

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with

**SPRINGFIELD FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

1988 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 1988

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH SESSION

MODERATOR..... REV. M. H. HOLLIS

ASSISTANT MODERATOR..... REV. DENNIS KIZZIRE

CLERK..... BRO. RAPHAEL YERBY

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Belk Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 18, 1989. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and services will begin at 10:00 a.m. The annual session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 14, 1989.

OFFICERS FOR 1989

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and eighth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with Springfield Free Will Baptist Church on October 15, 1988. Rev. M. H. Hollis served as moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire served as assistant moderator, and Bro. Raphael Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "Standing On The Promises," directed by Bro. Tommie Rushing. The opening prayer was by the assistant moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire.

We were welcomed to the Springfield Church by Bro. Ruston Brown. The response was given by Rev. James Walden, pastor of the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Rushing led in another song, "Where The Soul Never Dies." We were blessed with a special in song, "I Bowed On My Knees And Cried Holy," by a group of young people from the Springfield Church.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Randy Wright, of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayette. He used Jeremiah 35:1-9 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker. After the message we had prayer by Rev. Vern Gunnels.

The one hundred and eighth session of Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was called to order by the clerk, Bro. Raphael Yerby.

We had a short message from the moderator using First Corinthians 3:9 as his text.

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

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

The moderator called for petitionary letters. None were received.

The moderator recognized visiting brethren and invited them to seat with us during this session of the association. Those present were: Rev. Larry Reynolds, Rev. Randy Wright and Rev. John Powell.

The Deceased Members Committee report was given by Sister Elwanda Oakes, chair-person. We had a motion, second and vote carried to receive the report and stand and sing "Amazing Grace" and have prayer in memory of these loved ones. After the song Rev. Jerry Smith led in prayer.

We had a report of the General Board by the Clerk. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and vote on it item by item. All the items carried.

We had a report of the Temperance Committee by Sister Debra Dees, chair-person. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

We had a report of the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee by Bro. Robert Carter, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Rev. David Hayes. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report as information.

We had a song, "Footsteps of Jesus," directed by Bro. Rushing.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Don Taggart. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and vote on it item by item. All items passed.

We had a report of the Alabama Home Missions and Church Extensions by Rev. Dennis Kizzire. We had a vote to receive the report as information.

The Finance Committee report was given by Bro. Rodney Yerby, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

Bro. Tim Hollis directed a song, "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood."

We were dismissed by the moderator for a short recess. The dismissal prayer was by Bro. Tommie Robertson.

After recess Bro. Tommie Rushing directed two songs, "Where The Soul Never Dies," and "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

We received a love offering for our guest speaker. The offeratory prayer was by Rev. M. H. Hollis. the amount of the offering received was \$215.00.

Just before the morning message, we enjoyed a special in song, "Help Is On The Way," by a trio from the Springfield Church.

The keynote message was brought at 11:00 a.m. by our guest speaker, Rev. Larry Reynolds, Missionary appointee to Phoenix, Arizona. His subject was "The Battle Cry of Christian Courage, For I Believe God," using Acts 27:20-26 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

After a very interesting, heart-stirring message we had a song of invitation, "Is Thy Heart Right With God," directed by Bro. Rushing. Bro. Reynolds closed the service as he sang "Just A Rose Will Do."

We were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer and the blessing on the food was offered by Rev. Milton Gann.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a bountiful and delicious lunch and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened back at 1:00 p.m. with a song, "Lift Him Up," directed by Bro. Rushing.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Bro. Dewayne Madison from the Belk Free Will Baptist Church. He used Nahum 2:1 as his scripture. Prayer was the by speaker.

After the devotion we had a special in song, "There Is A River," by a trio from the Springfield Church.

We had a report of the Vernon District Women's Auxiliary by Sister Joyce Gibson. We had a vote to receive the report as information.

The Youth Camp Board of Directors report was given by Rev. Don Taggart. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report as information.

Bro. Gregory M. Stocks of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church was ordained to preach the Gospel. Rev. Dickie Dees, pastor of Piney Grove preached the ordination message. He used Romans 15:8; First Timothy 1:12-13; First Corinthians 2:1-5; Romans 14:10-12; and First Corinthians 3:13-15 as his scripture. The ordination charge was given by Rev. James Walden, pastor of Mt. Harmony Church. He used Second Timothy 4:1-5 and First Timothy 4:12 as his scripture. The ordination prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent.

We had a report of the Appreciation Committee by Bro. Steve Butler. We had a motion, second and vote to give the Springfield Church a rising vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality for this session of the association.

The moderator appointed Rev. Don Taggart to serve a five year term on the Credentials Committee.

