

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

1989 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 1989
ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH SESSION

MODERATOR REV. JAMES WALDEN
ASSISTANT..... MODERATOR REV. DON TAGGART
CLERK BRO. RAPHAEL YERBY

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 17, 1990. 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 Liberty Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday October 20, 1990, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and ninth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon on Saturday, October 14, 1989. Rev. James Walden served as moderator, Rev. Don Taggart served as assistant moderator and Bro. Raphael Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "Bind Us Together," directed by Bro. Mike McDaniel accompanied by Marsha McDaniel at the piano and Amanda Freeman at the organ. The opening prayer was by Rev. Ron Scott. We had another song, "I Am Thine, O Lord," directed by Bro. McDaniel.

We were welcomed to the Vernon Church by the host pastor, Rev. David Hayes. The response was given by Bro. Stoney Robertson of the Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church.

We had a special in song by Bro. and Sister McDaniel, "Sin Will Take You Farther."

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Redus Hall, pastor of the Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church. He used Mark 14:3-9 and 2 Timothy 4:7-8 as his scripture text. His subject was "She Has Done What She Could."

We had a report of the Digest Committee by Bro. Sammy Merchant, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote 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 to seat the delegates and to proceed with the business of the association.

The moderator called for petitionary letters. The New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church petitioned the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association for membership in the fellowship of the Vernon Association. The letter was read to the association and we had a motion, second and vote to receive them into the membership of the Vernon Association and to seat their delegates.

We had a report of the Committee on Committees by Rev. David Hayes, chairman, and the various committees were appointed to report to the association.

At this time the moderator appointed Rev. M. H. Hollis to serve a five (5) year term on the Credentials Committee.

We had a report of the General Board by the clerk. We had a vote to receive the first two items of the report. The last two items of the report dealt with changing the By-Laws of the association. We had a motion, second and vote to table the last two items of the report until the afternoon session.

The moderator recognized visiting brethren and invited them to seat

with us during this session of the association. Those present were Rev. Rickey Cash.

The moderator recognized Rev. Rickey Cash as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp and gave him a few minutes to report on the camp. The report was received as information.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees for the 1990 session of the association (see committee list).

We had a report of the Board of Christian Education by Rev. David Hayes, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Don Taggart, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Sister Elwanda Oakes. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

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

We were dismissed by the moderator for a short recess. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. E. T. Sargent, pastor of the Davis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

After the recess, Bro. Mike McDaniel directed a song, "Jesus Loves Even Me." We had a prayer by Rev. Edward Puckett, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent. We had another song, "I Feel Like Traveling On." directed by Bro. McDaniel.

We received a love offering to be divided equally between the Vernon Association C. E. Board and the Alabama State Association treasury. The offertory prayer was by the moderator, Rev. James Walden. The amount of the offering received was \$261.50.

Just before the morning message we enjoyed a special in song by Rev. David Hayes, "The Lord Will Never Send Me Where He Has Never Been Before."

The keynote message was brought at 11:00 a.m. by our guest speaker, Rev. Rickey Cash, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayette. He used Hebrews 12:29, Malachi 3:2, and Jeremiah 20:9 as his scripture text. His subject "Things Consumed By Fire."

After a very interesting message we were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer and the blessing on the food was offered by Rev. Don Taggart.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious lunch and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened back at 1:00 p.m. with a song, "I'll Fly Away," directed by Bro Mike

McDaniel. Prayer was by Rev. Dexter Guin. We had another song. "The Gloryland Way," directed by Bro. McDaniel.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Mike Lake, pastor of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. He used St. John 16:1-7 as his scripture text. His subject was "These Things." Prayer was by the speaker.

The Deceased Members Committee report was given by Sister Lucy Wilson, chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to stand and have a moment of silent prayer and then we were led in prayer by Rev. M. H. Hollis in memory of these loved ones.

We had a report of the Temperance Committee by Sister Elwanda Oakes, chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee report was given by Bro. Todd Shelton, chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

We had a report of the Appreciation Committee by Sister Kaye Steedley, chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to give the Vernon Church a hearty "Amen" for their fine hospitality during this session of the association.

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.

