

**ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with

**LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH**

1994 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 1994

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH SESSION

MODERATOR.....REV. JOHN H. REED

ASSISTANT MODERATORREV. M. H. HOLLIS

CLERK BRO. RAPHAEL H. YERBY

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with Davis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 18, 1995. Registration will begin at 9:30 A.M., and service will begin at 10:00 A.M. The annual session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 14, 1995, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and fourteenth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 15, 1994. Rev. John H. Reed served as moderator, Rev. M. H. Hollis served as assistant moderator and Bro. Raphael H. Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "Love Lifted Me", directed by Rev. Jason Hurt. The opening prayer was by Rev. M. H. Hollis. We had another song, "I Never Shall Forget That Day", by Bro. Hurt.

We were welcomed to the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association by the moderator, Rev. John H. Reed.

We were welcomed to the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church by the host pastor, Rev. Larry Monday.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. David Sanderson, Pastor of Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church. He used Nehemiah 2:17-18 as his Scripture text.

We had a report of Home Missions "Benjamin Randall Day" offering on November 20, 1994, by Raphael H. Yerby from Belk Free will Baptist Church.

We had a report of Foreign Missions by Rev. Fred Warner from the Foreign Missions Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

We had a short message by the moderator, Rev. John Reed. He used II Timothy 2:4 as his Scripture text.

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.

We had a report of the Digest Committee by Bro. Robert Carter, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

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 our association. Those present were Rev. Rick Cash, Rev. Malone Cobb, Rev. Fred Warner and the Drama Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Committee on Committees report was given by Rev. Jason Hurt, Chairman, and the various committees were appointed to report to this session of the association.

We had a report of the Vernon Association Board of Christian Education

by Rev. Kevin Taylor, Treasurer of the Board. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

The moderator called for a report of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. Rev. Rick Cash, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the camp shared a very interesting report of the activities of the camp for the past year, and also, some of the future plans and needs of the camp. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report as information.

We had a report of the Credentials Committee by Rev. M. H. Hollis, 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 delegated body.

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

We had a song, "Amazing Grace", directed by Bro. Hurt.

We enjoyed a very interesting presentation by the Drama Team from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

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

After recess and a time of fellowship we sang two songs, "A Shelter In The Time of Storm" and "A Child of The King" directed by Bro. Hurt.

We received an offering for our guest speaker. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Kevin Taylor. The amount of the offering received was \$159.38.

We had another song, "Standing on The Promises", directed by Bro. Hurt.

Just before the morning message, we had a special in song, "Hallelujah, Praise The Lamb", by Rev. Jason Hurt.

The keynote message was brought by Rev. Fred Warner, Director of Missionary-Church Relations of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department in Nashville, Tennessee. His subject was, "The Will of God." His Scripture text was taken from Ephesians 5:17 and Acts 13:1, 2. Prayer was by the speaker.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious lunch and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened back in session at 1:00 P.M. with a song, "His Grace Is Sufficient", by Bro. Hurt. Prayer was by Rev. Roy Plymon.

At this time, we had an Ordination Service. Bro. Aubrey Gibson, Pastor of Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church and Bro. Kevin Stacey of the First

Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent were both ordained to preach the Gospel.

Rev. James Walden brought the ordination message, using II Timothy 4:5 as his Scripture. Prayer was by the speaker. The Ordination charge was given by Rev. Edward Puckett. He used II Timothy 4:1-3 as his Scripture. The Ordination prayer was given by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

We had a song, "Heaven's Jubilee", directed by Bro. Hurt.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Bro. Aubrey Gibson. His Scripture text was John 3:16. Prayer was by the speaker.

The Deceased Members Committee report was given by Bro. Loyd Carter, Chairman. After the report, the moderator asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these loved ones.

We had a report of the Temperance Committee by Sister Gera Mae Bobo, Chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

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

The Appreciation Committee report was given by Sister Bonnie Williams, Chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and to give the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of our appreciation for their wonderful hospitality.

