

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with

**THE MOUNT HARMONY
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

1999 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 1999
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH SESSION

MODERATORREV. MIKE DANKSON
ASSISTANT MODERATOR REV. M. H. HOLLIS
CLERK BRO. RAPHAEL H. YERBY

The next session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 18, 2000. 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 Vernon on Saturday, October 21, 2000, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and nineteenth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 16, 1999. Rev. Mike Dankson 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, "His Grace Is Sufficient", directed by Bro. Frankie Beasley. The opening prayer was by Rev. Jimmy Martin. We had another song, "Living By Faith", by Bro. Beasley.

We were welcomed to the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church by the host pastor, Rev. Danny Thompson. The response was given by Rev. Randy Wright, pastor of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Dewight Bailey, pastor of the Beaverton Free Will Baptist Church. He used II Chronicles 7:14 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker

We were welcomed to this session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association by the moderator, Rev. Mike Dankson.

The Digest Committee report was given by Bro. Daniel Franks, Chairman.. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

We had a roll call of the delegates by the clerk. We had a motion, second and vote to seat the delegates for this session of the association.

The moderator called for petitionary letters. None were received.

The Committee on Committees' report was given by Rev. Mike McDaniel, 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 2000 session of the association. (See List.)

The moderator recognized visiting brethren and invited them to seat with us during this session of the association. Those present were Rev. Rick Cash and Rev. Fred and Sister Barbara Jones.

At this time the moderator recognized Rev. Rick Cash, who is also director of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, and asked him to share some of the activities of the youth camp with us. Brother Cash gave us a very interesting and informative report of the things happening at the camp. Bro. Cash is also State Promotional Director, and he gave us a report on some of

the state work also. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report as information. At this time, we elected one member to serve a three (3) year term on the Youth Camp Board of Directors. (See List).

We had a partial report of the General Board by the clerk. Due to a change in the Constitution and By-Laws, the report was tabled until the afternoon session.

We were dismissed by the moderator for a recess and time of fellowship and a time for the committees to get together and make their reports. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. James Walden.

After recess we had two songs, "Because He Lives" and "How Great Thou Art" directed by Bro. Beasley. Prayer was by Rev. Charles Fowler.

We had a report of the Credentials Committee by Rev. Tim Riggs, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to take the report item by item and vote on each item. All items were adopted by the delegated body.

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

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

We had a report of the Vernon District Women Active for Christ by Sister Burma Jordan, Secretary-Treasurer. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report.

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

The Deceased Members Committee report was given by Sister Susan Nicholson, Chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and sing "Amazing Grace" and have prayer by Rev. James Walden in memory of these loved ones.

We had a report of the Christian Education Board by Bro. Mike McDaniel, Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report. At this time, we elected one member to serve a five (5) year term on the Christian Education Board. (See List.)

We had a Temperance Committee report by Sister Sue Yerby, Chairperson. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

We began our 11:00 A.M. worship service, we had a song, "Dwelling In

Beulah Land", directed by Bro. Beasley. Prayer was by Rev. Scott Nicholson, pastor of New Center Point Church. We had another song, "Where Could I Go?", by Bro. Beasley. We received an offering for our guest speaker for the service. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Mike Dankson. The amount of the offering was \$315.23.

Just before the morning message, we had a special presentation honoring Rev. M. H. Hollis for 38 years of pastoral service in the Vernon Association. Bro. Hollis was presented a plaque in appreciation for the 38 years of service he has rendered in the Vernon Association listing the names of all the churches he has pastored in the association. We had prayer by Rev. Darrell Burkette.

The keynote morning message was brought by Rev. Fred Jones, Home Missionary to Prattville, Alabama, where he has build a good Free Will Baptist Church. His scripture text was II Thessalonians 3:1-5. His subject was "Prayer and Faithfulness". Prayer was by the speaker. After a very inspiring message that blessed all of our hearts, we had a prayer of invitation by Bro. Jones.