The moderator called for the election of one member to serve a five year term on the Board of Christian Education. Bro. Todd Shelton and Bro. Tim Hollis were nominated. Bro. Tim Hollis was elected to serve.

We had an election of one member to serve a three year term on the Youth Camp Board of Directors. Rev. Dennis Kizzire was elected to serve on this board.

We selected a place for the Thanksgiving Service, and the moderator appointed a committee to plan the associational Thanksgiving Service and secure a speaker for the service. Those appointed were Rev. David Hayes, Bro. Tommie Rushing, and Rev. James Walden. The service will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon on Tuesday night, November 22, 1988 at 7:00 p.m.

A place was chosen for the next two (2) meetings of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The Belk Church requested one of the meetings. The body voted to hold the March meeting at the Belk Free Will Baptist Church. This meeting will be on Saturday, March 18, 1989. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. and services will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon requested to host the annual meeting in October. The body voted to hold the annual association meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon. The meeting will be on Saturday, October 14, 1989 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The moderator appointed delegates to the Alabama State Association. Those appointed were:

Bro. Robert Carter
Sis. Sandra Carter
Sis. Elwanda Oakes
Sis. Debra Dees
Sis. Dorothy Hollis

Sis. Joyce Doherty
Bro. Clyde Motes
Sis. Eldridge Motes
Sis. Denise Guin

Delegates were appointed to Sister Associations next.

Mount Moriah Association

Rev. Dennis Kizzire

Sis. Nelda Kizzire

Mississippi State Line Association

Rev. Edward Puckett

A resolution against Lottery in Alabama was presented to the association. The body adopted the resolution to be sent to ALCAP to be presented to the Alabama Legislature on the Vernon Association's stand against Lottery in the State of Alabama.

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

Nominations were opened for moderator of the association. Rev. Dennis Kizzire was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as moderator.

The moderator called for nominations for an assistant moderator. Rev. James Walden was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as assistant moderator.

We had a short report on the Pastors and Workers Conference by Rev. Dickie Dees.

We had a dismissal song, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Jim Doherty, pastor of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was adjourned.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1988

The semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on March 19, 1988 with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. M. H. Hollis, moderator and Rev. Dennis Kizzire, assistant moderator.

The meeting opened with a song, "When We All Get To Heaven," directed by Rev. Dickie Dees. Rev. Milton Gann prayed the opening prayer.

After a short welcome to the meeting by the moderator, Rev. M. H. Hollis, we had several congregational songs directed by Rev. Dickie Dees.

We had a special in song, "The Longer I Serve Him," by Bro. Tim Hollis.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Ron Scott, pastor of the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He used Proverbs 11:30 and Proverbs 29:18 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

We were welcombed to the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church by the host pastor, Rev. Jim Doherty. The response was given by the assistant moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire.

We had a report of the Committee on Committees by Rev. Jerry Smith, chairman.

We were dismissed for a short recess by the moderator. After recess we had a song, "Brethren We Have Met To Worship," directed by Bro. Dees. Prayers was by Rev. David Hayes. We had another song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," directed by Bro. Dees.

We were treated to a special in song just before the morning message by Sister Denise Guin of the Belk Church.

The 11:00 a.m. message was brought by Rev. James Walden, pastor of the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. He used Jude 1:1-25 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker. After a very interesting message we had a song of invitation, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," by Bro. Dees.

We were dismissed from this session of the association and enjoyed a delicious lunch furnished by the good people of the Liberty Church. The dismissal prayer and blessing of the food was by Bro. Steve Butler.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS LISTED

BEAVERTON - Sisters Emma Harris, Fay Humphries and Judy Dykes.

BELK - Brother Laren Williams; Sisters Dee Williams, Mamie Gilpin, Jane Hindman and Sue Yerby.

COOPER - Brothers Jimmy Sullens, Stan Dubelak; Sisters Joyce Dubelak, Nelda Kizzire and Genell Gann.

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sisters Dora Lee Pennington, Lorene Pike, Betty Gray and Jessmer Nelson.

DECATUR - Brothers Harold Goode, Rodney Yerby, Randall Lamb, Tim Abercrombie; Sisters Betty Goode and Sula Gann.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sisters Polly Easter, Mary Easter, Mary Wise, Brenda Wise and Linda Wise.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Brothers Bill Brown, W. G. Stanford, Dallas Bozeman; Sisters Margaret Brown, Georgia Lee Hall, Marcia Bozeman and Barbara Smith.

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Lura Moore.

LIBERTY - Brothers Steve Butler, Barksdale Higgins, Roy Perkins; Sisters Louise Couch, Carlette Stripling, Joyce Doherty, Ruby Nell Higgins and Ida Bell Perkins.

