

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH  
SESSION**

**of the**

**VERNON FREE WILL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**held with**

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF VERNON**

**1992 Minutes**

OFFICERS FOR 1992

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH SESSION

MODERATOR..... REV. EDWARD PUCKETT

ASSISTANTMODERATOR ..... REV. E. B. LEDLOW

CLERK ..... BRO. RAPHAEL H.YERBY

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 20, 1993. 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 the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent on Saturday, October 16, 1993, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and twelfth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association has held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon on Saturday, October 17, 1992. Rev. Edward Puckett served as moderator, Rev. E. B. Ledlow served as assistant moderator and Bro. Raphael Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship", directed by Bro. Mike McDaniel. The opening prayer was by Rev. Redus Hall. We had another song, "In My Heart There Rings a Melody", directed by Bro. McDaniel.

We were welcomed to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon by Rev. David Hayes, host Pastor. The response was given by Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Pastor of Cooper Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Ledlow read Psalms 122:1 and Ephesians 5:19 in his remarks. We had another song, "Saved, Saved", led by Bro. McDaniel.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Jerry Williams, Pastor of Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. He used Hosea 6:1-3 as his Scripture text. His subject was "Return to God". Prayer was by the speaker.

We had another song, "Dwelling in Beulah Land", directed by Bro. McDaniel.

We were welcomed to this session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association by Rev. Edward Puckett, Moderator. He used Acts 2:1 as his Scripture for his message.

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 with us of this past year's youth camp activities and some plans for the coming year. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report as information.

We had a report of the Digest Committee by Sister Vina Walden, Chairperson. 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 called for the report of the Committee on Committees. The Committee was not ready to report and asked to be excused to complete their report.

At this time, we had another song, "Sunshine in My Soul", directed by

Bro. McDaniel.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees for 1993. (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. The report was given by Rev. James Walden. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

At this time, we had a report of the Committee on Committees by Rev. Randy Wright, Chairman, and the various committees were appointed to report to the association. The committees appointed were dismissed to make their reports.

We had an oral report by Rev. Randy Wright on this last year's association youth camp activities.

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

We had a report of the Credentials Committee by Bro. Pascal Yerby, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to take the report and vote on it item by item. All items of the report were adopted by the body.

At this time we were dismissed by the moderator for a short recess.

After the recess and a time of fellowship, we had a congregational song, "My Sins Are Gone", directed by Bro. McDaniel. Prayer was by Rev. Don Taggart, Pastor of the New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator appointed the Executive Committee for the next year.

The Finance Committee report was given by Bro. Tony Clark, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

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

The Deceased Members Committee report was given by Bro. Paul Jordan, Chairman. We had a motion second and vote to stand and sing "Amazing Grace" in memory of these loved ones. A memorial prayer was offered by Rev. James Walden.

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

We enjoyed a special in song, "What a Savior", by Bro. Jason Hurt, Associate Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent. We had a congregational song, "He Keeps Me Singing", directed by Bro. McDaniel.



We received an offering for our guest speaker. The offertory prayer was by Rev. E. T. Sargent. The offering received was \$158.78.

Just before the morning message, we were treated with a special in song, "If It Had Not Been", by Bro. and Sister Mike McDaniel of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon.

The keynote message was brought by Rev. Phil Kimbrough, Pastor of the Hamilton Free Will Baptist Church. His subject was "Standing on the Promises". His scripture text was taken from Joshua 1:1-9. Prayer was by the speaker. We had a song of invitation, "Only Trust Him."

After a very encouraging message, we were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer and the blessing of the food was offered by Rev. David Hayes.

#### 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, "Sunlight", directed by Bro. McDaniel. Prayer was by Rev. E. B. Ledlow.

We had a report of the Appreciation Committee by Bro. Lloyd Carter, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and give the Vernon Church a standing vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Bro. Tony Clark of the Cooper Free Will Baptist Church. His subject was "There Is a Person Living Within Me". His scripture text was Ephesians 3:13-17.

The moderator appointed Bro. Pascal Yerby to serve a five (5) year term on the Credentials Committee.

