

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH  
SESSION**

**of the**

**VERNON FREE WILL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**held with**

**THE FIRST FREE WILL  
BAPTIST CHURCH OF VERNON**

**2000 Minutes**

OFFICERS FOR 2000

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH SESSION

MODERATOR .....REV. 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 the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 17, 2001. Registration will begin at 9:30 A.M., and service will begin at 10:00 A.M. The annual session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 20, 2001, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and twentieth session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon on Saturday, October 14, 2000. 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, "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship", directed by Bro. Mike Dankson. The opening prayer was by Rev. M. H. Hollis. We had another song, "The Family Of God", by Bro. Dankson.

We were welcomed to the Vernon Church by the host pastor, Rev. Mike Dankson. The response was given by Rev. James Walden.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Mark Kelley, pastor of the Cooper Free Will Baptist Church. He used First John 1:1-4 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker

The Digest Committee report was given by Bro. Steve Butler, 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 Bro. 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 2001 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. Ashley Culp of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Guy Owens, North Carolina Evangelist, and Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of the Winfield Free Will Baptist Church.

At this time, the moderator recognized Rev. Rev. Ashley Culp, director of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, and asked him to share with us a report of the youth camp. Bro. Culp gave us a very interesting report of things happening at our youth camp. 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 report of the State Promotional office by Rev. Danny Williams, reporting for Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director, who was out of state. We had a motion, second, and vote to receive the report.

We had a report of the Vernon District Women Active for Christ by Sister Elwanda Oakes, President. We had a motion, second, and vote to receive the report.

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. Darrel Burkett, Pastor of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

After recess we had a song, "In My Heart There Rings A Melody" by Bro. Mike McDaniel. Prayer was by Rev. Randy Key, Pastor of Belk Free Will Baptist Church.

We had a report of the Credentials Committee by Rev. Randy Wright. We had a motion, second, and vote to receive the report.

We had a report of the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee. The report was given by Sister Elwanda Oakes, Chairperson.

The Finance Committee was called for next. The report was given by Bro. Bob Carter, Chairman. We had a motion, second, and vote to receive the report and discharge the committee.

The report of the Christian Education Board was given 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 and one member to serve out the unexpired term of Bro. Stoney Robertson. (See List.)

We had a brief report of appreciation for our association's support of the Gideons International by Bro. Dick Walters.

The Deceased Members Committee report was given by Sister Frances Butler, Chairperson. We had a motion, second, and vote to receive the report and sing "That Glad Reunion Day" and have prayer by Rev. Charles Fowler in memory of these loved ones.

At this time we had a song service of several songs just before the 11:00 A.M. worship service. Prayer was by Rev. Donald Kivette, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church. We received an offering for our guest speaker. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Guy Owens. The amount of the offering was \$211.00.

Just before the morning message, we had a special in song by Sister Marsha McDaniel and prayer by Rev. Mike Dankson.

The keynote morning message was brought by Rev. Danny Williams, assistant moderator of the Alabama State Association. His Scripture text was from II Samuel 6:1-11. Bro. Williams preached a very powerful message that was enjoyed by everyone. Prayer was by the speaker. We had a song of invitation, and many were in the altar.

After the wonderful message, we were dismissed for the noon hour. The dismissal prayer and blessing of the food was by Rev. Mike Dankson.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

After a very delicious lunch provided by the good people of the Vernon Church and the noon hour of fellowship, we convened back in session at 1:30 P.M. with a song, "Victory In Jesus", by Bro. McDaniel. Prayer was by Rev. John Johnson, pastor of Springfield Free Will Baptist Church.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Dwayne Hammontree, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent. His scripture text was St. John 9:4. Prayer was by the speaker.

At this time, the moderator appointed four people from the General Board to serve on the Executive Committee along with the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and the Clerk.

The Appreciation Committee report was given by Sister Susan Nicholson, Chairperson. A special thanks was given to the Vernon Church for hosting this session of the association and for their fine hospitality shown to all of us for this meeting.