The moderator called for the election of one member to serve a five (5) year term on the Board of Christian Education. Bro. Todd Shelton was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve on this board.

We had an election of one (1) member to serve a three (3) year term on the Trinity Youth Camp Board of Directors. Rev. David Hayes was elected to serve on this board.

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

Sister Dorthy Hollis
Sister Debra Dees
Bro. Clyde Motes
Sister Sula Gann

Sister Elwanda Oakes
Sister Sue Yerby
Sister Eldridge Motes

The body voted to give the moderator power to appoint anyone that was attending from this association as a delegate to the State Association.

We selected a place for the Thanksgiving service and the moderator appointed a committee to plan the Vernon Association Thanksgiving Service and secure a speaker. Those appointed were Rev. M. H. Hollis, Rev. Dickie Dees, and Rev. Mike Lake. The service will be held at the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night, November 21, 1989 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The place was chosen for the next two (2) meetings of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. New Center Point Church requested the March meeting of the association. The body voted to hold the March meeting at the New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church. This meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17, 1990. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and services will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church requested to host the annual meeting in October. The body voted to hold the annual association meeting at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20, 1990, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Nominations were opened for moderator of the association. Rev. Jerry Smith, Rev. Ron Scott and Rev. Donald Taggart were all nominated. Rev. Donald Taggart was elected to serve as moderator of the Vernon Association.

Rev. Dickie Dees gave a brief report on the Pastors and Workers Conference to be held in Dothan on February 12-14, 1990 and made a plea for all the churches to send any financial support they could for the conference.

We had a motion, second and vote to adjourn this session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The dismissal prayer was by Bro. Rodney Yerby.

The meeting was adjourned.

There was a total of 146 people registered for this session of the association. They were as follows:

Ministers - 20

Deacons - 20

Delegates - 73

Visitors - 33

MINISTERS THAT REGISTERED

Rev. E.T. Sargent
Rev. James Walden
Rev. David Hayes
Rev. Dexter Guin
Rev. Lloyd George
Rev. Michael Lake
Rev. Donald Taggart
Rev. Redus Hall
Rev. Donald Kivette
Rev. Jerry Smith

Rev. Edward Puckett
Rev. R. C. Humphries
Rev. Ronald Scott
Rev. Fred Graham
Rev. Milton Gann
Rev. M. H. Hollis
Rev. Charles Fowler
Rev. Dickie Dees
Rev. Jimmy D. Reese
Rev. Lloyd W. Vail

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1989

The semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on March 18, 1989 with the Belk Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. James Walden acted as moderator in the absence of Rev. Dennis Kizzire, moderator.

The meeting opened with a song, "Count Your Blessings," directed by Rev. Dickie Dees. Rev. Ronald Scott prayed the opening prayer.

After a short welcome to the association meeting by the assistant moderator, Rev. James Walden, we had a couple of congregational songs, "When We All Get To Heaven," and "My Savior's Love," directed by Bro. Dees.

We had a special in song by Rev. Dickie Dees, "The Haven of Rest."

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Greg Stocks, using Psalms 27:1-3 as his scripture text.

We were welcomed to the Belk Free Will Baptist Church by the host pastor, Rev. Dexter Guin. The response was given by Bro. Lennie Ray Dubose of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church.

We had an altar prayer by Rev. James Walden, acting moderator, after which we were dismissed for a short recess. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Charles Fowler.

After the recess and a time of fellowship we had a song, "Stand Up For Jesus," directed by Bro. Dees. Prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett. We had another song, "There Is Power In The Blood."

We had a special in song by brother and sister John Powell and Sister Denise Guin, "Behold The Lamb."

The 11:00 a.m. message was brought by Rev. Vern Gunnels of the Cooper Free Will Baptist Church using Ephesians 4:11-16 as his scripture text. After the message we had a song of invitation, "I Surrender All," directed by Bro. Dees.

We were dismissed from this session of the association and enjoyed a delicious lunch furnished by the people of the Belk Church. The dismissal prayer and blessing of the food was by Rev. Dexter Guin.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS LISTED

BEAVERTON - Bro Don Morgan; Sisters Emma Harris and Fay Humphries.

