

**ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH  
SESSION**

**of the**

**VERNON FREE WILL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**held with**

**LIBERTY FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**1990 Minutes**

**OFFICERS FOR 1990  
ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH SESSION**

**MODERATOR ..... REV. DON TAGGART**  
**ASSISTANT MODERATOR ..... REV. DAVID HAYNES**  
**CLERK ..... BRO. RAPHAEL YERBY**

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with Belk Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 16, 1991. 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 Sulligent on Saturday October 19, 1991, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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### PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and tenth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 20, 1990. Rev. Don Taggart served as moderator, Rev. David Haynes served as assistant moderator and Bro. Raphael Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "Praise Him! Praise Him!", directed by Bro. Bobby Joe Black. The opening prayer was by Rev. E. T. Sargent. We had another song, "I Love To Tell The Story", directed by Bro. Black.

We were welcomed to the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church by Bro. Bobby Joe Black. The response was given by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

We had another song, "Amazing Grace", directed by Bro. Black.

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Scott Wright of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent. He used First Chronicles 21:14-26 as his scripture text. His subject was "I Give It All".

We were welcomed to this session of the Vernon Association by the moderator, Rev. Don Taggart. He used Romans 8:28 as his scripture in his remarks to the body.

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. 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. Gurley Roberts, Rev. Louie Nix, Rev. Jim Mutchler, Rev. Eugene Waddell, Rev. Ricky Cash, and Rev. Billy Smith.

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

At this time the moderator appointed a Committee on Committees for 1991, (See Committee List).

We had a report of the General Board by the clerk. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

The moderator called for a report of the Board of Christian Education by Rev. Ron Scott, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

The moderator recognized Rev. Louie Nix, Missionary to Hawaii, for a few minutes of comment on his work.

Next, the moderator recognized Rev. Eugene Waddell of the Foreign Mission Department for a few minutes of report on the Foreign Mission Work.

The moderator recognized Rev. Ricky Cash to share a report on the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. James Walden, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and vote on it item by item.

The Vernon District Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Sister Joyce Gibson. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

At this time, the moderator appointed Rev. James Walden to serve a five (5) year term on the Credentials Committee.

We were dismissed by the moderator for a short recess. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Gurley Roberts.

After the recess and a time of fellowship, we were directed in a congregational song, "Standing on the Promises", by Bro. Black. We had another song, "The Old Account Was Settled", directed by Bro. Black.

At this time, we received a special offering for the roofing project at the Trinity Youth Camp. The offeratory prayer was by Rev. John Reed. The total amount of the offering received was \$1,675.95

We had a special in song, "Amazing Grace", by Melanie Black.

The keynote message was brought at 11:00 A.M. by Rev. Danny Williams of the Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi. His scripture text was Jeremiah 37:11-19. His subject was "God Has a Word." Prayer was by the speaker. We had a song of invitation, "Just As I Am".

After a very inspiring message, we were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer and the blessing on the food was offered by Rev. Mike Lake.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

After a very delicious lunch and the noon hour of fellowship, we



convened back at 1:00 P.M. beginning with a song, "Victory in Jesus" directed by Bro. Black. Prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett.

Just before the afternoon devotion, we had a special in song by Dewayne Madison and Joanna Lake.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Billy Barlow, Pastor of Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. His scripture text was Romans 1:14-16. His subject was "The I Am's of Christian Living". Prayer was by the speaker.

The report of the Deceased Members Committee was given by Roger Rye, Chairman. We had a moment of silent prayer and then were led in prayer by Rev. Donald Kivette in memory of those loved ones.

We had a report of the Temperance Committee by Sister Audra Flynn, Chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to received the report and discharge the committee.

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

The Appreciation Committee report was given by Sister Theresa Taggart, Chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to give the Liberty Church a standing vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality during this session of the association.

We had a report of the Finance Committee by Bro. Jimmy Sullins, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

We had a final report of the Credentials Committee by Rev. James Walden, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to adopt the entire report.