The Finance Committee report was given by Sister Betty Gray, Chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The moderator appointed two people to serve on the Credentials Committee. Rev. Edward Puckett was appointed to serve a five (5) year term on the Credentials Committee. Rev. Jerry Williams was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. Brent Vickery.

We elected two (2) members to serve on the Trinity Youth Camp Board of Directors. Bro. Lewis Hindman was elected to serve a three (3) year term on this board. Bro. Steve Butler was elected to serve the unexpired term of Rev. Brent Vickery.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Committees for the next associational year. Rev. Don Taggart, Rev. David Hayes and Rev. E. T. Sargent were appointed.

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

Bro. Clyde Motes
Sister Eldridge Motes
Sister Elwanda Oakes
Sister Sue Yerby

Sister Bonnie Williams
Sister Dorthy Hollis
Sister Sue Plymon

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 First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent on Tuesday night, November 22, 1994, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The committee appointed was Rev. Edward Puckett, Rev. M. H. Hollis and Rev. Roy Plymon.

A place was chosen for the next two (2) meetings of the Vernon free Will Baptist Association. Davis Chapel and Springfield both requested the March meeting. The body voted to hold the March meeting at the Davis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 1995. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M., and the service will begin at 10:00 A.M. The Springfield Church then invited the Association to meet with them in October. The body voted to hold the annual association meeting at the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14, 1995, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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

Nomination was opened for moderator of the association. Rev. Don Taggart was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as moderator.

Nomination was opened for assistant moderator. Rev. Edward Puckett was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as assistant moderator.

The moderator called for any announcements. After the announcements, 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 116 people who registered for this session of the association. They were as follows:

Ministers	21	Delegates	62
Deacons	13	Visitors	20
Ministers that registered			
Rev. James Walden		Rev. Donald Kivette	
Rev. E. T. Sargent		Rev. Lloyd Vail	
Rev. Larry Monday		Rev. C. C. Berryhill	
Rev. John Powell		Rev. Randy Wright	
Rev. Jason Hurt		Rev. Kevin D. Taylor	
Rev. Edward Puckett		Rev. Lloyd George	
Rev. David Sanderson		Rev. M. H. Hollis	
Rev. Jerry Williams		Rev. Roy Plymon	
Rev. Don Taggart		Rev. Aubrey Gibson	
Rev. John Reed		Rev. Kevin Stacey	
Rev. W. David Hayes			

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, March 1994

The semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on Saturday, March 19, 1994, with the Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. John Reed served as moderator.

The meeting was opened with a song "Revive Us Again", directed by Rev. Randy Wright. We had another song, "The Lily of the Valley". The opening prayer was by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

The moderator recognized all preachers in attendance at this session and recognized each church and all members from each church.

We had a special in song, "He Is All I Need", by Bro. Michael Garrison from the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Grant Webb of the Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church. His subject was "Be Ye Steadfast." He used I Corinthians 15:54-58 as his Scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

Bro. Paul Jordan spoke for a few minutes on behalf of the Gideons and setting a date for a Gideon Sunday in the Vernon Association.

Bro. Larry Monday spoke about the C.T.S. Youth Competition and

a meeting at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church on April 16, 1994.

The moderator announced that April is Foreign Missions Month and April 24 would be a special "Foreign Missions Sunday" and encouraged all to do something for Foreign Missions on that Sunday.

We were dismissed for a short recess. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Redus Hall.

After recess, we had a song, "Living by Faith", directed by Rev. Randy Wright. Prayer was by Rev. Tim Sizemore. We had another song, "At the Cross" directed by Bro. Wright. We received an offering to go to Rev. Fred Jones, missionary to Prattville, Alabama.

Just before the morning message we had a special in song, "The Middle Man", by Bro. Michael Garrison.

The 11:00 A.M. message was brought by Rev. Larry Monday, Pastor of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. His subject was "His Eyes Are on You." He used Luke 22:54-63 as his Scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

We had a closing song, "I Want To Be A Worker", directed by Bro. Wright.

