

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST
SESSION**

of the

**Vernon Free Will
Baptist Association**

held with

Springfield Free Will Baptist Church

1981 Minutes

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF**REV. ROY H. BARNES**

On May 25, 1981 the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association lost one of our most beloved ministers. Rev. Roy H. Barnes, Sr. died in the Lamar County General Hospital after a short illness.

Bro. Barnes was presently serving as pastor of the Union Ridge Free Will Baptist Church. He had been a minister for approximately 35 years, serving as pastor of many churches in our area. He was sometimes referred to as the Dean of Ministers of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association.

Bro. Barnes was saved in 1924. He preached his first sermon on June 1, 1946 at Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He was licensed to preach in 1947 and later ordained to preach the Gospel in 1947.

Bro. Barnes has pastored the following churches in the Vernon Association and surrounding area: Mt. Pleasant, Philadelphia, New Bethlehem, Union Ridge, New Center Point, Depriest Chapel, Free Will Chapel, Barnesville, Mt. Harmony, First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent, Springfield, Piney Grove, Union Chapel, Pleasant Site, and Friendship.

Bro. Barnes served as the first pastor of the Sulligent Church.

In addition to his preaching, Bro. Barnes was a great lover and promoter of Gospel singing. He taught singing schools in many of the churches he pastored. He helped to organize the State Line Harmonizers Quartet and sang with the Quartet for about 18 years.

Bro. Barnes helped with hundreds of funerals in our area, either as officiating minister or singing for the funerals.

Bro. Barnes has served our association in many different official capacities. He has served as Moderator of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association, Assistant Moderator, and served on most of the committees of our association. He has also served on the Board of Trustees at the Free Will Baptist Childrens Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

He was often called upon for good sound advice by fellow ministers. He also helped countless others in various ways. Whenever a need arose, Bro. Barnes was always there to help.

Bro. Barnes will be greatly missed by all of us of the Vernon Association, but his works, his great love and influence will long be remembered and cherished by all of us.

**OFFICERS FOR 1981
ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST SESSION**

MODERATOR..... REV. WALTER D. JAGGERS
ASSISTANT MODERATOR..... REV. MILTON GANN
CLERK..... RAPHAEL H. YERBY

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with Vernon Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 16, 1982.

OFFICERS FOR 1982

MODERATOR..... REV. MILTON GANN
Route 2, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Telephone.....695-9400

ASSISTANT MODERATOR..... REV. THOMAS M. SCOTT
P. O. Box 582, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Telephone.....695-9730

CLERK..... RAPHAEL H. YERBY
Route 3, Fayette, Alabama 35555
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**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROCEEDINGS**

The one hundred and first session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with Springfield Free Will Baptist Church on October 17, 1981. Rev. Walter D. Jaggers served as moderator, Rev. Milton Gann served as assistant moderator, and Raphael H. Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "To God Be The Glory," directed by Rev. Mike Foster. The opening prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett.

We were welcomed to Springfield Free Will Baptist Church by the host pastor, Rev. Dennis Kizzire. The response was given by Rev. Milton Gann.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Willard Pless, using Matthew 16:1-4 as his scripture. His subject was "Sign of the Times." Prayer was by the speaker.

The 101st session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Walter D. Jaggers. The moderator gave a special welcome to everyone to this session of the association.

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 complete their report, along with anyone needing to meet with them.

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

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees for the 1982 associational year. (See List.)

The moderator recognized visiting brethren and sisters and invited them to seat with us during this session of the association. Those present were: Rev. Bill Smith, Rev. Jerry Smith, Rev. Bobby Thompson, Rev. Ottis Parmer, Rev. W. C. Rayburn, Rev. W. M. Nairemore, Rev. Dickie Dees, Rev. Dale Ford, Dr. Robert Picirilli, Clara Picirilli, Rev. Byron Meyer, Rev. James Walden, Harold Goode, Betty Jo Goode, Sallie Mae Chason, Jack Carter, Danny Ballard, Lesia Petty, Teresa Petty.

We had a report of the Digest Committee by Bro. Leonard Corbett, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote carried to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The moderator called for petitionary letters. None were received.

We had a report of the Board of Christian Education by Rev. Mike Rogers on the youth activities of our association for the past year. M.S.C.

We had a financial report of the Northwest Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp by the moderator. Copies of this report were prepared by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, secretary of the Youth Camp and given out to members of our association. M.S.C.

We had a report of the Temperance Committee by Bro. Robert Carter, chairman, using several different scriptures in his remarks on temperance. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report as information and discharge the committee.

We had a special report by Rev. James Walden, a home missionary in Alabaster on the work in Alabaster, Alabama.

Next we had a report of information on the Master's Men by Bro. Richard Dean from the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church. We had a motion, second and vote carried to receive the report as information.

Next we had a report of the General Board by the clerk. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to take the report and vote on it item by item. Item number one and two were adopted. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to table item number three, four, and five until the afternoon session, since they dealt with changes in the constitution.

