

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with the

**BEAVERTON FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH**

BEAVERTON, ALABAMA

2009 Minutes

**OFFICERS FOR 2009
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH SESSION**

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The next session (Spring Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 20, 2010 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 Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 16, 2010. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. and the service beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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**PROCEEDINGS
SPRING MEETING
VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009**

The Spring Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association met on March 14, 2009 with the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. Registration for the meeting began at 9:30 A.M.. with the meeting starting at 10:00 A.M.. To begin the meeting, a congregational song was led by Bro. Frankie Beasley of the Mt. Harmony Church. The title of the song was, "The Old Time Religion."

Rev. Danny Thompson, pastor of the Mt. Harmony Church, gave the welcome from the church to the Vernon Association. He shared with those present a video about the negatives of video gambling in the State of Alabama. He encouraged all present to contact their senators and representatives about this issue.

Rev. Keith Rhudy, moderator of the Vernon Association, gave the response to the welcome. Bro. Frankie Beasley sang a song of special music entitled, "There Is A River" just before the morning devotion. The morning devotion was given by Bro. Sam House of the Belk Church. His message was from II Corinthians 4:8-18. Following the devotion prayer was by the speaker.

Rev. Nathan Kimbrell shared with the congregation about an upcoming mission trip to Brazil. The cost of the trip is between \$5000 - \$6000. He asked those present to share in the cost of the trip. He would depart on the trip around June 8, 2009.

Rev. Danny Williams, who is the new Director of Communications and Development for the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, spoke concerning the needs and activities at the Children's Home. He asked all to pray for the kids at the Home. He mentioned also that over \$104,000 had been given through the Acts 1:8 Missions Program. It was announced that April 12, 2009 would be Roll Call Sunday and that April 26, 2009 would be World Missions Offering Day.

Rev. James Walden led the group in prayer just before a short recess. Following the recess, Bro. Frankie Beasley led the congregation in the

song, "What A Day That Will Be." An offering was received which will be designated to go to International Missions. Following the offering, Bro. Frankie Beasley sang a special music selection entitled, "Look For Me At Jesus' Feet."

Following the special music, Rev. Barry Simpson, Director of International Missions, spoke to the group about the World Missions program concerning new changes being made about funding and the distribution for the missionaries serving in foreign countries. Bro. Mike McDaniel, member of the Christian Education Board, informed the congregation about upcoming events. He mentioned that all competition information needed to be in by March 28, 2009. Local C.T.S. competition will be on April 13, 2009 and State C.T.S. competition will be on May 9, 2009.

Bro. Chris Wilhite, Youth Minister at Mt. Harmony, led the dismissal prayer. All were invited to stay and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies of Mt. Harmony Church.

There were 16 delegates, 19 ministers, 11 deacons, and 28 visitors who registered for the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS FALL MEETING

BEAVERTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

The annual session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association convened on Saturday, October 14, 2009 at the Beaverton Free Will Baptist Church, Beaverton, Alabama. This was the one-hundred and twenty-ninth session of the Vernon Association. It was mentioned also during the meeting that the Beaverton Church last hosted the annual association meeting in 1914.

The meeting started with the registration of delegates, ministers, deacons, and visitors at 8:30 A.M.. Beginning at 9:00 A.M.. the congregation assembled in the auditorium of the Beaverton Church. A congregational hymn was sung being led by Bro. Doug Cantrell of the Beaverton Church. The song was "Heaven's Jubilee". Bro. Dwight Bailey, pastor of the Beaverton Church, welcomed the representatives of the

Vernon Association to the meeting. He used Philippians 4:13 in his remarks and gave the opening prayer.

Bro. Keith Rhudy, moderator for the Vernon Association, gave the response to the welcome by Bro. Bailey and expressed his thanks for allowing the Vernon Association to meet at the church. Bro. Rhudy mentioned that the schedules for the radio broadcasts and minister cards would be located on the clerk's table.

Before the morning devotion, a song of special music was given by Bro. Doug Cantrell and his mother, Sis. Ann Cantrell. Bro. Devin Henry, pastor of the Cooper Church, gave the morning devotion using Isaiah 41:10, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 18:3 as his text. Following the devotion, Bro. Steve Butler, Association Clerk, called the meeting to order and called the roll of delegates. A motion, second, and vote was made to seat the delegates present.