BELK - Brothers Laren Williams, Dewayne Madison; Sisters Dee Williams, Ora Mae Overton, Denise Guin, Sue Yerby, Myrlee Newman and Mamie Gilpin, alternate.

COOPER - Brothers Jimmy Sullins, Edward Finch; Sisters Ruby Finch, Etna Clark and Delma Gunnels, alternate.

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

DECATUR - Brothers Rodney Yerby, Randall Lamb, Ron McCraney; Sisters Jean McCraney and Sula Gann.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Brothers Stanley Barrett, Jerry Barnes, David Irwin, Donald Easter, alternate; Sisters Sheila Irwin and Lisa Easter.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Brothers Otto Williams, Charles Pennington; Sisters Aileen Williams, Barbara Smith, Georgia Lee Hall, Judy Gideon and Liz Mays.

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Lura Moore.

LIBERTY - Brothers Steve Butler, Barksdale Higgins; Sisters Elsie Black, Louise Couch, Ginger Lake, Ruby Nell Higgins, Loree Christian and Edna Black and Judy Chaffin, alternates.

LOVE JOY - Brothers Stoney Robertson, Burton Mixon, George Gilland; Sisters Nina Robertson, Ruth Mixon and alternate Gray Gilland.

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Mildred Perkins, Kathy B. Taylor, Delane Robertson, Betty Harrison, and Kaye Steedley.

MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Mary Merchant and Pearlie Allen.

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

NEW CENTER POINT - Brothers Donald Puckett, Tommy Bridges; Sisters Leneta Puckett, Wanda Blaylock and alternate Judy Northington.

PINEY GROVE - Brother Phil Nix; Sisters Debra Dees, Gera Bobo, Sherry Granby and Belinda Nix.

SPRINGFIELD - Brothers Jack Wilson, Robert Earl Hester; Sisters Ruby Wright, Dorthy Hollis, Burma Jordan and Lucy Wilson.

SULLIGENT - Brothers Todd Shelton, Tony Merchant, Sammy Merchant; Sisters Viola Vinson, Lessie Mae White, Patsey Puckett, Kittie Taylor, Omie Taylor and alternate Snowball Taylor.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Sisters Jessica Bradford and Gril Perkins.

UNION CHAPEL - Brother Levon Nesbitt; Sisters Joyce Hardy, Frances Christian and Beatrice Christian.

VERNON - Brothers Mike McDaniel, Clyde Motes; Sisters Eldridge Motes, Frances Moore, Docia Turner, Ina Yerby, Elwanda Oakes, Louise Shelnut and alternates Elmer Motes and Peggy Atkinson.

GENERAL BOARD

BEAVERTON - None Listed
 BELK - Dalton Gilpin
 COOPER - Jimmy Sullins
 DAVIS CHAPEL - None Listed
 DECATUR - Rodney Yerby
 DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Gene Wise
 FREE WILL CHAPEL - Kenneth Tate
 FRIENDSHIP - None Listed
 LIBERTY - Lennie Ray Dubose
 LOVE JOY - Stoney Robertson
 MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler
 MT. PLEASANT - None Listed
 MT. WILLING - Jimmy D. Reese
 NEW CENTER POINT - Jimmy Northington
 PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson
 SPRINGFIELD - Paul Jordan
 SULLIGENT - Quinton Boyett
 TAYLOR SPRINGS - Steve Spencer
 UNION CHAPEL - Jessie Yerby
 VERNON - Edd Cain Dubose

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.

Beaverton
 Belk
 Cooper
 Davis Chapel
 Decatur

Depriest Chapel
 Free Will Chapel
 Friendship
 Liberty
 Love Joy

COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1989**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Rev. James Walden - 1990
Rev. Lennie R. Dubose - 1991
Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1992
Rev. Don Taggart - 1993
Rev. M. H. Hollis - 1994

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

Bro. Todd Shelton
Bro. Edward Finch
Sis. Betty Harrison
Sis. Sue Yerby

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Rodney Yerby
Bro. Mike McDaniel
Sis. Barbara Smith