We had a song, "Blessed Assurance," directed by Bro. Mike Foster.

We were dismissed by the moderator for a short recess and a time of fellowship.

After recess, we had a partial report of the Credential Committee. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report as a partial report.

Just before the eleven o'clock message, we had a song, "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship," directed by Bro. Mike Foster. Prayer was by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

We received a special Love Offering for our guest speaker, Dr. Robert Picirilli. The offeratory prayer was by Rev. Tom Scott.

The Key Note Message was brought at 11:00 A.M. by our guest speaker, Dr. Robert Picirilli, from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Prayer was by the speaker. The subject of his message was "Caleb's Faith," using Numbers 13:17-20, 25-33, 14:1, 6-10a, and Joshua 14:6-14 as his scripture text.

After a very inspiring message, we had a song of invitation by Bro. Mike Foster, and prayer by the moderator.

We were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Byron Meyer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious lunch, which everyone enjoyed, and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened at 1:00 P.M. We had a song, "Victory In Jesus," directed by Bro. Mike Foster. Prayer was by Rev. Milton Gann.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Ray Lewis. His subject was "Peace," using Isaiah 26:3 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

The moderator called for a final report of the Credential Committee. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to take the report item by item for a vote.

The Ordination Service was held next. Bro. Tommy Dubose of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church was ordained to preach the Gospel. Rev. Milton Gann delivered the Ordination Message, using Second Timothy 4:1-4, Titus 1:7-9, 2:11-15 as his scripture. The Ordination Charge was given by Rev. Dennis Kizzire, using Second Timothy 4:1-4 as his scripture. The Ordination Prayer was by Rev. Tom Scott. After the Ordination Service, the congregation was invited to come by and shake hands with Bro. Dubose and welcome him as a minister to the Vernon Association.

We had a very interesting report by Rev. Dennis Kizzire on the activities of the summer youth camp. M.S.C.

The moderator called for a report of the Finance Committee. The report was given by Sister Martha Bynum, chairman. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The Sunday School and C.T.S. report was given by Sister Jackie Atkinson, chairman. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to adopt the report and discharge the committee.

The moderator called for a report of the Deceased Members Committee. The report was given by Bro. Gary Sorrells, chairman. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to receive the report and have a moment of silent prayer and a song in memory of these loved ones. The congregation stood and sang, "Face To Face," and after a moment of silent prayer, Rev. Edward Puckett led in prayer.

We had a report of the Appreciation Committee by Sister Elwanda Oakes, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote carried to receive the report and give Springfield Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality.

The moderator called for a final report of the General Board. We had a motion, second, and vote carried to take up the items of the report that were tabled in the morning session. The report was given by the clerk, Bro. Raphael Yerby. The report was voted on item by item. Item number three (3) and item number five (5) were defeated by a majority vote. Item number four (4) was adopted.

Next we had a report of information by Rev. Milton Gann, a member of the State General Board, on the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and some decisions that may be made at the State Associational meeting this year.

The moderator called for the election of one member to serve a three (3) year term on the Board of Christian Education. Bro. James Dunbar was elected to serve on the Board.

The moderator called for the election of one member to serve a three (3) year term on the Youth Camp Board of Directors. Rev. Dennis Kizzire was elected to serve on the board.

Next we had an election of one member to serve out the two (2) year unexpired term of Rev. Walter D. Jaggers on the Youth Camp Board of Directors. Rev. Edward Puckett was elected to serve this position.

At this time the moderator appointed Bro. Bobby Joe Black to serve a five (5) year term on the Credential Committee. The moderator also appointed Rev. Dennis Kizzire to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Roy Barnes on the Credential Committee.

We had a motion, second, and vote carried to feature a picture of Rev. Roy Barnes and some of his ministry in this association in the minutes this year.

Next, a place was chosen for the next setting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon requested, in their letter, the next meeting of the association. The body voted to hold the 1982 session of the association at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon. The meeting will be held on October 16, 1982.

We selected places for the monthly youth rallies, October through May.

October, 1981	Springfield
November, 1981.....	Retreat at Youth Camp
December, 1981	Sulligent
January, 1982.....	Vernon
February, 1982.....	Valentine Banquet
March, 1982	Youth Crusade
April, 1982.....	Piney Grove (Competition)
May, 1982	Fund Raising

The Youth Rally meets at 7:00 P.M., the third Saturday night in each month unless otherwise announced.

The moderator called for the election of officers for the next year. First was the nomination for clerk of the association. Bro. Raphael Yerby was the only nominee and was elected to serve as clerk.

Next, nomination was opened for moderator of the association for the coming year. Rev. Milton Gann and Rev. Tom Scott were nominated. Rev. Milton Gann was elected to serve as moderator.

Next, the moderator appointed the Executive Committee for the next year.