The Digest Committee Report was next given. Association Clerk, Bro. Steve Butler, gave the report in the absence of Committee Chairman, Bro. Joseph Callahan. A motion, second and vote was made to accept the report as read. The Executive Committee Report was given by the clerk. A motion, second, and vote was made to accept the report. A call was made for Letters Requesting Membership into the Vernon Association. There were none made known.

The moderator next recognized groups or organizations of denominational work and invited them to offer reports of information to the assembly. Bro. Ashley Culp, Director of Trinity Camp, gave a brief report of the Camp activities during the past year. He mentioned that twelve churches in the Vernon Association gave over \$24,000 to the Camp. He also mentioned that eighteen young men had answered the call to preach the Gospel as a result of their attendance at the camp this year.

Bro. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director, reported on the Acts 1:8 Program. Alabama Free Will Baptist churches had reported giving over \$84,000 into the Program this year. He also mentioned that the work in Russia was going well, but encouraged all to pray for the efforts there. A report of the Alabama Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama was given by Bro. Cash in the absence of Bro. Danny Williams, the Promotional

Director for the Home. Activities at the Home were going well but there still are needs there as well.

Selection of sites for upcoming meetings were next requested from the Moderator. For the Thanksgiving Service (2009), the Fayette Church was selected as the location. For the Spring Meeting (March 20, 2010), the Liberty Church was selected. For the Fall Meeting (October 16, 2010), the Free Will Chapel Church was selected.

A break from the business session was next called for to allow committees to meet and put together their reports. Following the break, various reports were given by the respective committee members. A report of the Christian Education Board was requested. There was no activity to report, therefore there was no report to make.

A report of the Credentials Committee was next given by Bro. Mike Kimbrell. Bro. Kimbrell reported that the Committee recommends granting a letter of good standing to Rev. Chris Towe and that Rev. Mike Nabors be accepted into the Association pending a letter from the Liberty Church.

A report of the Deceased Members Committee was next given by Sis. Frances Butler, Committee Chair. Following the Report, Bro. David Fowler, from the Belk Church, led the congregation in singing, "Where We'll Never Grow Old," followed by prayer led by Rev. Mike Nabors, pastor of the Liberty Church. The next report given was that of the Nominating Committee, given by Bro. Troy Kelly. Recommended nominations were: on the Trinity Camp Board of Directors, Bro. Chris Wilhite was nominated to replace Bro. Lewis Hindman; on the Board of Christian Education, Bro. Luke Bozeman replacing Bro. Luke Bozeman; Bro. Carl Humbers replacing Bro. Mark McCraney. All nominations were approved.

Election of Association Officers was next conducted. Rev. Keith Rhudy was elected to serve as Moderator; Rev. Scott Montgomery was elected as Assistant Moderator; Bro. Steve Butler was elected to serve as Association Clerk; and Sis. Elwanda Oakes was elected to serve as Assistant Associational Clerk. Delegates to the State Association Meeting to be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama were selected.

A congregational hymn, "I Want To Know More About My Lord," was led by Bro. Doug Cantrell. The offertory prayer was by Rev. Randy Wright, pastor of the Piney Grove Church. The offering received will be given to the Trinity Camp and the Children's Home, equally. A song of special music just before the message was given by Sis. Bonnie Bailey and the song being, "Thank You Lord For Your Blessings On Me," accompanied by Bro. Barnes on the piano. The message was given by Rev. Edward Puckett, pastor of the Love Joy Church. His text was from I Peter 1:7, 8. Prayer was by the speaker following the message.

Following the message, Bro. Bailey announced that lunch had been prepared for those present and asked that all who would like to, to stay and have lunch and fellowship together. Bro. Fred Barnes offered a prayer of blessing and dismissal from business session.

There were a total of fifty-two delegates, twenty-seven ministers, eighteen deacons, and twenty-three visitors that registered for the meeting.

LISTING OF DELEGATES BY CHURCH

BEAVERTON - Carl Humbers, Bill Sizemore, Jason Guthrie, Nell L. Sizemore.

BELK - Lucy Cox, Genine Fowler, Jane Hindman, Reba Jenkins, Angie Knight, alternates, Sue Yerby, Ann Reed.