**DECEASED MEMBERS
COMMITTEE**

Sis Lucy Wilson
Sis. Elsie Black
Sis. Gera Bobo
Sis. Sheila Irvin

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Rev. Jerry Smith - 1990
Rev. Ron Scott - 1991
Rev. James Walden - 1992
Bro. Timothy Hollis - 1993
Bro. Todd Shelton - 1994

Youth Camp Committee

All pastors of the Vernon
Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Don Taggart
Rev. David Hayes
Bro. Raphael Yerby
Bro. Lennie R. Dubose
Bro Stoney Robertson
Bro. Tommie Robertson
Bro Quinton Boyett

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

Rev. Don Taggart - 1990
Rev. Ron Scott - 1991
Rev. David Hayes - 1992

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE
1990**

Rev. Dickie Dees
Rev. Jerry Smith
Bro. Lewis Hindman

DIGEST COMMITTEE 1990

Bro. Sammy Merchant
Bro. Ralph Lee
Bro. Stoney Robertson
Bro. Steve Butler

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Sis. Kay Steedley
Sis. Jean McCraney
Sis. Mary Merchant
Sis. Emma Harris

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Sis. Elwanda Oakes
Sis. Frances Christian
Sis. Lorene Pike

The Committee on Committees recommended that a report of the Registration be placed in the minutes. M.S.C.

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 nineteen (19) churches having a Sunday School.

Our C.T.S. enrollment is 440 with only ten (10) churches having a C.T.S. program. Second Timothy 2:15 and 3:14-17 admonishes us to continue training our people. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward Finch, Chairman

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We, the General Board met during the year and make the following report and recommendations.

Since our moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire left the association and the assistant moderator, Rev. James Walden had to assume the duties of the moderator, we felt it necessary to elect an assistant moderator and to elect someone to fill out the unexpired term of Brother Kizzire on the Youth Camp Board of Directors.

I. We elected Rev. Don Taggart to serve as assistant moderator. M.S.C.

II. We elected Rev. Ron Scott to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Dennis Kizzire on the Youth Camp Board of Directors. M.S.C.

III. We recommend that article four (4) of the By-Laws be amended to read, that if a minister, that is a member of our association, misses two (2) consecutive annual association meetings, unless providentially hindered, he will be dropped from our roll of ministers. M.S.C.

IV. We recommended that all ministers register at the association meeting and their names be printed in the minutes. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. James Walden, Moderator

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee make the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (10-14-89) is \$865.90. A total of \$1,280.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$2,145.90. Estimated expenses for the next year are \$1,255.00, leaving a projected balance of \$890.90 at the end of next

year. All churches of our association sent in some dues this year. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rodney Yerby, Chairman

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

The Bible says in 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. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown," but we are incorruptible. We are admonished in Second Peter 1:5-6, "and besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; to godliness brotherly kindness and to brotherly kindness charity." Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Let us all do as encouraged in Titus 1:8, "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy and temperate."

Respectfully Submitted,
Elwanda Oakes, Chairperson

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

I. We recommend that Rev. Donald Kivette and Rev. E. T. Sargent be accepted into our fellowship. M.S.C.

II. We recommend that Rev. Mike Lake and Rev. Redus Hall be accepted into our fellowship pending a letter of good standing from their former associations. M.S.C.

III. We recommend that we send a letter of good standing for Rev. L. B. Nix and Rev. Greg Stocks to the Jasper Association and send a letter of good standing for Rev. Dexter Guin to the association in Virginia when requested. M.S.C.

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

V. We granted a letter of good standing during this year to Rev. Dennis Kizzire between our association meetings. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Edward Puckett, Chairman

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, make the following report:

We wish to thank the Vernon Free Will Baptist Church for their kindness and hospitality shown to us during this annual meeting. We appreciate the good meal and especially the wonderful fellowship shared by all.

We give the Lord the praise for this day and all that has been accomplished in His name.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kaye Steedley, Chairperson

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 the past year.

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - None

COOPER - Brother Clinton Warren and Sister Millie Rye

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sister Roxie Pennington

DECATUR - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Brother Rollie Edwards, Sister Etna McClendon, and Sister Jalie Elliot

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Rev. James Doherty, Brother Murray Guyton, Brother Marvin Yerby, Brother Roy Perkins, Sister Ida B. Perkins, Sister Sammie Lee Butler, Sister Elzie Haynes and Sister Irene Perkins.