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

Mr. Robert Carter
Mrs. Robert Carter
Mr. James Dunbar
Mrs. Dennis Kizzire
Mrs. William Pless
Mrs. Tom Scott

Mr. Clyde Motes
Mrs. Clyde Motes
Mrs. Elsie Black
Mrs. Ray Lewis
Mrs. Ambers Aldridge
Mrs. M. H. Hollis

Delegates to other associations were appointed next.

Alabama-Mississippi State Line Association

Rev. Edward Puckett

Jasper Association

Rev. Dennis Kizzire

We had a motion from the floor to give Rev. Walter Jagers a rising vote of appreciation for his work as moderator of the association.

We had a motion, second, and vote carried to adjourn this session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dewey Jordan.

Meeting adjourned.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS LISTED

BEAVERTON - Sisters Mary Weeks, Emma Harris, and Bro. Russell Cole.

BELK - Bro. John Powell, Bro. David Burnes, Sisters Karen Powell, Sandra Burns, and Sue Yerby.

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sisters Betty Gray, Lorene Pike, Martha Fulmer, and Dora Lee Pennington.

EASTSIDE - Sisters Ida Lewis, Sonny South, Bro. Roland Dean.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sisters Sandra Carter, Pat Pless, Bro. Bill Powell, Robert Carter, and Mike Gideon.

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Lura Moore.

LIBERTY - Bro. Jim Ritter, Loyd Dubose, Roy Perkins, Sisters Rhonda Ritter, Maggie Lois Dubose, Sula Gann, Sandra Smith, and Ida Bell Perkins.

LOVE JOY - Bro. Pete Barnes and Clayton Barnes.

MT. HARMONY - Bro. Leonard Corbett, Clayton Huguley, Mitchell Lucas, Sisters Margaret Corbett, Dena Corbett, Alma Spann, Teresa Taggard, and Tera Lucas.

MT. PLEASANT - Bro. Curtis Corbell, Sister Helen Chandler.

MT. WILLING - Bro. Ralph Lee, Harkins Garrison, Lucion Flynn, Sisters Liffie Lee, Kathlene Garrison, Audra Flynn.

PINEY GROVE - Sisters Jackie Atkinson, Sallie Cole, Bro. Clyde Weeks and Troy Cole.

SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Margie Hall, Doris Mason, Belva Pennington, Claddus Mason.

SULLIGENT - Sisters Patsy Merchant, Alice Carruth, Deb McKay,

Margaret Price, Carol Barnes, Lessie White, Nelda Barnes, Bro. David Clifton, and James Dunbar.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. Garry Sorrells, Sisters Sandra Sorrells, and Charlene Cooper

UNION CHAPEL - Sisters Martha Bynum, Jewel Ray Franks, Margaret Freeman, Judy Maddox, Dasie Clearman, Bro. Jessie Yerby.

VERNON - Bro. Mike McDaniel, Gordon Parker, Clyde Motes, Sisters Beth Rogers, Elwanda Oaks, Beatrice Christian, Ina Yerby, Peggy Atkinson, Synova Foster, Paulette Scott, Louise Shelnut and Lavore Nesbitt.

GENERAL BOARD

BEAVERTON - Bro. Bobby Dyke

BELK - Bro. Laren Williams

DAVIS CHAPEL - None Listed.

EASTSIDE - Bro. Charles Fowler

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bro. Robert Carter

FRIENDSHIP - None Listed.

LIBERTY - Bro. Bobby Joe Black

LOVE JOY - Bro. Lloyd Carter

MT. HARMONY - Bro. Leonard Corbett

MT. PLEASANT - Bro. Gary Springfield

MT. WILLING - None Listed

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Tommie Robertson

SPRINGFIELD - Bro. Dewey Jordan

SULLIGENT - Bro. Quinton Boyett

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. Gary L. Sorrells

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.

Beaverton

Belk

Davis Chapel

Eastside

Free Will Chapel

Friendship

Liberty

Love Joy

COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1981

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1982
Rev. Dennis Kizzire - 1983
Rev. Milton Gann - 1984
Rev. Tom Scott - 1985
Bro. Bobby Joe Black - 1986

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

Sister Jackie Atkinson
Sister Margie Hall
Sister Pat Pless
Bro. John Powell
Bro. Leonard Corbett

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sister Martha Bynum
Sister Sandra Smith
Sister Karen Powell
Bro. Russell Cole

**DECEASED MEMBERS
COMMITTEE**

Bro. Gary Sorrells
Sister Lura Moore
Sister Louise Shelnut
Bro. Curtis Corbell

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Rev. Dennis Kizzire, 1982
Rev. Willard Pless, 1983
Bro. James Dunbar, 1984

**COMMITTEE ON
COMMITTEES, 1982**

Rev. Edward Puckett
Rev. Don Taggart
Rev. Tom Scott

DIGEST COMMITTEE 1982

Sister Debra McKay
Sister Sue Yerby
Sister Beth Rogers

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Sister Elwanda Oaks
Sister Margaret Freeman
Sister Alma Spann
Sister Mary Weeks

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE
1982**

Bro. David Clifton
Bro. Robert Carter
Sister Sallie Cole
Sister Carroll Barnes

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

All Pastors of the Vernon
Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Milton Gann
Rev. Tom Scott
Bro. Raphael Yerby
Bro. Robert Carter
Bro. Bobby Joe Black
Bro. Quinton Boyett
Bro. Jack McLemore

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

Rev. M. H. Hollis - 1982
Rev. Edward Puckett - 1983
Rev. Dennis Kizzire - 1984

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credential Committee make the following report and recommendations.

