

**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH  
SESSION**

**of the**

**VERNON FREE WILL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**held with**

**BELK FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

**1996 Minutes**

**OFFICERS FOR 1996  
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH SESSION**

MODERATOR ..... REV. DONALD TAGGART  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR ..... REV. EDWARD PUCKETT  
CLERK ..... BRO. RAPHAEL H. YERBY

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 15, 1997. 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 First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent on Saturday, October 18, 1997, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and sixteenth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with the Belk Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 19, 1996. Rev. Donald Taggart served as moderator, Rev. Edward Puckett served as assistant moderator and Bro. Raphael H. Yerby served as clerk.

The meeting opened with a song, "Revive Us Again", directed by Rev. Randy Wright. The opening prayer was by Rev. Rick Powers. We had another song, "Victory in Jesus", by Bro. Wright.

We were welcomed to the Belk Free Will Baptist Church by the host pastor, Rev. Larry Reynolds. The response was given by Rev. Mike Dankson. We had another song, "O How I Love Jesus", by Bro. Wright

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Clark Ryman of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent.. He used Second Corrinthians 6:17, Mark 6:31 and Psalms 33:1 as his scripture text.

The moderator's message and welcome to the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was by Rev. Don Taggart. He used Psalms 46:7 as his scripture.

The Digest Committee report was given by Bro. Harold Goode. 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. We had a letter from the Splunge Free Will Baptist Church petitioniing the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association for membership in the association. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the Splunge Free Will Baptist Church into the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. We also had a motion, second and vote to seat the delegates from the Splunge Church.

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. Charles Fowler and Rev. Edward Puckett.

The Committee on Committees report was given by Rev. M. H. Hollis, Chairman, and the various committees were appointed to report to this session of the association. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report. At this time, the moderator appointed a Committee on Committees for the 1997 session of the association. (See List.)

The moderator called for the report of the Vernon Association Board of Christian Education. The report was given by Rev. Rick Powers, Chairman of the board. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

The moderator recognized Rev. Rick Cash, director of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp and asked him to give us a report of the camp activities for the past year. Brother Cash shared a very interesting report of the accomplishments of the camp for this past year. He also reported some of the improvements and needs of the camp. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report as information.

We had a partial report of the Credentials Committee by Rev. Jerry Williams. We had a 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 of Women Active For Christ report was given by Sister Bonnie Williams. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

The moderator reported that on "Gideon Sunday" in September, eleven (11) churches in our association had Gideon speakers that Sunday and gave a total offering of \$2,888.00 to the Gideons to purchase Bibles.

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

After recess we had a song, "The Lily of the Valley" by Bro. Wright. We received an offering. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Buddy Henry. The amount of the offering was \$131.10.

We had special singing by Evidence Singers from the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. They rendered four (4) inspiring songs for us.

The 11:00 A.M. message was brought by Rev. Danny Williams, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Winfield. The moderator, Rev. Don Taggart, introduced the speaker. Bro. Williams used Psalm 23 and Exodus 15:27 as his scripture text. The title of his message was "An Oasis". Prayer was by the speaker.

After an inspiring message, we were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer and blessing of the food was by Rev. Roy Plymon.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

After a delicious lunch and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened back in session at 1:00 P.M. with two songs, "I Am Thine, O Lord" and "Higher Ground", directed by Bro. Wright. Prayer was by Rev. John Powell

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Bill Duncan, Pastor of Depriest Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

The Temperance Committee report was an oral report by Bro. Bob Carter, Chairman. He used Galatians 5:22 and Philippians 4:8 as his report. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The Deceased Members Committee report was given by Sister Vina Walden, Chairperson. We had a motion and second to have a moment of silent prayer in memory of these loved ones.

The Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee report was given by Sister Bonnie Williams, Chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

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

The Appreciation Committee report was given by the moderator, Rev. Don Taggart. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and to give the Belk Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of our appreciation for their fine hospitality for this session of the association.