CHRISTIAN - None Listed

COOPER - Zac Kelly, Tammy Henry, Annette Lamb, Becky Nichols.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Mary Wise, Teresa Taggart, Sheila Irvin.

FAYETTE, FIRST - Danny Jenkins, Sarah Simmons, Doyle Simmons, alternates, Melinda Jenkins, Jeff Holcomb.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Wallace Harris, Pat Harris, Chris Smith, Tim Wilson, alternate Tammy Rhudy..

LIBERTY - Janice Sorrells, Stephanie Butler, James Brown, Frances Butler, Janie Staggs, Joyce Doherty, Joann Brown, alternate, Loree Christain.

LOVE JOY - Matthew Paul, J. R. Coley, Keith Cantrell, Freddie Pickle.

MT. HARMONY - Chris Wilhite

MT. PLEASANT - Jimmy Cooper, Brady Bigham, Johnny Bigham, Eva Cooper, alternate Victor Bigham.

MT. WILLING - Carol Kivette.

NEW CENTER POINT - Sheila Rasberry, Rebecca Osberg, Tim Osberg, Troy Kelly.

PINEY GROVE - Bill Smith Sr., Carol Barnes, Buddy Norris, Jennifer Crowe, Mike Crowe, Wynell Norris.

SPLUNGE - Linda Ford, Delores Northington.

SPRINGFIELD - Dick Walters, Belva Pennington, Burma Jordan.

SULLIGENT FIRST - Sammy Merchant, Grace Turman, Sandra Carter, Christy Merchant, Bob Carter, Viola Lowe.

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None Listed

UNION CHAPEL - Dean Maddox, Cathy Taylor, Joyce Hardy, Ruby Graham.

VERNON FIRST - Mike McDaniel, Lou Ella Knight, Marcia McDaniel, Peggy Sistrunk.

VICTORY - None listed.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS BY CHURCH

BEAVERTON - None listed.

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

CHRISTIAN - None listed.

COOPER - Edward Finch; 66815 Hwy 17, Detroit, Alabama 35552; 205-273-4493

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TAYLOR SPRINGS - None listed.

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VERNON FIRST - Derrell Wheeler; 146 Wheeler Circle, Vernon, Alabama 35592;
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VICTORY - None listed.

The following churches will need to elect a new board 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. William

New Center Point

Piney Grove

Splunge

Springfield

Sulligent, First

Taylor Springs

Union Chapel

Vernon, First

Victory

Committee on Committees

2009-2010

Rev. Kelvin Price
Rev. Wade Peoples
Bro. Dick Walters

Executive Committee

2009-2010

Bro. Phil Wheeler
Bro. Ed Finch
Bro. James Brown
Bro. Dick Walters
Rev. Bill Smith

Credentials Committee

Rev. James Walden -2010
Bro. Dalton Gilpin - 2011
Bro. Mike Kimbrell - 2012
Rev. Randy Wright - 2013
Rev. Lamar Cox - 2014

Nominating Committee 2010

Rev. Edward Puckett
Rev. Devin Henry
Bro. Troy Kelly

Board of Christian Education

(C.E.)

Bro. Carl Humbers - 2010
Sis. Stephanie Butler - 2011
Bro. Mike McDaniel - 2012
Bro. Dale Ford - 2013
Rev. Luke Bozeman - 2014

Deceased Members

Committee - 2009

Sis. Frances Butler
Sis. Genine Fowler

Digest Committee -2010

Bro. Bob Carter
Rev. Lamar Cox
Bro. Doug Puckett

Trinity Youth Camp

Board of Directors

Bro. David Crowe - 2010
Rev. Marcus Stephens - 2011
Rev. Chris Wilhite - 2012

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Deceased Members Committee, would like to report, sadly, that twenty-six brothers and sisters in Christ went to be with the Lord this past associational year. Psalm 48:14 says, "For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our God even unto death." We would like for everyone to stand and sing, "Where We'll Never Grow Old," and that Bro. David Fowler would lead in the song. Following the song, we would ask that Bro. Mike Nabors, pastor of the Liberty Church, lead us in prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Sis. Genine Fowler

Sis. Frances Butler

The following deceased members are listed by the church they attended.