The Ordination Service was held next. Bro. Scott Wright, Associate Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent was ordained to preach the Gospel. Rev. James Walden gave the charge. Just before his message, Sister Tina Wright sang a special in song, "How Great Thou Art". Bro. Walden used First Timothy 4:2, 14, 16 as his scripture text. Rev. Edward Puckett prayed the ordination prayer. We had a congregational song, "When We All Get to Heaven", directed by Bro. Dewayne Madison, and everyone was invited to come by and give Bro. Wright and all the other preachers coming into our association the right hand of Christian fellowship.

We had an election of two (2) members to serve on the Board of Christian

Education. Bro. Scott Wright was elected to serve a five (5) year term on the Board. Bro. Randy Wright was elected to serve a four (4) year unexpired term of Bro. Todd Shelton.

We had an election of one member to serve a three (3) year term on the Youth Camp Board of Directors. Rev. Don Taggart was elected to serve on this Board.

The moderator appointed the following delegates to the Alabama State Association:

Bro. Clyde Motes

Sister Eldridge Motes

Sister Odessa Ledlow

Sister Tina Wright

Sister Elwanda Oakes

Sister Ann Reed

Sister Sue Yerby

Rev. Edward Puckett was appointed as a delegate to the State Line 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. The service will be held at the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night, November 20, 1990, at 7:00 P.M. The committee appointed were Rev. James Walden, Rev. David Haynes, and Rev. Billy Barlow.

The place was chosen for the next two (2) meetings of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. Belk Church was the only church requesting one of the meetings. The body voted to hold the March meeting with the Belk Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16, 1991. Registration begins at 9:30, and the service will begin at 10:00 A.M.

The Sulligent Church 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 Sulligent. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19, 1991, 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 moderator of the association. Rev. Don Taggart was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as moderator of the Vernon Association.

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.

We had a motion, second and vote to adjourn this session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Gurley Roberts. The meeting was adjourned.

There were a total of 127 people registered for this session of the association. The were as follows:

Ministers	26
Deacons	16
Delegates	66
Visitors	19

#### MINISTERS THAT REGISTERED

Rev. Don Taggart	Rev. Randy Wright
Rev. Billy Barlow	Rev. John Reed
Rev. John Powell	Rev. Delmus Miller
Rev. Louie Nix	Rev. Jerry Smith
Rev. E. B. Ledlow	Rev. Jeff Cole
Rev. E. T. Sargent	Rev. Charles Fowler
Rev. Edward Puckett	Rev. M. H. Hollis
Rev. Redus Hall	Rev. James Walden
Rev. Lloyd George	Rev. Ron Scott
Rev. R. C. Humphries	Rev. Mike Lake
Rev. Lloyd W. Vail	Rev. Scott Wright
Rev. David Haynes	Rev. Jim Martin
Rev. Donald Kivette	Rev. Fred Graham

#### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1990

The semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on Saturday, March 17, 1990, with the New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Don Taggart served as moderator.

The meeting was opened with a song, "I Want to Know More About My Lord". The opening prayer was by Rev. E. T. Sargent.

We were welcomed to the New Center Point Church by Bro. Bobby Puckett. The response was given by Bro. Mike McDaniel of the Vernon Church.

The moderator recognized all pastors and other preachers attending this session of the Association.



We had another song, "What a Friend". We had a special in song, "God on The Mountain", by two ladies from the New Center Point Church.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Donald Kivette, Pastor of Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church. His subject was "Being A Servant". His scripture text was Matthew 20:20-28. Prayer was by the speaker.

We had a report from the Board of Christian Education on the Walk-A-Thon for April 7, 1990, to start from Union Chapel Church. A Youth Rally will be held April 29, 1990, at 2:00 P.M. at the Union Chapel Church with Rev. Randy Wright as the speaker. C.T.S. competition would be held April 21, 1990, at the Decatur Free Will Baptist Church.

We were dismissed for recess. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett.

After recess, we had a couple of congregational songs, "Jesus Spoke to Me" and "It's a Grand and Glorious Feeling". Prayer was by Rev. James Walden.

A Presentation of a plaque was made by Rev. M. H. Hollis to Raphael Yerby, clerk of the association for nineteen (19) years of service as clerk.

We had another song, "Victory in Jesus". Just before the 11:00 A.M. message, we had a special in song, "Jesus Is Number One", by Bro. Kinny Ford.