At this time, we had an Ordination Service. Bro. Jerry Barnes of the Depriest Chapel Free Will Baptist Church was ordained to preach the Gospel. The ordination message was preached by Rev. James Walden, Pastor of the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. He used First Timothy 4:1-16 as his scripture text. The ordination charge was given by Rev. Bill Duncan, using First Timothy 3:1-7 as his scripture. The ordination prayer was by Rev. Jerry Williams.

We had a final report of the Credential Committee by Rev. Jerry Williams. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

The moderator appointed two people to serve on the Credential Committee. Rev. M. H. Hollis was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. Edward Puckett, and Bro. Edsel Gideon was appointed to serve a five year term.

We elected two (2) members to the Board of Christian Education. Bro. Mike McDaniel was elected to serve a five (5) year term on the Board, and Rev. Larry Reynolds was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. David Sanderson.

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

Sister Elwanda Oakes  
 Sister Bonnie Williams  
 Sister Sue Yerby  
 Sister Rachel Barber

Sister Dorthy Hollis  
 Sister Eldridge Motes  
 Bro. Clyde Motes

We selected a place for the Thanksgiving Service. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon invited us to meet with them for the association Thanksgiving service. The pastor and the church volunteered to make all the plans and secure a speaker for the service. The Thanksgiving service will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon on Tuesday night, November 26, 1996, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

A place was chosen for the next two (2) meetings of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church requested the March meeting. The body voted to accept the invitation and hold the March meeting at the New Center Point Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 15, 1997. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M., and the service will begin at 10:00 A.M. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent then asked to host the October meeting. The body voted to hold the annual association meeting at the Sulligent Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18, 1997, 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. Jerry Williams and Rev. Randy Wright were nominated for moderator. The body elected Rev. Randy Wright to serve as moderator of the association.

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

The moderator called for any announcements. After a few 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. Randy Wright.

The meeting was adjourned.

There were a total of 118 people who registered for this session of the association. They were as follows:

Ministers	20	Delegates	60
Deacons	14	Visitors	24

### Ministers that registered

Rev. Mike Dankson	Rev. C. C. Berryhill
Rev. Jerry Williams	Rev. Charles Fowler
Rev. David Sanderson	Rev. James Walden
Dr. Floyd Barber	Rev. Rick Cash
Rev. Clark Ryman	Rev. Rick Powers
Rev. Bill Duncan	Rev. Roy Plymon
Rev. Jerry Barnes	Rev. John Powell
Rev. Randy Wright	Rev. Larry Reynolds
Rev. M. H. Hollis	Rev. Edward Puckett
Rev. Buddy Henry	Bro. Dale Ford

### SEMIANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1996

The semiannual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on Saturday, March 16, 1996, with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon. Rev. Don Taggart served as moderator.

The meeting was opened with a song "This Is My Father's World" directed by Bro. Mike McDaniel. The opening prayer was by Rev. Bill Duncan.

We were welcomed to this session of the association by the moderator, Rev. Don Taggart. Bro. Taggart also recognized all preachers present at this meeting.

We had two (2) more congregational songs, "O How I Love Jesus" and "The Family of God", directed by Bro. McDaniel. We had a special in song by Rev. and Mrs. Roy Plymon from Free Will Chapel Church, "What A Day That Will Be".

We were welcomed to the Vernon Church by Rev. Mike Dankson, host pastor.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Mike Dankson, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon. He used Joshua 1:1-9 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

Rev. Rick Cash gave us an interesting report on the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp and on the Alabama State Home Missions. He reported that Rev. Dennis Haygood was going to South Huntsville, Alabama to start a mission work there. He also reminded us that March 31, 1996, would be "Roll Call Sunday".

We were dismissed by the moderator for a short recess.

After recess, we had two congregational songs, "The Way of The Cross Leads Home" and "O Come, Angel Band", directed by Bro. McDaniel

We had two specials in song, one by Bro. and Sister McDaniel, "Do You Know Him?" and one by Sister McDaniel, "Till the Storm Passes By".

We received an offering for the Vernon Association C.E. Board. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Edward Puckett. The amount of the offering was \$158.81.

Just before the morning message we had a special in song, by Sister Duncan, "What Would I Do Without Jesus?".