At this time, we had an ordination service. Bro. Jason Hurt from the Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church and Bro. Paul Eichwurtzle from the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church were both ordained to preach the Gospel. The ordination message was by Rev. James Walden. His scripture was Second Corinthians 6:1, 3-10. Prayer was by Bro. Walden.

The ordination charge was given by Rev. Don Taggart, using Second Timothy 4:1-8 as his scripture text. After the ordination charge, the two candidates and all the other preachers present were asked to come to the altar, and the ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Don Taggart. After this service, all the congregation was asked to come by and shake hands and welcome these two men along with the other new preachers into the fellowship of the Vernon Association.

We elected one member to serve a three (3) year term on the Trinity Youth Camp Board of Directors. Rev. Randy Wright was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve on this Board.

We elected four (4) members to serve on the Vernon Association Board of Christian Education. Rev. Brent Vickery was elected to serve a five (5) year term on this board. Rev. Jason Hurt was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Bro. Tim Hollis who has moved from our association. We elected Rev. Kevin Taylor to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. Scott Wright who moved to pastor a church in Mississippi. Rev. Redus Hall was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. Ron Scott who moved to pastor a church in the Jasper 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 Belk Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night, November 24, 1992, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The committee appointed was Rev. John Reed, Rev. James Walden and Rev. Don Taggart.

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

Bro. Clyde Motes

Sister Eldredge Motes

Sister Elwanda Oakes

Sister Odessa Ledlow

Sister Ann Reed

Sister Sue Yerby

Sister Bonnie Williams

A 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 Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20, 1993. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M., and the services will begin at 10:00 A.M.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent invited us to meet with them in October. The body voted to hold the annual association meeting at the Sulligent Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 16, 1993, 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. 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. Redus Hall, Rev. John Reed and Rev. Edward Puckett were all nominated from the floor. Rev. Edward Puckett was elected by the body to serve as moderator for the next year.

Nomination was opened for assistant moderator of the association. Rev. E. B. Ledlow was nominated but declined the nomination. Rev. John Reed was the only other nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as assistant moderator of the 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. Paul Eichwurtzle. The meeting was adjourned.

There were a total of 135 people who registered for this session of the association. They were as follows:

Ministers 20

Deacons 17

Delegates 58

Visitors 40

#### Ministers that registered

Rev. Edward Puckett

Rev. E. B. Ledlow

Rev. David Hayes

Rev. Jason Hurt

Rev. James Walden

Rev. Jerry W. Williams

Rev. Donald Kivette

Rev. R. C. Humphries

Rev. Don Taggart

Rev. Lloyd W. Vail

Rev. Redus Hall

Rev. John Reed

Rev. Randy Wright

Rev. Brent Vickery

Rev. Lloyd George

Rev. E. T. Sargent

Rev. C. C. Berryhill

Rev. Jim Martin

Rev. Kevin D. Taylor

Rev. Paul Eichwurtzle

### SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1992

The semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on Saturday, March 14, 1992, with the Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Edward Puckett served as moderator.

The meeting opened with a song, "Sunlight", directed by Bro. Stoney Robertson. The opening prayer was by Rev. Jerry Williams

We were welcomed to the Love Joy Church by the host pastor, Rev. Redus Hall.

We had another song, "When We All Get to Heaven", directed by Bro. Robertson. The response to our welcome was given by Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Pastor of the Cooper Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator recognized all pastors of the Vernon Association attending this session.

We had another song, "The Glory-Land Way", directed by Bro. Robertson.



Rev. E. B. Ledlow gave us some information on the Walk-A-Thon. The Walk-A-Thon would be held at the Guthrie Smith Park in Fayette. The money raised would be divided 60% to the Madison Work, 20% to the new Mission Work and 20% to the General Fund. Any walker raising \$35.00 would get a cap or T-shirt and raising \$70.00 would get both.

We had a special in song, "He Can Speak Peace", by Bro. and Sister Ledlow.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. M. H. Hollis. His subject was "Despondent". His scripture text was Daniel 3:17.

Rev. Redus Hall requested that all pastors and churches send a donation to help Rev. Milton Gann, a former pastor in this association, to help with medical expenses.

