your education? Elementary grades \_\_\_\_\_ High

School \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

What is your attitude toward intoxicating beverages, tobacco, drugs or worldly amusements?

**DOCTRINE**

Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible Word of God and that it is the only rule of faith and practice?

What do you believe about evolution and the Genesis account of Creation?

What is the gospel?

What is salvation?

How would you proceed to explain the way of salvation to a lost soul?

Explain your views on baptism.

What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?

Should feet washing be observed? Explain.

What do you believe about apostasy and the perseverance of the believer?

What is the church?

Who is eligible for membership?

How should the church discipline a member?

How should the work of the church be financed?

What are the duties of a minister?

What is the mission of the church in the light of Matthew 28:19-20?

**GIVE YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE FOLLOWING DOCTRINES:**

God

Diety of Christ

The Virgin Birth of Christ

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Repentance

Faith

Justification

Regeneration

Atonement

Sanctification

Final Judgement

Heaven

Hell

Satan

Second Coming

Resurrection

**DENOMINATION**

Who is a Free Will Baptist?

What is meant by the term "free moral agent"?

Have you read the Treatise completely and do you subscribe to the doctrines and practices that are outlined in it?

Is there anything in the treatise that you do not believe or would not teach?

If you ever changed your views on any of these doctrines what would you do?

What are the grounds for relinquishing your ordination credentials?

What is the relationship of the local church to the denomination?

Give three character and three credit references.

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Do you solemnly pledge to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints and to faithfully uphold the Free Will Baptist doctrines outlined in the Treatise?

**Leader - Sulligent**