- I. We recommend that a letter of good standing be granted to Rev. Walter Jagers from this association. M.S.C.
- II. We recommend that Rev. Dale Ford be accepted as an ordained minister of this association, having received a letter of good standing and recommendation from the Alabama-Mississippi State Line Association. M.S.C.
- III. We recommend that Rev. Mike Foster be accepted as an ordained minister of this association, having received a letter of good standing and recommendation from the Tidewater Free Will Baptist Association in Virginia, M.S.C.
- IV. We recommend that Bro. Tommy Dubose be ordained to preach the Gospel at this session of the association. M.S.C.
- V. We recommend that Bro. Bobby Thompson of the Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church be accepted in this association on the condition that he provide a letter of recommendation from his former association or be licensed and ordained. M.S.C.
- VI. We recommend that ministers, being in good standing, of our association be granted a card of good standing. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Dewey Jordan, chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Our Sunday School enrollment is 1405 with an average attendance of 1141. We show a decrease in enrollment of 20 members but an increase of 23 in attendance.

Our C.T.S. enrollment is 685 with an average attendance of 599. Six churches in our association do not have a C.T.S., but all churches reporting have a Sunday School. Our C.T.S. enrollment is down by 44 members and our average attendance is also down by 39.

We rejoice that our attendance in Sunday School is growing, but we need to impress upon our people the need for good attendance in C.T.S. As the name implies, it is a Church Training Program and is not only for young people but for people of all ages.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Atkinson, chairman

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We, the General Board, having met on September 26, 1981, make the following report and recommendations to this association.

- I. We recommend that our churches be made aware of the increase in the cost of holding our state and national conventions and the fact that our state and national association dues were increased from \$5.00 per church to \$10.00 per church last year and if asked by the state association for more money that the clerk be empowered to ask the churches for the additional money. M.S.C.
- II. We recommend that Rev. Milton Gann, a member of the State Association General Board, report to our association, as information, the operation of the Children's Home and decisions that may be made at the state associational meeting. M.S.C.
- III. We recommend that all pastors in our association be members of of this association. Motion Defeated.
- IV. We recommend that if a minister of this association miss the annual associational meeting, unless providentially hindered, that he not be given a card of good standing. M.S.C.
- V. We recommend that this association not ordain licensed ministers until they have accepted a church as a pastor. This recommendation was amended to read, until they have accepted a church as pastor or called into full Christian service. The amendment to the recommendation was adopted. The entire recommendation was defeated.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Walter Jaggers, chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee find that a total of \$810.50 was sent as associational minute funds. There is a balance in the treasury from 1980 of \$531.49. Our expenditures for 1981 were \$793.40, the balance being \$548.59. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted
Martha Bynum

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Temperance Committee report was an oral report given by Bro. Robert Carter. He used First Corinthians 9:22-27, Galatians 5:22-23 and Second Peter 1:5-11 as his scripture. His subject was "Growing In Grace and Self Control" as a lesson in temperance. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Carter, chairman

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee make the following report:

We wish to extend our deepest thanks to the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality that has enabled the Vernon Association of Free Will Baptists to have such a wonderful fellowship and to carry on the necessary business in the 101st session of the Vernon Association.

We praise the Lord for the unity displayed by the delegates from the 17 churches of our association and for the Spirit we have felt as we fellowshiped with all the brothers and sisters in Christ.

We sincerely appreciate the extra effort made by the members of the Springfield Church, who have so recently lost two of their members to death, Sister Linda Ashby and daughter, Kathy Ashby, to make our meeting one we will remember. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Elwanda Oaks, chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

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

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - Bro. James R. Gilreath and Bro. Harvey Yerby

DAVIS CHAPEL - Bro. Belton Nelson

EASTSIDE - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Rev. Roy Barnes, Sister Maggie Lee Barnes, and Sister Avie Otts.

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Bro. Obie Butler, Bro. Monroe Perkins.

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Bro. Ike Carr, Sister Ida Guin.

MT. PLEASANT - Sister Lula Bell Faulkner

MT. WILLING - None

PINEY GROVE - None

SPRINGFIELD - None

SULLIGENT - Sister Effie Mae Harrison, Sister Dot Mixon, and Bro. Earnest Hall.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL - Rev. Harvey Clearman and Sister Mittie Glasgow.