The 11:00 A.M. message was brought by Rev. Jerry Smith, Pastor of Free Will Chapel Church. His subject was "Is Your All on The Altar?". His scripture text was Genesis 12:7, 15:9-10, and 22:1-2. Prayer was by the speaker. We had a song of invitation, "Just As I Am".

We were dismissed from this session of the association. The dismissal prayer and blessing of the food was by Rev. Milton Gann.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS LISTED

BEAVERTON - Sisters Willie Vail, Diane Cole, and Sharon Cantrell.

BELK - Bro. Laren Williams; Sisters Dee Williams, Sue Yerby, Ora Mae Overton, and Myrlee Newman.

COOPER - Brothers Jimmy Sullins, Raymond Johnson; Sisters Ruby Finch, Wiladean Spradlin, Martha Johnson, and Bro. Jason Johnson, alternate.



DAVIS CHAPEL - Sisters Jessmer Nelson, Lorene Pike, Dora Lee Pennington, and Bro. Eugene Wright.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Bro. David Irwin; Sisters Sheila Irwin, Mary Wise, Fay Wise, and Ruby Stanford.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Brothers Otto Williams, W. G. Stanford, Billy Joe Turner, Wallace Harris, Dallas Bozeman; Sisters Aileen Williams and Pearlie Turner.

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Lura Moore.

LIBERTY - Brothers Steve Butler, Dewayne Madison; Sisters Ginger Lake, Carlette Stripling, Louise Couch, Edna Black, Joanna Lake Icie Tate, and Versa Griffin.

LOVE JOY - Brother Stoney Robertson; Sister Nina Robertson, Bro. George Gilland, Sisters Gray Gilland, Laura Carter, and Martha Hall.

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Mildred Perkins, Delane Robertson, Betty Harrison, Vina Walden, and Elouise Duckworth.

MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Pearlie Allen and Mary Parker.

MT. WILLING - Brothers Roger Rye, Lucion Flynn; Sisters Dorothy Rye, Carrol Kivette, Margie Lee, and Audra Flynn.

NEW CENTER POINT - Sisters Wanda Blaylock, Marilyn Bridges, Mary Lou Ford, Theresa Taggart, and Ruth Vann, alternate.

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Denver Nichols, Sister Gera Bobo, and Bro. Phil Nix.

SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Belva Pennington, Berma Jordan, Cora Barlow, Joyce Gibson, and Ora Jordan.

SULLIGENT - Bro. Robert Carter; Sisters Sandra Carter, Tina Wright, Patsey Puckett, Dora Pennington, Lessie White, Viola Vinson, Robbie Carruth, Polly Mixon, and Alice Reeves.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. J. C. Young; Sisters Eunice Perkins, Jessica Bradford, and Martha Bradford.

UNION CHAPEL - Bro. Chris Matthews; Sisters Wilma Dooley, Beatrice Christian, Joyce Hardy, and Dean Maddox.

VERNON - Brothers Mike McDaniel, Clyde Motes, Wesley Dubose; Sisters Frances Moore, Eldridge Motes, Elwanda Oakes, Ina Yerby, Louise Shelnut, and Marsha McDaniel.

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**GENERAL BOARD**

BEAVERTON - None Listed  
BELK - Dalton Gilpin  
COOPER - Jimmy Sullins  
DAVIS CHAPEL - None Listed  
DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Phillip Wise  
FREE WILL CHAPEL - Billy Joe Turner  
FRIENDSHIP - None Listed  
LIBERTY - Lennie R. Dubose  
LOVE JOY - Stoney Robertson  
MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler  
MT. PLEASANT - Jim Corbell  
MT. WILLING - Jimmy Dean Reese  
NEW CENTER POINT - Jim 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.