We were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer and blessing of the food was by Rev. Mark Collier, pastor of the Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a very delicious meal furnished by the good people of the Mt. Harmony Church and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened back in session at 1:30 P.M. with a song, "He Keeps Me Singing", directed by Bro. Mike McDaniel. Prayer was by Rev. John Johnson, pastor of Springfield Free Will Baptist Church.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. C. C. Berryhill, pastor of Taylor Springs Free Will Baptist Church. His scripture text was John 17:19-22.

After the devotion, the moderator recognized all the new pastors coming into our association. They are Rev. Danny Thompson, Mt. Harmony; Rev. Randy Key, Belk; Rev. John Johnson, Springfield; and Rev. Darrell Burkette, Liberty.

Bro. Pascal Yerby, representing the Vernon Association on the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, gavfe us a report on the Children's Home and an update on their search for a new director for the Children's Home.

The Appreciation Committee report was given by Bro. Dick Walters,

Chairman. We had a motion, second and vote to receive the report and give the Mt. Harmony Church a rising vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality.

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

Bro. Mike McDaniel

Sister Elwanda Oakes

Sister Dorothy Hollis

Sister Lou Ella Knight

Sister Burma Jordan

Sister Sue Yerby

We selected a place for the association Thanksgiving Service. The Belk Free Will Baptist Church invited us to meet with them for the association Thanksgiving service. The moderator appointed a committee, Rev. Randy Key, Rev. Randy Wright, and Rev. M. H. Hollis, to plan the service and secure a speaker. The Thanksgiving Service will be held with the Belk Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night, November 23, 1999, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

A place was chosen for the next two (2) meetings of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church requested the March meeting. The body voted to accept the invitation and hold the March meeting with the Free Will Chapel Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2000. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M., and the service will begin at 10:00 A.M. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon invited us to meet with them for the annual meeting in October. The body voted to hold the annual association meeting with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2000, 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 for moderator of the association. Rev. Mike Dankson was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as moderator.

Nomination was opened for assistant moderator of the association. Rev. M. H. Hollis was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as assistant moderator.

Nomination was opened for clerk of the association.. Raphael Yerby was the only nominee and was elected by acclamation to serve as clerk.

We had a motion, second and vote to adjourn this session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The dismissal prayer was by Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of Depriest Chapel Church. The meeting was adjourned.

There were a total of 125 people who registered for this session of the association. They were as follows:

Ministers	25	Delegates	55
Deacons	16	Visitors	29

Ministers that registered

Rev. Jerry Barnes	Rev. Charles Fowler
Rev. James Walden	Rev. Mark Collier
Rev. Mike Dankson	Rev. M. H. Hollis
Rev. John Johnson	Rev. John Powell
Rev. Randy Wright	Rev. Scott Nicholson
Rev. Danny Thompson	Rev. Tim Riggs
Rev. Dewight Bailey	Rev. Dale Ford
Rev. Randy Key	Rev. Darrell Burkette
Rev. Donald Kivette	Rev. Rick Cash
Rev. C. C. Berryhill	Rev. James C. Newell
Rev. Scott Montgomery	Rev. Jim Martin
Rev. Fred W. Jones	Bro. Sam House
Rev. Bill Duncan	

SEMIANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1999

The semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on Saturday, March 20, 1999, with the New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Larry Reynolds served as moderator.

The meeting was opened with a song "The Lily of the Valley", directed by Bro. Edsel Gideon. The opening prayer was by Rev. Jerry Smith, pastor of Tabernacle.

The moderator welcomed everyone to this meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. We were welcomed to the New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church by the host pastor, Rev. Scott Nicholson.

We had a special in song, "Mansion Over the Hilltop", by Bro. Scott Nicholson and Sister Ruth Vann.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Scott Nicholson, host pastor. His scripture text was Psalm 73:17-28. Prayer was by the speaker

We had another song, "Breathe On Me". We had prayer by Rev. James Walden, pastor of Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator recognized Rev. Rich Cash, State Promotional Director and Trinity Youth Camp Director and asked him to share some of the activities of the Trinity Youth Camp and the State Promotional work with us.