We were dismissed from this session of the association and for the noon meal. We were served a delicious meal by the Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church. The dismissal prayer and the blessing of the food was by Rev. Edward Puckett, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES LISTED

BEAVERTON- Sisters Emma Harris, Sharon Cantrell and Bro. Harrell Cantrell

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

COOPER - Sisters Annette Lamb, Gail Rye, Evelyn Sandlin, Willer Dean Spradlin, Lena Mae Rye and Bro. Robert Kelley

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sisters Lorene Pike, Leon Scrivner, Leland Fulmer, Jessmer Nelson, Betty Gray and Bro. Leland Fulmer

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sisters Faye Blaylock, Sandy Barnes, Mary Wise, Ruby Graham and Bros. Clovis Blaylock and Jerry Barnes

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sisters Judy Gideon, Liz Mays, Jewel Otts and Bro. David Gunnels

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Lura Moore

LIBERTY - Bros. Steve Butler, Barksdale Higgins, Bill Burnette, Sisters Eula Mae Dubose, Elfrieda Monday, Carol Dubose, Ruby Nell Higgins and Ora Seay Burnette

LOVE JOY - Sisters Melinda Sanderson, Nina Robertson, Sandra Sorrells, Lura Carter, Bros. J. R. Coley and Gary Sorrells

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Delane Robertson, Frances Beasley, Vina Walden, Kay Hildreth and Betty Harrison

MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Mary Merchant, Pearlie Allen and Mary Parker

MT. WILLING - Sisters Dorothy Rye, Audra Flynn, Bros. Roger Rye and Lucion Flynn

NEW CENTER POINT - Bros. Wade Van, Dennis Tate, Sisters Ordie Mae Vann, Theresa Taggart, Mittie Tate and Mildred Tate

PINEY GROVE - Bros. Grant Webb, W. D. Stripling, Sisters Martha Stripling and Gera Mae Bobo

SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Dean Rushing, Hazel Ashby, Bonnie Williams and Bro. Richard Johnson

SILLIGENT - Bros. Bob Carter, Matt Crosby, Troy Kelley, Sisters Sandra Carter, Polly Mixon, Patsy Puckett, Etna Clark, Una Kelley and Grace Turman

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

UNION CHAPEL - Bros. Chris Matthews, Nobel Christian, Sisters Beatrice Christian, Lois Simmons and Frances Christian

VERNON - Bro. Clyde Motes, Mike McDaniel, Edd Caine Dubose, Sisters Gloria Christian, Frances Moore, Lou Ella Knight, Jean Dubose, Elwanda Oakes and Eldridge Motes.

GENERAL BOARD

BEAVERTON - Elvada Markham

BELK - Dalton Gilpin

COOPER - Edward Finch

DAVIS CHAPEL - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Jerry Barnes

FREE WILL CHAPEL - David Gunnels

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Max Cunningham

LOVE JOY - Heath Yielding

MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler

MT. PLEASANT - Jim Corbell

MT. WILLING - None

NEW CENTER POINT - Wade Vann
PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson
SPRINGFIELD - None
SULLIGENT - Quinton Boyette

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Steve Spencer
UNION CHAPEL - Jessie Yerby
VERNON - Ed Cain Dubose

COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1994

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. James Walden - 1995
Bro. Edsel Gideon - 1996
Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1997
Rev. Jerry Williams - 1998
Rev. Edward Puckett - 1999

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. COMMITTEE

Bro. Edd Cain Dubose
Bro. Richard Johnson
Bro. Roger Rye
Sis. Gail Rye

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Stoney Robertson
Bro. Lucion Flynn
Sis. Betty Gray

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

Sis. Joyce Hardy
Bro. Jim Northington
Bro. Clovis Blaylock
Bro. Loyd Carter

DIGEST COMMITTEE 1995

Bro. Steve Butler
Bro. Bob Carter
Bro. Bill Burnett
Sis. Vina Walden

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Sis. Sue Yerby
Sis. Bonnie Williams
Sis. Laura Carter
Sis. Eula Mae Dubose

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Aubrey Gibson - 1995
Rev. Roy Plymon - 1996
Rev. David Sanderson - 1997
Rev. Jason Hurt - 1998
Rev. Larry Monday - 1999