We had a song, "Old-Time Power", directed by Bro. Robertson

We had a report by Rev. Scott Wright on the youth camp. He also announced that there would be a supper at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp on April 11, 1992, at 5:30 P.M. for all pastors and their wives along with one couple their church.

We were dismissed for a short recess. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. David Hayes.

After recess, we had a song, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story", directed by Bro. Robertson. Prayer was by Rev. Ron Scott.

We had another song, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", directed by Bro. Robertson. We had a special in song, "Not the Half Has Been Told", by Sister Alica Barnes of the Love Joy Church.

We received an offering with one-half to go to the youth camp and one-half to go to Rev. Milton Gann. The offertory prayer was by Rev. James Walden. The offering received was \$160.25

The 11:00 A.M. message was brought by Rev. Roy G. Plymon, Pastor of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. His scripture text was Ephesians 4:11, his subject was "Christian Education in the Church". Prayer was by the speaker.

We had a song of invitation, "Don't Wait Too Long", by Bro. Robertson

We were dismissed from this meeting of the association and for the noon meal. The dismissal prayer and the blessing of the food was by Rev. Redus Hall. We were served a delicious lunch by the people of the Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church and enjoyed a time of fellowship before going home.



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**CHURCHES AND DELEGATES AS LISTED**

BEAVERTON - Sisters Emma Harris, Sharon Cantrell and Diane Cole

BELK - Bro. Laren Williams, Sisters Dee Williams, Iva Powell, Sue Yerby, Jane Hindman and Ora Mae Overton, Alternate

COOPER - Bros. Raymond Johnson, Pete Lewis, Sisters Judy Lewis, Etna Clark and Odessa Ledlow

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

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

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sisters Tammy Pless, Judy Gideon and Terry Vickery

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Lura Moore and Myrtle Reynolds

LIBERTY - Bros. Steve Butler, Leonard Corbett, Bill Burnette, Sisters Eula Mae Dubose, Sue Plymon, Ora Seay Burnette, Janice Sorrells, Margaret Corbett, Alternate, and Bro. Barksdale Higgins, Alternate, Sister Ruby Nell Higgins, Alternate

LOVEJOY - Brother Stoney Robertson, J. R. Coley, Sisters Martha Hall, Nina Robertson and Laura Carter, Alternate

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Delane Robertson, Beverly Wheeler, Betty Brock, Frances Beasley, and Vina Walden

MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Mary Merchant and Pearl Allen

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

NEW CENTER POINT - Bros. Kenny Ford, Donald Puckett, Wade Vann, Tommy Bridges, Sisters Wanda Blaylock, Johnnie Ford and Bro. Jimmy Northington, Alternate

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

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

SULLIGENT - Bros. Bob Carter, Tony Merchant, Sisters Patsy Puckett, Polly Mixon, Maxine Byrd, Lynn Hurt, Viola Vinson, Patsy Merchant, Omie Taylor, Alice Reeves and Sandra Carter

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

UNION CHAPEL - Bros. Noble Christian, Sisters Chris Matthews; Joyce Hardy, Frances Christian and Wilma Dooley

VERNON - Bros. Clyde Motes, Zadus Turner, Jr., Mike McDaniel, Bob Sullivan, Zadus Turner, Sr., Lynn McDaniel, Sisters Frances More, Elwanda Oakes and Nancy Hayes, Alternate

### GENERAL BOARD

BEAVERTON - Elvada Markham

BELK - Dalton Gilpin

COOPER - Jimmy Sullins

DAVIS CHAPEL - None Listed

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Phillip Wise

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Jerry W. Harris

FRIENDSHIP - None Listed

LIBERTY - Lennie R. Dubose

LOVE JOY - Stoney Robertson

MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler

MT. PLEASANT - Glover Morton

MT. WILLING - Rev. Donald Kivette

NEW CENTER POINT - Wade Vann

PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson

SPRINGFIELD - Harold Goode

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.

