

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with

**NEW CENTER POINT
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2007 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 2007
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

MODERATOR REV. JOE BECKON
ASSISTANT MODERATOR REV. DWAYNE HAMMONTREE
CLERK BRO. STEVE BUTLER
ASSISTANT CLERK SIS. ELWANDA OAKES

The next session (Spring Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Springfield Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 15, 2008 with registration beginning at 9:30 A.M., and service beginning at 10:00 A.M. The annual session (Fall Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent on Saturday, October 18, 2008, with registration beginning at 8:30 A.M. and the service beginning at 9:00 A.M.

OFFICERS FOR 2008

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**PROCEEDINGS
FALL MEETING
MORNING SESSION**

The Fall Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at the New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

A congregational song, led by Bro. Kenny Ford was sung to open the meeting. The pastor, Bro. Kelvin Price of New Center Point Church led the group in prayer. The choir of New Center Point Church sang a song which led the group into the worship and business session.

Bro. Joe Beckon, moderator of the Vernon Association welcomed the delegates, ministers, deacons, and visitors to the meeting.

Bro. Marcus Stephens, Youth Minister at First Free Will Baptist Church in Fayette, Alabama, gave the morning devotion. His text was taken from Philippians 2:19-24. Following the devotion prayer was by the speaker.

The business session of the meeting began as the Association Clerk, Bro. Steve Butler, declared the session to order and read aloud the roll of delegates from the churches of the Vernon Association.

Digest Committee Chairman, Bro. Joseph Callahan, gave the report of the Committee. The report was accepted and approved by voice vote.

Next, the report of the Committee on Committees was given by Bro. Troy Kelly. The report was received and passed by voice vote. Following the Committee on Committees Report, the Executive Committee Report was given by the Association Clerk. The report was received and approved by voice vote.

The Moderator next called for letters from churches requesting membership in the Association. The Christian Free Will Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi had requested membership in the Association. The Christian Free Will Baptist Church was received into the Vernon Association by a motion and voice vote.

Next, reports of information were given. A report of the Vernon District of Women Active For Christ was given by Sis. Burma Jordan. The report was received as information. Bro. Ashley Culp, Director of Trinity Camp, gave a report on the Camp. Copies of the activities of the past year were made available to the delegates. The report was received

as information. A report of the State Promotional Office was next given by Bro. Rick Cash, Director. The report was received as information. Bro. Roger Bennet gave a report on the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama. The report was received as information.

The Moderator next requested locations for future meetings of the Association. The Springfield Church agreed to host the next Spring Meeting in 2008, the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sulligent agreed to host the Fall Meeting in 2008, and the Liberty Church agreed to host the Thanksgiving Service in November, 2007.

More committee reports were next given. A report of the Christian Education Board was given by Bro. Mike McDaniel. The report was accepted and approved by voice vote. A report of the Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee was next given by Bro. Zac Kelly. The report was received and accepted by voice vote. The Finance Committee report was given by Bro. Shannon Kelly. The report was accepted and approved by voice vote. The report of the Credentials Committee was next given and was approved by voice vote. The Deceased Members Committee Report was given by Sis. Genine Fowler. It was noted that 28 brothers and sisters from our churches had gone on to be with the Lord this year. A song, "Precious Memories", was sung in remembrance of them.

Other committee reports were given. The Appreciations Committee Report was given by Sis. Lucy Cox. The report was received and approved by voice vote. The Nominating Committee next gave their report. It was received and approved by voice vote.

The moderator next made committee appointments on the various committees for the coming year. The Committee on Committees, Executive Committee, Credentials Committee, C.E. Board, and Trinity Camp Board all either had one or more members appointed.

The moderator asked for delegates to attend the Alabama State Association meeting in Northport, Alabama in November. Those agreeing to be delegates were Mike McDaniel, Bob Carter, Sandra Carter, Elwanda Oakes.

A motion to adjourn from business session was made. The motion passed by voice vote and the delegates were dismissed and the meeting adjourned.

The morning worship service began with a congregational song led by Bro. Kenny Ford. The song was titled, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms". The offering received was to be given to the Mobile Alabama Mission Work. A song of special music was sung before the morning message. Bro. Tim Riggs, pastor of the Mission Church in Mobile brought the morning message. He used Hebrews 11:8 as his text. Following the message, an invitational hymn, "Come Unto Me", was sung by the congregation.

Following the message, all those present were invited to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the New Center Point Church. Bro. Dale Stafford, pastor of Christian Free Will Baptist Church closed the service with prayer.