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

Sister Elwanda Oakes

Sister Dorothy Hollis

Sister Sue Yerby

Sister Dwayne Hammontree

We selected a place for the association Thanksgiving Service. The Liberty Free Will Baptist Church invited us to meet with them for this meeting. The congregation accepted their invitation to host the association Thanksgiving service. The moderator appointed a committee, Rev. Darrel Burkett, Rev. Randy Key, and Rev. Scott Montgomery, to plan the service and secure a speaker. The Thanksgiving Service will be held with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday night, November 21, 2000, beginning at 7:00 P.M.



A place was chosen for the next two (2) meetings of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. The Piney Grove Church requested to host the March meeting. The body voted to accept the invitation and hold the March meeting with the Piney Grove Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2001. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M., and the service will begin at 10:00 A.M. The Springfield Free Will Baptist Church invited us to meet with them for the annual meeting in October. The body voted to hold the annual association meeting with the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2001, 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. After many tries and much discussion and excuses, Rev. Scott Montgomery was elected to serve as moderator.

Nomination was opened for assistant moderator of the association. Rev. Danny Thompson 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.

At this time, the moderator appointed Rev. Scott Nicholason to serve a five year term on the Credentials Committee.

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

There were a total of 124 people who registered for this session of the association. They were as follows:

Ministers	23	Delegates	64
Deacons	11	Visitors	26

Ministers that registered

Rev. Mike Dankson	Rev. Scott Montgomery
Rev. Dwayne Hammontree	Rev. Donald Kivette
Rev. David Cook	Rev. John Johnson
Rev. Ashley Culp	Rev. Randy Key
Rev. Mark Kelley	Rev. Scott Nicholson
Rev. Charles Fowler	Rev. Darrell Burkett
Rev. Charles Young	Rev. Randy Wright
Rev. Jim Martin	Rev. C. C. Berryhill
Rev. M. H. Hollis	Rev. Dale Ford

Rev. James C. Newell  
Rev. Danny Thompson  
Rev. James Walden

Rev. Danny Williams  
Rev. Guy Owens

### **SEMIANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 2000**

The semi-annual meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on Saturday, March 18, 2000, with the Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Mike Dankson served as moderator.

The meeting was opened with a song "Getting Ready To Leave This World", directed by Bro. Edsel Gideon. The opening prayer was by Rev. Mark Collier, pastor of Love Joy Free Will Baptist Church.

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

We had another song, "Rescue The Perishing", directed by Bro. Gideon.

We had a special in song, "Just One More Soul", by Bro. Scott Montgomery.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Randy Key, pastor of Belk Free Will Baptist Church. He used Romans 8:29 as his Scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

The moderator announced a youth rally to be held with the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.

The moderator recognized Rev. Rich Cash, State Promotional Director and Trinity Youth Camp Director. Bro. Cash gave us a very interesting report of the State Promotional office and the many accomplishments and activities of things happening at the Trinity Youth Camp.

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

After recess, we had a song, "My Savior First Of All."

We received an offering designated to the State Promotional office. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Danny Thompson. The amount of the offering was \$170.00

The moderator recognized all preachers present for the meeting.

We had another song, "Blessed Assurance", directed by Bro. Gideon

We had a special in song, "Unworthy Vessel", by Sister Amanda Cantrell. Prayer was by Rev. Bill Duncan.

The morning message was brought by Rev. John Johnson, pastor of Springfield Free Will Baptist Church. He used Luke 19:28-41 as his scripture text. Prayer was by the speaker.

After a very interesting message, we were dismissed from this session of the Vernon Association and for the noon meal. The dismissal prayer and the blessing of the food was by Rev. Donald Kivette, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church.

### **CHURCHES AND DELEGATES LISTED**

**BEAVERTON**- Sisters Joan Mosley, Benita Stanford, Christy Trentlemon, and Bro. David Trentlemon

**BELK**- Sisters Louise Ham, Dee Williams, Sue Yerby, Bros. Sam House, Laren Williams, and Sisters Gloria House, Alternate and Glenda Key, Alternate

**COOPER** - Sisters Lisa Wanner, Judy Lewis, Willadean Miles, Debbie England, Deniece Stoddard, Willer Dean Spratlin, Betty Warren, Bros. Pete Lewis, Alternate and Matt Wanner, Alternate

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

**DEPRIEST CHAPEL** - Sisters Mary Wise, Sheila Irvin, Charlie Franklin and Bro. Charlie Franklin, Alternate

**FREE WILL CHAPEL** - Sisters Pearlie Turner, Margaret Davis, Bros. Billy Joe Turner and Jim Davis

**FRIENDSHIP** - Sisters Mary Reynolds and Myrtle Reynolds

**LIBERTY** - Sisters Frances Butler, Loree Christain, Eula Mae Dubose, Mary Ann Perkins, Bros. Steve Butler, Leonard Corbett, Carl Perkins, and Tony Perkins.