Mt. Harmony

Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Willing

New Center Point

Piney Grove

Springfield

Sulligent

Taylor Springs

Union Chapel

Vernon

**COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1992****CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Rev. Don Taggart - 1993  
 Rev. M. Hl. Hollis - 1994  
 Rev. James Walden - 1995  
 Bro. Edsel Gideon - 1996  
 Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1997

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

Bro. Steve Butler  
 Bro. Mike McDaniel  
 Sis. Elwanda Oakes  
 Sis. Johnnie Ford

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Tony Clark  
 Sis. Martha Hall  
 Sis. Judy Gideon

**DECEASED MEMBERS  
COMMITTEE**

Bro. Paul Jordan  
 Sis. Odessa Ledlow  
 Bro. Bob Carter  
 Sis. Gera Bobo

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

Rev. Jason Hurt - 1993  
 Rev. Randy Wright - 1994  
 Rev. Kevin D. Taylor - 1995  
 Rev. Redus Hall - 1996  
 Rev. Brent Vickery - 1997

**Youth Camp Committee**

All pastors of the Vernon  
 Association

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Edward Puckett  
 Rev. John Reed  
 Bro. Raphael Yerby  
 Bro. Stoney Robertson  
 Bro. Phil Wheeler  
 Bro. Wade Vann  
 Bro. Tommie Robertson

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS**

Rev. Don Taggart - 1993  
 Bro. Lewis Hindman - 1994  
 Rev. Randy Wright - 1995

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
FOR 1993**

Rev. Don Taggart  
 Rev. John Reed  
 Rev. Steve Butler

**DIGEST COMMITTEE 1993**

Sis. Vina Walden  
 Sis. Frances Beasley  
 Bro. Dalton Gilpin  
 Sis. Nina Robertson

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

Bro. Quintan Boyett  
 Bro. Lloyd Carter  
 Sis. Jane Hindman  
 Sis. Barbara Hawkins

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Frankie Beasley  
 Bro. Jerry Porter  
 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 1,355 with 17 of the 19 churches reporting. Our average attendance was 80.

Our C.T.S. enrollment for the past year was 286 with just 6 of the 19 churches reporting. Our average attendance was 48.

We, as a committee, encourage all of our churches to support our Sunday School Program and especially our Church Training Service Programs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Butler, Chairman

## GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We, the General Board met on February 3, 1992, and submit the following report:

The General Board met along with the Executive Committee and made plans for the March 14 meeting and the October 17, 1992 meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association.

At the request of some of the Board of Directors of the youth camp, the General Board met again on May 26, 1992 for the purpose of electing someone to replace Bro. Scott Wright on the Youth Camp Board of Directors. Bro. Wright left our association to pastor a church in Amory, Mississippi. The General Board voted to elect Bro. Lewis Hindman from the Belk Free Will Baptist Church to fill out the unexpired term of Bro. Scott Wright on the Youth Camp Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Edward Puckett, Chairman

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee submit the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (8-31-92) is \$849.46. A Total of \$1,195.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$2,044.46. Our estimated expenses for the next year are \$1,400.00, leaving a projected balance of \$644.46 at the end of next year. All of our churches have turned in some dues for this year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tony D. Clark, Chairman



### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

James 1:22-25 says, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frankie Beasley, Chairman

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- I. Since our last annual meeting, we have received requests for letters from the following persons: Rev. Billy Barlow, going to Topeka, Kansas; Rev. Jeff Cole, going to the Southern Union Association of South Alabama; Rev. Scott Wright, going to the Northeast Mississippi Association; Rev. Ron Scott, going to the Jasper Association. We, the Credentials Committee, recommend the granting to these men letters of good standing from the Vernon Association. M.S.C.
- II. We have a request from the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church that Rev. Jerry Williams be received into the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. He brings a letter of good standing from the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists in Georgia. We have a request from the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church that Rev. Roy G. Plymon be received into the Vernon Association. He has a letter of good standing from the Mt. Moriah Association. We have a request from the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church that Rev. Kevin Taylor be received into the Vernon Association. We recommend the accepting of Rev. Taylor pending a letter of good standing from his former association. We recommend that these other ministers with their letters be received into the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. M.S.C.
- III. We have a request from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent asking that Bro. Jason Hurt be ordained as a minister of the Gospel at this meeting of the association. We have a request from the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church asking that Bro. Paul Eichwurtzle be ordained as a minister of the Gospel at this meeting of the association.