The 11:00 A.M. message was brought by Rev. Rick Powers, Pastor of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. He used Romans 1:13-17 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker. After the message, we had a hymn of invitation, "Nothing Between".

We were dismissed from this session of the Vernon Association and for the noon meal. We were served a delicious meal by the Vernon Church. The dismissal prayer and the blessing of the food was by Rev. M. H. Hollis, Pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES LISTED

BEAVERTON- Sisters Benita Stanford, Bonnie Bailey and Bro. David Trentelman.

BELK- Bro. Laren Williams, Sisters Dee Williams, Sue Yerby, Cindy Byars, Bro. Ed Knight, Sisters Jane Hindman, Alternate and Ora Mae Overton, Alternate

COOPER - Sisters Evelyn Sandlin, Gail Rye, Willa Dean Miles, Bro. Robert Kelley and Mike Kelley

DAVIS CHAPEL - Bros. Orvall Woodham, Bill Lunceford, Sisters Lorene Pike and Betty Gray

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sisters Fay Wise, Mary Wise, Virginia Duncan and Sheila Irvin

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sisters Judy Gideon, Dorthy Gideon, Georgia Lee Hall and Bro. Dwain Cantrell, Alternate

FRIENDSHIP - Sister Lura Moore

LIBERTY - Sisters Fran Powers, Ruby Nell Higgins, Loree Christain, Eula Mae Dubose, Lois Dubose, Alt., Bros. Steve Butler, Barksdale Higgins and Loyd Dubose, Alternate

LOVE JOY - Sisters Melinda Sanderson, Donna Pickle, Linda Barnes, Laura Carter, Alt., Bros. J. R. Coley and Freddie Pickle

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Peggy Brownlee, Vina Walden, Delane Robertson, Aileen Brown and Bro. J. T. Johnson, Jr.

MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Pearlie Allen, Mary Merchant, Olene Morton

and Mary Parker, Alternate

MT. WILLING - Bro. Roger Rye and Sister Dorothy Rye

NEW CENTER POINT - Bros. Wade Vann, Dennis Tate, Sisters Mittie Tate, Theresa Taggart and Mary Lou Ford, Alternate

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

SPLUNGE - Sisters Linda Ford and Faye Blaylocke

SPRINGFIELD - Bros. Richard Johnson, Dick Walters, Harold Godde, Sisters Bonnie Williams, Belva Pennington and Betty Joe Goode

SILLIGENT FIRST - Bros Bob Carter, Troy Kelley, Sisters Sandra Carter, Donna Gunter, Una Kelley, Patsy Merchant and Dena Kaye Ryman

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

UNION CHAPEL - Bro. Noble Christian, Chris Matthews, Sisters Frances Christian, Rachel Barber, Joyce Hardy, Teresa Matthews

VERNON FIRST - Sisters Gloria Christian, Debbie Dankson, Lou Ella Knight, Eldridge Motes, Elwanda Oakes, Bros. Mike McDaniel, Clyde Motes and Zadus Turner, Jr.

### GENERAL BOARD

BEAVERTON - Elvada Markham

BELK - Dalton Gilpin

COOPER - Edward Finch

DAVIS CHAPEL - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Rev. Bill Duncan

FREE WILL CHAPEL - L. D. Hall

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Lennie R. DuBose

LOVE JOY - Heath Yielding

MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - Rev. Aubrey Gibson

NEW CENTER POINT - None

PINEY GROVE - Tommy Robertson

SPLUNGE - None

SPRINGFIELD - Dick Walters

SULLIGENT FIRST - None

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Steve Spenser

UNION CHAPEL - Jessie Yerby

VERNON FIRST - Bobby Turner

The following churches will elect a new member to serve a two (2) year term on the General Board of the Vernon Association and send them to the next annual session of the association.