**LOVE JOY** - Bros. Marty Stockman, Freddie Pickle, W. C. Guyton, Mack Sorrells, Steve Benton and J. R. Coley, Alternate

**MT. HARMONY** - Sisters Kaye Callahan, Kay Thompson, Vina Walden, Bros. J. T. Johnson, Jr. and Joseph Callahan

**MT. PLEASANT** - Sisters Joyce Bigham, Clara Bush, Norma Smith, Carol Kivette, and Bro. Johnny Bigham

**MT. WILLING** - Sister Dorthy Rye and Bro. Roger Rye

**NEW CENTER POINT** - Sister Susan Nicholson, Mittie Tate, Ruth Vann and Bro. Dennis Tate

**PINEY GROVE** - Bros. Troy Cole, Terry Cummings, Stan Johnson and Stanley Vaughn



SPLUNGE - Sisters Fay Blaylock and Linda Ford

SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Betty Goode, Burma Jordan, Kim Johnson,  
Bros. Harold Goode and Dick Walters

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

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Bro. J. C. Young

UNION CHAPEL - Sisters Clara Cobb and Joyce Hardy

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

### GENERAL BOARD

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - Dalton Gilpin

COOPER - Edward Finch

DAVIS CHAPEL - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Larry Frye

FREE WILL CHAPEL - L. D. Hall

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Lennie R. DuBose

LOVE JOY - Guary Taylor

MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler

MT. PLEASANT - Johnny Bigham

MT. WILLING - Grant Webb

NEW CENTER POINT - Mickey Hall

PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson

SPLUNGE - None

SPRINGFIELD - Dick Walters

SULLIGENT FIRST - Bob Carter

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Steve Spencer

UNION CHAPEL - Dean Maddox

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.

Beaverton

Belk

Cooper

Davis Chapel

Depriest Chapel

Free Will Chapel

Friendship

Liberty

Love Joy

Mt. Harmony

**COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR 2000****CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Bro. Edsel Gideon, 2001  
Bro. Pascal Yerby, 2002  
Rev. Randy Wright - 2003  
Rev. Bill Duncan - 2004  
Scott Nicholson - 2005

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

Sis Elwanda Oakes  
Sis. Ruth Vann  
Sis. Christy Trentelman  
Bro. Roger Rye

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Bob Carter  
Bro. Mike Freeman  
Sis. Joyce Bigham  
Sis. Burma Jordan

**DECEASED MEMBERS  
COMMITTEE**

Sis. Frances Butler  
Sis. Dora Lee Pennington  
Sis. Judy Lewis  
Sis. Betty Goode

**DIGEST COMMITTEE 2001**

Bro. Joseph Callahan  
Bro. Billy Joe Turner  
Bro. J. C. Young  
Bro. Dick Walters

**APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

Bro. Sam House  
Sis. Susan Nicholson  
Sis. Carol Kivette  
Bro. Dean Maddox

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

Bro. Mike McDaniel, 2001  
Bro. Dwayne Hammontree - 2002  
Rev. Dale Ford - 2003  
Rev. Scott Montgomery - 2004  
Bro. Harold Goode - 2005

**YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE**  
All Pastors of the Vernon Association**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Scott Montgomery  
Rev. Danny Thompson  
Bro. Raphael Yerby  
Bro. Edward Finch  
Bro. L. D. Hall  
Bro. Guary Taylor  
Bro. Zadus Turner, Sr.

