

**ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH OF SULLIGENT**

1991 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 1991

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH SESSION

MODERATOR REV. DON TAGGART

ASSISTANTMODERATOR..... REV. DAVID HAYES

CLERK BRO. RAPHAEL H.YERBY

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 14, 1992. Registration will begin at 9:30 A.M., and services will begin at 10:00 A.M. The annual session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon on Saturday October 17, 1992, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and eleventh session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent on Saturday, October 19, 1991. Rev. Don Taggart served as moderator, Rev. David Hayes served as assistant moderator, and Bro. Raphael Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "Glory to His Name", directed by Rev. Scott Wright. The opening prayer was by Rev. Lloyd Vail. We had another song, "He Keeps Me Singing", directed by Bro. Wright.

We were welcomed to the Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Edward Puckett, host Pastor. The response was given by Rev. Randy Wright, Pastor of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

We had a special in song, "The Greatest Love Story", by Sister Doris Birmingham.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. John Reed, Pastor of Belk Free Will Baptist Church. He used First John 1:1-4, 2:3-4, and 3:2-3 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

We were welcomed to this session of the Vernon Association by the moderator, Rev. Don Taggart.

We had a report of the Digest Committee by Bro. Stoney Robertson, 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. Rick Cash, Rev. Mike Mounts and wife and son, Rev. Carlie Lloyd and wife and four children. Rev. Lloyd and his family are home missionaries to Madison, Wisconsin.

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

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees for 1992. (See Committee List).

We had a report of the General Board by the clerk. We had a motion and second to vote on the report item by item. Item one was adopted and item two was tabled until the afternoon session since it dealt with a change of the by-laws.

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

The moderator recognized Rev. Rick Cash, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. Bro. Cash shared a very interesting report on the camp. We had a motion, second, and vote to receive the report as information.

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

The moderator recognized the Lloyd family, and they treated us with a musical special and a special in song. Bro. Lloyd shared with us their plans as missionaries to go to Madison, Wisconsin and establish a Free Will Baptist Church there.

We had a congregational song, "Victory in Jesus", directed by Bro. Scott Wright.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Bro. Lennie Ray Dubose, Chairman. We had a motion, second, and vote to receive the report.

We were dismissed by the moderator for a short recess. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

After the recess and a time of fellowship, we had a congregational song, "I'll Fly Away", directed by Bro. Weight. We had another song, "Revive Us Again".

At this time, we received a love offering for our guest speaker. The offeratory prayer was by Rev. James Walden.

Just before the 11:00 A.M. message, we had a special in song by Sister Tina Wright, "He Hideth My Soul".

The keynote message was brought at 11:00 A.M. by Rev. Mike mounts, Pastor of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church. He used Proverbs 6:6-8, 30:24-25, and 20:6 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker. We had a song of invitation, "I Surrender All".

After a very great and encouraging message, we were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer and the blessing on the food was offered by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious lunch and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened back in session at 1:00 P.M. beginning with a song, "Stand Up for Jesus", directed by Bro. Wright. We had two specials in song by the Youth Choir from the Sulligent Church directed by Sister Tina Wright.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Bro. Bryan Williams from the

Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. He used several verses in Genesis chapter 1 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

The report of the Deceased Members Committee was given by Bro. Stoney Robertson, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to stand and sing "Amazing Grace" in memory of these loved ones. Prayer was by Rev. Donald Kivette.

We had a report of the Temperance Committee by Bro. Stoney Hawkins, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

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

The report of the Appreciation Committee was given by Bro. Harold Goode, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

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. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

We had a final report of the General Board. We had a motion, second and vote to take up the item of business that was tabled in the morning session and dispose of it. The report was given by the clerk. We had a motion, second and vote to adopt the report.

We elected one member to serve a five (5) year term on the Board of Christian Education. Rev. Ron Scott was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve on this board.

We elected one member to serve a three (3) year term on the Trinity Youth Camp Board of Directors. Rev. Scott Wright and Bro. Steve Butler were nominated. Rev. Scott Wright was elected to serve on this board.