Beaverton

Belk

Cooper

Davis Chapel

Depriest Chapel

Free Will Chapel

Friendship

Liberty

Love Joy

Mt. Harmony

**COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1996**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Bro. Pascal Yerby - 1997  
 Rev. Jerry Williams - 1998  
 Rev. M. H. Hollis - 1999  
 Rev. Randy Wright - 2000  
 Bro. Edsel Gideon, 2001

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND  
C.T.S. COMMITTEE

Bro. Loyd Dubose  
 Sis. Bonnie Williams  
 Sis. Debbie Dankson  
 Sis. Frances Christian

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Doug Stripling  
 Bro. J. C. Young  
 Sis. Dee Williams

DECEASED MEMBERS  
COMMITTEE

Bro. Roger Rye  
 Sis. Vina Walden  
 Sis. Mary Lou Ford  
 Sis. Mary Merchant

DIGEST COMMITTEE 1997

Bro. Paul Jordan  
 Bro. Frankie Beasley  
 Bro. Lennie R. Dubose  
 Bro. Albert Christian

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Bro. Robert Kelley  
 Sis. Benita Stanford  
 Sis. Betty Gray  
 Sis. Lura Moore

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION

Rev. Larry Reynolds - 1997  
 Rev. Rick Powers - 1998  
 Rev. Clark Ryman - 1999  
 Rev. Aubrey Gibson - 2000  
 Bro. Mike McDaniel, 2001

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

All Pastors of the Vernon Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Randy Wright  
 Rev. Jerry Williams  
 Bro. Raphael Yerby  
 Bro. Phil Wheeler  
 Bro. Dick Walters  
 Bro. Dalton Gilpin  
 Bro. Bobby Turner

YOUTH CAMP BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS

Bro. Lewis Hindman - 1997  
 Rev. Randy Wright - 1998  
 Bro. Steve Butler - 1999

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Bob Carter  
 Sis. Faye Wise  
 Sis. Georgia Lee Hall  
 Sis. Linda Barnes

COMMITTEE ON  
COMMITTEES FOR 1997

Rev. Randy Wright  
 Rev. David Sanderson  
 Rev. Aubrey Gibson

## **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 year 1996 was 1,174 with twenty (20) churches reporting.

Our C.T.S. enrollment for the year 1996 was 195 with six (6) churches reporting.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Williams, Chairperson

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (8-31-96) is \$544.29. A total of \$1,790.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$2,334.29. Our estimated expense for the next year is approximately \$1,900.00, leaving a projected balance of \$434.29 at the end of next year. All of our churches turned in some dues for this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Stripling, Chairman

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

- I. Since our last annual meeting, the Credentials Committee has agreed and voted on the following items of business
  1. October 19, 1995 to grant Rev. Larry Monday a letter of good standing to the North Central Conference of Illinois.
  2. November 21, 1995 to grant Rev. John Reed a letter of good standing to the Progressive Association of Alabama.
  3. January 14, 1996 to grant Rev. Fred Graham a letter of good standing to the Mt. Moriah Association of Alabama.
  4. March 16, 1996, we recommend that Rev. Bill Duncan be accepted into the Vernon Association pending a letter of good standing from the State Line Association. Letter received April 24, 1996.
  5. March 16, 1996 voted to accept Rev. Mike Dankson into the Vernon Association. We received a letter of recommendation from the Indian River Association in Florida on Bro. Dankson.

6. May 22, 1996 granted a letter of good standing for Rev. Jason Hurt to the Blue Grass Association of Kentucky.
  7. June 2, 1996 granted a letter of good standing for Rev. Max Cunningham to the Little River Association of Georgia.
  8. August 14, 1996 granted a letter of good standing for Rev. Edward Puckett to the Jasper Association.
  9. We recommend that Bro. Jerry Barnes from the Depriest Chapel Free Will Baptist Church be ordained to preach at the October annual meeting.
- II. We recommend that all ministers present today, who are members of the Vernon Association be given a card of good standing.
  - III. We recommend the Vernon Association grant a letter of good standing for Rev. Buddy Henry to the Liberty Association in Tennessee.
  - IV. We recommend the Vernon Association grant a letter of good standing for Rev. E. T. Sargent to the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association.
  - V. We recommend that we accept Rev. Dale Ford into the Vernon Association, pending a letter of good standing from the Northeast Mississippi Association.
  - VI. We recommend the Vernon Association grant a letter of good standing for Rev. Jerry Barnes to the Jasper Association.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bro. Edsel Gideon, Chairman

### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Temperance Committee report was an oral report given by Bro. Bob Carter, Chairman. No written report was turned in to the association.