We recommend the ordaining of these two young men at this session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association.

- IV. We recommend that all ministers present today be given a card of good standing. M.S.C.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pascal Yerby, Chairman

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, The Appreciation Committee, make the following report:

We wish to thank the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon 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 have served this year.

We thank the Lord for all that has been accomplished, and we recommend that the congregation give the Vernon Church a rising vote of thanks for all they have done for us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lloyd Carter, 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 - None

DAVIS CHAPEL - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sister Addie Gilmore and Bro. Dan Crossley

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Sister Zella Black, Sister Glinder B. Perkins and Bro. Grafton Dubose

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Sister Linda Reeves, Sister Ophelia Williams, Sister Lena Crawford, Sister Evelyn Cole and Sister Annie Lou Robertson

MT. PLEASANT - Sister Lou Ella Cunningham

MT. WILLING - Sister Cola Shelnut, Rev. Delmus Miller and Sister Ida Crews

NEW CENTER POINT - Sister Mila Ray

PINEY GROVE - Bro. J. Mode Chaffin, Bro. Claude Fuller and Sister Ludell Finch

SPRINGFIELD - Sister Juanita Sue Downey

SULLIGENT - Bro. Lloyd Gilliland

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL - Bro. Murray A. Graves

VERNON - Bro. Titus Barnes and Bro. Mackie Carpenter

We recommend that the congregation stand and sing "Amazing Grace" and have prayer by Rev. James Walden in memory of these loved ones.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Jordan, Chairman

### VERNON DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The 14th Annual District Meeting of our auxiliary was held on March 5, 1992 at Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Sister Sue Plymon was our speaker. She used Titus 2:3-5 as her scripture. Her subject was "Teachers of Good Things".

#### Resolutions

1. Theme: The Grace of Giving

Scripture: Acts

Hymn: Something for thee

2. Encourage each auxiliary in the Vernon District to join the District Auxiliary.
3. That we continue to collect license plates and postage stamps for Richard Yerby
4. Each auxiliary have a project for the Children's Home
5. Our District have a project for our youth camp. Committee appointed: Terry Vickery, Chairman, Louise Shelnut, Lucy Wilson and Opal Sullins.
6. Strive to have 75% attendance from District to State Meetings
7. Encourage our ladies to give more to Co-Laborer offerings and WNAC General Fund
8. Encourage our ladies to give to Foreign Student Scholarship and Memorial Student Loan Fund
9. Committee be appointed to revise our constitution and by-laws by our 1993 convention in order to get them in agreement with our state constitution.

M.S.C. that the Executive Committee serve as the committee

Our mission banquet for January 18, 1992 was postponed due to snowy weather, but several people who had purchased tickets gave the value of their tickets to Bro. Hendrix. \$342.00 was sent to Bro. Hendrix.

Ten women attended the State Auxiliary Convention in Cordova in May. Five women from Springfield went to the National Retreat held at Ridgecrest in September. One woman represented our district at the National in July.

Respectfully Submitted,

### DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Digest Committee, make the following report:

#### STATISTICS:

Number of Churches (16 Rural, 3 City) .....	19
Full Time Pastors .....	18
Part Time Pastors .....	1
Tithes & Offerings (13 of 19 Churches Reporting) .....	\$495,141.72
Ordained Ministers .....	22
Licensed Ministers .....	2
Ordained Deacons .....	70
Churches with Day Care .....	0
Churches with Kindergarten .....	0
Churches with Sunday School .....	19
Sunday School Enrollment (18 Churches Reporting) .....	1,435
Baptisms .....	55
Members Added .....	117
Members Lost .....	55
Total Membership .....	2,670
Churches with Parsonages .....	7
Value of All Church Property Including Parsonages (14 Churches Reporting) .....	\$2,776,500.00
Churches with C.T.S. ....	7
C.T.S. Enrollment .....	336
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary .....	8
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment .....	132
Churches with Masters Men .....	4
Masters Men Enrollment .....	70
Churches with Budget .....	3
Churches without Budget .....	16