Mt. Harmony  
Mt. Pleasant  
Mt. Willing  
New Center Point  
Piney Grove

Springfield  
Sulligent  
Taylor Springs  
Union Chapel  
Vernon

**COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1990****CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Bro. Lennie R. Dubose - 1991  
Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1992  
Rev. Don Taggart - 1993  
Rev. M. H. Hollis - 1994  
Rev. James Walden - 1995

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

Bro. Steve Butler  
Sis. Berma Jordan  
Sis. Marsha McDaniel  
Sis. Polly Mixon

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Jimmy Sullins  
Sis. Wanda Blaylock  
Sis. Sue Yerby

**DECEASED MEMBERS  
COMMITTEE**

Bro. Roger Rye  
Sis. Joyce Hardy  
Sis. Delane Robertson  
Bro. J. C. Young

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

Rev. Ron Scott - 1991  
Rev. James Walden - 1992  
Rev. Timothy Hollis - 1993  
Rev. Randy Wright - 1994  
Rev. Scott Wright - 1995

**Youth Camp Committee**

All pastors of the Vernon  
Association.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Don Taggart  
Rev. David Hayes  
Bro. Raphael Yerby  
Bro. Dalton Gilpin  
Bro. Phil Wheeler  
Bro. Paul Jordan  
Bro Edd Cain Dubose

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS**

Rev. Ron Scott - 1991  
Rev. David Hayes - 1992  
Rev. Don Taggart - 1993

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE  
1991**

Rev. Redus Hall  
Rev. Edward Puckett  
Rev. Fred Graham

**DIGEST COMMITTEE 1991**

Bro. Stoney Robertson  
Sis. Mary Wise  
Sis. Sharon Cantrell  
Bro. Billy Joe Turner

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

Sis. Theresa Taggart  
Sis. Gera Bobo  
Sis. Laura Carter  
Sis. Elwanda Oakes

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Sis. Audra Flynn  
Sis. Vina Walden  
Bro. W. G. Stanford

## 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 for the past year was 1,264 with an average attendance of 961. There were nineteen (19) churches reporting that they have a Sunday School.

Our C.T.S. enrollment for the last year was 529 with an average attendance of 423, with nine (9) churches reporting as having a C.T.S. program.

We are told in Second Timothy 3:16 that all Scripture is profitable for instruction. May we continue to instruct our people in the ways of God!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Butler, Chairman

## GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We, the General Board, met on September 11, 1990, and submit the following report:

The General Board met along with the Executive Committee and made plans for the annual association meeting.

We received a letter of request from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Decatur for a letter of good standing and recommendation for the church to join the North Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists. The General Board voted to grant this letter.

We voted to receive a special offering at the association meeting for the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp to replace the roof on the boys' dorm and to send a letter to all the churches in the association asking them to bring a special offering for this project.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Don Taggart, Chairman

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee make the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (10-20-90) is \$1,025.80. A total of \$895.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$1,920.80. Our estimated expenses for the next year are \$1,375.00, leaving a projected balance of \$545.80 at the end of next year.

All of our churches except one has sent in some dues this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jimmy Sullins, Chairman



**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

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

We ought to be temperate in our walk, but wise and redeeming the time, because the days are evil, and be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit. Titus 1:8 "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Audra Flynn, Chairperson

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

I. We recommend that Rev. John Powell be accepted into our fellowship. M.S.C.

II. We recommend that Rev. Billy Barlow be accepted into our fellowship pending a letter of good standing from his former association. M.S.C.

III. We recommend that Rev. Randy Wright be accepted into our fellowship. M.S.C.

IV. We recommend that Rev. E. B. Ledlow be accepted into our fellowship. M.S.C.

V. We recommend that Rev. John Reed be accepted into our fellowship. M.S.C.

VI. We recommend that Bro. Scott Wright be ordained to preach the Gospel at this session of the association. M.S.C.

VII. We recommend that all ministers present receive a card of good standing. M.S. C.

VIII. We recommend that Rev. Jerry Smith be granted a letter of good standing and recommendation to the Little Brown Creek Association in Mississippi. M.S. C.

IX. We recommend that Rev. Charles Fowler be granted a letter of good standing and recommendation to the Jasper Association. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. James Walden, Chairman

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Appreciation Committee, make the following report:

We wish to thank the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church for their kindness and hospitality shown to us during this annual meeting. We enjoyed the good spiritual and physical food and wonderful fellowship.

We would like to express our appreciation to the officers and to the committees who have served this year.