LOVE JOY - Sisters Nina Robertson, Laura Carter, Alisa Barnes, Linda Barnes and Virena Coley.

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Mildred Perkins, Delane Robertson, Vina Walden, Carla Hamilton, Frances Beasley and Linda Hubbert.

MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Mary Merchant and Pearlie Allen.

MT. WILLING - Brothers Hank Garrison, Ralph Lee; Sisters Margie Lee and Sammie Lee Robertson.

PINEY GROVE - Sisters Carole Barnes, Gera Mae Bobo, Debra Dees and Goldie Dykes.

SPRINGFIELD - Brothers Ruston Brown, Timothy Hollis, Robert Earl Hester, Eugene Holmes; Sisters Burma Jordan, Dorothy Johnson and Dorthy Hollis.

SULLIGENT - Brothers Robert Carter, Sammy Merchant; Sisters Sandra Carter, Patsy Merchant, Geneva Sorrells, Viola Vinson, Jean Jefferys, Kitty Taylor and Patsy Puckett.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Brother J. C. Young; Sisters Martha Bradford, Jewell Lucas and Grill Perkins.

UNION CHAPEL - Sisters Lanore Nesbitt, Noble Christian, Frances Christian, Lucille Bradford, Joyce Hardy and Dean Maddox.

VERNON - Brothers Mike McDaniel, Elmer Motes, Russell Hudson, Clyde Motes; Sisters Eldridge Motes, Frances Moore, Elwanda Oakes, Mildred Gilmore and Louise Shelnut.

GENERAL BOARD

BEAVERTON - None Listed
BELK - Dalton Gilpin
COOPER - Edd Finch
DAVIS CHAPEL - None Listed
DECATUR - Rodney Yerby
DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Gene Wise
FREE WILL CHAPEL - Kenneth Tate
FRIENDSHIP - None Listed.
LIBERTY - Lennie R. Dubose
LOVE JOY - Stoney Robertson
MT. HARMONY - Edwin P. Wheeler
MT. PLEASANT - Curtis Corbell
MT. WILLING - Lucion G. Flynn
PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson
SPRINGFIELD - Carroll Gibson
SULLIGENT - John Q. Boyett
TAYLOR SPRINGS - J. C. Young
UNION CHAPEL - Jessie Yerby
VERNON - Zadus Turner, Jr.

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

Mt. Harmony
Mt. Pleasant
Mt. Willing
Piney Grove
Springfield

Sulligent
Taylor Springs
Union Chapel
Vernon

COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1988

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Edward Puckett - 1989
Rev. James Walden - 1990
Bro. Lennie Ray Dubose - 1991
Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1992
Rev. Don Taggart - 1993

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

Bro. Robert Carter
Bro. J. C. Young
Sister Barbara Smith
Sister Sue Yerby

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Rodney Yerby
Bro. Sammy Merchant
Bro. Jimmy Sullins

**DECEASED MEMBERS
COMMITTEE**

Sister Elwanda Oakes
Sister Sula Gann
Sister Dee Williams
Bro. Mike McDaniel

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Rev. David Hayes - 1989
Rev. Jerry Smith - 1990
Rev. Ronnie Scott - 1991
Rev. James Walden - 1992
Bro. Timothy Hollis - 1993

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

All pastors of the Vernon
Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Dennis Kizzire
Rev. James Walden
Bro. Raphael Yerby
Rev. Kenneth Tate
Bro. Lennie Ray Dubose
Bro. Stoney Robertson
Bro. Tommie Robertson

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

Bro. Lewis Hindman - 1989
Rev. Don Taggart - 1990
Rev. Dennis Kizzire - 1991

**COMMITTEE ON
COMMITTEES 1989**

Rev. James Walden
Rev. David Hayes
Bro. Ruston Brown

DIGEST COMMITTEE 1989

Bro. Sammy Merchant
Bro. Dallas Bozeman
Bro. Elmer Motes
Sister Shelly Hollis

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Bro. Steve Butler
Sister Flora Warren
Sister Jean Jefferys

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. W. G. Stanford
Sister Debra Dees
Sister Eldridge Motes

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 1,475, with all 19 churches having a Sunday School.

Our C.T.S. enrollment is 522, with only 10 churches having a C.T.S. program. Second Timothy 3:14-17 and Second Timothy 2:15. M.S.C.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Carter, Chairman

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We, the General Board, met on September 19, 1988. We make the following report and recommendations: M.S.C.

I. We recommend that the Committee on Committees and the Digest Committee be appointed at each annual meeting to report at the beginning of the next year's annual meeting (one year in advance); all other Committees except standing Committees be appointed at the beginning of each annual business meeting. M.S.C.