The moderator appointed one member to serve a five (5) year term on the Credentials Committee. Bro. Edsel Gideon was appointed to serve on this committee.

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

Bro. Clyde Motes

Sister Eldredge Motes

Sister Elwanda Oakes

Sister Sue Yerby

Sister Ann Reed

Sister Dorothy Hollis

Sister Odessa Ledlow

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 New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night, November 26, 1991, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The committee appointed was Rev. Edward Puckett, Rev. Brent Vickery and Rev. Don Taggart.

The place was chosen for the next two (2) meetings of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The body voted to hold the March meeting at the Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14, 1992. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. and the services will begin at 10:00 A.M.

The Vernon Church invited us to meet with them in October. The body voted to hold the annual association meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17, 1992, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Six places were selected to hold youth rallies for the next year. The following churches volunteered to host the rallies:

Depriest Chapel

Belk

Cooper

Sulligent

Liberty

Free Will Chapel

The date and time of these rallies will be announced by the Association Board of Christian Education.

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

Nomination was opened for moderator of the association. Rev. Edward Puckett 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. E. B. Ledlow was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as assistant moderator of the Vernon Association.

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

There were a total of 126 people who registered for this session of the association. They were as follows:

Ministers 21

Deacons 15

Delegates 68

Visitors 22

Ministers that registered

Rev. C. C. Berryhill

Rev. Lloyd George

Rev. Fred Graham

Rev. Redus Hall

Rev. David Hayes

Rev. M. H. Hollis

Rev. R. C. Humphries

Rev. Donald Kivette

Rev. E. B. Ledlow

Rev. Jim Martin

Rev. John Powell

Rev. Edward Puckett

Rev. John Reed

Rev. E. T. Sargent

Rev. Ron Scott

Rev. Don Taggart

Rev. Lloyd W. Vail

Rev. Brent Vickery

Rev. James Walden

Rev. Randy Wright

Rev. Scott Wright

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1991

The semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on Saturday, March 16, 1991, with the Belk Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Don Taggart served as moderator.

The meeting opened with a song, "Brethren We Have Met to Worship", directed by Bro. Mike McDaniel. The opening prayer was by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

We were welcomed to the Belk Church by the host pastor, Rev. John Reed. The response was given by Bro. Steve Butler from the Liberty Church.

The moderator recognized the pastors attending this session of the association.

We had another song, "Whosoever Meaneth Me", directed by Bro. McDaniel.

Just before the morning devotion, we had a special in song, "In the Depth of the Sea", by Bro. and Sister McDaniel.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. E. T. Sargent, pastor of Davis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He used Acts 7:32 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

Work days at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp were discussed. The time was set for the last week of April, 1991. A youth camp supper was announced for April 20, 1991 at 5:00 P.M.

We were dismissed for recess. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. James Walden.

After recess, we had a song, "Joy Unspeakable", by Bro. McDaniel. We received an offering for the Belo Mission project in Brazil. The offeratory prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett.

Just before the 11:00 A.M. message, we had another special in song, "The Ground Is Level at Calvary", by Bro. and Sister McDaniel. We had a congregational song, "Breathe on Me", led by Bro. McDaniel.

The 11:00 A.M. message was brought by Rev. Brent Vickery, Pastor of Free Will Chapel Church. His scripture text was Colossians 1:9-18. His subject was "He Might Have the Preeminence". Prayer was by the speaker.

We had a song of invitation and prayer by Rev. James Walden.

We were dismissed from this session of the association and for the noon meal. The dismissal prayer and the blessing on the food was by Rev. Redus Hall. We were served a delicious lunch by the people of the Belk Free Will Baptist Church.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS LISTED

BEAVERTON - Sisters Emma Harris, Sharon Cantrell and Willie Vail.

BELK - Bros. Landon Crowell, Aubrey Belk, Sisters Sheila Crowell, Gail Belk, Sue Yerby, Alternate and Bro. Laren Williams, Alternate.