Bro., Mike McDaniel gave us a report on the plans for the area-wide revival sponsored by the Christian Education Board of the Vernon Association. Rev. Paul Smith will be the guest evangelist. Rev. James Walden extended a special invitation to all the churches and people to attend this revival at Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Mike Dankson shared a need for preachers of our association to go to the Vernon Nursing Home for services there. He also reminded us of Roll Call Sunday coming up and asked all pastors to get a count of attendance and call it in to him.

We were dismissed for a short recess and time of fellowship. The dismissal prayer was by Bro. Raphael Yerby.

After recess, we had a song, "Victory In Jesus", by Bro. Gideon.

We received an offering to go to the State Promotional office. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Mike Dankson. The amount of the offering was \$125.00

We had another song, "Old Time Power", by Bro. Gideon.

The moderator recognized all preachers and all deacons and their wives.

At this time, we had special prayer for Rev. Tom Scott, who was having surgery. The prayer was by Rev. Rick Powers.

We had a special in song, "My Redeemer is Faithful and True", by Bro. Scott Nicholson.

The 11:00 A.M. message was brought by Rev. Scott Montgomery, pastor of Free Will Chapel Church. He used II Timothy 4:1-8, I Peter 5:1-4, and Psalm 40:1-17 as his scripture. Prayer was by the speaker. After a very good message, we had a time of invitation.

We were dismissed from this session of the Vernon Association and for the noon meal. The dismissal prayer and blessing of the food was by Rev. Dale Ford, pastor of Splunge Free Will Baptist Church.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES LISTED

BEAVERTON- Bros. David Trentelman, David Akers and Sister Florence Akers

BELK- Sisters Sue Yerby, Gloria House, Genine Fowler, Bros. Sam House and David Fowler. Alternates Bro. Laren Williams and Sister Dee Williams.

COOPER - Bro. Robert Kelley, Sisters Willadean Miles, Willer Dean Spratlin, Alternates Bro. Peat Lewis, Sisters Judy Lewis and Sylvia Taylor.

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sisters Lorene Pike, Betty Gray, Dora Lee Pennington, Jimmie Nell Corley and Bro. Paul Corley.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sisters Mary Wise, Mary Easter, Sheila Irvin and Alternate Virginia Duncan.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bros. Dwain Cantrell, Jim Davis, Sister Judy Gideon, and Alternate Billy Jo Turner.

FRIENDSHIP - Sisters Myrtle Reynolds and Mary Reynolds

LIBERTY - Bros. Bill Burnette, Barksdale Higgins, Steve Butler, Sisters Ora Seay Burnette, Ruby Nell Higgins, Loree Christain, Frances Butler and Alternate Loyd Dubose.

LOVE JOY - Bros. Marty Stockman, Jerry Berchett, Michael Sorrells, Gary Taylor, Steve Benton and Alternate Matthew Paul.

MT. HARMONY - Bros. J. T. Johnson, Jr., Dillard Matthews, Chesley Wheeler, Noble Christian and Joseph Callahan.

MT. PLEASANT - Sisters Pearlie Allen, Carol Kivette, Joyce Bigham and Bro. Johnny Bigham.

MT. WILLING - None Listed.

NEW CENTER POINT - Sisters Susan Nicholson, Mary Lou Ford, Bros. Wade Vann, Jim Northington, Alternates Dennis Tate and Mittie Tate.

PINEY GROVE - Bros. Troy Cole, Buddy Norris, Sisters Gera Mae Bobo and Wynelle Norris.

SPLUNGE - None Listed

SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Betty Goode, Susan Robinson, Burma Jordan, Bros. Harold Goode, Dick Walters and Alternate Siser Belva Pennington.

SULLIGENT FIRST F.W.B. - Bros. Troy Kelley, Bob Carter, and Sister Sandra Carter

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. J. C. Young, Robert Perkins, and Sister Charlene Cooper.