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

All Pastors of the Vernon Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Don Taggart
Rev. Edward Puckett
Bro. Raphael Yerby
Bro. Phil Wheeler
Bro. Wade Vann
Rev. Jerry Williams
Bro. Edd Cain Dubose

YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. Randy Wright - 1995
Bro. Steve Butler - 1996
Bro. Lewis Hindman - 1997

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Edsel Gideon
Sis. Gera Mae Bobo
Bro. Clyde Motes

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FOR 1995

Rev. Don Taggart
Rev. David Hayes
Rev. E. T. Sargent

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 1,171 with 19 churches reporting with an average attendance of 62. This shows a loss of 13 in average attendance for this year. In 1974 our Sunday School enrollment was 1,092. This shows an increase of 79 in enrollment in 20 years or about an average of 4 per year gain.

Our C.T.S. enrollment for this past year, 1994, was 201 with 3 churches reporting of having a C.T.S. program. In 1993, we had an enrollment of 291 with 6 churches reporting. Our average attendance in 1993 was 49 and our average attendance in 1994 was 67.

We, as a committee, encourage all of our churches to support our Sunday School and C.T.S. programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Rye, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (8-31-94) is \$621.84. A total of \$1,390.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$2,011.84. Our estimated expense for the next year is approximately \$1,800.00, leaving a projected balance of \$211.84 at the end of next year. Eighteen (18) of our churches turned in some dues for this year, leaving one (1) church not sending any dues this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Gray, Chairperson

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

I. We recommend that we grant a letter of good standing for Rev. Redus Hall to the Mt. Moriah Association and a letter of good standing for Rev. Tim Sizemore to the West Tennessee Association.

II. We recommend the accepting of Rev. Roy G. Plymon in good standing pastoring the Free Will Chapel Church. We have a letter of good standing and recommendation from the Mt. Moriah Association for Bro. Plymon.

III. We have a letter from the Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church requesting that Bro. Aubrey Gibson be ordained to preach. We have a letter

from the Firstt FreeWill Baptist Church of Sulligent requesting that Bro. Kevin Stacey be ordained to preach. We recommend the ordination of Bro. Aubrey Gibson and Bro. Kevin Stacey to preach the Gospel at this session of the Vernon Association.

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

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

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Committte on Temperance submit the following report:

Galatians 5:22-23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law."

Respectfully submitted,
Gera Mae Bobo, Chairperson

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, make the following report:

We would like to thank the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church and their pastor for hosting the annual association, for the wonderful meal and sweet fellowship that was enjoyed by all. Also, the musicians and song director added much to the service. The inspirational presentation of the Drama Team was very thought provoking. The devotions and message were challenging. We thank the officers and committees that have served this year.

We recommend the congregation give a rising vote of thanks to the Liberty Church for a great day.

Respectfully submitted
Sue Yerby, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

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

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

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - None

COOPER - Sister Ruby Finch, Bro. Robert Peoples, Bro. Melton Carter and Sister Willma Lewis

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sister Lula Taylor

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sister Evie Merchant and Bro. Junior Hudgins

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Sister Ollie Mae Hankins, Sister Geraldine Selman, Bro. Ferd Allen and Bro. Cager Perkins

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Sister Ellie Huguley, Sister Floy Taggart and Sister Lillie Wright

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - Sister Annie Bell Shelnut Berryhill, Sister Lillie Lee, Sister Ila Shelnut and Bro. Verel Markham

NEW CENTER POINT - None

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Forest Marshall and Bro. Arlander Shelnut

SPRINGFIELD - Bro. Pearson Hollis and Sister Shirley Ruth Lucas

SULLIGENT - Bro. Danny Robinson, Bro. Billy Turman, Bro. Frank Gibson and Bro. Ed McCool

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL - Bro. Jimmy Parker, Bro. Claudis Collins and Sister Lois Yerby

VERNON - Bro. Russell Hudson

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Carter, Chairperson

VERNON DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Vernon District Woman's Auxiliary consists of three local auxiliaries with 30 members on roll.