COOPER - Bros. Raymond Johnson, Jimmy Sullins, Billy Carter, Sisters Martha Johnson, Peggy Carter, Etna Clark, Alternate.

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sisters Betty Woodham, Jessmer Nelson, Dora Lee Pennington, Lorene Pike, Ida Wright and Charolet Wright.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Bro. Stoney Hawkins, David Irvin, Clovis Blaylock, Sisters Barbara Hawkins, Sheila Irvin, Fay Blaylock and Mary Wise.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bros. Billy Joe Turner, Otto Williams, Sisters Pearl Turner, Aileen Williams, Judy Gideon, Terry Vickery and Dorothy Gideon.

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Lura Moore.

LIBERTY - Bros. Steve Butler, Barksdale Higgins, Sisters Ruby Nell Higgins, Versa Griffin, Carlette Stripling, Louise Couch, Eula Mae Dubose, Elsie Black, Alternate and Edna Black, Alternate.

LOVE JOY - Brother Stoney Robertson; Sisters Nina Robertson, Laura Carter, and Martha Hall.

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Delane Robertson, Aline Brown, Mildred Perkins, Beverly Wheeler, Betty Harrison, Vina Walden.

MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Mary Merchant and Dorothy Crawford.

MT. WILLING - Bros. Lucian Flynn, Roger Rye, Sisters Dorothy Rye, Margie Lee and Carol Kivette.

NEW CENTER POINT - Bros. Wade Vann, Jimmy Northington, Sisters Johnnie Ford, Ruth Van, Theresa Taggart, and Mary Lou Ford.

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Doug Stripling, Sisters Martha Stripling, Gera Mae Bobo and Jeannette Robertson.

SPRINGFIELD - Bros. Harold Goode, Jack Wilson, Ruston Brown, Sisters Betty Jo Goode, Lucy Wilson, and Belva Pennington, Alternate.

SULLIGENT - Bros. Bob Carter, Tony Merchant, Wayne Lucas, Sisters Sandra Carter, Patsey Puckett, Dora Pennington, Viola Vinson, Robbie Carruth, Polly Mixon, and Alice Reeves.

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

UNION CHAPEL - Bros. Nobel Christian, Harry Turner, Bobby Perkins, Sisters Minnie Lee Perkins, Joyce Hardy and Frances Christian.

VERNON - Bros. Mike McDaniel, Clyde Motes, Sister Marsha McDaniel, Frances Moore, Elwanda Oakes, Peggy Atkinson, Eldredge Motes, Jean Dubose and Ina Yerby, Alternate.

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 - None Listed
 MT. WILLING - Rev. Donald Kivette
 NEW CENTER POINT - Wade Vann
 PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson
 SPRINGFIELD - None Listed
 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 (only one member per church) on the General Board of the Vernon Association and send them to the next annual session of the association.

Beaverton
 Belk
 Cooper
 Davis Chapel
 Depriest Chapel

Free Will Chapel
 Friendship
 Liberty
 Love Joy

COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1991

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1992
 Rev. Don Taggart - 1993
 Rev. M. H. Hollis - 1994
 Rev. James Walden - 1995
 Bro. Edsel Gideon - 1996

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T. S. COMMITTEE

Bro. Steve Butler
 Bro. Roger Rye
 Sis. Elwanda Oakes
 Sis. Mary Lou Ford

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Edward Puckett
 Rev. E. B. Ledlow
 Bro. Raphael Yerby
 Bro. Jimmy Sullins
 Bro. Phillip Wise
 Bro. Lennie R. Dubose
 Bro. Tommie Robertson

YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. David Hayes - 1992
 Rev. Don Taggart - 1993
 Rev. Scott Wright - 1994

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Jimmy Sullins
Sis. Laura Carter
Sis. Judy Gideon

DECEASED MEMBERS
COMMITTEE

Bro. Stoney Robertson
Sis. Sheila Crowell
Bro. Bob Carter
Bro. Doug Stripling

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Rev. James Walden - 1992
Rev. Timothy Hollis - 1993
Rev. Randy Wright - 1994
Rev. Scott Wright - 1995
Rev. Ron Scott - 1996