LOVE JOY - Sister Eula Walden

MT. HARMONY - Brother Daniel Johnson, Sister Lela Prater and Sister Floy Johnson

MT. PLEASANT - Brother Mack Hayes and Brother Ellis Pennington

MT. WILLING - None

NEW CENTER POINT - None

PINEY GROVE - None

SPRINGFIELD - Brother Haley Wright and Brother Terry Lee Pennington

SULLIGENT - Brother Billy Vinson and Brother Russell Clark

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL - Brother Leamond Maddox

VERNON - Sister Ethel Pennington Rogers

We recommend that the congregation stand in a moment of silent prayer and that Rev. M. H. Hollis lead in prayer in memory of these loved ones.
M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lucy Wilson, Chairperson

VERNON DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Vernon District Woman's Auxiliary consists of three auxiliaries and thirty-nine (39) members.

We gave a total of \$3,330.33 cash gifts and \$500.20 in non-cash gifts this year to the Missions, Retired Ministers, Children's Home, State Projects, Youth Camps and local projects.

We sponsored a missions banquet at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon in January. Mrs. Rick Bowling, missionary to Uruguay, was our guest speaker. Brother Fred Hershey, missionary to Japan and Chris Bowling were our special guests. Seventy-six (76) people registered for the banquet. A love offering of \$150.00 was given to Mrs. Bowling and \$166.80 was sent to their account.

Our eleventh annual district meeting was held at Vernon First Free Will Baptist Church in March. Mrs. Dorthy Gideon was our special speaker. Twenty-seven (27) people attended.

Free Will Chapel Auxiliary hosted the fall fellowship in September. Mrs. Elaine Glasgow was our guest speaker. Thirty (30) women registered for this meeting. We were pleased to have as our special guests the Love Joy Auxiliary.

Several of our ladies attended the Alabama State Prayer Retreat in Madison. Springfield Auxiliary had fourteen (14) ladies in attendance. Five (5) members of the Vernon District Auxiliary attended the State Women's Auxiliary Convention at Sylacauga on May 3rd.

We want to urge you ladies that do not belong to the Vernon District Auxiliary to prayerfully consider joining us as we "labor together for God."

Also, everyone please plan to attend the Missions Banquet at Springfield Church in January. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted
Elwanda Oakes
for Joyce Gibson, President

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met on January 31, 1989 to plan the semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association for March 18, 1989.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Dennis Kizzire. We elected to have the following program for the day. Rev. Dickie Dees would be in charge of the singing. The welcome would be by Rev. Dexter Guin, host pastor. The response would be by Bro. Lennie Ray Dubose. The morning devotion would be by Rev. Greg Stocks. The 11:00 a.m. message would be by Rev. Vern Gunnels. We received an offering to go to the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. James Walden.

The Executive Committee met again on September 5, 1989 to plan the annual meeting of the Vernon Association for October 14, 1989.

The meeting opened with Scripture reading by Rev. James Walden and prayer by Rev. Don Taggart. We voted to ask Rev. Mark Riggs, missionary to Spain to preach the 11:00 a.m. message. (Rev. Rickey Cash preached in his absence.)

We voted to ask Rev. Redus Hall to have the morning devotion and Rev. Mike Lake to have the afternoon devotion. We asked Bro. Mike McDaniel to be in charge of the singing. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Stoney Robertson.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. James Walden, Chairman