UNION CHAPEL - Bros. Benny Hardy, Dean Maddox, Sisters Joyce Hardy, Wilma Dooley and Lucille Bradford.

VERNON FIRST F.W.B. - Sisters Elwanda Oakes, Marsha McDaniel, Gloria Christian, Eldredge Motes, Lou Ella Knight, Louise Shelnut, Bro. Mike McDaniel and Alternate Sister Martha Turner.

GENERAL BOARD

BEAVERTON - None	MT. PLEASANT - Donald Parker
BELK - Dalton Gilpin	MT. WILLING - Grant Webb
COOPER - Edward Finch	NEW CENTER POINT - Mickey Hall
DAVIS CHAPEL - None	PINEY GROVE - Tommy Robertson
DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Larry Frye	SPLUNGE - None
FREE WILL CHAPEL - L. D. Hall	SPRINGFIELD - Dick Walters
FRIENDSHIP - None	SULLIGENT FIRST - Bob Carter
LIBERTY - Lennie R. DuBose	TAYLOR SPRINGS - Steve Spencer
LOVEJOY - Guary Taylor	UNION CHAPEL - Dean Maddox
MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler	VERNON FIRST - Zadus Turner, Sr.

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

Mt. Pleasant	Springfield
Mt. Willing	Sulligent
New Center Point	Taylor Springd
Piney Grove	Union Chapel
Splunge	Vernon

COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 1998**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Rev. James Walden - 2000
Bro. Edsel Gideon, 2001
Bro. Pascal Yerby, 2002
Rev. Randy Wright - 2003
Rev. Bill Duncan - 2004

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

Bro. Rickey Owens
Sis. Dora Lee Pennington
Sis. Gloria House

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro., Joseph Callahan
Bro. Zadus Turner, Jr.
Sis. Sylvia Taylor
Sis. Judy Gideon

**DECEASED MEMBERS
COMMITTEE**

Sis. Susan Nicholson
Sis. Mary Wise
Sis. Elwanda Oakes
Sis. Frances Butler

DIGEST COMMITTEE 2000

Bro. Steve Butler
Bro. Gary Sorrells
Bro. Ed. Knight
Bro. Lewis Hindman

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Bro. Dick Walters
Sis. Carol Kivette
Sis. Joyce Hardy
Sis. Betty Goode

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Rev. Randy Wright - 2000
Bro. Mike McDaniel, 2001
Bro. Stoney Robertson - 2002
Rev. Dale Ford - 2003
Rev. Scott Montgomery - 2004

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

All Pastors of the Vernon Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Mike Dankson
Rev. M. H. Hollis
Bro. Raphael Yerby
Bro. L. D. Hall
Bro. Phil Wheeler
Bro. Guary Taylor
Bro. Dick Walters

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

Bro. Lewis Hindman - 2000
Rev. Randy Wright - 2001
Bro. Steve Butler - 2002

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Sis. Sue Yerby
Sis. Marsha McDaniel
Bro. Wallace Harris
Bro. Chris Matthews

**COMMITTEE ON
COMMITTEES FOR 2000**

Rev. Mike McDaniel
Rev. Donald Kivette
Rev. Scott Montgomery

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 this year, 1999, was 1,063 with twenty (20) churches reporting. This is an increase of 64 members from last year.

Our C.T.S. enrollment for this year, 1999, was 110 with three (3) churches reporting as having an active C.T.S. program. This is an increase of 12 members from last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rickey Owens, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (8-31-99) is \$511.77. A total of \$1,865.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$2,376.77. Our estimated expense for the next year is approximately \$2,450.00, leaving a projected short fall of \$73.23 for the end of next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Callahan, Chairman

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following report:

Proverbs 23:1 - "When thou sittest to eat with a ruler consider diligently what is before thee."