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vina Walden, Chairperson



CHURCH	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK'S ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Rev. Frederick Raymond Route 2, Box 717 Guin, AL 35563	468-2924	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 14693 Graham Rd. 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	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			Steve Butler Route 2, Box 74-P-1 Fayette, AL 35555
LOVEJOY	Rev. Redus Hall 50868 Wolf Road Caledonia, MS 39740	(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	Brenda Roberts Route 1 Guin, AL 35563
NEW CENTER POINT	Rev. Don Taggart Route 1, Box 158 Vernon, AL 35592	695-7546	Ruth Vann Route 2, Box 12 Sulligent, AL 35586
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, Box 197 Beaverton, AL 35544
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. Kevin D. Taylor Route 2 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

Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers
3	0	28	30	0	0	2
0	0	146	70	36	12	2
1	0	186	86	0	0	1
6	1	117	55	0	0	1
2	0	92	55	0	0	1
23	2	206	100	0	20	1
0	0	48	41	0	0	1
7	3	241	110	70	25	1
2	0	90	45	0	17	1
7	5	142	85	48	12	1
2	1	80	53	0	0	1
5	3	114	50	0	0	2
7	1	105	80	0	15	2
13	3	274	150	0	0	2
9	1	189	75	50	10	1
21	1	211	164	70	25	3
0	0	51	50	12	0	1
2	1	106	55	0	0	1
7	1	246	81	50	16	2

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FINANCES: October 1991 through September 1992

Balance Brought Forward, Oct. 1991 .....\$541.30

## INCOME:

Belk .....	\$ 541.94
Vernon .....	712.50
Ala. State Board of Missions .....	73.44
Junior Camp .....	3,835.76
Teen Camp .....	2,016.99
Valentine's Banquets .....	475.00
January '92 Youth Rally .....	43.81
Additional '91 Camp Fees .....	169.05
Walk-a-Thon Food Donations .....	<u>40.00</u>

TOTAL .....	\$7,818.49
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Total to Account For 1991 .....	\$8.359.79
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## YOUTH CAMP EXPENSES:

Food .....	2,170.55
Evangelists Honorariums .....	600.00
Misc. Expenses .....	54.75
Camp Fees .....	<u>1,954.55</u>
TOTAL CAMP EXPENSE .....	\$4,779.85

## VALENTINE'S BANQUETS:

Food .....	569.50
Speaker Honorariums .....	100.00
Miscellaneous .....	61.19
TOTAL .....	\$730.69

## OTHER EXPENSES:

Postage .....	40.66
Youth Rally Honorarium (Neil Gilliland) .....	165.00
Walk-A-Thon Food .....	131.46
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES .....	\$ 336.52

TOTAL EXPENSES .....	\$5,847.06
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Balance On Hand, Oct. 1, 1992 .....	\$ \$2,512.73
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## ADDITIONAL 1991 WALK-A-THON RECEIPTS:

Sulligent .....	\$ 327.05
1991 Walk-A-Thon Total	\$5,256.05

## 1992 Vernon Association Walk-A-Thon:

Belk .....	\$569.80
Cooper .....	70.00
Free Will Chapel .....	57.00
Mt. Harmony .....	359.05
Mt. Pleasant .....	80.00
Mt. Willing .....	548.50
New Center Point .....	451.00
Springfield .....	1,080.00
Sulligent .....	154.00
Union Chapel .....	442.00
Vernon .....	<u>244.00</u>
1992 Walk-A-Thon Total (To Date) .....	\$4,055.35

Respectfully Submitted  
Rev. Ronald Scott, Treasurer

## FINANCIAL REPORT

## TRINITY FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP

AUGUST 31, 1991 - AUGUST 31, 1992

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 4,026.90
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## RECEIPTS:

Jasper Association	\$10,193.52
Brilliant .....	\$ 444.00
Carbon Hill .....	100.00
Cedrom Grove .....	144.29
Free Water .....	230.00
First - Guin .....	400.00
Liberty .....	750.00
Mt. Olive .....	2,625.00
New Liberty .....	700.00
Pocahontas .....	1,995.00
Red Bay .....	1,036.26
Shady Grove .....	788.97
Union Hill .....	200.00
Winfield .....	760.00
Individual .....	20.00