VERNON - Sister Eula Banks Cunningham and Sister Virgie O'Neal.

We recommend that we stand and sing a song and have a moment of silent prayer in memory of these loved ones. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Garry Sorrells, 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. Dale Ford P. O. Box 757 Sulligent, Ala. 35586	698-9620	Jerri Yielding Route 1 Beaverton Ala. 35544	8	0	46	46	0	0	2
BELK	Rev. Billy Wilson Belk, Ala. 35545	932-3144	Rosa Lea Atkins P. O. Box 45 Belk, Ala. 35545	9	2	141	101	60	20	1
DAVIS CHAPEL	Rev. W. M. Nairemore Bankston, Ala. 35542	689-4219	Donna Cannon Route 1, Box 300 Berry, Ala. 35546	1	1	116	25	0	0	0
EASTSIDE	Rev. D. Ray Lewis P. O. Box 3104 Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35404	556-4985	Karen M. Wyatt 440-26th Ave. East Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35404	27	0	194	92	62	13	1
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Rev. Willard Pless Route 2, Box 54 Sulligent, Ala. 35586	695-9826	Dorothy Gideon P. O. Box 101 Vernon, Ala. 35592	15	3	146	120	47	12	1
FRIENDSHIP	Rev. James C. Newell Route 1, Box 109 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-6101	Mrs. Lura Moore Route 1, Box 481 Millport, Ala. 35576	0	0	48	5	0	0	1
LIBERTY	Rev. Milton Gann Route 2 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9400	Steve Butler Route 2, Box 74 P-1 Fayette, Ala. 35555	21	2	243	130	70	0	2

LOVE JOY	Rev. Gary Berryhill Route 1 Guin, Ala. 35563	468-3803	Ellie Ruth Mixon Route 1 Beaverton, Ala. 35544	25	0	89	86	0	0	3
MT. HARMONY	Rev. Donald Taggart 108-2nd. Ave. S. W. Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-7546	Erbie Robertson Route 3, Box 295 Vernon, Ala. 35592	11	2	116	67	44	0	1
MT. PLEASANT	Rev. Lloyd W. Vail P. O. Box 535 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9583	Pearlie Allen Route 2 Sulligent, Ala. 35586	5	1	74	49	0	0	1
MT. WILLING	Rev. Bobby Thompson Route 4, Box 515 Fulton, Miss.	862-9467	Audra M. Flynn Route 1 Guin, Ala. 35563	2	0	153	30	0	0	2
PINEY GROVE	Rev. M. H. Hollis P. O. Box 183 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-7736	Jackie Atkinson Route 1, Box 85-A Guin, Ala. 35563	2	0	61	62	47	12	3
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. Dennis Kizzire P. O. Box 515 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-6354	Roy Ashby, Jr. Route 1 Vernon, Ala. 35592	40	0	283	175	100	0	2
SULLIGENT	Rev. Edward Puckett Route 1, Box 45-A Sulligent, Ala. 35586	698-8177	Margaret C. Price P. O. Box 681 Sulligent, Ala. 35586	38	3	237	180	135	0	1
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C. C. Berryhill Greenwood Springs, Mississippi 38848	256-8225	Sandra Sorrells Route 1 Beaverton, Ala. 35544	1	0	50	40	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	92	70	-	0	2
VERNON	Rev. Thomas M. Scott P. O. Box 582 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9730	Mrs. Paul Shelnut P. O. Box 57 Vernon, Ala. 35592	15	2	269	190	120	20	4

CHURCH	Paid Pastor	Other Local Expenditures	Paid Missions	Paid Christian Education	Paid Association Dues	Paid For Improvements	Total Paid Out	Value Of Church Property
BEAVERTON	2,235.00	2,650.00	0	35.00	30.00	750.00	6,085.00	26,500.00
BELK	10,700.00	14,989.00	1,505.00	2,074.00	50.00	884.00	31,042.00	200,000.00
DAVIS CHAPEL	450.00	10,094.70	0	0	50.00	1,800.00	3,817.70	22,200.00
EASTSIDE	---	17,300.00	2,001.00	509.00	60.00	8,200.00	43,550.00	150,000.00
FREE WILL CHAPEL	12,500.00	13,227.91	977.78	1,589.47	50.00	0	32,461.13	150,000.00
FRIENDSHIP	---	1,014.51	0	0	30.00	0	1,014.51	15,000.00
LIBERTY	14,099.00	14,128.00	2,871.58	2,118.20	50.00	0	45,904.08	129,800.00