The 16th annual district meeting was held at the Vernon First Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday night, March 3, 1994. Sister Icy Mae Frederick, missionary to Haiti was our guest speaker. A love offering of \$302.00 was given to Sister Frederick at this meeting. Our annual report showed that we, as a district, gave to several causes during the year. Total disbursements for the year were \$4,362.42. Of this amount, \$2,045.00 was given to missions.

The Vernon District hosted the Alabama State Auxiliary Convention on Saturday, May 7, 1994, at the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. Sister Pat Franks, missionary to Brazil, was our guest speaker. Around 120 auxiliaries members and visitors from all over the state attended this meeting.

Eight ladies from our district attended the National Retreat held at Ridgecrest, N.C., on September 15-17, 1994. The theme of the retreat was "Back to Basics, Prayer and Bible Study."

Plans are being made for our State Retreat to be held in September of 1995 at Shocco Springs Conference Center near Talladega, Alabama. We invite all ladies to make plans to attend this retreat.

We praise the Lord for what we were able to accomplish for Him working together as a district even though we are few in number.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Dubose, District President

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Digest Committee, make the following report:

STATISTICS:

Number of churches (Rural 16, City 3)	19
Full-time Pastors	13
Part-time Pastors	4
Tithes and offerings (14 churches reporting)	\$532,325.07
Ordained Ministers	25
Licensed Ministers	14
Ordained Deacons	60
Churches with Day Care	0
Churches with Kindergarten	0
Churches with Sunday School	19
Sunday School Enrollment	1171
Baptisms	38
Members Added	86
Members Lost	41
Total Membership	2,586
Churches with Parsonage	7
Churches with Budgets	2
Value of all church property including parsonage (12 churches)	\$2,490,000.00
Churches reporting to Association	19
Churches with C.T.S.	3
C.T.S. Enrollment	201
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary	8
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment	99
Churches with Masters Men	3
Master's Men Enrollment	32

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Bob Carter, Chairperson

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK'S ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Rev. Frederick Raymond Route 2, Box 717 Guin, AL 35563	468-2924	Mrs. Sharon Cantrell 3105 Mt. Hebron Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544
BELK	Rev. Larry Reynolds P. O. Box 31 Belk, AL 35545	932-3144	Mrs. Jane Hindman Route 5, Box 232 Fayette, AL 35555
COOPER	Rev. Buddy Henry Route 1, Box 255 Detroit, AL 35552	921-2440	Mrs. Willey Dean Spratlin Route 1, Box 380 Hamilton, AL 35570
DAVIS CHAPEL	Rev. E. T. Sargent Route 1, Box 36 Cordova, AL 35550	483-7962	Mrs. Louise Cannon 14693 Graham Rd. Berry, AL 35546
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Rev. Fred Graham P.O. Box 435 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9631	Mr. Gene Wise P.O. Box 132 Gatman, MS 38844
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Rev. Roy G. Plymon 5187 Buck Jackson Rd. Sulligent, AL 35586	695-6119	Mrs. Lenora Elliott 1905 Wofford Rd. Vernon, AL 35592
FRIENDSHIP	Rev. James C. Newell 708 Sailor Cemetery Rd. Vernon, AL 35592	695-6101	Mrs. Lura Moore 87 Wheat Road Millport, AL 35576
LIBERTY	Rev. Larry Monday Route 2, Box 200 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9400	Mr. Steve Butler Route 2, Box 74-P-1 Fayette, AL 35555
LOVE JOY	Rev. David Sanderson Route 2, Box 100 Hackleburg, AL 35564	935-8309	Mrs. Linda Barnes Route 1, Box 370 Guin, AL 35563
MT. HARMONY	Rev. James Walden 5370 Cody Road Kennedy, AL 35574	596-3167	Mr. Erbie Robertson 40587, Hwy. 17 Vernon, AL 35592
MT. PLEASANT	Rev. M. H. Hollis P. O. Box 183 Vernon, AL 35592	695-7736	Mrs. Sarah Hopper 662 Manley Road Vernon, AL 35592
MT. WILLING	Rev. Aubrey Gibson P.O. Box 214 Vernon, AL 35592	695-7255	Mrs. Cathy Burleson P. O. Box 86 Guin, AL 35563
NEW CENTER POINT	Rev. Don Taggart Route 1, Box 158 Vernon, AL 35592	695-7546	Mrs. Ruth Vann 187 Waterworks Road. Sulligent, AL 35586
PINEY GROVE	Rev. Randy Wright P. O. Box 4 Guin, AL 35563	468-3740	Mrs. Jackie Atkinson P.O. Box 563 Winfield, AL 35594
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. Jerry Williams 532 West Wood Rd. Vernon, AL 35592	695-6939	Mr. Roy Ashby 1561 Austin Rd., N.W. Vernon, AL 35592
SULLIGENT	Rev. Edward Puckett Route 2, Box 9 Sulligent, AL 35586	698-8177	Mrs. Brenda Lucas Route 1, Box 19 Beaverton, AL 35544
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C.C. Berryhill 60324 Sipsey Ford Rd. Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	(601)256-8225	Mr. J. C. Young 1501 Taylor Springs Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. Malone J. Cobb 16726 County Road 49 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6693	Mr. James E. Maddox 527 Crossville Loop Vernon, AL 35592
VERNON	Rev. William David Hayes P.O. Box 1211 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9730	Miss Elwanda Oakes P. O. Box 351 Vernon, AL 35592