II. We recommend that we add to the Articles of Faith, in the printed minutes, the Bible Scripture that they are based on. M.S.C. (See Articles of Faith for scripture.)

III. The Board of Directors of the Northwest Alabama Free Will Baptist Youth Camp has requested permission from the three (3) associations, Jasper, Progressive and Vernon, to change the name of the youth camp.

We recommend that this association give the Board of Directors the authority to change the name of the youth camp provided they keep the name Free Will Baptist in all legal papers and all advertising signs. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. M. H. Hollis, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee make the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (10-14-88) is \$1,052.51. A total of \$1,080.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$2,132.51. Estimated expenses for the next year are \$1,311.50, leaving a projected balance of \$821.01 at the end of next year. Two churches, Davis Chapel and Mt. Willing did not send in any minute fund dues. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rodney Yerby, Chairman

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Proverbs 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

First Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." First Corinthians 9:25, "and every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." Ephesians 5:15-16, "We ought to be temperate in our walk, circumspectly not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil, and be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the spirit." Titus 1:8, "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy and temperate." M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Dees, Chairperson

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, would like to make the following report:

Cooper Free Will Baptist Church has asked that Rev. Vern Gunnels, who is a member of their church be accepted into the Vernon Association. We recommend his acceptance into the Vernon Association pending a letter of recommendation from the Jasper Association. M.S.C.

Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church has requested that Bro. Greg Stocks, who is a member of their church, be ordained to preach the Gospel. We recommend that he be ordained at this session of the association. M.S.C.

We recommend that a card of good standing be given to each minister present today. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Don Taggart, Chairman

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, make the following report:

We wish to thank the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church for their kindness and hospitality shown to us during our annual meeting. We appreciate the good meal and fellowship which was enjoyed by all.

We give the Lord the Praise for His blessings to us as individuals and churches. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Butler, Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

We, the Deceased Members Committee, would like to make the following report:

The following members of our association have gone on to be with the Lord in 1987-1988:

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - Sister Mamie Williams Dodson

COOPER - Bro. Claude Belk

DAVIS CHAPEL - Bro. M. C. Taylor and Sister Gladdis Williamson

DECATUR - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Bro. Stonewall Ling and Sister Kelley Easter

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bro. Charles Elliotte, Jr.

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Sister Iddie Harrison and Bro. Johnny Perkins

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Sister Dora Crawford and Sister Emma Cash

MT. PLEASANT - Sister Viola Sanders

MT. WILLING - Bro. Obie Haney, Sister Emma McDonald, Sister Annie Hill, Sister Carra McGowan and Bro. Arlie Roberts

PINEY GROVE - Sister Viola Shelnut, Bro. Huston Guin and Bro. Covin Finch

SPRINGFIELD - Sister Tezzie Chaffin

SULLIGENT - Sister Christine Sizemore and Bro. Richard Mansell

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Sister Ora Brown

UNION CHAPEL - None

VERNON - Sister Artie Otts and Sister Millie Grey Turner

We recommend that this report be accepted and the congregation stand and sing "Amazing Grace" in memory of these who have passed on this year. We were led in prayer by Rev. Jerry Smith. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elwanda Oakes, Chairperson

VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

We have three (3) auxiliaries in our district at the present time with 40 members on roll.

We gave to the following causes this past year. Home Missions \$484.14, Foreign Missions \$1,248.14, For State Projects Money \$83.34, Youth Camp \$240.00, Retired Ministers \$50.00, Children's Home \$100.00. With these gifts and gifts to our churches, the total given this year was \$6,292.70.

We sponsored a Mission Banquet at the Vernon Cafetorium on January 16, 1988. Our guest speaker was Rev. Richard Hendrix. We had 91 people registered for the banquet. A love offering of \$150.00

was given to Bro. Hendrix at the banquet. After all the banquet expense was paid, a check for \$260.00 was sent to the Hendrix account.

Our tenth annual District meeting was held at the Vernon First Free Will Baptist Church on March 26, 1988. Bro. Mike Rogers was our guest speaker. Thirty-two (32) people registered at the District meeting. A love offering of \$201.25 was given to Bro. Rogers.

Two (2) ladies from our District attended the National Retreat at Ridgecrest, N.C. on September 8-10, 1988.

Several ladies from our District attended the Retreat hosted by the ladies from the Madison Free Will Baptist Church on April 29 and 30, 1988 at the Ramada Inn in Madison, Alabama.

I would like to commend this group for the work they have done this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Gibson, President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met on February 2, 1988 to plan the semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association for March 19, 1988.