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK'S ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Rev. R. C. Humphries Route 1, Box 212 Vina, AL 35593	356-4206	Sharon Cantrell Route 1, Box 139 Beaverton, AL 35544
BELK	Rev. John Reed P. O. Box 31 Belk, AL 35545	932-3144	Jane Hindman Route 5, Box 232 Fayette, AL 35555
COOPER	Rev. E. B. Ledlow Route 1 Detroit, AL 35552	921-2440	Lena M. Rye Route 6, Box 72-B Hamilton, AL 35570
DAVIS CHAPEL	Rev. E. T. Sargent Route 1, Box 36 Cordova, AL 35550	483-7962	Louise Cannon Route 1, Box 300 Berry, AL 35546
DECATUR	Rev. Milton Gann 809 Westwood Dr., S.W. Decatur, AL 35601	353-5822	Sheila Griffus 1207 Byron Ave. Decatur, AL 35601
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Rev. Fred Graham P.O. Box 435 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9631	Gene Wise P.O. Box 132 Gattman, MS 38844
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Rev. Jerry Smith Route 2, Box 54 Sulligent, AL 35586	695-6119	Dorothy Gideon P.O. Box 101 Vernon, AL 35592
FRIENDSHIP	Rev. James C. Newell Route 1, Box 107 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6101	Lura Moore Route 2, Box 481 Millport, AL 35576
LIBERTY	Rev. Michael Lake Route 2 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9406	Steve Butler Route 2, Box 74-P-1 Fayette, AL 35555
LOVEJOY	Rev. Redus Hall P.O. Box 68 Gattman, MS 38844	256-2266	Linda Barnes Route 1, Box 370 Guin, AL 35563
MT. HARMONY	Rev. James Walden Route 1, Box 54 Kennedy, AL 35574	596-3167	Erbie Robertson Route 3, Box 407 Vernon, AL 35592
MT. PLEASANT	Rev. Jim Martin Route 2, Box 225 Guin, AL 35563		Mary Merchant Route 2, Box 185 Sulligent, AL 35586
MT. WILLING	Rev. Donald Kivette Route 2, Box 217 Guin, AL 35563	468-2657	Audra Flynn Route 1, Box 237 Guin, AL 35563
NEW CENTER POINT	Rev. Don Taggart Route 1, Box 158 Vernon, AL 35592	695-7546	Lenetta Puckett P.O. Box 113 Detroit, AL 35552
PINEY GROVE	Rev. Dickie Dees Route 1 Guin, AL 35563	468-2950	Jackie Atkinson P.O. Box 563 Winfield, AL 35594
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. M. H. Hollis P. O. Box 183 Vernon, AL 35592	695-7736	Roy Ashby Route 1, Box 221 Vernon, AL 35592
SULLIGENT	Rev. Edward Puckett Route 1, Box 44 Sulligent, AL 35586	698-8177	Joyce Threadgill Route 2, Box 346-A Aberdeen, MS 39730
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C.C. Berryhill Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	(601) 256-8225	Diane Spencer Route 1, Box 233 Beaverton, AL 35544
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. Ronald A. Scott P. O. Box 681 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6693-	James E. Maddox Route 2, Box 172 Vernon, AL 35592
VERNON	Rev. David Hayes P.O. Box 1211 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9730	Elwanda Oakes P. O. Box 351 Vernon, AL 35592

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers
2	0	26	30	0	0	2
1	0	144	108	60	22	1
6	3	201	76	0	0	1
0	1	96	20	0	0	1
8	0	177	62	21	13	1
1	0	84	60	0	0	1
1	3	190	69	0	16	1
0	0	48	48	0	0	1
3	8	236	120	75	15	1
0	1	83	76	0	14	1
8	3	130	75	40	10	1
0	2	86	52	0	0	0
5	0	122	30	0	0	3
0	0	76	60	0	20	1
18	0	160	98	62	13	1
4	2	180	100	75	10	1
25	2	283	196	70	15	1
0	0	36	35	0	0	0
11	1	97	56	0	0	1
0	1	253	89	57	17	2

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Digest Committee, make the following report:

STATISTICS:

Number of Churches	19
Full Time Pastors	16
Part Time Pastors	3
Tithes & Offerings (14 Churches Reported)	\$459,615.47
Ordained Ministers	22
Licensed Ministers	5
Ordained Deacons	69
Churches with Day Care	1
Churches with Kindergarten	0
Churches with Sunday School	19
Sunday School Enrollment	1,405
Average Attendance	1,068
Baptisms	55
Members Added	95
Members Lost By Death or Letter	65
Total Membership	2,631
Churches with Parsonages	8
Value of All Church Property	
(14) Churches Reporting	\$2,677,000.00
Churches with C.T.S.	8
C.T.S. Enrollment	460
C.T.S. Average Attendance	368
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary	10
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment	145
Average Attendance	116
Churches with Masters Men	5
Masters Men Enrollment	62
Average Attendance	50

Respectfully Submitted,
Sammy Merchant, Chairman

REPORT ON THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1989

In C.T.S. competition, we had seven (7) categories represented at the State Competition.