<b>Progressive Association</b>		<b>\$ 4,151.73</b>
First - Fayette .....	\$ 1,749.21	
First - Jasper .....	452.44	
First - Northport .....	227.00	
First - Pleasant Grove .....	23.08	
South Highland .....	600.00	
Sulphur Springs .....	100.00	
Progressive Youth Camp Fund (Water Slide)	1,000.00	
<b>Vernon Association</b>		<b>\$ 6,396.96</b>
Belk .....	\$ 599.11	
Cooper .....	176.16	
First - Vernon .....	1,198.58	
Free Will Chapel .....	879.11	
Love Joy .....	100.00	
Mt. Harmony .....	275.00	
Mt. Willing .....	250.00	
New Center Point .....	726.00	
Piney Grove .....	1,100.00	
Springfield .....	675.00	
Taylor Springs .....	38.00	
Union Chapel .....	300.00	
Vernon Association .....	80.00	
<b>Other</b>		<b>\$ 11,666.87</b>
Camp Fees: Progressive Association ....	\$ 2,145.00	
Vernon Association .....	1,954.55	
Jasper Association (1991)...	1,280.00	
Red Bay Retreat .....	45.00	
Martin Reunion .....	200.00	
Calvary Baptist Retreat .....	673.00	
Free Water Retreat .....	60.00	
Spring Retreat .....	260.00	
Back-To-School Retreat .....	75.00	
Concessions .....	4,606.40	
Refund on Steaks .....	60.00	
Southeastern Offering .....	150.00	
Alabama Woman's Auxiliary .....	21.75	
Central Free Will Baptist .....	55.92	
First Free Will Baptist - Amory .....	20.00	
First - Ethelsville .....	10.25	
Individuals .....	50.00	
<b>Citizens' Bank Loan</b>		<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>		<b>\$44,435.98</b>



## EXPENDITURES:

Electric .....	\$ 4,173.24
Water .....	918.64
Telephone .....	1,186.67
Gas .....	289.21
Camp Insurance .....	2,956.00
Pest Control .....	150.00
Appreciation Supper, .....	687.53
Board Meetings, Etc. ....	353.49
Postage .....	106.00
Check Charge .....	37.99
Repair and Upkeep .....	2,473.18
Paper Products .....	2,145.54
Loan Payment .....	5,373.01
Mobile Home .....	500.00
Lifeguard .....	980.00
Central Heat & Air .....	14,420.00
Concessions .....	3,250.17
Southeastern FWB College - Designated Gift	150.00
Pool .....	928.43
Promotion .....	220.25
Water Slide .....	<u>1,249.26</u>

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b><u>\$42,548.91</u></b>
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<b>BALANCE IN BANK AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1992</b>	<b>\$1,887.07</b>
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**CENTRAL HEAT & AIR FOR DORMS  
DESIGNATED GIFTS**

<b>Jasper Association</b>	<b>\$ 4,658.00</b>
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Brilliant .....	159.00
Free Water .....	30.00
First - Guin .....	400.00
Liberty .....	525.00
Mt. Olive .....	1,425.00
New Liberty .....	700.00
Pocahontas .....	928.00
Red Bay .....	100.00
Shady Grove .....	171.00
Union Hill .....	200.00
Individual .....	20.00

<b>Progressive Association</b>		<b>\$ 1,266.45</b>
First - Fayette .....	134.45	
First - Jasper .....	205.00	
First - Northport .....	227.00	
South Highland .....	600.00	
Sulphur Springs .....	100.00	
<b>Vernon Association</b>		<b>\$ 2,335.41</b>
Belk .....	150.00	
First - Vernon .....	420.00	
Free Will Chapel .....	649.41	
Mt. Willing .....	250.00	
New Center Point .....	248.00	
Piney Grove .....	500.00	
Taylor Springs .....	38.00	
Vernon Association .....	80.00	
<b>Other</b>		<b>\$ 70.92</b>
Alabama State Woman's Auxiliary .....	10.00	
Central Free Will Baptist Church .....	55.92	
First - Amory .....	5.00	
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>\$ 8330.78</b>