The ministers who registered were:

Rev. Kelvin Price
 Rev. Chuck Moffet
 Rev. Scott Montgomery
 Rev. Marcus Stephens
 Rev. Wade Peoples
 Rev. Charles Fowler
 Rev. Joe Beckon
 Rev. Dale Stafford
 Rev. Luke Bozeman
 Rev. Devin Henry
 Rev. Willard Pless
 Rev. Lamar Cox
 Rev. John Reed

Rev. Ashley Culp
 Rev. Dwight Bailey
 Rev. Billy R. Smith
 Rev. Rick Cash
 Rev. Keith Rhudy
 Rev. Edward Puckett
 Rev. Danny Thompson
 Rev. James Walden
 Rev. M.H. Hollis
 Rev. Dale Ford
 Rev. Darrell Burkett
 Rev. Randy Wright
 Rev. Tim Riggs

In addition to the above ministers, there were 44 delegates, 14 deacons, and 57 visitors present for the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS SPRING MEETING 2007

The Spring Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association was held with the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 17, 2007. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Bro. Randy Wright, pastor of the Piney Grove Church welcomed the assembly of members from the various churches of the Association. Sis. Jennifer Crowe played an instrumental solo, "Amazing Grace", as the group was seated.

The opening congregational hymn, "Just Over In The Gloryland", was led by Bro. Randy Wright. Prayer followed, being led by Bro. James Walden. A welcome from the Association was given by Bro. Joe Beckon, Moderator of the Vernon Association. A special music selection was sung by Bro. David and Sis. Jennifer Crowe. The song was titled, "Forever Settled".

The morning message was next preached by Bro. Barry Simpson with the International Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Bro. Simpson used as his text I Corinthians 1:17, 18, 23. The message focused on the cross and how it affects the life of man. Following the message, prayer was offered by the speaker. Bro. Simpson mentioned that April 29, 2007 would be designated as International Missions Sunday and encouraged all churches to give. It was also mentioned that the first service of the Mobile Alabama Mission Church would be April 1, 2007. The Beaverton Free Will Baptist Church would hold its first service in their new building on March 25, 2007.

Bro. Ashley Culp with Trinity Camp gave a report concerning the Camp and some of the needs of the Camp.

A recess break was next taken. Following the break, Bro. Randy Wright ministered to the group by sharing a trumpet solo, "Blessed Be The Name". A congregational song, "What A Day That Will Be", was sung being led by Bro. Randy Wright.

An offering was next received following prayer by Bro. Marcus Stephens, Youth Minister at First Free Will Baptist Church in Fayette, Alabama. Sis. Lucy Cox and Sis. Jennifer Crowe sang a special song, "No Other Friend Like Jesus" before the next message by Bro. Keith Rhudy, pastor of Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Sulligent, Alabama. Bro. Rhudy used the text I John 1:3-5 as the emphasis for the message. Prayer was by the speaker.

A delicious barbecue lunch followed, provided by the Piney Grove Church. Bro. M.H. Hollis led in prayer before the meal.

There were 17 delegates, 19 ministers, 8 deacons, and 19 visitors present for the meeting.

LISTING OF DELEGATES BY CHURCH

BEAVERTON- Bill Sizemore, Nell Sizemore, Alan Kikpatrick, Tammy Kirkpatrick - alternate.

BELK- Doug Stripling, Martha Stripling, Ralph Carroll, Vicky Carroll, Lucy Cox, Angie Knight - alternate, Mackey Watkins - alternate.

COOPER - Zac Kelly, Tammy Henry, Willa Dean Spratlin, Mary Nash,unior Warren, Betty Warren, Zac Kelly, Becky Nichols, Angie Hartley

DAVIS CHAPEL - None listed or present

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sheila Irvin, Brenda Langford, Mary Wise.

FAYETTE, FIRST - Danny Jenkins, Doyle Simmons, Shannon Kelly, Sarah Simmons - alternate, Eva Ham - alternate, Brandon Sanford - alternate.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Tammy Rhudy, W.G. Stanford, Dorothy Gideon, Judy Gideon, Lenora Hopper - alternate.

FRIENDSHIP - None listed or present

LIBERTY -Stephanie Butler, Frances Butler, Loree Christian, Mary Ann Perkins, Carl Perkins, Autie Elliott.

LOVE JOY - Doug Puckett, Patsy Puckett, J.R. Coley, Freddie Pickle.

MT. HARMONY - Joseph Callahan, Kaye Callahan.

MT. PLEASANT - Betty Elrod, Pearlie Allen, Eva Cooper, Johnny Bigham - alternate, Joyce Bigham - alternate.

MT. WILLING -None listed or present

NEW CENTER POINT - Troy Kelly, Donald Puckett, Chuck Moffet.

PINEY GROVE -Bill Smith Jr., James Easter, Buddy Norris, Ronald McDonald.

SPLUNGE - None listed.

SPRINGFIELD - Dick Walters, Burma Jordan, Ginger Peoples.