LOVE JOY	5,441.09	0	596.21	100.08	50.00	3,555.59	17,325.65	72,000.00
MT. HARMONY	13,903.00	8,280.00	865.00	633.03	50.00	657.57	26,541.06	50,000.00
MT. PLEASANT	3,060.00	0	0	0	50.00	0	4,112.16	45,000.00
MT. WILLING	5,400.00	1,961.64	0	477.40	50.00	4,501.05	12,140.66	60,000.00
PINEY GROVE	10,400.00	5,167.00	0	996.00	50.00	0	32,488.00	80,000.00
SPRINGFIELD	9,450.00	9,123.00	1,306.43	314.00	50.00	605.00	34,088.42	175,000.00
SULLIGENT	15,100.00	32,595.90	3,666.70	3,575.21	75.00	0	58,468.81	160,000.00
TAYLOR SPRINGS	3,061.31	0	0	425.00	15.50	0	3,486.30	20,000.00
UNION CHAPEL	8,100.00	600.00	0	0	50.00	0	13,989.08	85,000.00
VERNON	14,300.00	23,990.00	9,502.00	4,153.00	50.00	0	73,317.00	225,000.00

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met on August 31, 1981 to plan the program and secure the speaker for the 101st session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The committee voted to ask Rev. Willard Pless to have the morning devotion and Rev. Ray Lewis to have the afternoon devotion.

After some discussion on who we would invite to bring the 11:00 A.M. message, we had a motion by Bro. Raphael Yerby, second by Bro. Bobby Joe Black to invite Dr. Robert Picirilli from the Free Will Baptist Bible College to bring the morning message. Also included in this motion was to receive an offering for the speaker and give him the offering or pay him \$200.00, if the offering was not that much, for his expenses. The motion was passed by the entire committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Walter Jaggers, chairman

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The year 1981 has been a great one for the youth association. I feel that each church involved received a blessing. It has been our desire the past year to provide our young people with the best activities, to give them a chance to grow in the knowledge of our Lord. These activities prove that growing in God can be rewarding as well as enjoyable.

Competitive activities this year were great, providing not only state winners, but also several national winners.

I would like to express my personal thanks to each one that made this year a success. Thanks to the Youth Camp Board for coming to our aid when our finances ran in the red at times.

The Christian Board of Education would like to recommend to the association that some method be arranged so the churches could monthly give a donation to the Youth Fund. We feel this is a vital need if we are to minister effectively.

Those winning in the District, State and National Competition were as follows:

Bible Memorization - Kelly Lewis from Eastside, Sword Drill - Melanie Black from Liberty, Bible Tic Tac Toe - Chuck Guyton and Merinda Black from Liberty. There were all district winners and went to State.

In Music and Arts, Category I, Learner Division - Russell Guyton from Liberty was district and state winner and went to national. Melanie Black, adventure division, Merinda Black, herald division, and Nina Gann, crusader division, all from Liberty Church were

district winners and went to state. In Category II, the Belk Trio, from the Belk Church, won district and went to state. In Category III, the Vernon Choir was national winner with a number one rating.

In Category IV, Instrumental Solo, Tina Gibson from Springfield was national winner with number one rating.

In Category VI, Keyboard, Aaron Black from Liberty was state winner in Learner Division. Janet Ashby from Springfield in adventure division was national winner, Merinda Black from Liberty, herald division, was national winner with number one rating. Amy Knight from Belk, crusader, received a number one rating at national.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Michael Rogers, chairman
Rev. Dennis Kizzire
Rev. Willard Pless

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Statistics

Number of Ordained Ministers.....	28
Number of Licensed Ministers.....	10
Number of Students at F.W.B. Bible College.....	3
Students At Other Colleges.....	21

Pastors

Full-Time Outside Employment.....	4
Part-Time Outside Employment.....	5

Church Membership

Resident Membership.....	2,145
Non-Resident Members.....	213
Total Members.....	2,358

Members Received

By Baptism.....	87
By Letter.....	135
Total Members Received.....	222

Members Lost

By Letter.....	81
By Death.....	18
Lost to Non-Free Will Baptist Churches.....	14
Total Members Lost.....	99

Sunday School Enrollment

Number Enrolled.....	1,405
Average Attendance.....	1,141

C.T.S. Enrollment

Number Enrolled	685
Average Attendance	559
Churches Without C.T.S.	6

Mid-Week Services

Average Attendance	628
Churches Without Mid-Week Services	2

Master's Men Enrollment

Number Enrolled	54
Average Attendance	31
Churches Without Master's Men	12

Women's Auxiliary Enrollment

Number Enrolled	102
Average Attendance	61
Churches Without Women's Auxiliary	11

Vacation Bible School

Enrollment	841
Average Attendance	762
Churches Without Vacation Bible School	7

Evangelistic Outreach

Revivals	16
Visitation Program	9
Other Outreach Programs	10

Financial

Income

Tithes and Offerings	\$427,658.60
Other Income (Borrowed, Gifts, etc.)00

Expenses

Spent For Local Causes

Literature, Utilities, Property Maintenance	\$146,122.11
Remodeling, New Construction	20,953.22
Other Expenses	24,107.90
Paid On Debt	45,623.01
Pastor's Salary	142,599.40
Church Staff	9,831.00
Total Spent For Local Causes	\$389,236.64

Spent for Outside Causes

Home Missions	\$ 10,413.71
Foreign Missions	12,055.99
District or State Ministries	12,212.99
National Ministries	612.78

Retirement and Insurance Board	383.19
Laymen's Board	70.00
Executive Offices	135.00
Free Will Baptist College	5,381.40
Other Expense	629.87
Total Spent for Outside Causes	\$ 41,894.93
Total Expenditures	\$431,131.57

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Corbett, chairman

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Thank God for His wonderful blessing of a fruitful Youth Camp program that we have been the recipient of. We have received the blessing of God as a result of God's people having a vision and working toward making that vision a reality by the help of God.