Youth Camp Committee

All pastors of the Vernon
Association

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
FOR 1992

Rev. Randy Wright
Rev. John Reed
Rev. Brent Vickery

DIGEST COMMITTEE 1992

Sis Vina Walden
Sis. Diane Cole
Bro. Clovis Blaylock
Sis. Dorothy Crawford

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Bro. Harold Goode
Bro. J. C. Young
Sis. Theresa Taggart
Sis. Eldredge Motes

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Stoney Hawkins
Bro. Wayne Lucas
Bro. Lucion Flynn

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 1,257 with 18 of the 19 churches reporting.

Our C.T.S. enrollment for the past year was 421 with 8 of 19 churches reporting.

We encourage all of our churches to support our Sunday Schools and C.T.S. Programs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Butler, Chairman

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We, the General Board met on September 16, 1991, and submit the following report:

- I. We recommend that the Board of Christian Education reinstate the youth rallies of our association on at least a bi-monthly basis, according to the By-Laws of the Board of Christian Education.
- II. We recommend that the word "treasurer" be deleted from Article 15 of the Association By-Laws.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Don Taggart, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee submit the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (10-18-91) is \$810.03. A Total of \$1,195.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$2,005.03. Our estimated expenses for the next year are \$1,381.85, leaving a projected balance of \$623.18 at the end of next year. All of our churches have turned in some dues for this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jimmy Sullins, Chairman

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

First Peter 2:11-12 says, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul: Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold glorify God in the day of visitation."

As we live, we should set an example for those who know salvation and be a light in the darkness for those who do not know.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stoney Hawkins, Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- I. We recommend that Rev. C. C. Berryhill be accepted into our association as an ordained minister: M.S.C.
- II. We recommend that Rev. Brent Vickery be accepted into our association. M.S.C.
- III. We recommend that Rev. Mike Lake be granted a letter of good standing and recommendation to the North East Mississippi Association. M.S.C.
- IV. We recommend that all ministers present today be given a card of good standing. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bro. Lennie R. Dubose, Chairman

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, The Appreciation Committee, make the following report:

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

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

We thank the Lord for all that has been accomplished, and we recommend that the congregation give the Sulligent Church a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harold Goode, Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

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

The following members of our association have gone on to be with the Lord in the past year:

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - None

COOPER - Sister Pollie Crowe and Bro. Carolton Rye

DAVIS CHAPEL - Bro. Aaron C. Wright, Bro. W. M. Nairemore and Sister Polly Smallwood

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bro. Roy Crossley and Sister Lonie Elliott

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - None

LOVE JOY - Sister Edna Markham

MT. HARMONY - Sister Thelma Wheeler and Sister Louise Chaffin

MT. PLEASANT - Sister Zadie Hollis

MT. WILLING - Sister Ozzie McDonald, Sister Ethel Markham and Sister Mary Sue Dykes

NEW CENTER POINT - Sister Pearl Brown

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Todd McDonald, Sister Cara McDonald and Sister Rena Kirk

SPRINGFIELD - Bro. Fletcher Turman and Bro. Aubrey Hall

SULLIGENT - Sister Martha Palmer

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL - Sister Gertrude Woods

VERNON - Sister Kittie Lee Turner

We recommend that the congregation stand and sing "Amazing Grace" and have prayer in memory of these loved ones. Rev. Donald Kivette led the prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stoney Robertson, Chairman

VERNON DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Vernon District Woman's Auxiliary consists of four auxiliaries with forty-six (46) active members on roll.

This past year we gave a total of \$3,985.21 to missions. Offerings to retired ministers, youth camps and children's homes totaled \$555.00. Total disbursements from the four auxiliaries in the district was \$6,017.48, with \$373.48 in non-cash gifts reported.

We sponsored a missions banquet on January 19, 1991, at the Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Jimmy Aldridge and Sister Janie Aldridge were our guest speakers. Seventy-three (73) people registered for the banquet.