SULLIGENT FIRST - Jerry Eastman, Mat Eastman, Bob Carter, Sandra Carter, Grace Turman - alternate, Viola Lowe - alternate.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None listed or present

UNION CHAPEL - Dean Maddox, Joyce Hardy.

VERNON FIRST - Martha Turner, Lou Ella Knight, Mike McDaniel, Marsha McDaniel, Peggy Sistrunk.

VICTORY - None listed or present

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

BEAVERTON - None listed

BELK - Dalton Gilpin, P. O. Box 11, Belk, Alabama 35545, 205-932-4968

COOPER - Edward Finch, Detroit, Alabama 35552, 205-273-4493

DAVIS CHAPEL - None listed

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - T. L. Webb, 662-256-5408

FAYETTE, FIRST - Billy R. Smith, P. O. Box 631, Fayette, Alabama 35555,
205-932-3943

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Edsel Gideon, 219 Westwood Rd., Vernon, Alabama 35592,
205-695-9376

FRIENDSHIP - None listed

LIBERTY - Leonard Corbett, 91 Oakes Chapel Dr., Vernon, Alabama 35592,
205-695-9311

LOVE JOY - Guary Taylor, P. O. Box 151, Sulligent, Alabama 35586, 205-698-0166

MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler, 42373 Hwy. 17, Vernon, Alabama 35592,
205-695-9870

MT. PLEASANT - Johnny Glasgow

MT. WILLING - None listed

NEW CENTER POINT - Wade Vann, 187 Waterworks Road, Sulligent, Alabama 35586
205-698-8116

PINEY GROVE - None listed

SPLUNGE - None listed

SPRINGFIELD - Dick Walters, 249 Spearman Circle, Vernon, Alabama 35592,
205-695-9799

SULLIGENT FIRST - Bob Carter, 186 Pinehill Ave., N.W., Vernon, Alabama 35592

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None listed

UNION CHAPEL - Dean Maddox, 4330 Co. Rd., 38W, Fayette, Alabama 35555,
205-932-6414

VERNON FIRST - Derrell Wheeler, 146 Wheeler Circle, Vernon, Alabama 35592
205-695-7844

VICTORY - None listed

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

Mt. Willing

New Center Point

Piney Grove

Splunge

Springfield

Sulligent, First

Taylor Springs

Union Chapel

Vernon, First

Victory

Committee on Committees**2007-2008**

Charles Fowler

Edsel Gideon

David Fowler

Executive Committee**2007-2008**

Phil Wheeler

Ed Finch

Leonard Corbett

Dick Walters

Bill Smith

Credentials Committee

Rev. Randy Wright - 2008

Rev. Lamar Cox - 2009

Rev. James Walden - 2010

Bro. Dalton Gilpin - 2011

Bro. Mike Kimbrell - 2012

Nominating Committee 2008

Dwain Cantrell

Troy Kelly

Zac Kelly

Board of Christian Education**(C.E.)**

Bro. Dale Ford - 2008

Rev. Luke Bozeman - 2009

Rev. Mark McCraney - 2010

Sis. Stephanie Butler - 2011

Bro. Mike McDaniel - 2012

Deceased Members**Committee - 2007**

Sis. Brenda Langford

Sis. Frances Butler

Sis. Grace Turman

Digest Committee -2008

Bro. Joseph Callahan

Rev. Lamar Cox

Bro. Doug Puckett

Trinity Youth Camp**Board of Directors**

Bro. Marcus Stephens - 2008

Bro. Lewis Hindman 2009

Bro. David Crowe - 2010

Appreciation Committee - 2007

Sis. Sarah Simmons

Sis. Iva Powell

Sis. Tammy Rhudy

Finance Committee - 2007

Bro. Jerry Eastman

Bro. Doyle Simmons

Bro. Shannon Kelly

Sunday School and C.T.S.**Committee - 2007**

Bro. Zack Kelly

Bro. Ralph Carroll

Sis. Burma Jordan

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

The balance of funds on hand on 09-01-06 was \$1,889.58. A total of \$4,200.00 has been received from our churches in dues for this year. That brings the total amount of funds to \$6,089.58. Our estimated expenses for the coming year are estimated to be \$5,000.00, leaving an estimated balance at the end of the year of \$1,089.58.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Eastman, Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. We recommend the ordination of Patrick McDaniel to the ministry.
2. We recommend a card of good standing be given to all ministers present today.

Respectfully submitted,
Credentials Committee
Bro. Mike Kimbrell
Rev. Randy Wright
Rev. Dwain Hammontree
Rev. James Walden
Bro. Dalton Gilpin

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to thank the New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church for your warm hospitality and all your hard work preparing for this special fall association meeting. We also want to thank you for the delicious meal we were privileged to receive.