We thank the Lord for all that has been accomplished and recommend that the congregation give the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Theresa Taggart, 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 - Sister Lillian Wiggins

COOPER - Sister Jerry Lynn Lovett

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sister Annie Maddox

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - None

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - None

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Carrie Lea Wheeler, Eppie Robertson, and Jimmie Rea Graham

MT. PLEASANT - Brother Mac Hayes, Sister Zady Hollis

MT. WILLING - Sister Nola Guin and Bro. Earl McDonald

NEW CENTER POINT - Sister Ida Palmer

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Dennis Dykes

SPRINGFIELD - Bro. Robert Hester, Sister Drucilla Hall

SULLIGENT - Sister Isaiah Hollis

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL - Brother Billy Gene Maddox

VERNON - Sister Mildred Gilmore, Brother Edwin Rogers, and Brother J. L. Lucas.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roger Rye, Chairman

### VERNON DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

On January 20, 1990, a Missions Banquet was held at Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Trymon Messer was our speaker. A total of 116 people registered. A love offering of \$50.00 was given to Bro. Messer and \$152.55 was given to missionaries to be shared equally by Rev. Richard Hendrix and Rev. Larry Reynolds.

The 12th Annual District meeting was held at Springfield Church on March 29, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. Sister Ann Reed of the Belk Free Will Baptist Church was our guest speaker. Thirty-four (34) people registered for this meeting and an offering of \$57.17 was sent to Rev. Richard Hendrix.

Two (2) ladies from our District attended the National Retreat in Ridgecrest in September, 1990.

Several ladies from the District attended the State Auxiliary convention in May 1990 at the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

Our four (4) projects this year raised money to purchase a vacuum cleaner for the Children's Home at Eldridge.

Our total cash given this year was \$1,131.81, and our total non-cash gifts were \$764.93.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joyce Gibson, President

**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) .....	\$490,978.75
Ordained Ministers .....	26
Licensed Ministers .....	11
Ordained Deacons .....	77
Churches with Day Care .....	0
Churches with Kindergarten .....	0
Churches with Sunday School .....	19
Sunday School Enrollment (16 churches reported) .....	1,264
Average Attendance (in Sunday School) .....	961
Baptisms.....	71
Members Added .....	151
Members Lost By Death .....	46
Total Membership .....	2,617
Churches with Parsonages .....	7
Value of All Church Property Including Parsonages (15) Churches Reporting.....	\$2,727,000.00
Churches with C.T.S. ....	9
C.T.S. Enrollment .....	529
C.T.S. Average Attendance .....	423
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary .....	10
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment .....	165
Average Attendance .....	132
Churches with Masters Men .....	4
Masters Men Enrollment .....	54
Average Attendance .....	43

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sammy Merchant, Chairman



## VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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COOPER	Rev. E. B. Ledlow Route 1, Box 155 Detroit, AL 35552	921-2440	Lena Mae 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
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			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, Box 200 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9400	Steve Butler Route 2, Box 74-P-1 Fayette, AL 35555
LOVE JOY	Rev. Redus Hall P.O. Box 68 Gattman, MS 38844	(601) 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	468-2649	Dorothy Crawford Vernon, AL 35592
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. Randy Wright P. O. Box 4 Guin, AL 35563	468-3740	Jackie Atkinson P.O. Box 563 Winfield, AL 35594
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. Billy Barlow P. O. Box 1297 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6028	Roy Ashby Route 1, Box 221 Vernon, AL 35592
SULLIGENT	Rev. Edward Puckett Route 2, Box 9 Sulligent, AL 35586	698-8177	Joyce Threadgill Route 2, Box 346-A Aberdeen, MS 39730
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C.C. Berryhill Route 1, Box 205 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	28	30	0	0	2
5	1	139	99	60	22	2
4	1	206	76	38	13	1
6	1	101	30	0	0	1
1	0	85	55	0	0	1
2	0	191	102	0	18	1
0	0	48	48	0	0	1
5	0	247	90	70	25	1
2	0	85	76	0	17	1
9	3	131	90	50	10	1
0	2	84	52	0	0	1
4	2	121	30	0	0	3
21	1	95	60	0	20	1
19	1	208	100	70	13	1
9	2	188	100	75	10	2
42	1	308	182	70	21	2
5	0	41	50	0	0	0
11	1	107	50	40	0	1
0	3	245	86	56	16	2

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FINANCE: Oct. '89 to Sept. '90