Our 13th annual District Convention was held at the Vernon First Free Will Baptist Church in March. Mrs. Odessa Ledlow from Cooper Free Will Baptist Church was our speaker. Thirty-eight (38) ladies registered for this meeting.

Ladies from our District attended a prayer retreat in Hamilton, Alabama in April, the State meeting in Huntsville, Alabama in May, the National Convention in Charleston, West Virginia in July and the State Retreat at the 4-H Center near Columbiana, Alabama in September of this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean DuBose
Secretary-Treasurer

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Digest Committee, make the following report:

STATISTICS:

Number of Churches (16 Rural, 3 City)	19
Full Time Pastors	17
Part Time Pastors	2
Tithes & Offerings (14 of 19 Churches Reporting)	\$492,270.56
Ordained Ministers	23
Licensed Ministers	13
Ordained Deacons	73
Churches with Day Care	0
Churches with Kindergarten	0
Churches with Sunday School	19
Sunday School Enrollment (18 Churches Reporting)	1,327
Baptisms	72
Members Added	170
Members Lost	44
Total Membership	2,613
Churches with Parsonages	7
Value of All Church Property Including Parsonages (11) Churches Reporting	\$2,399,000.00
Churches with C.T.S.	8
C.T.S. Enrollment	421
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary	9
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment	172
Churches with Masters Men	5
Masters Men Enrollment	55
Churches with Budget (13 Reporting)	2
Churches without Budget (13 Reporting)	11

Respectfully Submitted,
Stoney Robertson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FINANCE: October 1990 to September 1991

Balance Brought Forward, Oct. 1990 \$152.81

INCOME:

Belk	\$ 496.14
Vernon	799.73
Ala. State Board of Missions	65.33
Competition Fees	10.00
Junior Camp	2,469.00
Teen Camp	1,112.00
Walk-a-Thon Food Donations	<u>60.00</u>

TOTAL	\$5,012.20
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Total to Account For	\$5,165.01
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YOUTH CAMP EXPENSES:

Food	1,771.77
Evangelists Honorariums	500.00
Teen Camp Evangelist Mileage	250.00
Skating	207.25
Smith Christian Books	16.00
Scott Wright, Misc. Camp Expenses	120.17
Youth Camp Fees	<u>1,585.00</u>

TOTAL CAMP EXPENSE	\$4,450.19
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OTHER EXPENSES:

Postage	5.22
Kountry Kitchen - Walk-A-Thon Meal	95.80
State Competition Fees	35.00
District Competition Medals	<u>37.50</u>
Total Other Expenses	173.52

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,623.71
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Balance On Hand, Oct. 1, 1991	\$ 541.30
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VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK'S ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Rev. Lloyd W. Vail P. O. Box 535 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9586	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, 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 Ganttman, MS 38844
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Rev. Brent Vickery 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 33-A-1 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6101	Lura Moore Route 1, Box 481 Millport, AL 35576
LIBERTY	Rev. Roy G. Plyman Route 2, Box 200 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9400	Steve Butler Route 2, Box 74-P-1 Fayette, AL 35555
LOVEJOY	Rev. Redus Hall P. O. Box 68 Ganttman, 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 114 Eupora, MS 39744	(601) 258-7145	Dorothy Crawford P. O. Box 188 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. Jerry Williams P. O. Box 207 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6939	Roy Ashby Route 1, Box 221 Vernon, AL 35592
SULLIGENT	Rev. Edward Puckett Route 2, Box 9 Sulligent, AL 35586	698-8177	Brenda Lucas Route 1, Box 19 Beaverton, AL 35544
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C.C. Berryhill Route 1, Box 205 Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	(601) 256-8225	J. C. Young Route 1 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
3	0	29	30	0	0	3
7	0	146	75	50	20	2
10	2	185	86	35	13	1
9	3	100	45	0	0	1
6	0	90	55	0	0	1
3	2	187	75	0	18	1
0	0	48	48	0	0	1
3	0	239	90	70	12	1
5	1	87	30	0	17	1
7	2	140	85	50	10	1
0	1	78	53	0	0	1
18	3	136	50	0	0	3
6	1	100	75	0	20	2
59	3	262	135	0	14	1
7	2	189	75	50	10	0
26	1	194	164	70	25	3
0	0	51	39	0	0	1
1	1	108	60	42	0	1
0	1	244	87	54	13	2