**YOUTH CAMP BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS**

Rev. Randy Wright - 2001  
Bro. Steve Butler - 2002  
Bro. Lewis Hindman - 2003

**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Zadus Turner, Jr.  
Sis. Mary Wise  
Bro. Harold Goode  
Sis. Mary Reynolds

**COMMITTEE ON  
COMMITTEES FOR 2001**

Bro. Mike McDaniel  
Rev. Donald Kivette  
Rev. Scott Nicholson

## **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, 2000, was 1,182 with twenty (20) churches reporting having an active Sunday School. This is an increase of 119 members from last year.

Three churches reported that they have a C.T.S. program. They are: Cooper, Liberty, and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon. They have a total of 135 members. This is an increase of 25 members over last year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elwanda Oakes, Chairperson

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

The balance on hand at the end of the current year (8-31-2000) is \$168.76. A total of \$3,100.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year, bringing our balance to \$3,268.76. Our estimated expense for the next year is approximately \$2,550.00, leaving a projected balance of \$718.76 at the end of next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Carter, Chairman

## **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following report:

First Corinthians 9:24-27. As Christians, we must be temperate in all things, striving for the incorruptible crown, not only for ourselves, but also as an example to others, lest we cause someone to fall. Our lives must be holy and pure.

Respectfully Submitted  
Zadus Turner, Jr., Chairman

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

- I. We had a motion and second to receive Bro. Dwayne Hammontree into the Vernon free Will Baptist Association. We received a letter of good standing and recommendation from his former association. Motion carried.

- II. We received letters of good standing from their respective association on the following: Rev. Danny Thompson, Rev. David Cook, and Rev. Jerry Barnes.
- III. We granted a letter of good standing and recommendation on Rev. Rick Powers to the Union Association of Free Will Baptists in Tennessee.
- IV. We recommend that all ministers of the Vernon Association present today be given a card of good standing.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Walden, Chairman

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee would like to give a special thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vernon for their hospitality, delicious food, and fellowship during this 2000 fall session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association. We leave you with a verse of Scripture from Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Nicholson, Chairperson

### COMMITTEE REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

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

Twenty-three (23) brothers and sisters have gone to be with our Lord this past year. Psalms 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." We would like to remember the following members by singing, "That Glad Reunion Day" and being led in prayer by Rev. Charles Fowler, pastor of Davis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - Sister Mary Alice Williams

COOPER - Sister Ruby Belk

DAVIS CHAPEL - Sister Ida Wright

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sister Rosa Nell Otts

FREE WILL CHAPEL - None

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Sisters Amanda Rozelle Perkins, Valeria Hankins, Bros. Loyd Dubose and Garland Perkins



LOVE JOY - None  
MT. HARMONY - Bro. Alvert Christian, Sisters Eunita Chaffin and Ola Huguley  
MT. PLEASANT - None  
MT. WILLING - None  
NEW CENTER POINT - Bro. James Wilson III  
PINEY GROVE - None  
SPLUNGE - None  
SPRINGFIELD - Sisters Viola Rogers, Ora Jordan, and Bro. Henry Paul Jordan  
SULLIGENT FIRST F.W.B.- Sisters Verla Shaw, Effie Northington, and Bro. Ray Birmingham  
TAYLOR SPRINGS - Sisters Glenda B. Haney and Tollie R. Young  
UNION CHAPEL -None  
VERNON FIRST F.W.B.- Sister Artie Baughn, Bros. Davis Eaves and Phil Mills

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Butler, Chairperson

### **VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**

The Vernon District Women Active for Christ met at the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church on April 10, 2000, for their 22nd annual meeting with 20 ladies in attendance. Belva Pennington served as song leader and Dean Rushing as pianist. Debbie Dankson prayed the opening prayer. Elwanda Oakes, President, presided. Kim Johnson gave the welcome and Jean Dubose gave the response using Psalms 133:1. Michelle and Melissa McDaniel presented the special music and sang, "Bring all Your Needs to the Lord's Altar" and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." Sue Yerby introduced our guest speaker, Robbie Hindman, Director of Hospice for Fayette and Lamar Counties. Mrs. Hindman told of the role of volunteers and of hospice, and Sue Yerby then gave a testimony of the blessings received as a volunteer and stressed the need for volunteers. A love offering of \$76.00 was received and given to Mrs. Hindman, who in turn said she would donate the money to the hospice program.