In summer youth camp we had a total of 121 campers; eighty (80) campers in junior camp and forty-one (41) senior campers.

We offer the following camp information:

- > Camp Rent - \$350.00 per week, two (2) weeks
- > Lifeguard - \$150.00 per week, two (2) weeks
- > Supplies - \$3.00 each camper
- > Evangelist - \$500.00 for two evangelists
- > Insurance - \$.34 each day per camper

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. David Hayes, Chairman

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
VERNON ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1988-1989**

Beginning Balance	\$ 896.00
Income	\$3,889.20
Total to Account For	\$4,785.20
Expenses	\$4,644.53
Balance	\$140.67
RECEIPTS:	
Cooper	\$ 17.53
Belk	\$ 300.50
Free Will Chapel	\$ 442.78
Alabama Mission Board	\$ 27.98
Camp Fees	\$ 2,880.15
Food Sales	\$ 90.29
C.T.S. Competition Fees	\$ 130.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 3,889.20

EXPENDITURES:

Postage & Mail Outs	\$ 97.75
Food For Camps	\$ 1,999.36
Camp Supplies - 1988	\$ 325.00
Camp Evangelists (2 @ 250.00 ea.)	\$ 500.00
C.T.S. Competition Fees	\$ 130.00
C.T.S. Awards	\$ 63.42
Trinity Camp 25% of Income	\$ 106.71
Jr. & Sr. Camps - 1989	
2 Weeks Rent @ 350.00 ea	\$ 700.00
Lifeguards - 2 Weeks @ 150 ea.	\$ 300.00
Insurance	\$ 224.80
Paid on Balance Owed	\$ 222.16
	<u>\$ 1,466.96</u>
Refund (Campers who did not come)	\$ 50.00
Bank Deposit Books	\$ 5.33
Total Expenses	\$ 4,644.53
Balance Owed Trinity Camp for 1989 -	\$ 300.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

SEPTEMBER 23, 1988 - SEPTEMBER 26, 1989

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 2,727.95

RECEIPTS:

JASPER ASSOCIATION	\$ 8,252.28
Jasper Association Gift.....	\$ 500.00
Brilliant	326.56
Carbon Hill	805.00
Cedrom Grove	122.27
Free Water	320.00
Liberty	35.00
Mt. Olive	2,300.00
New Liberty	355.00
Pocahontas	1,483.34
Red Bay	586.11
Union Hill	500.00
Winfield	919.00

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION \$ 5,403.77

Cordova	\$ 255.00
Fayette	2,778.29
Harmony	158.64
Jasper	719.54
Pleasant Grove	367.30
South Highland	1,100.00
Victory	55.00

VERNON ASSOCIATION \$ 4,047.75

Belk	\$ 744.25
Mt. Harmony	341.00
Piney Grove	512.25
Springfield.....	900.00
Sulligent	1,215.00
C.E.Board	335.25

OTHER \$9,747.62

Camp Fees: Jasper Association	\$1,661.20
Progressive Association	1,868.20
Vernon Association	1,366.96
Retreat - Spring Spectacular	170.00
Martin Reunion	165.00
Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary	20.00
Vernon - Paper Products for 1988	325.00
Rent on Sno-Cone & Popcorn Machine	30.00
Individuals - Air Conditioner	75.00
General Insurance (Refund).....	435.00
New Center Point Church	725.00
Concessions.....	2,906.26

LOAN \$10,000.00

Total \$40,179.37

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$40,179.37

EXPENDITURES

Electric	\$ 2,738.82
Water	741.63
Telephone	927.53
Gas	33.50
Camp Insurance	3,508.00
Camper Medical Insurance	936.36
Pest Control	150.00
Appreciation Supper, Board Expense, Meals, etc.	1,042.59
Postage	121.60
Office Supplies & Bank Charges	252.52
Repair & Upkeep	974.72
Paper Products	964.51
Lifeguard	900.00
Pool Chemicals	519.20
Renovation	2,231.72
Promotional Products	2,555.42
Concession	1,018.31
Fees	70.00
Air Conditioner & Heating Units	10,325.00
Electrical Work	498.61
Roof - Dining Hall	3,051.29
Loan Payment	5,300.97
Transfer to Savings	<u>987.86</u>