ADDITIONAL 1990 WALK-A-THON RECEIPTS:

Free Will Chapel	\$ 185.00
Cooper	451.00
1990 Walk-A-Thon Total	\$4,570.11

1991 Vernon Association Walk-A-Thon:

Belk	\$418.75
Cooper	347.87
Free Will Chapel	241.50
Liberty	370.10
Mt. Harmony	621.68
Mt. Willing	600.00
New Center Point	559.00
Sulligent	30.00
Taylor Springs	331.50
Union Chapel	1,050.50
Vernon	<u>358.00</u>
1991 Walk-A-Thon Total (To Date)	\$4,929.00

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Ronald Scott, Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met on February 18, 1991, and made the following plans for the Semi-Annual meeting of our Association on March 16, 1991.

We voted to invite Rev. Brent Vickery to bring the 11:00 A.M. message and to ask Rev. E. T. Sargent to have the morning devotion. We asked Bro. Mike McDaniel to be in charge of the music. We voted to receive an offering for the Belo mission building project in Brazil.

The Executive Committee met again on September 16, 1991 to plan the annual association meeting for October 19, 1991.

The committee voted to ask Rev. John Reed, to have the morning devotion, and ask Bro. Bryan Williams to have the afternoon devotion. The committee voted to invite Rev. Mike Mounts to bring the 11:00 A.M. message. We also voted to receive an offering, and to give the speaker an honorarium of \$100.00. We also voted to ask Rev. Scott Wright to be in charge of the music for the day.

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Don Taggart, Moderator

FINANCIAL REPORT

TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP

AUGUST 17, 1990 - AUGUST 31, 1991

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 452.27

RECEIPTS:

Jasper Association \$ 7,647.72

Brilliant	\$ 401.00
Carbon Hill	251.90
Cedrom Grove	261.49
Free Water	200.00
Liberty	310.00
Mt. Olive	1,725.00
New Liberty	1,325.00
Pocahontas	1,271.00
Red Bay	674.54
Shady Grove	271.43
Winfield	956.36

Progressive Association \$ 6,227.46

Cordova	\$ 410.00
Fayette	2,176.05
Florence	436.03
Jasper	1,009.68
Pleasant Grove	395.70
South Highland	800.00
Progressive Youth Camp Fund	1,000.00

Vernon Association \$7,161.83

Vernon Association	\$ 661.00
Belk	445.77
Cooper	318.37
Decatur	45.00
Free Will Chapel	273.02
Love Joy	100.00
Mt. Harmony	300.00
Mt. Willing	281.25
New Centerpoint	964.00
Piney Grove	435.00
Springfield	1,325.00
Sulligent	500.00
Taylor Springs	100.00
Union Chapel	300.00
Vernon	1,113.42

Other	\$ 9,039.95
Camp Fees: Progressive Association	\$ 1,868.00
Vernon Association	1,585.00
Martin Reunion	165.00
Teen Retreats	300.00
Refund on Insulation	116.07
Equipment Rental	10.00
Individual	1,497.15
Concessions	2,998.73
State Line Association	500.00
Transfer From Savings	<u>\$ 2,183.44</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$32,712.67

EXPENDITURES:

Electric	\$ 3,643.12
Water	983.86
Telephone	987.94
Gas	223.28
Camp Insurance	2,735.00
Pest Control	300.00
Appreciation Supper, Board Expense, Meals, Etc.	1,104.01
Postage, Office Supplies, Bank Charge	228.89
Repair and Upkeep	2,424.27
Paper Products	1,444.80
Savings	462.37
Loan Payment	3,321.34
Roof (Boys)	1,542.54
Roof (Girls)	1,589.00
Mobile Home	3,000.00
Paneling and Insulation	1,809.82
Pool Chemicals	481.70
Lifeguard	900.00
Camp Shirts	272.85
Concessions	<u>1,230.98</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$28,685.77</u>

BALANCE IN BANK AS OF AUGUST 31, 1991 **\$4,026.90**

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

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance On Hand - 9-01-90 \$ 1,025.80

RECEIPTS:

Ala. F.W.B. Board of Missions \$ 50.76

Offering Received at Association 100.00

Offering for Youth Camp Roof Project 661.00

Association Dues 1,120.00

Total To Account For \$ 2,957.56

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Don Taggart (Moderator) \$ 50.00

Rev. David Hayes (Asst. Moderator) 25.00

Rev. Danny Williams 100.00

Trinity F.W.B. Youth Camp 661.00

Alabama State Association Dues 570.00

Ala. Board of Missions, Belo Project 100.00

Thumb Print (Printing Minutes) 486.85

Postage and Supplies 94.25

Raphael Yerby (Clerk) 75.00

Total Expenditures \$2,162.10

Balance on Hand 8-31-91 \$ 795.46

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 2, Box 9, Sulligent, Alabama, 35586

Rev. Donald Taggart, Route 1, Box 158, Vernon, Alabama 35592

Rev. Lloyd W. Vail, P. O. Box 535, Vernon, Alabama 35592

Rev. Lloyd George, 827 Cannon Trace, Columbus, Mississippi 39702

Rev. Jim Martin, Route 2, Box 114, Eupora, Mississippi 39744

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 812, Sulligent, Alabama 35586

Rev. James Walden, Route 1, Box 54, Kennedy, Alabama 35574
 Rev. E. T. Sargent, Route 1, Box 36, Cordova, Alabama 35550
 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. John Powell, Route 1, Caledonia, MS 39740
 Rev. Scott Wright, Route 1, Box 44, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
 Rev. Brent Vickery, Route 2, Box 54, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
 Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Route 1, Box 205, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848

LIST OF DEACONS

BEAVERTON - Bros. Russell Cole and Bobby Dykes
 BELK - Bros. Raphael Yerby, Grady Newman, Dalton Gilpin and Lewis Hindman
 COOPER - Bros. Burley Finch, Tony Clark, Hershel Rye and Gordie Rye
 DAVIS CHAPEL - None
 DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Bros. Joe M. Easter, Kelley Easter, J. C. Cantrell, 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, Willie G. Perkins, Jack Boman, Roy Guyton, Wayne Dubose and Wayne Sorrells
 LOVE JOY - Bros. Coy Robertson, Loyd Carter, Guary Taylor, and Clayton Barnes
 MT. HARMONY - Bros. Olen Wheeler, Oveat Graham, Erbie Robertson, Coy Johnson, L. C. Steedley, and Frankie Beasley
 MT. PLEASANT - None
 MT. WILLING - Bros. Elzie Guin and Emmit Lee
 NEW CENTER POINT - Bros. Curtis L. Scott, Wayne Puckett, Bobby Puckett, and Kenny Ford
 PINEY GROVE - Bros. Tommie Robertson, Danny Atkinson and J. M. Chaffin
 SPRINGFIELD - Bros. Dewey Jordan, Paul Jordan, Tommie Rushing, Tim Hollis, and Roy Ashby
 SULLIGENT - Quinton Boyett, Luke Spruiell, Jessie Barnes, Jr., Milton Threadgill, Earnest Northington, Sammy Merchant, Ray Birmingham, Frank Mixon, Charles Crosby and Hezzie Harrison.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. Stanley Cooper

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

VERNON - Bros. Pascal Yerby, Titus Barnes, Paul Shelnut, Edgar Turner,
Derrell Wheeler, 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, Haley Wright, Earl McDonald and Aubrey Hall.

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 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) 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 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.