We elected to ask Rev. Ron Scott to bring the morning devotion and we invited Rev. James Walden to preach the 11:00 a.m. message. We also asked Bro. Bobby Joe Black to be in charge of the singing. We voted to receive an offering to go to the Madison land fund.

The committee met again on August 22, 1988 to plan the annual meeting of the association for October 15, 1988.

We voted to ask Rev. Randy Wright of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayette to bring the morning devotion and Bro. Dewayne Madison of the Belk Free Will Baptist Church to have the afternoon devotion. We ask Bro. Tim Hollis to be in charge of the music for the day.

We voted to invite Rev. Larry Reynolds, missionary to Phoenix, Arizona to preach the keynote message at 11:00 a.m. We also voted to receive an offering and give him \$200.00 plus the offering.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. M. H. Hollis, Chairman

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Digest Committee make the following report:

STATISTICS:

Number Churches.....	19
Full Time Pastors.....	14
Part Time Pastors.....	5
Tithes & Offerings (14 Churches Reported).....	\$406,595.63
Ordained Ministers.....	24
Licensed Ministers.....	11
Ordained Deacons.....	69
Churches with Daycare.....	1
Churches with Kindergarten.....	0
Churches with Sunday School.....	19
Sunday School Enrollment (18 Churches Reported).....	1,475
Baptisms.....	60
Members Added.....	120
Members Lost by Death or Letter.....	60
Total Membership (17 Churches Reported).....	2,542
Churches with Parsonages.....	7
Value of All Church Property.....	\$2,704,000.00
(16 Churches Reporting)	
C.T.S. Enrollment.....	522
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary.....	8
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment.....	121
Churches with Masters Men.....	6
Masters Men Enrollment.....	77

Respectfully Submitted,
W. G. Stanford, Chairman

REPORT ON THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1988

We thank the Lord for the good year of 1987-88. Financially we were able to end the year a little above the previous year.

The youth camps were held the first two weeks of June. Good camps were experienced and decisions were made for the Lord. Teen camp has fallen off some in attendance, due to summertime employment of some of the teens.

Camp weeks for 1989 will be June 18-23 and 25-30. More information to these dates will be forthcoming from the board.

A special thanks to all the workers that came and helped in making the camps a success. May the Lord reward you for your labor of love.

Dates for the C.T.S. camp and place will be announced at the March 1989 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. David Hayes, Treasurer

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
OF THE VERNON ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1987-1988**

Beginning Balance, Oct. 1, 1987	\$ 668.06
Monies Received Oct. 87 - Oct. 88	<u>\$4,229.11</u>
Total To Account For	\$4,897.17

RECEIPTS:

Cooper	\$ 51.83
Belk	\$ 699.02
Mt. Harmony	\$ 175.00
Free Will Chapel	\$ 478.47
C.T.S. Competition Fees	\$ 135.00
Camper Fees & Sale of Food	<u>\$2,689.79</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,229.11

EXPENDITURES:

Postage	\$ 56.50
Winfield Hospital	\$ 49.50
C.T.S. Awards & Materials	\$ 108.55
Telephone (Contel)	\$ 12.05
N.W. Alabama F.W.B. Youth Camp 25%	\$ 351.08
Alabama Competition Fees	\$ 110.00
Film Rentals	\$ 96.41
Food for Youth Camps	\$1,677.30
Supplies	\$ 7.18
Bronco West	\$ 30.00
Camp Rent - 2 Weeks	\$ 600.00
Life Guards 2 Each/2 Weeks	\$ 300.00
Campers Insurance	\$ 110.60
Camp Evangelists	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,009.17

Total to Account For	\$4,897.17
Total Expenses	<u>\$4,009.17</u>
Balance Sept. 30, 1988	\$ 896.00