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers
2	0	48	28	0	0	2
0	0	145	83	0	9	2
3	4	206	60	0	0	1
11	1	103	45	0	0	1
4	0	95	55	0	0	1
3	2	213	72	0	15	1
0	0	48	11	0	0	1
3	4	238	90	60	15	1
5	0	93	48	0	13	1
7	3	147	80	0	10	1
1	0	80	30	0	0	1
5	4	120	53	0	0	2
1	0	107	75	0	15	2
13	2	146	93	0	0	2
1	2	166	75	50	10	1
25	4	229	194	50	0	2
0	0	51	47	0	0	1
0	3	106	50	0	0	1
2	1	245	76	41	12	2

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

October 1993 through September 1994

Balance Brought Forward - October 1993

\$2,421.22

DEPOSITS:

12-18-93	\$ 185.59
12-20-93	54.52
1-22-94	93.72
3-15-94	128.35
6-06-94	1,046.57
6-06-94	673.00
7-08-94	<u>1,282.06</u>

TOTAL

\$3,463.81

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR

\$5,885.03

EXPENSES:

C.T.S. Competition	\$ 825.90
Youth Camp	3,549.40
Misc. Expenses	12.48
FWBBC	<u>200.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$4,587.78

4,587.78

1,297.25

202.83

BALANCE ON HAND October 1, 1994

\$1,500.08

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Taylor, Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met on January 24, 1994 to make plans for our association meetings. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Donald Kivette

For the spring meeting in March, the committee voted to ask Bro. Grant Webb to have the morning devotion and Rev. Larry Monday to preach the morning message. We voted to ask Rev. Randy Wright to be in charge of the music for this meeting. We voted to receive an offering for Rev. Fred Jones, missionary to Prattville, Alabama.

For the annual business meeting in October, we voted to ask Rev. David Sanderson to have the morning devotion and Bro. Aubrey Gibson to have the afternoon devotion. We voted to invite Rev. Fred Warner from Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions to preach the morning message. Bro. Jason Hurt will be asked to be in charge of the music. We voted to receive an offering and give our guest speaker \$200.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. John Reed, Chairman

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand 9-1-93		\$878.83
RECEIPTS:		
Ala. F.W.B. Board of Missions	\$ 111.72	
Offering at October Association Meeting	178.46	
Offering at March meeting (For Rev. Fred Jones)	100.00	
Association Dues	<u>1,385.00</u>	
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$2,654.01
EXPENDITURES:		
Rev. Edward Puckett, Moderator	\$ 50.00	
Rev. John Reed, Asst. Moderator	25.00	
Dr. John Edward, Guest Speaker	200.00	
Ala. State Association Dues	950.00	
Ala. Board of Missions, Rev. Jones	100.00	
Thumb Print, (Printing Minutes)	452.40	
Vernon Assn. C.E. Board	35.53	
Postage and Supplies	144.24	
Raphael Yerby, Clerk	75.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,032.17	\$2,032.17
Balance On Hand 8-31-94		\$ 621.84