\$39,850.16**BALANCE IN BANK AS OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1989 \$ 329.21**

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

**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance On Hand - 9-01-88 \$ 1,052.51

RECEIPTS:

Offering Received At Association \$ 215.00

Minute Funds Received 1,080.00

Alabama Board of Missions 9.76

Total To Account For \$2,357.27

EXPENDITURES:

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

Rev. Dennis Kizzire (Asst. Moderator) 25.00

Raphael Yerby (Clerk) 75.00

Rev. Larry Reynolds (Guest Speaker) 415.00

Alabama State Association Dues 380.00

Mrs. James Doherty (Memorial) 50.00

Thumb Print (Printing Minutes) 438.88

Postage and Supplies 62.10

Total Expenditures \$1,495.98

Balance on Hand 8-31-89 \$ 861.29

Respectfully Submitted,
Raphael Yerby, Treasurer

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 183, Vernon, Alabama 35592
 Rev. Delmus Miller, Route 2, 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. Donald Taggart, Route 1, Box 158, Vernon, Alabama 35592
 Rev. Norman G. Berryhill, Route 1, Guin, Alabama 35563
 Rev. Lloyd W. Vail, P. O. Box 535, Vernon, Alabama 35592
 Rev. Lloyd George, 827 Cannon Trace, Columbus, MS 39702
 Rev. Jerry Smith, Route 2, Box 54, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
 Rev. Dickie Dees, Route 1, Guin, Alabama 35563
 Rev. Charles Fowler, Route 5, Box 194, Fayette, Alabama 35555
 Rev. Jim Martin, Route 2, Box 225, Guin, Alabama 35563
 Rev. Milton Gann, 809 Westwood Dr. S.W., Decatur, Alabama 35601
 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. E. T. Sargent, Route 1, Box 36, Cordova, Alabama 35550
 Rev. Michael Lake, Route 2, Vernon, Alabama 35592
 Rev. Redus Hall, P. O. Box 68, Gattman, MS 38844
 Rev. Donald Kivette, Route 2, Box 217, 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. Kelley 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 - Bro. Curtis Corbell
 MT. WILLING - Bros. Earl McDonald, Elzie Guin and Emmitt Lee
 NEW CENTER POINT - Bros. Bobby Puckett, Wayne Puckett, Curtis L. Scott and Kenny Ford
 PINEY GROVE - Bros. J. M. Chaffin, Tommie Robertson and Danny Atkinson
 SPRINGFIELD - Bros. Dewey Jordan, Tommie Rushing, Paul Jordan, Larry Williams, Roy Ashby and Aubrey Hall
 SULLIGENT - Bros. Quinton Boyett, Hezzie Harrison, Earnest Northington, Charles Crosby, Ray Birmingham, Sammy Merchant, Milton Threadgill, Frank Mixon, Luke Spruiell and Jessie Barnes, Jr.
 TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. Stanley Cooper
 UNION CHAPEL - Bros. James E. Maddox, Jessie Yerby, Bennie 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, Rev. William D. Glasgow, Rev. James Doherty and Rev. T. C. Barnes.

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, Emmitt Shelnut, Junie Harper, Lloyd Turner, Johnny Pike, Jeff McDonald, Carlos Roberts, Reddin Mixon, David Barton, Odis Robertson, Obie Haney, Arlie Roberts, Richard Mansell and Haley Wright.

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 of 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 number 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 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 the 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 influences, 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. (A) The Credential Committee shall recommend the issuance, or rejection of a card of good standing for a minister. 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 meeting.

4. (B) If a minister, that is a member of our association, misses two (2) consecutive annual association meetings, unless providentially hindered, his name will be taken off our roll of ministers.

All ministers must register at the annual association meeting and their names will be printed in the minutes.

5. The moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in the 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 association 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, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe and in the Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey. a 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 committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. IN the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the denomination 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. **Perseverance.** 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 divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities and for personal communion with God. 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.