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK
BEAVERTON	Rev. R. C. Humphries Route 1, Box 212 Vina, Ala. 35593	356-4206	Mrs. Joan Mosley Route 1, Box 253-B Beaverton, Ala. 35544
BELK	Rev. Dexter Guin P. O. Box 31 Belk, Ala. 35545	932-3144	Rosa L. Atkins P. O. Box 45 Belk, Ala. 35545
COOPER	Rev. Dennis Kizzire Route 1 Detroit, Ala. 35552	921-2440	Mrs. Lena Mae Rye Route 6, Box 72-B Hamilton, Ala. 35570
DAVIS CHAPEL	Rev. E. T. Sargent Route 1, Box 36 Cordova, Ala. 35550	483-7962	Mrs. Louise Cannon Route 1, Box 300 Berry, Ala. 35546
DECATUR	Rev. Milton Gann 809 Westwood Dr., SW Decatur, Ala. 35601	353-5822	Mrs. Jean McCraney 2304 Warwick Ave., SW Decatur, Ala. 35601
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Rev. Fred Graham P. O. Box 435 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9631	Mr. Gene Wise P. O. Box 132 Gattman, MS 38844
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Rev. Jerry Smith Route 2, Box 54 Sulligent, Ala. 35586	695-6119	Mrs. Dorothy Gideon P. O. Box 101 Vernon, Ala. 35592
FRIENDSHIP	Rev. James C. Newell Route 1, Box 107 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-6101	Mrs. Lura Moore Route 2, Box 481 Millport, Ala. 35576
LIBERTY	Rev. James Doherty Route 2 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9400	Mr. Steve Butler Route 2, Box 74-P-1 Fayette, Ala. 35555
LOVE JOY	Rev. Donald Taggart Route 1, Box 158 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-7546	Mrs. Linda Barnes Route 1, Box 370 Guin, Ala. 35563
MT. HARMONY	Rev. James Walden Route 1, Box 54 Kennedy, Ala. 35574	596-3167	Mr. Erbie Robertson Route 3, Box 407 Vernon, Ala. 35592
MT. PLEASANT	Rev. Lloyd Vail P. O. Box 535 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9583	Mrs. Mary Merchant Route 2, Box 185 Sulligent, Ala. 35586
MT. WILLING	Rev. Charles Fowler Route 5, Box 194 Fayette, Ala. 35555	932-6589	Mrs. Audra Flynn Route 1, Box 237 Guin, Ala. 35563
PINEY GROVE	Rev. Dickie Dees P. O. Box 888 Sulligent, Ala. 35586	698-9664	Mrs. Jackie Atkinson P. O. Box 563 Winfield, Ala. 35594
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. M. H. Hollis P. O. Box 183 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-7736	Mr. Roy Ashby Route 1, Box 221 Vernon, Ala. 35592
SULLIGENT	Rev. Edward Puckett Route 1, Box 44 Sulligent, Ala. 35586	698-8177	Mrs. Joyce Threadgill Route 2, Box 346-A Aberdeen, Miss. 39730
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C. C. Berryhill Greenwood Springs, Miss. 38848	(601) 256-8225	Mrs. Diane Spencer Beaverton, Ala. 35544
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. Ronald A. Scott P. O. Box 681 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-6693	Mr. James E. Maddox Route 2, Box 172 Vernon, Ala. 35592
VERNON	Rev. David Hayes P. O. Box 1211 Vernon, Ala. 35592	695-9730	Miss Elwanda Oakes P. O. Box 351 Vernon, Ala. 35592

Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux	Ordained Ministers
7	0	24	30	0	0	2
6	1	144	105	60	22	1
8	1	205	108	81	0	2
8	2	85	16	0	0	0
9	1	173	66	19	12	1
4	2	84	84	0	0	1
1	1	193	99	0	16	1
0	0	48	48	0	0	1
5	2	242	120	65	16	1
7	0	92	85	0	15	1
10	2	126	100	50	0	2
0	1	52	25	0	0	1
3	5	116	30	-	0	2
24	3	195	118	82	15	2
2	1	180	100	75	10	1
9	2	281	196	21	0	1
2	1	36	25	0	0	0
14	0	90	50	0	0	2
0	2	260	95	69	15	2

FINANCIAL REPORT

NORTHWEST ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP
SEPTEMBER 1, 1987 - SEPTEMBER 22, 1988

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD..... \$ 49.09

RECEIPTS:

JASPER ASSOCIATION \$ 4,602.70

Brilliant.....	\$ 346.81
Carbon Hill.....	\$ 120.00
Cedrom Grove.....	\$ 155.89
Guin.....	\$ 550.00
Liberty.....	\$ 110.00
Mt. Olive.....	\$1750.00
Pocahontas.....	\$ 910.00
Winfield.....	\$ 660.00

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION \$ 3,412.28

Fayette.....	\$1021.22
Pleasant Grove.....	\$ 391.06
South Highland.....	\$ 500.00
Progressive Association.....	\$ 500.00
Youth Camp Fund.....	\$1000.00

VERNON ASSOCIATION \$ 2,152.63

Belk.....	\$ 288.00
Mt. Harmony.....	\$ 180.00
Piney Grove.....	\$ 195.00
Springfield.....	\$ 825.00
C. E. Board.....	\$ 424.63
District Women's Auxiliary.....	\$ 240.00

OTHER

\$ 7,290.13

Camp Fees:

Jasper Association.....	\$ 600.00
Progressive Association.....	\$ 600.00
Vernon Association.....	\$ 600.00
Winfield-Youth Retreat.....	\$ 55.00
Martin Reunion.....	\$ 165.00

Lifeguard Fees:

Jasper Association.....	\$ 300.00
Progressive Association.....	\$ 300.00
Vernon Association.....	\$ 300.00

Reimbursement of Paper Products:

Jasper Association.....	\$ 325.00
Progressive Association.....	\$ 325.00
Rent on Sno-Cone & Popcorn Machine.....	\$ 40.00
Sale of Drink Box.....	\$ 10.00
General Insurance (Refund).....	\$ 482.00
Trull Hardware (Refund).....	\$ 5.19
Winfield Woodyard - Sale of Timber.....	\$ 79.94
Offering from Camp Supper.....	\$ 168.00
Concessions.....	\$ 2,935.00

LOAN..... \$15,000.00

TOTAL \$32,506.83

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$32,506.83

EXPENDITURES

Electric.....	\$ 2,820.32
Water.....	\$ 669.12
Telephone.....	\$ 609.73
Camp Insurance.....	\$ 3,524.62
Pest Control.....	\$ 90.00
Meals - Board Mtgs. & Apreciation Supper.....	\$ 398.67
Postage.....	\$ 124.80
Office Supplies & Bank Charges.....	\$ 82.33
Repair & Upkeep.....	\$ 178.42
New Equipment & Supplies.....	\$ 5,311.99
Renovation.....	\$12,699.61
Paper Products.....	\$ 1,024.79
Lifeguard Salary.....	\$ 900.00
Concession.....	\$ 1,344.48

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$29,778.88

BALANCE IN BANK AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1988 \$ 2,727.95

Secretary/Treasurer: Dennis Haygood
Route 2, Box 376
Guin, AL 35563

**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance on hand 10-1-87 \$ 999.08

RECEIPTS

Offering Received at Association (10-17-87)..... 173.16

Minute Funds Received..... 1,105.00

Total To Account For..... \$2,277.24

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. M. H. Hollis (Moderator)..... \$ 50.00

Rev. Dennis Kizzire (Asst. Moderator)..... 25.00

Raphael Yerby (clerk)..... 75.00

Rev. Luther Gibson (Guest Speaker)..... 125.00

Free Will Baptist Bible College..... 57.60

Alabama State Association Dues..... 380.00

Thumb Print (Printing Minutes)..... 451.54

U.P.S. (Shipping Minutes)..... 18.23

Postage and Supplies..... 42.36

Total Expenditures..... \$1,224.73

Balance on Hand 10-01-88 \$1,052.51

Respectfully Submitted,
Raphael Yerby, Treasurer

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 183, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Rev. T. C. Barnes, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
Rev. Delmus Miller, Winfield, Alabama 35594
Rev. Fred Graham, P. O. Box 435, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Rev. Edward Puckett, Route 1, Box 44, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
Rev. James C. Newell, Route 1, Box 109, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Route 1, Detroit, Alabama 35552
Rev. Don Taggart, Route 1, Box 158, Vernon, Alabama 33592
Rev. Norman G. Berryhill, Route 1, Guin Alabama 35563
Rev. Lloyd W. Vail, P. O. Box 535, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Rev. Lloyd George, Route 1, Box 246, Caledonia, Mississippi 39740
Rev. Jerry Smith, Route 2, Box 54, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
Rev. Dickie Dees, P. O. Box 888, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
Rev. L. B. Nix, P. O. Box 277, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
Rev. Charles Fowler, Route 5, Box 194, Fayette, Alabama 35555
Rev. Jim Martin, Route 2, Box 169A, Guin, Alabama 35563
Rev. Milton Gann, 809 Westwood Dr. S.W., Decatur, Alabama 35601
Rev. Jim Doherty, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Rev. David Hayes, P. O. Box 1211, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Rev. R. C. Humphries, Route 1, Box 212, Vina, Alabama 35593
Rev. Ronald A. Scott, P. O. Box 681, Vernon, Alabama 35592
Rev. Jeffery Cole, P. O. Box 132, Guin, Alabama 35563
Rev. James Walden, Route 1, Box 54, Kennedy, Alabama 35574
Rev. Dexter Guin, P. O. Box 31, Belk, Alabama 35545
Rev. Vern Gunnels, Jr., P. O. Box 394, Hamilton, Alabama 35570
Rev. Gregory M. Stocks, P. O. Box 912, Guin, Alabama 35563

List of Deacons

BEAVERTON - Bros. Bobby Dykes and Russell Cole
BELK - Bros. Grady Newman, Raphael Yerby, Dalton Gilpin and
Lewis Hindman
COOPER - Bros. Burley Finch, Gordie Rye, Tony Clark and Hershel
Rye
DAVIS CHAPEL - None
DECATUR - Bro. Paul Jones
DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Bros. Kelly Easter, Joe Mack Easter, J. C.
Cantrell, Gene Wise and Phillip Wise.
FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bros. Edsel Gideon, Daniel Franks, L. D.
Hall, Tommy Otts, and Jerry Mays
FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Bros. Bobby Joe Black, Lennie R. Dubose, Wayne Dubose, Jack Boman, Roy Guyton, Wayne Sorrells, and Willie Gene Perkins