Balance Forward ..... \$140.67

## Income

Belk .....	\$ 391.09
Decatur .....	25.00
Free Will Chapel .....	377.90
Liberty .....	25.00
Love Joy .....	25.00
Mt. Harmony .....	25.00
Mt. Willing .....	100.00
New Center Point .....	120.00
Piney Grove .....	25.00
Sulligent .....	25.00
Vernon .....	251.80
Vernon Association .....	130.75
Ala. Mission Board .....	39.07
Competition Fees .....	120.00
Camp Fees .....	2,148.61
Youth Rally Offering .....	38.50
Raphael Yerby .....	25.00
Lewis Hindman .....	25.00
Titus Barnes .....	25.00
Miscellaneous .....	145.59
Cancelled Check .....	20.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,108.31</b>

Total to Account For ..... \$4,248.98

## Expenses:

Youth Camp Food .....	1,411.15
Skating .....	72.00
Refund .....	20.00
Evangelists .....	500.00
Hudson Book & Bible .....	34.00
Youth Camp Fees .....	1,341.00
Miscellaneous .....	120.54

**TOTAL YOUTH CAMP EXPENSES ..... \$3,498.69**

Youth Rally Honorarium, Rev. Randy Wright .....	50.00
Balance owed on 1989 Camp .....	300.00
Mail Cost .....	11.25
Competition Fees .....	75.00
Randall House, Medals & Certificates .....	100.74
Judges .....	50.00
Smith Bookstore, C.T.S. Competition Guidelines .....	10.49
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$4,096.17</b>

**BALANCE ON HAND ..... \$ 152.81**

**INCOME FROM WALK-A-THON FOR MISSIONS, APRIL 1990**

Belk .....	\$ 367.25
Cooper .....	451.00
Free Will Chapel .....	245.00
Mt. Harmony .....	154.00
New Center Point .....	938.60
Sulligent .....	588.60
Union Chapel .....	899.66
Vernon .....	290.00
<b>TOTAL WALK-A-THON .....</b>	<b>\$3,934.11</b>

Respectfully Submitted  
Rev. Ronald Scott, Treasurer

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1989 - AUGUST 16, 1990**

**BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD ..... \$ 329.21**

**RECEIPTS:**

<b>JASPER ASSOCIATION .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,322.05</b>
Jasper Association Gift .....	\$ 500.00
Brilliant .....	671.05
Carbon Hill .....	125.00
Cedrom Grove .....	167.30
Free Water .....	200.00
Liberty .....	163.75
Mt. Olive .....	1,320.00
Pocahontas .....	1,507.00
Red Bay .....	573.92
Shady Grove .....	200.00
Winfield .....	759.03
New Liberty .....	135.00

**PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION .....\$ 4,766.59**

Bethel .....	\$ 125.00
Cordova .....	5.00
Davis Chapel .....	52.00
Fayette .....	2,101.13
Florence .....	500.00
Jasper .....	766.09
Pleasant Grove .....	407.37
South Highland .....	600.00
Sulphur Springs .....	200.00

**VERNON ASSOCIATION .....\$ 2,863.96**

Vernon Association .....	\$ 100.00
Belk .....	358.53
Cooper .....	171.33
Mt. Harmony .....	275.00
New Center Point .....	234.00
Piney Grove .....	385.00
Springfield .....	1,015.00
Union Chapel .....	150.00
Vernon .....	175.10

**OTHER ..... \$9,254.95**

Camp Fees: Jasper Association .....	\$1,442.00
Progressive Association .....	1,792.18
Vernon Association .....	1,341.00
Vernon Association (Balance, 1989) .....	300.00
Retreat - Spring Spectacular .....	132.87
Martin Reunion .....	175.00
Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary .....	25.00
F.W.B. Church, Amory, Miss. ....	84.00
General Insurance (Refund) .....	700.00
Individuals & Misc. Income .....	59.10
Concessions .....	3,138.80
Rental of Equipment .....	55.00
Ala. Home Missions .....	10.00