As a Christian, we should set an example to the world, we should live above the worldly pleasures, as that of social drinking, gambling, or anything that would cause a brother to stumble. Matthew 18:6, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

This is serious times we live in. We may be the only Bible some people read. Our lives need to be Godly and pure if we are to see this generation saved.

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Yerby, Chairperson

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. On November 10, 1998, we granted a letter of recommendation to the Mount Moriah Association for Rev. Roy G. Plymon.
 2. On May 3, 1999, we received a letter of good standing for Rev. Scott Montgomery from the Mount Moriah Association recommending him to the Vernon Association.
 3. On March 22, 1999, we granted a letter of good standing and recommendation for Rev. Jerry Williams to the Jasper Association.
 4. On September 24, 1999, we granted a letter of good standing and recommendation to the Florida State Line Association for Rev. Larry Reynolds.
- II. The Credentials Committee recommend the following:
 1. We recommend that we receive the following pastors into the Vernon Association pending a letter of good standing from their former associations: Rev. Jerry Barnes, Rev. Danny Thompson, Rev. Randy Key, and Rev. John Johnson.
 2. Recommend that all ministers of the Vernon Association present today be given a card of good standing.
 3. We recommend the ordination of Bro. Mark Kelley of the Cooper Free Will Baptist Church, at the time and place of his choosing.
 4. We met on July 26, 1999, with Bro. Darrell Burkette. We recommend the ordination of Bro. Burkette on October 31, 1999, at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Tim Riggs, Chairman

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee would like to give a special thanks to the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist church for their hospitality, delicious food and fellowship during this 1999 fall session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Walters, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

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

Twenty-six (26) brothers and sisters have gone to be with our Lord this past year. Jesus told us in St. John 8:51, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." We would like to remember the following deceased members by singing "Amazing Grace" and being led in prayer by Rev. James Walden.

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - None

COOPER - Sisters Lois Lewis, Lena Mae Rye and Bro. Gordie Rye

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sister Irene Honeycutt and Bro. Orville Woodham

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - None

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sisters Derlene Smith and Edna Smith

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY -Bros. Carlos (Bud) Harison, Rayford Perkins, Sisters Flaudie Perkins, Stella Collins, Minnie Lee Perkins, and Vickie Dubose

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Sisters Alma Spann, Mildred Graham, and Bro. Grady Collins.

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - Sisters Oma Berryhill and Lavada Miles

NEW CENTER POINT - None

PINEY GROVE - None

SPLUNGE - None

SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Janie Miller, Pauline Hester and Lena Rea Hollis

SULLIGENT, FIRST - Sister Odell Gosa

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None

UNION CHAPEL -Bros. Sam Glasgow, Doug Simmons, Sister Ruby Maddox

VERNON, FIRST - Bro. Leonard Evans

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Williams, Chairperson

VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The Vernon District Women Active for Christ met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Vernon on March 4, 1999, for their 21st annual meeting with 19 ladies in attendance. Our theme was "Passing the Torch - II Timothy 2:2". Sister Joyce Gibson, a former president of our district, was the speaker.

A love offering of \$76 was taken for the speaker, but at her request it was sent to the Chicago Land Fund.

Gifts sent thru the district for 1999 totaled \$2,885.66.

Our Foreign Missionaries received \$518.00

Our Home Missionaries received \$415.00

Children's Home received \$401.66

Trinity Youth Camp received \$110.00

The State meeting was held May 1, 1999, at the Soul's Harbour Free Will Baptist Church near Vinemont. Marjorie Workman, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of WNAC was the speaker. We had five ladies to attend.

The State Prayer Retreat was held at Shocco Springs Conference Center on September 17-18. The speaker was Glenda Revill who gave a wonderful testimony of "God's grace and tender mercies.". We had nine ladies and two guests to attend this retreat.

We are thankful to the Lord Jesus for the things we have been able to do last year and desire your prayers and support that we might always be found faithful.

Respectfully submitted,
Burman Jordan, Sec./Treas.