Joyce Gibson, vice-president and field worker, asked that we pray for the other churches that have auxiliaries and do not belong to WAC.

The following resolutions were presented and passed:

1. That our district continue to serve in our Care Center of Vernon and that we serve in areas called upon during the year.
2. That we take the Hope Center as a project this year and that each group

plan to do something for them.

3. That each group take the Youth Camp as a project and do something for the camp. Some suggested saving drink cans for them.

4. That we continue to support Richard Yerby by collecting postage stamps, cards, car tags, and leather straps.

Four delegates were appointed to represent us at the State WAC Convention in Jasper Lou Ella Knight, Jackie Harrison, Kim Johnson, and Debbie Dankson.

We were reminded that the LAMP offering would go to the Acts 1:8 plan for 1999. Burma Jordan, secretary/treasurer, reported a balance of \$56.38 in our treasury. We were encouraged to give to the Project 2006 and to the Jimmy/Janie Aldridge Scholarship Fund.

Belva Pennington led the song, "I Want to Be A Worker For The Lord" and Louise Shelnut dismissed us in prayer and asked the blessing on the food served in the fellowship hall.

The State meeting was held in Jasper on May 6, 2000, at the First Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Jeff Lunsford, Missionary to Mongolia, was the keynote speaker. Rev. Rick Cash, Alabama Promotional Director, spoke in the afternoon. Several ladies attended. Elwanda Oakes, president, presided.

Five members from Vernon District and one guest were among the 549 women who attended a prayer retreat at Ridgecrest in September. They heard the "First Lady of Piano," Gail Smith, speak and demonstrate the role music can play in the lives of Christians.

WAC gave \$690 to home missions and \$652 to foreign missions. We gave \$409.31 to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home and \$120 to the Trinity Youth Camp and \$200 to the LAMP offering which went to the ACTS 1:8 program. Total gifts sent through the Vernon District WAC were \$3,247.12.

We are thankful for God's blessing during the last year. We need the women of the Vernon Association to consider joining us as we serve as "Co-Laborers Together With God."

Respectfully submitted,  
Elwanda Oakes, President

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	Rev. Mark Kelley 500 E.E. Kelley Rd. Detroit, AL 35552	921-2440	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	Rev. Charles Young 116 Woolbright St. Columbus, MS 39702	662-327-3104	Mrs. Mary Reynolds 11047 Fernbank Rd. Millport, AL 35576
LIBERTY	Rev. Darrell Burkett 624 Sexton Road Fayette, AL 35555	932-8683	Mr. Steve Butler 100 Bethabara Cutoff Fayette, AL 35555
LOVE JOY	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 5399 Cody Rd. Kennedy, AL 35574	596-4041	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	662-257-1111	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	662-369-7320	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	Rev. Dwayne Hammontree 5201 Hwy. 278 Sulligent, AL 35586	698-8177	Mrs. Donna Gunter 531 Humbers St. Sulligent, AL 35586
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Rev. C.C. Berryhill 60324 Sipsey Fork Rd. Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	662-256-8825	Mr. J. C. Young 1501 Taylor Springs Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544
UNION CHAPEL	Rev. David Cook P. O. Box 335 Gordo, AL 35466	364-0367	Mrs. Jo Ann 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
0	0	55	28	0	0	1
5	1	154	75	0	12	2
7	1	144	75	12	15	1
0	1	23	22	0	0	1
12	1	83	50	0	0	2
2	0	209	51	0	10	1
9	0	23	22	0	0	2
15	4	213	74	65	13	1
5	0	141	79	0	7	1
9	3	208	88	0	0	2
4	0	88	28	0	0	3
14	0	98	27	0	0	1
7	1	144	70	0	20	2
21	0	153	125	0	0	1
16	1	50	35	0	10	1
0	3	56	45	0	10	1
5	3	244	130	0	10	2
0	2	48	30	0	0	0
5	0	95	22	0	0	1
15	3	281	106	58	15	2

**DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Digest Committee, make the following report:

**STATISTICS:**

Number of churches (Rural - 17, City - 3)	20
Full-time Pastors	15
Part-time Pastors	5
Tithes and offerings (13 churches reporting)	\$768,465.00
Ordained Ministers	27
Licensed Ministers	3
Ordained Deacons	55
Churches with Day Care	0
Churches with Kindergarten	0
Churches with Sunday School	20
Sunday School Enrollment	1,182
Baptisms	80
Members Added	135
Members Lost	56
Total Membership	2,510
Churches with Parsonage	7
Churches with Budgets	0
Value of all Church Property (12 churches reporting)	\$3,987,000.00
Churches with C.T.S.	3
C.T.S. Enrollment	135
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary	8
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment	100
Churches with Masters Men	1
Master's Men Enrollment	7

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Butler, Chairman

**VERNON ASSOCIATION****CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT**

The Christian Education Board reported they did not have any activities this last year and did not have anything to report.

The financial report is as follows:

Beginning balance 10-1-99	\$2,330.81
Offerings received	440.20
Total	2,771.01
Expenditures	0.00
Balance on hand 9-30-2000	\$2,771.01

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike McDaniel, Chairman



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met on September 5, 2000, at the Vernon free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with Scripture reading by Rev. Mike Dankson. Prayer was by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

The date of October 14, 2000, for the Annual Association meeting was approved by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee voted to invite Rev. Danny Williams, Assistant State Moderator, to be our guest speaker for the meeting.

The Committee voted to ask Rev. Mark Kelley to have the morning devotion and Rev. Dwayne Hammontree to have the afternoon devotion.

The Committee voted to receive an offering and give the guest speaker \$200.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Mike Dankson, Moderator

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand 9-1-99 \$ 511.77

RECEIPTS:

Offering at October Association Meeting .....	\$ 315.23
Offering at March meeting .....	170.00
Association Dues .....	2,240.27
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$2,725.50
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$3,237.27

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Mike Dankson, Moderator .....	\$ 50.00
Rev. M. H. Hollis, Asst. Moderator .....	25.00
Rev. Fred Jones, Guest Speaker .....	315.23
Plaque Honoring M. H. Hollis .....	31.80
Ala. State Association Dues .....	1,700.00
Bible for Rev. Darrell Burkett .....	47.50
Thumb Print, Minutes .....	675.00
Ala. State Promotional Office .....	170.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES.	\$3,068.51

Balance On Hand 8-31-00 \$ 168.76

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 Sipsev Fork Road, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848  
Rev. Aubrey C. Gibson, P. O. Box 214, Vernon, AL 35592  
Rev. Kevin Stacey, Nashville, Tenn.  
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 Sipsev 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, 5399 Cody Road, Kennedy, AL 35574  
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, 500 E.E. Kelley Rd., Detroit, AL 35552  
Rev. David Cook, P. O. Box 335, Gordo, AL 35466  
Rev. Dwayne Hammontree, 5201 Hwy. 278, Sulligent, AL 35586

**LIST OF DEACONS**

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

COOPER - Bros. Burley Finch, Dwight Land, and Edward Finch

DAVIS CHAPEL - None

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

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

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Bros. Bobby Joe Black, Lennie R. Dubose, Roy Guyton, Wayne  
Dubose, Willie Gene Perkins, and Wayne Sorrells

LOVE JOY - Bros. Guary Taylor, Clayton Barnes, Gary Sorrells, and Loyd  
Carter (Inactive)

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

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - None

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

PINEY GROVE - Bros. Danny Atkinson and Tommie Robertson

SPLUNGE - Bro. Clovis Blaylock

SPRINGFIELD - Bros. Tommie Rushing and Richard Johnson

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

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

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

VERNON FIRST - Bros. Pascal Yerby, Paul Shelnut, Edgar Turner, Derrell  
Wheeler, Eris Wilson, Mike Freeman and Zalus 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, Emmit Shelnut, Junie Harper, Lloyd Turner, Johnny Pike, Jeff McDonald, Carlos Roberts, Redden Mixon, David Barton, Odis Robertson, Obie Haney, Arlie Roberts, Richard Mansell, Haley Wright, Earl McDonald, Aubrey Hall, J. M. Chaffin, Titus Barnes, 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.