This year was a first. We had two weeks of camp -- one week for the teens and one week for the junior age group. This two week program involved much more work and finances, but the rewards of a more personal ministry has proven to be well worth the money and effort.

Our sincere thanks goes to each one that had a part in making this a very successful year for our camping program.

Statistics

Junior Boys	34
Junior Girls	50
Teen Boys	14
Teen Girls	24

Campers by Churches:

Belk	11
Eastside	6
Liberty	5
Mt. Harmony	9
Piney Grove	5
Springfield	30
Sulligent	21
Union Chapel	5
Free Will Chapel	8
Vernon	8
From Other Associations	
Macedonia (Mt. Moriah)	14
Total Campers	122

Financial Report

Paid Out

Rent.....	\$ 400.00
Insurance.....	285.94
Literature.....	263.00
Board of Christian Education.....	400.00
Printing and Postage.....	72.00
Evangelist.....	600.00
Other Personnel (Life Guard, Cook).....	500.00
Food and Supplies.....	2,117.87
Fans.....	113.35
Doctor's Fee (Injury from last year).....	15.00
Snack Bar Material.....	462.02
Recreation and Craft.....	86.00
Total Paid Out.....	5,315.18

Receipts

Fees and Sales (Snack Bar).....	\$4,122.12
Refund (Returned Literature).....	56.50
Total Receipts.....	4,718.62

Balance

Balance Forward.....	\$1,619.79
Receipts.....	4,178.62
Total To Account For.....	5,870.41
Expenditures.....	5,315.18
Balance in Bank, August 31, 1981.....	\$ 555.33

Respectfully submitted
Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Sec.-Treas.
Rev. Walter Jaggers, Teen Director
Rev. Willard Pless, Junior Director

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from 1980.....	\$ 270.14
Minute Fund Received.....	810.50
Offering at Association Meeting.....	179.20
Total to Account For.....	\$1,259.84

Expenditures

Moderator.....	\$ 50.00
Assistant Moderator.....	25.00
Clerk.....	75.00
State Association Dues.....	190.00
Postage and Supplies.....	50.00

Minutes.....	413.40
Dr. Robert Picirilli (Guest Speaker)	190.00
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 993.40
Balance.....	\$ 266.44

Respectfully submitted
Raphael Yerby, Treasurer

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

- 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, Winfield, Alabama 35594
- Rev. J. W. Spencer, Route, Guin, Alabama 35563
- Rev. Fred Graham, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Edward Puckett, Route 1, Box 45-A, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
- Rev. James C. Newell, Route 1, Box 109, Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Herman Yielding, Route 1, Beaverton, Alabama 35544
- Rev. Milton Gann, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Thomas M. Scott, P. O. Box 582, Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Dennis Kizzire, P. O. Box 515, Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Don Taggart, 108-2nd Avenue S.W., Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Norman G. Berryhill, Route 1, Guin, Alabama 35563
- Rev. D. Ray Lewis, P. O. Box 3104, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404
- Rev. Ambers Aldridge, Brilliant, Alabama 35548
- Rev. Lloyd W. Vail, P. O. Box 535, Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Richard Saylor, Guin, Alabama 35563
- Rev. Roger Lucas, Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Willard Pless, Route 2, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
- Rev. Michael Rogers, P. O. Box 485, Vernon, Alabama 35592
- Rev. Dexter Guin, Route 1, Guin, Alabama 35563
- Rev. Lloyd George, Route 1, Box 246, Caledonia, Mississippi 39740
- Rev. Tommy Dubose, Route 6, Fayette, Alabama 35555
- Rev. Dale Ford, P. O. Box 757, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
- Rev. Michael A. Foster, P. O. Box 541, Vernon, Alabama 35592

LIST OF DEACONS

- BEAVERTON - Bobby Dyke
- BELK - Raphael Yerby, Dalton Gilpin, Grady Newman, Mackey Watkins.
- DAVIS CHAPEL - Johnny Pike
- EASTSIDE - J. H. Thompson, Richard Dean, Adolph South, Bedford Hester, James Cooper.
- FREE WILL CHAPEL - Edsel Gideon, Charlie Elliott, L.D. Hall,

Daniel Franks.