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Lucy Cox, Chairman
Sis. Sarah Simmons
Sis. Tammy Rhudy

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Decea-eight (28) brothers and sisters that have gone on to be with the Lord this past year.

The Scripture, Numbers 23:10, says: "Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" We would like to remember the

following by singing, "Precious Memories" and for Bro. Kelvin Price to lead us in prayer.

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - Lois Howard, Leron Hamm, Laren Williams, Brooks Atkins

COOPER - Kyle Stidham, Ed Dupree

DAVIS CHAPEL - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Ed Northington

FAYETTE FIRST - Henry Sprinkle, Augie B. Ham

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Pearlie Turner

FRIENDSHIP - None

LIBERTY - Modena Frayley

LOVE JOY - None

MT. HARMONY - Jettie Gilliam

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - Mitchel Motes

NEW CENTER POINT - Rev. C. C. Berryhill

PINEY GROVE - Lillie Belle Markham, Louise Crews, Wanda Colburn,
JoAnn Riggs

SPLUNGE - None

SPRINGFIELD - Amy Lacey, Betty Joe Goode, Lethel Pennington

SULLIGENT FIRST F.W.B.- None

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Rev. C. C. Berryhill

UNION CHAPEL - None

VERNON FIRST F.W.B.- Mae George, Rev. Lloyd George, Jeanine
Perkins, Lucille Wheeler, Eris Wilson, Gladys Freeman, Orville Wheeler

VICTORY - None

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Brenda Langford

Sis. Frances Butler

Sis. Grace Turman

VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The Vernon District Women Active For Christ (WAC) consists of two auxiliaries with 13 active members on roll.

Our offerings were \$2221.56. A total of \$1,026.50 went to missionaries. \$1,195.06 went to Youth Camp, Children's Home, Jimmy & Janie Aldridge Scholarship Fund and other projects.

We gave non-cash gifts to WNAC Provision Closet in Nashville where missionaries in the U.S. and around the world can get items they need when they go on the field. Also missionaries' children can get school supplies and many other items that they need.

Our 29th District Convention was held at the Vernon First Free Will Baptist Church in March. Mrs. Ginger Peoples from Springfield Church was our speaker.

Ladies from our district attended the State meeting in Madison in April, the National in Little Rock, Arkansas in July and the State Retreat at Shocco Springs in September of this year.

We participated in the Harvest Drive for the Children's Home last October and had a Dawn Dishwashing shower also for the Children's Home this summer.

We sponsored the Birthday Party at the Care Center in Vernon in August.

We thank you for your prayers and support as we strive to further missions in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Burma Jordan

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Digest Committee, make the following report:

STATISTICS

Number of Churches reporting (Rural-15, City-4)	19
Full-time pastors	13
Bivocational pastors	5
Tithes and offerings (11 churches reporting)	\$1,004,095.89
Ordained Ministers	25
Licensed Ministers	10
Ordained Deacons	59
Churches with Daycare	1
Churches with Kindergarten	1
Churches with Day School	1
Churches with Sunday School	19
Sunday School Enrollment (18 churches reporting)	1,354
Baptisms	75
Members Added	101
Members Lost	6
Total Membership (18 churches reporting)	2,458
Churches with Parsonages	7
Churches with Budgets	4
Value of Church Property (9 churches reporting)	\$6,523,200.00
Churches with C.T.S.	2
C.T.S. Enrollment	124
Churches with Ladies Auxiliary	10
Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment (one not reporting)	96
Churches with Masters Men	2
Masters Men Enrollment	10

Respectfully submitted,
The Digest Committee

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (C.E.)
FINANCIAL REPORT
09-01-06 THROUGH 08-31-07**

Beginning balance:		\$527.61
Funds Received:	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Funds		\$527.61
Expenses/Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Ending Balance:		<u>\$527.61</u>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the Vernon Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Vernon, Alabama on March 12, 2007. Bro. Joc Beckon presided during the meeting. There were eight committee members present for the meeting.

The program for the Spring Meeting was approved by the committee. The offering from the Spring Meeting was designated by the committee to go to Home Missions.

The program and order of service for the Fall Meeting was discussed and finalized by the committee.

Also discussed was discontinuing the Temperance Committee and allowing the Executive Committee to handle or recommend any resolutions that might be important to the association.

The committee was dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS COMMITTEE

We, as the Sunday School and CTS Committee would like to submit the following report. We have 202 churches with Sunday School. The total enrollment is 1310 with 18 churches reporting. There are two churches with a CTS program with a total enrollment of 124.