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

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance On Hand - 9-01-91 ..... \$795.46

RECEIPTS:

Ala. F.W.B. Board of Missions ..... \$ 88.01

Offering Received at Oct. Association ..... 167.35

Thanksgiving Offering for Mike Rogers ..... 783.59

Offering at March Association ..... 160.25

Association Dues ..... 1,195.00

Total To Account For ..... \$ 3,189.66

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Don Taggart (Moderator) ..... \$ 50.00

Rev. David Hayes (Asst. Moderator) ..... 25.00

Rev. Mike Mounts, Guest Speaker ..... 100.00

Alabama State Association Dues ..... 570.00

Rev. Mike Rogers - For eye surgery ..... 783.59

Trinity F>W>B> Youth Camp ..... 80.00

Rev. Milton Gann, Medical expense ..... 80.25

Thumb Print (Printing Minutes) ..... 452.40

Postage and Supplies ..... 123.96

Raphael Yerby (Clerk) ..... 75.00

Total Expenditures ..... \$2,340.20

Balance on Hand 8-31-92 ..... \$ 849.46

Respectfully Submitted,  
Raphael H. Yerby, Treasurer

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 183, Vernon, Alabama 35592  
 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. James Walden, Route 1, Box 54, Kennedy, Alabama 35574  
 Rev. E. T. Sargent, Route 1, Box 36, Cordova, Alabama 35550  
 Rev. Redus Hall, 50868 Wolf Road, Caledonia, MS 39740  
 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. Brent Vickery, Route 2, Box 54, Sulligent, Alabama 35586  
 Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Route 1, Box 205, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848  
 Rev. Jerry Williams, P. O. Box 207, Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. Jason Hurt, Route 1, Box 44, Sulligent, AL 35586  
 Rev. Paul Eichwurtzle, P. O. Box 32, Guin, AL 35563  
 Rev. Roy G. Plymon, Route 2, Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. Kevin D. Taylor, Route 2, Vernon, AL 35592

### LIST OF DEACONS

BEAVERTON - Bros. Russell Cole and Bobby Dykes  
 BELK - Bros. Raphael Yerby, Dalton Gilpin, Grady Newman 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 M. 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, Jack Boman, Roy Guyton, Wayne Dubose, Willie Gene Perkins and Wayne Sorrells  
 LOVE JOY - Bros. Coy Robertson, Loyd Carter, Clayton Barnes, and Guary Taylor



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 and Danny Atkinson

SPRINGFIELD - Bros. Dewey Jordan, Paul Jordan, Tommie Rushing and  
Roy Ashby

SULLIGENT - Quinton Boyett, Luke Spruiell, Jessie Barnes, Jr., Milton  
Threadgill, Earnest Northington, Sammy Merchant, Sr., Ray Bir-  
mingham, 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, 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, Rev. T. C. Barnes and Rev. Delmus Miller.

#### NAMES OF DECEASED DEACONS

Brothers L. A. Crowder, S. Y. Shelton, J. H. Cole, Lee Mixon, J. S.  
Crossley, J. D. Shelnut, Earnest Robertson, D. L. Markham, Joe L. McNease,  
Johnny Williams, Johnny Collins, Dewitt Williams, J. G. Adair, Cullen  
Collins, John D. Moore, Sr., R. D. Franks, Hoytt Chaffin, Dempsey Langley,  
S. L. Cash, C. V. Hollis, M. E. Hollis, Raymond Gray, Arnold Hester, H. E.  
McDonald, Henry Harrison, Henry Perkins, Roy Gilreath, Jack McDonald,  
Belton Nelson, Clarence Birmingham, Carlos Bradford, Charlie Elliott,  
Emmit Shelnut, Junie Harper, Lloyd Turner, Johnny Pike, Jeff McDonald,  
Carlos Roberts, Reddin Mixon, David Barton, Odis Robertson, Obie Haney,  
Arlie Roberts, Richard Mansell, Haley Wright, Earl McDonald Aubrey  
Hall, J. M. Chaffin and Titus Barnes.

## 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.