LOVE JOY - Bros. Coy L. Robertson, Guary Taylor, Lloyd Carter and Clayton Barnes

MT. HARMONY - Bros. Olen Wheeler, Oveat Graham, Erbie Robertson, L. C. Steedley, Frankie Beasley and Coy Johnson

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - Bros. Earl McDonald, Elzie GuinandEmmit Lee

PINEY GROVE - Bros. J. M. Chaffin, Tommie Robertson, and Danny Atkinson

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

SULLIGENT - Bros. John Q. Boyett, Hezzie Harrison, Earnest Northington, Charles Crosby, and Ray Birmingham,

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. Stanley Cooper

UNION CHAPEL - Bros. James E. Maddox, Jessie Yerby, Benny Hardy, Sam Glasgow and Albert Christian

VERNON - Bros. Pascal Yerby, Paul Shelnut, Titus Barnes, Edgar Turner, Derrell Wheeler, Wayne Steadman and Eris Wilson

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. J. A. Tate, 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, Rev. W. H. Clearman, Rev. Roy H. Barnes, Rev. Frank Collins, and Rev. William D. Glasgow.

NAMES OF DECEASED DEACONS

Brothers L. A. Crowder, S. Y. Shelton, J. H. Cole, Lee Mixon, J. S. Crossley, J. D. Shelnut, Earnest Robertson, D. L. Markham, Joe L. McNease, Johnny Williams, Johnny Collins, Dewitt Williams, J. G. Adair, Cullen Collins, John D. Moore, Sr., R. D. Franks, Hoytt 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, Belton Nelson, Clarence Birmingham, Carlos Bradford, Charlie Elliott, Emmit Shelnut, Junie Harper, Lloyd Turner, Johnny Pike, Jeff McDonald, Carlos Roberts, Reddin Mixon, David Barton, Odis Robertson, Obie Haney, Arlie Roberts and Richard Mansell.

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 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 Baptists 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.

3. (A) When a church recommends a candidate for ordination as a preacher by the Vernon Association of Free Will Baptists, they will submit the following information in writing to the Credential Committee, at least one (1) month in advance of the annual association meeting: the name of the candidate, address of the candidate, telephone number of the candidate, present employment, length of membership at the church, offices held in the church, marital status of the candidate, places of ministry by the candidate for the past twelve months.

This recommendation must be the result of a regular conference of the church of which the candidate is a member.

3. (B) Any ordained preacher that desires to become a member of this association must submit a letter of recommendation from the church of which he is a member, along with a letter of recommendation from the association from which he is coming. This is to be done at least one (1) month in advance of a regular meeting of the association. This information is to be submitted in writing to the moderator of the association or to the chairman of the Credential Committee.

3. (C) Any ordained preacher coming from a denomination other than Free Will Baptist, joining a Free Will Baptist Church in our association, and requesting membership in the Vernon Association must first surrender his credentials from the other denomination to us, and then the Vernon Association will give him Free Will Baptist credentials.

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 the annual session by majority vote of the delegates present. The officers shall be chosen at the close of each annual 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 semi-annually, with meetings being on Saturday before the third Sunday in March and Saturday before the third Sunday in October each year. The meeting in March will be a worship and fellowship meeting with a time set aside to handle any necessary business and the October meeting being our annual business meeting of the association 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 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 annual 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 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 have 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 his 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 Sixty (60) days after the October associational meeting to select a camp director and a treasurer of the youth camp and make plans for the summer camps. 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. 1 Cor, 1:21; Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 1:16.

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. 1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

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. 1 Tim. 2:5-6, Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:45; Eph. 2:1.

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. Mark 16:5; Luke 24:47; 1 Tim. 2:4.

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. Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:19.

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. Acts 3:19; Matt. 28:19-20; Eph. 2:5-10.

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. Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; Rom. 10:10.

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. Matt. 28:20; 1 Cor. 1:21; Matt. 25:31-46.

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. Titus 2nd. Chapter; Rev. 2:10-15.

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. Gal. 1:13-14, Rev. 22:17.

12. **Preseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, having promise of eternal salvation. Rom. 5:21.

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. Acts 8th Chapter; 1 Tim. 5:10; Luke 22:49.

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. Deut. 5:12-14; Heb. 4:4.

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." St. John 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 15:23.

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 five (5) 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.