Respectfully submitted,
Zack Kelly
Ralph Carroll
Burma Jordan

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, make the following report:

For Moderator, we recommend Rev. Joe Beckon; for assistant moderator, we recommend Bro. Keith Rhudy; for clerk, we recommend Bro. Steve Butler; for assistant clerk, we recommend Sis. Elwanda Oakes. On the C. E. Board, we recommend Luke Bozeman replace Rev. Billy Cash and Mike McDaniel to replace himself. On the Trinity Camp Board, we recommend that Marcus Stephens replace Rev. Billy Cash and David Crowe replace himself.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Raphael Yerby
Nominating Committee

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement 76

Beginning Balance \$1,889.58

(Includes funds of \$527.61 held for C. E. Board)

Funds received from:

Association dues from churches \$ 4,200.00

Offerings:

Fall Meeting 304.00

Spring Meeting 208.15

Total Funds \$6,601.73

EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries \$ 200.00

Printing and print materials 659.50

Postage 179.81

Dues paid to Ala. State Association 2970.00

Home Missions 608.00

Trinity Camp 208.15

Total Expenses/Disbursements - 4,825.46

ENDING BALANCE + \$ 1,776.27

CHURCH	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE	CLERK'S ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Dwight Bailey 256 Phillip Howell Rd. Winfield, AL 35594	205-487-4565	S. Cantrell 3015 Mt. Hebron Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544
BELK	Lamar Cox P. O. Box 31 Belk, AL 35545	205-932-3144	Pam Byars 6633 Hwy. 96 Fayette, AL 35555
COOPER	Devin Henry 150 Cooper Church Rd Detroit, AL 35552	205-921-2128	Becky Nichols 4746 Co. Rd. 26 Detroit, AL 35552
CHRISTIAN	Dale Stafford P. O. Box 146 Amory, MS 38821	662-651-5307	Stephanie Stafford P. O. Box 146 Amory, MS 38821
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Whalon Jones 2383 Old Hackleburg Rd. Hackleburg, AL 35564	205-935-8652	Gene Wise P.O. Box 132 Guttman, MS 38844
FAYETTE, FIRST	Scott Montgomery 1665 3rd Ave. N.W. Fayette, AL 35555	205-932-2314	Era L. Aldridge 531 3rd Ave. NW Fayette, AL 35555
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Keith Rhudy 5187 Buck Jackson Road Sulligent, AL 35586	205-695-6119	Lenora Hopper 1522 County Lake Rd. Sulligent, AL 35558
LIBERTY	Darrell Burkett 624 Sexton Road Fayette, AL 35555	205-932-8683	Steve Butler 100 Bethabara Cutoff Fayette, AL 35555
LOVE JOY	Edward Puckett 301 Dewel Drive Hamilton, AL 35570	205-921-4425	Linda Barnes 610 Markham Rd. Guin, AL 35563
MT. HARMONY	Danny Thompson 5399 Cody Rd. Kennedy, AL 35574	205-596-4041	David Harrison P. O. Box 532 Vernon, AL 35592
MT. PLEASANT	No Pastor Presently		Eva Cooper 920 Prospect Rd. Sulligent, AL 35586
MT. WILLING	No Pastor Presently		Carol McDonald 1663 Guin Road Guin, AL 35563
NEW CENTER POINT	Kelvin Price 60320 Sipsey Fork Road Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	662-257-1111	Ruth Vann 187 Waterworks Road. Sulligent, AL 35586
PINEY GROVE	Randy Wright 6711 Co. Hwy. 69 Guin, AL 35563	205-468-3740	Jackie Atkinson P.O. Box 563 Winfield, AL 35594
SPLUNGE	Dale Ford PO Box 184 Greenwood Springs, MS 38848	662-369-7320	Deloris Northington P. O. Box 182 Guttman, MS 38844
SPRINGFIELD	Wade Peoples P. O. Box 207 Vernon, AL 35592	205-695-6343	Jimny McDaniel 645 Buck Run Vernon, AL 35592
SULLIGENT, FIRST FWB	Chris Towe 5201 Hwy. 278 Sulligent, AL 35586	205-698-8177	Christy Merchant P. O. Box 776 Sulligent, AL 35586
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Keith Spencer 2610 Crews Rd Sulligent, AL 35586		Daryl Spencer 1718 Piney Grove Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544
UNION CHAPEL	Charles Fowler 5121 Hwy. 102 Fayette, AL 35555	205-932-6589	Jo Ann Maddox P. O. Box 636 Fayette, AL 35555
VERNON, FIRST FWB	Joe Beckon 221- 6th St., N.E. Vernon, AL 35592	205-695-9730	Elwanda Oakes P. O. Box 551 Vernon, AL 35592
VICTORY	Al Hamm 806 Belmont Dr. Columbus, MS 39702	662-328-0977	Johnnie Mae Newman 85 Weathers Rd. Columbus, MS 39702

Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers
11	0	76	-	-	-	1
2	4	158	90	-	12	2
2	2	141	45	-	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	1	60	20	-	-	1
4	2	218	133	-	-	3
8	1	230	71	-	14	1
0	1	218	80	55	25	1
17	0	65	45	-	7	1
14	14	252	119	-	-	2
0	0	77	28	-	-	-
-	1	57	9	-	-	-
17	1	196	95	-	-	1
12	4	161	160	-	-	3
9	0	-	-	-	10	-
1	3	-	55	-	20	1
2	0	209	106	-	-	1
3	1	53	36	-	-	1
-	-	50	15	-	-	1
3	7	122	103	69	8	1
5	0	115	100	-	-	1

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. Dwight Bailey, 256 Phillip Howell Rd., Winfield, AL 35594
Rev. Lamar Cox, P. O. Box 31, Belk, AL 35545
Rev. Devin Henry, 150 Cooper Church Rd., Detroit, AL 35552
Rev. Waylon Jones, 2383 Old Hackleburg Road, Hackleburg, AL 35564
Rev. Scott Montgomery, 1665 3rd Ave. NW, Fayette, AL 35555
Rev. Keith Rhudy, 5187 Buck Jackson Rd., Sulligent, AL 35586
Rev. Darrell Burkett, 624 Sexton Rd., Fayette, AL 35555
Rev. Edward Puckett, 301 Dewel Drive, Hamilton, AL 35570
Rev. Danny Thompson, 5399 Cody Rd., Kennedy, AL 35574
Rev. Kelvin Price, 60320 Sipsev Fork Rd., Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
Rev. Randy Wright, 6711 Co. Hwy. 69, Guin, AL 35563
Rev. Dale Ford, 50029 Riley Road, Greenwood Springs, MS 38848
Rev. Wade Peoples, P. O. Box 207, Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. Keith Spencer, 2610 Crews Rd., Sulligent, AL 35586
Rev. Charles Fowler, 5121 Hwy. 102, Fayette, AL 35555
Rev. Joe Beckon, 221 6th St. NE, Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. Al Hamm, 806 Belmont Dr., Columbus, MS 39702
Rev. Dale Stafford, P. O. Box 146, Amory, MS 38821
Rev. David I. Crowe, State Highway 253, Winfield, AL 35594
Rev. M. H. Hollis
Rev. James Walden, 5270 Cody Road, Kennedy, AL 35574
Rev. John Powell, 3127 Freeman Road, Caledonia, MS 39740
Rev. Rick Cash, 1767 2nd Ave. SW, Fayette, AL 35555
Rev. Randy Key, P. O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554
Rev. Billy R. Smith, P. O. Box 631, Fayette, AL 35555
Rev. John Reed, P. O. Box 153, Belk, AL 355545
Rev. Willard Pless, 4281 Hwy. 18 West, Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. James C. Newell, 708 Sailor Cemetery Rd., Vernon, AL 35592
Rev. Eustace Riggs, 3697 Hwy. 37, Guin, AL 35563
Rev. Patrick McDaniel, 317 Main Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Sam House, 520 House Rd., Millport, AL 35576
Bro. Marcus Stephens, 118 9th St. NE, Fayette, AL 35555
Bro. Matthew Paul, 561 Cole Rd., Guin, AL 35563
Bro. Luke Bozeman, 5066 Mud Creek Rd., Millport, AL 35576
Bro. J. C. Crawford, 2269 Stembridge Rd., Millport, AL 35576
Bro. Daniel Peoples, P. O. Box 207, Vernon, AL 35592
Bro. Nathan Peoples, P. O. Box 207, Vernon, AL 35592

LIST OF DEACONS

BEAVERTON - Russell Cole, Bobby Dykes, Harrell Cantrell

BELK - Raphael Yerby, Dalton Gilpin, Buddy House, David Fowler

COOPER - Dwight Lamb, Burley Finch, Edward Finch, Burley Finch

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Gene Wise

FAYETTE, FIRST - Mike Kimbrell, Reedus Wheat, Billy Hamm,
T. J. Johnson

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Tommy Otts, Daniel Franks, Billy Joe Turner,
Edsel Gideon

LIBERTY - Wayne Dubose, Wayne Sorrells, Lamon Duckworth; Tony
Perkins, Steve Butler

LOVE JOY - Clayton Barnes, Guary Taylor, Gary Sorrells, Scotty Tucker,
Loyd Carter