Respectfully Submitted,
Raphael H. Yerby, Treasurer

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 183, Vernon, AL 35592
 Rev. Fred Graham, P. O. Box 435, Vernon, AL 35592
 Rev. Edward Puckett, Route 2, Box 9, Sulligent, AL 35586
 Rev. Donald Taggart, Route 1, Box 158, Vernon, AL 35592
 Rev. Lloyd W. Vail, P. O. Box 535, Vernon, AL 35592
 Rev. Lloyd George, 827 Cannon Trace, Columbus, MS 39702
 Rev. William David Hayes, P. O. Box 1211, Vernon, AL 35592
 Rev. James Walden, 5370 Cody Road, Kennedy, AL 35574
 Rev. Donald Kivette, Route 2, Box 217, Guin, AL 35563
 Rev. John Reed, 21137 Old Jasper Road, Northport, AL 35476
 Rev. Randy Wright, P. O. Box 4, Guin, AL 35563
 Rev. John Powell, 2137 Freeman Road, Caledonia, MS 39740
 Rev. C. C. Berryhill, 60324 Sipsev Fork Road, Greenwood Springs, MS
 38848
 Rev. Jerry Wiliams, 532 West Wood Road, Vernon, AL 35592
 Rev. Jason Hurt, Route 1, Box 44, Sulligent, AL 35586
 Rev. Kevin D. Taylor, P. O. Box 631, Fayette AL 35555
 Rev. Paul Eichwurtzle, P. O. Box 32, Guin, AL 35563
 Rev. E. T. Sargent, Route 1, Box 36, Cordova, AL 35550
 Rev. Larry Monday, Route 2, Box 200, Vernon, AL 35592
 Rev. David Sanderson, Route 2, Box 100., Hackleburg, AL 35564
 Rev. Roy G. Plymon, 5187 Buck Jackson Road, Sulligent, AL 35586
 Rev. Aubrey C. Gibson, P. O. Box 214, Vernon, AL 35592
 Rev. Kevin Stacey, Nashville, Tenn.

LIST OF DEACONS

BEAVERTON - Bros. Russell Cole and Bobby Dykes
 BELK - Bros. Raphael Yerby, Dalton Gilpin, and Lewis Hindman
 COOPER - Bros. Burley Finch, Gordie Rye and Hershel Rye
 DAVIS CHAPEL - None
 DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Bros. Kelley Easter, Joe M. Easter, J. C. Cantrell,
 Phillip Wise and Gene Wise

- FREE WILL CHAPEL** - Bros. Edsel Gideon, Daniel Franks. Tommy Otts, Jerry Mays, and Youell Cantrell
- 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. Oveat Graham, Erbie Robertson, L. C. Steedley, Coy Johnson and Frankie Beasley
- MT. PLEASANT** - None
- MT. WILLING** - Bros. Elzie Guin and Emmit Lee
- NEW CENTER POINT** - Bros. Kenny Ford. L.C.. Scott, Bobby Puckett and Wayne Puckett
- PINEY GROVE** - Bros. Tommie Robertson and Danny Atkinson
- SPRINGFIELD** - Bros. Dewey Jordan, Paul Jordan, Tommie Rushing and Roy Ashby
- SULLIGENT** - Bros. Quinton Boyett, Luke Spruill, Jessie Barnes, Jr., Milton Threadgill, Earnest Northington, Sammy Merchant, Ray Birmingham, Frank Mixon, Charles Crosby and Hezzie Harrison
- TAYLOR SPRINGS** - Bros. Stanley Cooper, Steve Spencer and Harold Smith
- 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. Roberson, 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 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, J. 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, Redden Mixon, David Barton, Odis Robertson, Obie Haney, Arlie Roberts, Richard Mansell, Haley Wright, Earl McDonald, Aubrey Hall, J. M. Chaffin, Titus Barnes and Olen Wheeler

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.