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Bobby Joe Black, L. R. Dubose, Willie G. Perkins, Wayne Sorrells, Wayne Dubose, Jack Boman, Roy Guyton, R. T. Mixon.

LOVE JOY - Coy Robertson, Lloyd Carter, Gary Taylor, Clayton Barnes.

MT. HARMONY - Olen Wheeler, Odis Robertson, O. B. Graham, Erbie Robertson, L. C. Steedley, David Barton, Frankie Beasley.

MT. PLEASANT - W. M. Cooper

MT. WILLING - Elzie Guin, E. O. Shelnut, Emmitt Lee, Obie Haney, Earl McDonald, Arlie Robertson, Jeff McDonald.

PINEY GROVE - J. M. Chaffin, Tommie Robertson, Carlos Roberts.

SPRINGFIELD - Dewey Jordan, Tommie Rushing, Aubrey Hall, Larry Williams, Paul Jordan, Haley Wright, Roy Ashby, Jr.

SULLIGENT - Clarence Birmingham, Ray Birmingham, Hezzie Harrison, Richard Mansell, Earnest Northington, James Price, Charles Crosby, Quinton Boyett.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Edgar S. Cooper

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

VERNON - Lloyd Turner, Pascal Yerby, B. E. Turner, Titus Barnes, Eris Wilson, Paul Shelnut, Ted Collins, Albert Christian, Wayne Steadman.

NAMES OF DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. J. M. Springfield, Rev. W. B. Taylor, Rev. W. R. Turman, Rev. Tom Butler, Rev. A. J. 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. K. V. Shutes, Rev. B. J. Tittle, Rev. M.L. Hollis, Rev. E. W. Graves, Rev. S. F. Lee, Rev. Harvey Clearman, Rev. Roy H. Barnes.

NAMES OF DECEASED DEACONS

L. A. Crowder, S. Y. Shelton, J. H. Cole, Lee Mixon, J. S. Crossley, J.D. Shelnut, Earnest Robertson, D. L. Markham, Joe L. McNeese, Johnny Williams, Johnny Collins, Dewitt Williams, J. G. Adair, Cullin Collins, John D. Moore, Sr., R. D. Franks, Hoyt Chaffin, Dempsey Langley, S. L. Cash, C. V. Hollis, M. E. Hollis, Raymond Gray, Arnold Hester, H. E. McDonald, Henry Harrison, Henry Perkins, Roy Gilreath, Jack McDonald, and Belton Nelson.

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 from 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 church unless they depart from the Treaties of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists. In this event it will be investigated by the Credential Committee and their findings will be reported to the association for their action. This association shall have authority over all ministers in the matter of doctrine, character, etc. In case any minister in this association depart from and teach doctrine not in keeping with the Treaties of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptist the same shall be dealt with by the association as it may deem proper according to the teachings of the Bible.

3. When a church desires 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 piety, doctrine, and convictions respecting the work of the ministry and reputation for character and ability of the candidate. The examination or 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, or whose wife has more than one living husband. 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 and clerk-treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by 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. The clerk shall have the authority to secure any necessary assistance he needs, at his own expense.

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 of 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 shall be dealt with by the association as it may deem proper, according to the teaching of the Bible.

11. The association shall in all cases in the transaction of all business brought before it, be governed by a majority of all delegates present and any church or delegate failing or refusing to do so is and shall be considered to be a party to the enforcement of the same.

12. The moderator shall receive \$50.00, the assistant moderator \$25.00, and the clerk \$75.00 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 members 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, assistant moderator, and clerk along with one person from each church. Each person from the local church shall serve two 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 reported to 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 is to consist of from 3 to 5 members.

3. 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.

4. The Credential Committee shall recommend the issuance, or rejection of a card of good standing for a ministers. If a minister misses one association meeting, unless providentially hindered, he will not be given a card of good standing. 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. The Credential Committee, in a special called session, shall have

shall have the authority to grant letters to ministers leaving our association, provided they are a member of a church in our association, reporting their action to the annual association meeting.

5. 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.

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

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

8. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the moderator nor more than five minutes.

9. No person shall laugh or talk during discussion.

10. No delegate shall absent himself from the association without the permission of the moderator.

11.[a] All ordination of ministers shall be done at the association while in regular annual session, by the Ordaining Council.

11.[b] The General Board of the association shall have authority to authorize the Credential Committee to ordain ministers, between sessions of the association, who have been licensed by a local church and who has been accepted as pastor in a Free Will Baptist Church before his one year of license has expired.

12. 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, or recommended for ordination by the Credential Committee.

13. 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 meeting on Saturday before the third Sunday in October of each year.

14. 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.

15. The Youth Camp Committee shall meet within 60 days after the associational meeting to select a Camp Director and a Treasurer of the Youth Camp and make plans for the summer camp. All pastors of the Vernon Association shall be on the Youth Camp Committee and will make up the committee.

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 commital 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 all 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. **Preseverance.** 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 by 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. Committees 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.