MT. HARMONY - Frankie Beasley, L. C. Steedley, Ricky Owens

MT. PLEASANT - None Listed

MT. WILLING - None Listed

NEW CENTER POINT - Bobby Puckett, Jerry Hall, Jerry Rosbury,
Wade Vann

PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson, Danny Atkinson

SPLUNGE - Clovis Blaylock

SPRINGFIELD - Tommie Rushing, Jimmy McDaniel, Chris Jones

SULLIGENT FIRST - Jessie Barnes, Jr., Luke Spruiell, Frank Mixon,

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Steve Spencer

UNION CHAPEL - Benny Hardy, Calvin Jones

VERNON FIRST - Derrell Wheeler, Mike Freeman, Zadus Turner, Jr.,
Paul Shelnut, Edgar Turner

VICTORY - Jimmy Harrell, Ron Musgrove

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, Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Lloyd George, Rev. James C. Newell

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, Sam Glasgow, L. D. Hall, and Coy Johnson, Paul Jordan, P. E. Maddox, Albert Christian, Edgar Stanford Cooper, Pascal Yerby, James Maddox, Willie Gene Perkins, Eris Wilson

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE ONE - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section I - Name:

The association shall be known as the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama.

Section II - Purpose:

This body shall be composed of ministers, deacons, and delegates from the different churches that form this association. This body shall be considered an advisory council having no authority over the internal affairs of the local church. The association is organized for charitable, religious, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), including, but not limited to, for such purposes, the establishing and maintaining religious worship, the building, maintaining, and operating of churches, parsonages, schools, chapels, radio stations, television stations, rescue missions, print shops, day-care centers, camps, and nursing homes.

ARTICLE TWO - ARTICLES OF FAITH AND CHURCH COVENANT

Section I - Treatise

This association accepts the Bible, the inspired Word of God as its sole authority in matters of faith and practice. The association further subscribes to the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptist Church as adopted November 7, 1935 by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and any revisions thereafter.

Section II - Covenant

The association has adopted the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as a guide for principals of Christian conduct concerning its members.

ARTICLE THREE - MEMBERSHIP

Section I - Petition for Membership

A church may present a request for membership to the Executive Committee of the Vernon Association. The request will be reviewed by the Executive and/or the Credentials Committee, and a recommendation will be made to the body of the association for approval.

Section II - Privileges of Member Churches

Each church has full power to vote on all questions that come before the association. Each church is entitled to three (3) delegates for the first fifty (50) members and one (1) additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof, in addition to ministers and deacons.

Section III - Duties of Member Churches

Churches wishing to become a member of this association must adopt The Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith and Church Covenant and conform to its usage.

Section IV - Discipline of a Church

The Credentials Committee will investigate any church that fails to adhere to the Treatise and Practice of Free Will Baptists and the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. This will be reported to the association. The association will take whatever action it deems necessary.

Section V

We agree as churches of the 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.

Section VI

This association shall in all cases in the transaction of all business brought before it, be governed by a majority of all delegates present.

ARTICLE FOUR - FINANCES

Section I

All churches of the association with 100 members or more shall send the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in dues per year, and all churches of the association with less than 100 members shall send the sum of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) in dues per year.

Section II

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

ARTICLE FIVE - OFFICERS

Section I

The officers of the association shall be the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk-treasurer, and assistant clerk-treasurer, who shall be chosen at the annual session by majority vote of the delegates present.

Section II

The outgoing clerk will be responsible for the printing and distribution of the minutes. The clerk will distribute the minutes to the churches within 90 days after the annual session.

Section III

No member of the 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.

Section IV

No member of the association shall be eligible to serve as moderator of the association until he has been a member of this association for at least two (2) years.

Section V

The moderator shall serve as the General Board Member from the Vernon Association to the State Association.

ARTICLE SIX - MEETINGS**Section I**

The association shall meet semiannually with the meetings being on Saturday before the third Sunday in March and Saturday before the third Sunday in October each year.

Section II

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 until all business matters be transacted.

Section III

The Vernon Free Will Baptist Association year shall begin on the first day of September and end the last day of August each year.

ARTICLE SEVEN - COMMITTEES**Section I - Credentials Committee**

- A. The moderator shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of five (5) persons with the senior member in point of service being replaced each year.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to examine all members to become a part of this body either by ordination or letter.
- C. Any item of business pertaining to ministers or the conduct of members must originate with this committee.
- D. The committee shall consist of three (3) ministers and two (2) laymen.
- E. The Credentials Committee shall recommend the granting or rejection of a card of good standing for a minister.
 - (1) If a minister misses one association meeting, unless providentially hindered, he will not be given a card of good standing.
 - (2) The final decision to be made by the body.
- F. The Credentials 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 this association, and reporting this action to the annual meeting.
- G. The ordaining of ministers shall be the work of the Credentials Committee.
- H. The time and place of the ordaining service is to be determined by the Credentials Committee and the candidate to be ordained.

Section II - Executive Committee

- A. The Association shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and five (5) members from the General Board.