Raphael Yerby, Clerk

### **APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Appreciation Committee did not make a report to the association. The moderator, Rev. Don Taggart gave our thanks and appreciation to the Belk Free Will Baptist Church, for hosting the annual association meeting. We enjoyed the delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

Bro. Taggart asked that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Belk Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality.

Raphael Yerby, Clerk

## 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 - Sister Emma Harris and Bro. J. T. Barnes

BELK - Bro. Aubrey D. Belk

COOPER - Sisters Velma Jeffreys and Avis Jeffreys

DAVIS CHAPEL - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bro. Murray Jackson

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Sisters Fannie D. Billingsley and Vera L. Perkins

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Bros. Richard Harrison, Clay Hamilton and Sister Hassie Russell

MT. PLEASANT - Sister Marie Mattison

MT. WILLING - Sisters Onnie T. Warren and Ella S. Gosa

NEW CENTER POINT - None

PINEY GROVE - None

SPLUNGE - None

SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Evelyn Hester, Earlene Pennington and Bro. Bruce Rogers

SULLIGENT, FIRST - Bros. Charles Crosby, Jimmy Harris and Sister Omie Taylor

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL - None

VERNON, FIRST - Sisters Frances Moore, Ina Yerby, Maxine Turner and Bro. Edd Cain Dubose

We recommend that we stand and sing "Amazing Grace" and have prayer in memory of the loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sister Vina Walden, Chairperson

**VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**

The Vernon District Women Active for Christ is comprised of three local groups. We have thirty-one (31) active members.

On March 7, 1996, our eighteenth annual meeting was held at the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church with twenty-one (21) members and ten (10) visitors attending. Sister Sherry Reynolds from Belk Free Will Baptist Church was our speaker. A love offering of \$110.00 was received and sent to Bro. Dennis Haygood's account. Our total giving for 1995 was \$5,763.39. Of this amount, \$1,085.00 was given to Foreign Missions, \$1,040.00 to Home Missions and \$225.00 for our Shirley Kennedy Memorial L.A.M.P. offering which went to Monica White in China.

The Alabama Free Will Baptist Women Active for Christ met at Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga on May 4, 1996, with nine (9) ladies from our district attending. This was our 50th year for "Holding the Light High". It was an inspiring day for all that attended.

Our National Prayer Retreat was at Ridgecrest Assembly in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina on September 12-14, 1996. Seven (7) ladies from our district received a blessing at this retreat.

Again, this year, we would like to encourage the ladies that meet as a group to sincerely pray about joining the Vernon District Women Active for Christ so that we may do more to see His name proclaimed among all nations.

We are thankful for what He allowed us to do last year but pray that we may be able to do more in the days ahead. Will you join with us as we endeavor to "Hold the Light High"?

Respectfully submitted,  
Sister Bonnie Williams, Sec./Treas.

## VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK'S ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Rev. DeWight Bailey P. O. Box 85 Nauvoo, AL 35578	697-5979	Mrs. Sharon Cantrell 3105 Mt. Hebron Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544
BELK	Rev. Larry Reynolds P. O. Box 31 Belk, AL 35545	932-3144	Mrs. Pam Byars 6633 Hwy. 96 Fayette, AL 35555
COOPER	Unknown		Mrs. Willey Dean Spratlin 224 Aston Road Hamilton, AL 35570
DAVIS CHAPEL	Rev. Charles Fowler Route 5, Box 194 Fayette, AL 35555	932-6589	Mrs. Louise Cannon 14693 Graham Rd. Berry, AL 35546
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Rev. Bill Duncan 226 County Hwy. 104 Hamilton, AL 35570	921-4325	Mr. Gene Wise P. O. Box 132 Gattman, 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. Rick Powers 18154 Co. Road 49 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9400	Mr. Steve Butler 100 Bethabra Cutoff Fayette, AL 35555
LOVE JOY	Rev. David Sanderson Route 2, Box 161-B Hamilton, AL 35570	921-2481	Mrs. Linda Barnes 610 Markham Rd. Guin, AL 35563
MT. HARMONY	Rev. James Walden 5270 Cody Road Kennedy, AL 35574	596-3167	Mr. David Harrison P. O. Box 532 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. Carol S. McDonald 1663 Guin Road Guin, AL 35563
NEW CENTER POINT	Rev. Don Taggart 738 Pennington Road 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
SPLUNGE	Rev. Dale Ford 50029 Riley Road Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	601-369-7320	Rev. Dale Ford P. O. Box 184 Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. Jerry Williams 532 Westwood Rd. Vernon, AL 35592	695-6939	Mr. Roy Ashby 1561 Austin Rd., N.W. Vernon, AL 35592
SULLIGENT, FIRST FWB	Rev. Tim Riggs 5201 Hwy 278 Sulligent, AL 35586	698-8177	Mrs. Brenda Clark P. O. Box 615 Sulligent, AL 35586
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C. C. Berryhill 60324 Sipsey Fork Rd. Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	(601)256-8825	Mr. J. C. Young 1501 Taylor Springs Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. Floyd Barber 16726 County Road 49 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6693	Mr. Robert W. Humber P. O. Box 636 Fayette, AL 35555
VERNON, FIRST FWB	Rev. Mike Dankson 221 6th St., N.E. 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
3	2	45	26	0	0	1
5	1	146	83	0	12	2
1	2	137	50	15	15	1
1	0	120	16	0	0	0
6	0	98	55	0	0	1
4	1	215	60	0	10	1
0	0	48	12	0	0	1
0	2	216	60	50	17	1
18	0	117	69	0	13	1
10	3	172	100	0	0	1
3	1	79	30	0	0	1
0	2	97	30	0	0	1
8	0	125	70	0	10	2
6	0	138	145	0	0	1
0	0	30	30	0	0	1
8	3	159	51	35	8	1
18	3	241	148	53	0	2
0	0	46	40	0	0	1
2	0	103	46	0	0	1
18	4	252	83	42	11	3

### DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Digest Committee, make the following report:

#### STATISTICS:

Number of churches (Rural - 17, City - 3)	20
Full-time Pastors	14
Part-time Pastors	6
Tithes and offerings (14 churches reporting)	\$563,473.36
Ordained Ministers	23
Licensed Ministers	2
Ordained Deacons	67
Churches with Day Care	0
Churches with Kindergarten	0
Churches with Sunday School	20
Sunday School Enrollment	1,174
Baptisms	27
Members Added	111
Members Lost	76
Total Membership	2,584
Churches with Parsonage	7
Churches with Budgets	1
Value of all Church Property, including parsonages (13 churches reporting)	\$2,803,000.00
Number of Churches Reporting	20
Churches with C.T.S.	6
C.T.S. Enrollment	195
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary	8
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment	96
Churches with Masters Men	1
Master's Men Enrollment	10

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Harold Goode, Chairman

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee meeting was held on February 13, 1996. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Lennie Ray Dubose. The following plans were made for the March 16, 1996 meeting of the Vernon Association to be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon.

The morning message would be by Rev. Rick Powers of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. The morning devotion would be by Rev. Mike Dankson

of the Vernon Church. The music would be furnished by the Vernon Church. An offering would be received for the Vernon Association C. E. Board.

The following plans for the October 19, 1996, annual meeting to be held with the Belk Free Will Baptist Church were made by the committee.