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR ..... \$23,536.76**



**EXPENDITURES**

Electric .....	\$ 2,966.52
Water .....	889.39
Telephone.....	786.00
Gas .....	238.79
Camp Insurance .....	2,175.00
Pest Control .....	90.00
Appreciation Supper, Board Expense, Meals, etc. ....	1,059.24
Postage, Office Supplies & Bank Charges .....	128.75
Repair & Upkeep .....	1,585.77
Paper Products .....	1,446.33
Lifeguard .....	900.00
Pool Chemicals .....	458.01
Promotional Products .....	616.27
Concessions .....	652.21
Garbage Trailer .....	225.00
Ice Machine .....	500.00
Loan Payment .....	7,661.65
Transfer to Savings .....	<u>705.56</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....** **\$23,084.49**

**BALANCE IN BANK AS OF 8-16-90 .....** **\$452.27**

Savings Account Balance ..... \$1,750.01  
(Designated for Kitchen Workers Building)

Rev. Dennis Haygood  
Secretary-Treasurer

**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance On Hand - 9-01-89 ..... \$ 861.29

**RECEIPTS:**

Ala. F.W.B. Board of Missions ..... \$ 43.41

Offering Received at Association ..... 261.50

Association Dues ..... 1,280.00

Total To Account For ..... \$2,446.20

**EXPENDITURES:**

Rev. James Walden (Moderator) ..... \$ 50.00

Rev. Don Taggart (Asst. Moderator) ..... 25.00

Trinity Youth Camp ..... 100.00

Vernon Association C. E. Board ..... 130.75

Alabama State Association ..... 530.75

Thumb Print (Printing Minutes) ..... 455.00

Postage and Supplies ..... 53.90

Raphael Yerby (Clerk) ..... 75.00

Total Expenditures ..... \$1,420.40

Balance on Hand 8-31-90 ..... \$1,025.80

Respectfully Submitted,  
Raphael Yerby, Treasurer

Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 183, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
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 Rev. James Walden, Route 1, Box 54, Kennedy, Alabama 35574  
 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  
 Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Route 1, Box 155, Detroit, Alabama 35552  
 Rev. John Reed, P. O. Box 31, Belk, Alabama 35545  
 Rev. Randy Wright, P. O. Box 4, Guin, Alabama 35563  
 Rev. Billy Barlow, P. O. Box 1297 Vernon, Alabama 35592  
 Rev. John Powell, Route 1, Caledonia, MS 39740  
 Rev. Scott Wright, Route 1, Box 44, Sulligent, Alabama 35586

### LIST OF DEACONS

BEAVERTON - Bros. Russell Cole and Bobby Dykes  
 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  
 DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Bros. Kelley Easter, J. C. Cantrell, Joe Easter, Phillip Wise and Gene 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. Clayton Barnes, Guary Taylor, Lloyd Carter, and Coy Robertson  
 MT. HARMONY - Bros. Olen Wheeler, Oveat Graham, Erbie Robertson,

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Coy Johnson, L. C. Steedley, and Frankie Beasley  
MT. PLEASANT - None  
MT. WILLING - Bros. Elzie Guin and Emmitt Lee  
NEW CENTER POINT - Bros. C. L. Scott, Wayne Puckett, Bobby Puckett,  
and Kenny Ford  
PINEY GROVE - Bros. J. M. Chaffin, Tommie Robertson and Danny  
Atkinson  
SPRINGFIELD - Bros. Dewey Jordan, Paul Jordan, Aubrey Hall, Tommie  
Rushing, Larry Williams, and Roy Ashby  
SULLIGENT - Bros. Hezzie Harrison, Ray Birmingham, Carl Northington,  
Quinton Boyett, Charles Crosby, Milton Threadgill, Jessie Barnes,  
Sammy Merchant, Luke Spruiell, and Frank Mixon  
TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. Stanley Cooper  
UNION CHAPEL - Bros. James E. Maddox, Jessie Yerby, Bennie Hardy,  
Albert Christian, and Sam Glasgow  
VERNON - Bros. Pascal Yerby, Edgar Turner, Paul Shelnut, Eris Wilson,  
Titus Barnes, and Derrell Wheeler

#### 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, Haley Wright, and Earl McDonald.



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 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 for ordination should include all that is required for license and also the application for ministers approved by the National Association of Free Will Baptist. No preacher shall be accepted or ordained in this association as a preacher who has more than one living wife, 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 of 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 where 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)

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. I 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 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. **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.