- B. The Executive Committee shall secure a speaker for the 11:00 A.M. message and plan the program for each session of the association.

Section III - General Board

- A. The Association shall have a General Board which shall consist of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk along with one person from each church.
- B. Each person from the local church shall serve two (2) years, with one-half being elected each year as specified in the printed minutes.
- C. 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.
- D. The General Board of the association shall have the authority to authorize the Credentials Committee to ordain ministers between sessions of the association.

Section IV - Committee on Committees

- A. The moderator shall appoint a Committee on Committees whose duty it is to appoint various committees at each session.
- B. Each committee is to consist of from three (3) to five (5) members.
- C. The moderator shall call for a roll call of the delegates by the clerk. After the roll call, the delegates are enrolled at the discretion of the body.
- D. The moderator shall call for the report of the Digest Committee.

Section V - Nominating Committee

- A. The moderator shall appoint a Nominating Committee for each annual session of the association. The committee will consist of three (3) people.
- B. The Nominating Committee will submit one (1) name for each vacancy to be filled.
- C. Nominations will still be permitted from the floor.

ARTICLE EIGHT - LICENSING AND ORDAINING

Section I - Licensing of Ministers

- A. 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.
- B. The examination for license should refer to piety, doctrine and convictions of the candidate.

Section II - Ordination of Ministers

- A. 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 Baptists and the Vernon Association of Free Will Baptists.
- B. A minister shall not be licensed, ordained, or accepted into this association who has more than one living wife or whose wife has more than one living husband.

- C. A minister shall not be licensed, ordained, or accepted into this association who uses tobacco in any form.
- D. A person must have received a ministerial license from a local Free Will Baptist Church for a period of one year before becoming a candidate to be ordained.
- E. When a church recommends a candidate for ordination as a minister of the Vernon Association of Free Will Baptists, they will submit any additional information that the Credentials Committee may deem necessary for a more thorough evaluation of the candidate.
- F. The recommendation for ordination must be the result of a regular conference of the church where the candidate is a member.
- G. Any ordained minister that desires to become a member of this association must submit a letter of recommendation from the Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member.
 - (1) The request from the church should be submitted to the moderator or the chairman of the Credentials Committee a month prior to the annual association meeting.
 - (2) The association clerk will request a letter of good standing from the association of which the minister was previously a member.
 - (3) The minister's full acceptance into the Vernon Association is based upon a favorable letter of good standing.
- H. An ordained minister coming from a denomination other than Free Will Baptists:
 - (1) The minister must join a local Free Will Baptist Church of this association.
 - (2) The minister must surrender credentials held from another denomination.
 - (3) The minister must be recommended by the Credentials Committee to the association body to receive Free Will Baptist credentials in the Vernon Association.
- I. 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 this association.
- J. Any minister of this association who is known to be guilty of using intoxicating spirits by drinking as a beverage which 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.
- K. If a minister that is a member of this association, misses two (2) consecutive annual association meetings, unless providentially hindered, his name shall be removed from the roll of ministers.

- L. A minister that has been removed from the roll of ministers of the Vernon Association may be reinstated to the roll of ministers, pending the approval of the Credentials Committee.
- M. The Vernon Association shall 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.
- N. A church having licensed a minister for one year may request that the minister be ordained between association meetings if the minister is called as a pastor of a church before his one year of license has expired.
- O. A minister desiring to be ordained must be called to a current ministry position before he can be ordained.

ARTICLE NINE - AMENDMENTS

Section I

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Vernon Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body and shall lie on the table at least from the morning session till the evening session.

BY-LAWS

- I. This association shall be called to order and presided over by the officers elected at the last session.
- II. All ministers must register at the annual association meeting and their names will be printed in the minutes.
- III. 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.
- IV. Rules of Decorum:
 - A. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall rise and address the moderator and after recognition by the moderator shall proceed.
 - B. No person shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal reflection.
 - C. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator nor more than five minutes.
 - D. No person shall laugh or talk during discussion.
 - E. No delegate shall absent himself from the association without permission from the moderator.
- V. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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 Free Will Baptist Association".

2. PURPOSE: This board will be responsible for the district CTS competition in April, and all youth related activities within the Vernon Association.

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 at the Spring Association Meeting of the Vernon Association to plan the district CTS competition in April and any pending youth activities.

5. OFFICERS: The board shall have as officers a chairman and secretary, both 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 the annual meeting and shall be responsible for all correspondence for the board and preside over the annual meeting in the absence of the chairman.

6. FINANCES: The finances for the CE Board will be taken care of by the clerk/treasurer of the association. At the fall meeting the clerk/treasurer will present a detailed report of all monies for the CE Board, along with the annual report for the association.

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. Acknowledgments.
9. Committee reports.
10. New Business.
11. Adjournment.

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