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)	\$690,864.74
Ordained Ministers	23
Licensed Ministers	1
Ordained Deacons	61
Churches with Day Care	0
Churches with Kindergarten	0
Churches with Sunday School	20

Sunday School Enrollment	1,063
Baptisms	47
Members Added	114
Members Lost	64
Total Membership	2,547
Churches with Parsonage	7
Churches with Budgets	1
Value of all Church Property (12 churches reporting)	\$4,013,000.00
Churches with C.T.S.	3
C.T.S. Enrollment	118
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary	8
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment	98
Churches with Masters Men	2
Master's Men Enrollment	22

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Daniel Franks, Chairman

VERNON ASSOCIATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

We, the C.E. Board, submit the following report:

Our spring revival was a wonderful time of worship. Paul Smith, as our evangelist, brought us sound messages on unity and togetherness in our Lord. Our average attendance was around 120 each night. We enjoyed wonderful special music each night and great fellowship with our sister churches. We thank our host, Mt. Harmony, for the revival, for giving us a warm welcome, and a beautiful place to worship our Lord.

There was a good turnout for C.T.S. Competition this past year. We had nine entries with 11 participants from three churches. All went to State Competition and performed well. Three entries went on to the National Competition in Atlanta, GA giving wonderful performances. One group, the instrumental duet from Liberty, won in their category.

Our financial report is as follows:

10-1-1998 through 9-30-1999

Opening balance	\$2,166.03
Total deposits	2,154.23
Total expenses	1,989.45
Ending balance	2,330.81

Respectfully submitted,
Mike McDaniel, Chairman

CHURCH	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK'S ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Rev. Dewight Bailey P. O. Box 366 Nauvoo, AL 35578	697-5979	Mrs. Sharon Cantrell 3105 Mt. Hebron Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544
BELK	Rev. Randy Key P. O. Box 31 Belk, AL 35545	932-3144	Mrs. Pam Byars 6633 Hwy. 96 Fayette, AL 35555
COOPER	Unknown		Mrs. Willer Dean Spratlin 244 Aston Rd. Hamilton, AL 35570
DAVIS CHAPEL	Rev. Charles Fowler 5121 Hwy. 102 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. Scott Montgomery 5187 Buck Jackson Road Sulligent, AL 35586	695-6119	Mrs. Lenora Hopper 1522 County Lake Rd. Sulligent, AL 35586
FRIENDSHIP	Unknown		Mrs. Mary Reynolds 11047 Fernbank Rd. Millport, AL 35576
LIBERTY	Rev. Darrel Burkett 624 Sexton Road Fayette, AL 35555	932-8683	Mr. Steve Butler 100 Bethabra Cutoff Fayette, AL 35555
LOVEJOY	Rev. Mark Collier 3247 Military St. N. Hamilton, AL 35570	921-1701	Mrs. Linda Barnes 610 Markham Rd. Guin, AL 35563
MT. HARMONY	Rev. Danny Thompson O. O. Box 14681 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6088	Mr. David Harrison P. O. Box 532 Vernon, AL 35592
MT. PLEASANT	Rev. Donald Kivette 870 County Hwy. 74 Guin, AL 35563	468-2657	Ms. Joyce Bigham 1124 Prospect Rd. Sulligent, AL 35586
MT. WILLING	Rev. Grant Webb 2545 County Hwy. 160 Winfield, AL 35594	487-0356	Mrs. Carol S. McDonald 1663 Guin Road Guin, AL 35563
NEW CENTER POINT	Rev. Scott Nicholson 60320 Sipsey Fork Road Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	601-257-1111	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	Mrs. Delores Northington P. O. Box 182 Gattman, MS 38844
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. John Johnson P. O. Box 207 Vernon, AL 35592	695-6343	Mr. Jimmy McDaniel 645 Buck Run Vernon, AL 35592
SULLIGENT, FIRST FWB	Unknown		Mrs. Jo Ann Riggs 3697 County Hwy. 37 Guin, AL 35563
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	Unknown		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	Ms. Elwanda Oakes P. O. Box 351 Vernon, AL 35592

Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers
1	0	55	28	0	0	1
5	0	153	75	0	12	2
1	3	140	75	15	0	0
2	2	26	15	0	0	1
5	0	85	45	0	0	2
5	2	208	82	0	10	1
11	0	28	21	0	0	2
7	6	203	55	50	12	1
9	0	136	77	0	10	1
13	3	207	99	0	0	2
7	0	84	38	0	0	2
2	2	88	18	0	0	1
9	0	139	70	0	20	2
13	0	163	80	0	0	1
0	0	35	30	0	0	1
3	3	77	46	10	0	1
9	1	249	125	0	10	1
2	0	48	30	0	0	0
0	3	93	22	0	0	1
10	1	272	102	53	14	2

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met on November 24, 1998 to plan the March 1999 meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association.

The committee voted to ask Rev. Scott Nicholson to have the morning devotion. The Committee invited Rev. Scott Montgomery to bring the 11:00 A.M. message. We asked the host church, New Center Point, to be responsible for the music for this service.

The Executive Committee met again on April 6, 1999, at the Belk Free Will Baptist Church to plan the annual meeting in October of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association.

The Committee chose Rev. Dewight Bailey to bring the morning devotion and chose Rev. C. C. Berryhill to bring the afternoon devotion. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted to invite Rev. Fred Jones, missionary to Prattville, Alabama to bring the 11:00 A.M. message. We voted to receive an offering and give our guest speaker \$200.00 or the offering, whichever is the greater. The Committee also voted to give Rev. M. H. Hollis a plaque in appreciation for his 38 years of pastorate in the Vernon Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Larry Reynolds, Moderator

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board of the Vernon Association met on October 11, 1999, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the increase in the State and National Association dues and the Vernon Association financial problems.

This year the National Association voted to increase the National Association dues from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year per church. The Executive Committee of the State Association is proposing an increase in State dues from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per year per church, making it a total of \$85.00 per church per year.

We, the General Board of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association make the following recommendations:

- I. That we recommend that all churches of the Vernon Association with 100 members or more pay \$200.00 per year dues and churches with less than 100 members pay \$100.00 per year dues.
- II. We recommend that these dues be made a part of our Constitution and By-Laws.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Mike Dankson, Moderator

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand 9-1-98

\$ 564.23

RECEIPTS:

Offering at October	
Association Meeting	\$ 225.00
Association Dues	1,785.00
Offering at Thanksgiving Service	179.40
Offering at March meeting	<u>121.26</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,310.66
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$2,874.89

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Randy Wright, Moderator	\$ 50.00
Rev. Jerry Williams, Asst. Moderator	25.00
Rev. Rick Cash, Guest Speaker	225.00
Regions Bank, Checks	12.15
Ala. State Association Dues	1,000.00
Rev. Tom Scott, Guest Speaker	180.00
Thumb Print, Minutes	650.00
Postmaster, Postage	20.97
State Promotional Office	125.00
Raphael Yerby, Clerk	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES .	\$2,363.12
Balance On Hand 8-31-99	\$ 511.77