The morning message would be by Rev. Danny Williams, Pastor of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church. The morning devotion would be by Rev. Clark Ryman of the Sulligent Church. The afternoon devotion would be by Rev. Bill Duncan of Depriest Chapel Church. Music would be by the host church. We would receive an offering and give our guest speaker an honorarium of \$200.00

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Tommie Robertson.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Don Taggart, Moderator

**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance on Hand 9-1-95		\$507.64
RECEIPTS:		
Offering at October		
Association Meeting .....	\$ 216.00	
Association Dues .....	1,665.00	
Ala. F.W.B. Board of Missions .....	29.06	
Offering at March meeting .....	<u>158.81</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$2,068.87	
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$2,576.51
EXPENDITURES:		
Rev. Don Taggart, Moderator .....	\$ 50.00	
Rev. Edward Puckett, Asst. Moderator .....	25.00	
Rev. Gerald Gann, Guest Speaker .....	200.00	
Ala. State Association Dues .....	950.00	
Thumb Print, Supplies .....	47.74	
Vernon Association C.E. Board .....	173.84	
Thumb Print, (Printing Minutes) .....	510.64	
Raphael Yerby, Clerk .....	<u>75.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES .	\$2,032.22	
Balance On Hand 8-31-96		\$ 544.29

Respectfully Submitted,  
Raphael H. Yerby, Treasurer

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

- Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 183, Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. Donald Taggart, 738 Pennington Lane, Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. Lloyd W. Vail, P. O. Box 535, Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. Lloyd George, 827 Cannon Trace, Columbus, MS 39702  
 Rev. James Walden, 5270 Cody Road, Kennedy, AL 35574  
 Rev. Randy Wright, P. O. Box 4, Guin, AL 35563  
 Rev. John Powell, 2137 Freeman Road, Caledonia, MS 39740  
 Rev. C. C. Berryhill, 60324 Sipsey Fork Road, Greenwood Springs, MS  
 38848  
 Rev. Jerry Williams, 532 West Wood Road, Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. David Sanderson, Route 2, Box 161-B, Hamilton, AL 35570  
 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.  
 Rev. Larry Reynolds, P. O. Box 31, Belk, AL 35545  
 Rev. Floyd Barber, 16726 County Road 49, Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. Rick Powers, 18154, County Road 49, Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. DeWight Bailey, P. O. Box 85, Nauvoo, AL 35578  
 Rev. Clark, Ryman, 775 Walnut Street, Sulligent, AL 35586  
 Rev. Bill Duncan, 226 County Hwy. 104, Hamilton, AL 35570  
 Rev. Mike Dankson, 221 6th St., N.E., Vernon, AL 35592  
 Rev. Dale Ford, 50029 Riley Road, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848

### LIST OF DEACONS

- BEAVERTON - Bros. Bobby Dykes, Russell Cole and Harrell Cantrell  
 BELK - Bros. Raphael Yerby, Dalton Gilpin, and Lewis Hindman  
 COOPER - Bros. Hershel Rye, Edward Finch, Gordie Rye and Burley Finch  
 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, Tommy Otts,  
 Jerry Mays and (L.D. Hall, Inactive)  
 FRIENDSHIP - None  
 LIBERTY - Bros. Bobby Joe Black, Jack Boman, Lennie R. Dubose, Wayne  
 Dubose, Roy Guyton, Willie Gene Perkins and Wayne Sorrells

LOVE JOY - Bros. Coy Robertson, Loyd Carter, Guarry Taylor and Clayton Barnes

MT. HARMONY - Frankie Beasley, Bros. L. C. Steedley, Coy Johnson, Oveat Graham and Rickey Owens

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - Bros. Emmitt B. Lee

NEW CENTER POINT - Bros. Wayne Puckett, Kenny Ford, C. L. Scott and Bobby Puckett

PINEY GROVE - Bros. Danny Atkinson and Tommie Robertson

SPLUNGE - Bro. Clovis Blaylock

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

SULLIGENT FIRST - Bros. Jessie L. Barnes, Jr., Ray Birmingham, Hezzie Harrison, Sammy Merchant, Frank Mixon, Earnest Northington, Luke Spruiell and Milton Threadgill

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bros. Stanley Cooper, Steve Spencer and Harold Smith

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

VERNON FIRST - 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, Rev. Delmus Miller and Rev. Malone Cobb

### 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, Emmitt 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, Olen Wheeler, Erbie Robertson, Elzie Guin, Dewey Jordan Quinton Boyett and Charles Crosby.

## 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 and the Vernon 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.