Respectfully Submitted,

Raphael H. Yerby, Treasurer

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. M. H. Hollis, P. O. Box 183, Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. Lloyd George, 327 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, 3127 Freeman Road, Caledonia, MS 39740
Rev. C. C. Berryhill, 60324 Sipsey Fork Road, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
Rev. David Sanderson, 60035 County Barn Rd., Amory, MS 38821
Rev. Aubrey C. Gibson, P. O. Box 214, Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. Kevin Stacey, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Rick Powers, 18154, County Road 49, Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. DeWight Bailey, P. O. Box 366, Nauvoo, AL 35578
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
Rev. Tim Riggs, 5201 Hwy. 278, Sulligent, AL 35586
Rev. Charles Fowler, 5121 Hwy. 102, Fayette, AL 35555
Rev. Donald Kivette, 870 County Hwy. 74, Guin, AL 35563
Rev. Mark Collier, 3247 Military St. N., Hamilton, AL 35570
Rev. Jimmy Martin, 2938 Hwy. 96, Fayette, AL 35555
Rev. Scott Nicholson, 60320 Sipsey Fork Rd., Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
Rev. Scott Montgomery, 5187 Buck Jackson Rd., Sulligent, AL 35586
Rev. Randy Key, P. O. Box 31, Belk, AL 35545
Rev. Danny Thompson, P. O. Box 1468, Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. Jerry Barnes, 50066 J. U. Dobbs Rd., Amory, MS 38821
Rev. John Johnson, P. O. Box 207, Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. Darrell Burkett, 624 Sexton Rd., Fayette, AL 35555
Rev. Mark Kelley, Detroit, AL 35552

LIST OF DEACONS

BEAVERTON - Bros. Bobby Dykes, Russell Cole and Harrell Cantrell
BELK - Bros. Raphael Yerby, Dalton Gilpin, and Lewis Hindman

COOPER - Bros. Burley Finch, Edward Finch, Jeff Stidham, Mark Kelley,
and Dewight Land

DAVIS CHAPEL - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Bros. Joe M. Easter, Phillip Wise and
Gene Wise

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Bros. Daniel Franks, L.D. Hall, Tommy Otts, Edsel
Gideon, and Jerry Mays

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. Guary Taylor, Loyd Carter, and Clayton Barnes

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

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - None

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

PINEY GROVE - Bros. Danny Atkinson and Tommie Robertson

SPLUNGE - Bro. Clovis Blaylock

SPRINGFIELD - Bros. Tommie Rushing, Paul Jordan, and Richard Johnson

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

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

UNION CHAPEL - Bros. James E. Maddox, Benny Hardy, and Jessie Yerby

VERNON FIRST - Bros. Pascal Yerby, Paul Shelnut, Edgar Turner, Derrell
Wheeler, Eris Wilson, Mike Freeman and Zadus Turner, Jr.

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, Charles Crosby, Gordie Rye, Kelly Easter, Coy Robertson, Emmitt Lee, Roy Ashby, Oveat Graham, Gordie Rye, and Sam Glasgow.

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 or 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(A). The moderator shall receive \$50.00, the assistant moderator \$25.00, and the clerk \$75.00 per year for their services.

12(B). All churches of the association with 100 members or more shall send the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) dues per year, and all churches of the associatin with less than 100 members shall send the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) dues per year.

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. The Vernon Association will purchase a new Bible for those who are being ordained and present it to them at the Ordination Service as a gift from

the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association.

11. (A) All ordination of ministers shall be done by the Credential Committee. The time and place to be agreed upon by the Credential Committee and the candidate for ordination.

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. NAME: The name of this Board shall be "Christian Board of Education of the Vernon Association of Free Will Baptist".

2. PURPOSE: To promote and assist the local churches in the association in Christian education at all levels of church work. The board will also be responsible for the district CTS competition in April.

3. MEMBERS: The Board shall have five (5) members, with the senior member in point of service being replaced each year. Members shall consist of two (2) laymen, but no more than three (3) laymen, or two (2) ordained ministers but no more than three (3) ordained ministers.

4. MEETINGS: The Board shall meet once a month. The day, time and place will be decided by the Board members. The first meeting will be in November after the annual meeting of the association.

5. OFFICERS: The board shall have as officers chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Elected by the board.

The chairman shall preside over all meetings and shall see that all jobs are carried out properly.

The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of each meeting, shall be responsible for all correspondence for the board and preside over meetings in the absence of the chairman.

The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies, shall have a report for all meetings and the annual meeting of the association.

6. The board shall have the power to appoint a member to replace a member that has resigned or one that has deceased. This member will serve until the annual meeting of the association. At that time, the Association will elect the temporary member to finish that term or replace with a new member.

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.