BEAVERTON - None

BELK - Ruby Belk, Gloria House, Betty Jo Wycoff, Mamie Gilpin, Rickey Belk

CHRISTIAN - None

COOPER - None

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sam D. Jones, Lavourn Ling

FAYETTE FIRST - Allie V. Black

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Buddy Rye, James (Jim) Davis

LIBERTY - Lovie Christian, Viola Pennington, Ruby Nell Higgins

LOVE JOY - Charlie Carter

MT. HARMONY - Aleen Brown, Tom McReynolds, Luther Williams

MT. PLEASANT - Frances Winjuim

MT. WILLING - None

NEW CENTER POINT - None

PINEY GROVE - Annie Belle Black, Blanche Cole

SPLUNGE - None

SPRINGFIELD - Denise Waldon, Faye Russell, Mary Joyce Reeves, Vera Guyton

SULLIGENT FIRST - Gary Sizemore

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Eunice Perkins

UNION CHAPEL - None

VERNON FIRST - Louise Shelnut

VICTORY - None

VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Our 31st annual district meeting of WAC was held at Vernon First FW on March 3rd, 2009. Mrs. Vaudine Lancaster from Mt. Moriah Church was our speaker. She spoke on her trip to Uruguay to visit her son and family Jaimie and Tammy Lancaster who are serving as missionaries there.

The State Meeting was held at the Vernon Free Will on Saturday April 25th. The speaker at this meeting was Mrs. Danita High WNAC Executive Secretary from Nashville. We had 110 in attendance at this meeting.

Some of our projects as a District were giving to Missions, Children's Home, Trinity Youth Camp, Care Center, and projects around the church.

The theme for the year has been "Taught by the Bible and Led by the Spirit".

Let me encourage you to become a member of District WAC and pray for us that we might do what the Lord wants us to and what He has done as we have served Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Burma Jordan/Secretary-Treasurer
Vernon District WAC

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Digest Committee wishes to make the following report:

Number of Churches reporting (15 Rural, 4 City/Town)	19
Pastors Full Time	13
Bi-vocational	6
Ordained Ministers	29
Licensed Ministers	10
Ordained Deacons	57
Sunday School/Enrollment	22 / 1,032 enrolled
CTS/Enrollment	4 / 240
WNAC/Enrollment	7 / 72
Masters Men/Enrollment	2 / 25
Daycare	1
Kindergarten	1
Day School	1
Churches Having a Budget	4
Tithes (10 reporting)	\$1,051,450.74
Churches Having a Parsonage	7
Property Value (7 reporting)	\$6,377,700.00
Church Membership	2,381
Members Lost	43
Deceased	26
Members Added	98
Baptisms	59

Respectfully submitted,
The Digest Committee
Joseph Callahan, Chairman

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Board of Christian Education
Financial Report
09-01-08 THROUGH 08-31-09

Beginning balance:		\$527.61
Funds Received:	<u>\$675.00</u>	
Balance Total of Funds		\$1,202.61
Expenses/Disbursements		
(Competition Fees)	<u>\$600.00</u>	
Ending Balance:		<u>\$602.61</u>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the Vernon Association met on Monday evening, February 9, 2009 at the Free Will Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Keith Rhudy presided as moderator. There were seven members of the Committee present for the meeting.

The meeting opened with prayer requests from those present. Prayer followed, being led by Bro. Billy Smith.

The first item of business discussed concerning the selection of speakers for the upcoming Spring meeting of the Vernon Association which will be held with the Mt. Harmony Church. The Committee selected Bro. Mike Corley, missionary to Central Asia, to speak during the morning devotion and Bro. Sam House as the alternate speaker. For the morning message the Committee chose Bro. Barry Simpson of the International Missions Department. The offering received during the meeting will go to International Missions.

The second item discussed had to do with the selection of speakers for the Fall meeting which will convene on October 17, 2009 at the Beaverton Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Devin Henry, pastor of the Cooper Church was selected to conduct the morning devotion with Bro. Keith Spencer, pastor of the Taylor Springs Church as alternate. The speaker for the morning message will be Bro. Chris Towe of the Sulligent Church with Bro. Edward Puckett, pastor of the Love Joy Church as alternate. The offering received during the meeting will be divided equally between Trinity Camp and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

It was recommended by the Committee that, starting next year, 2010, honorariums for each speaker will be given with the devotion speaker receiving \$50.00 and the morning message speaker receiving \$100.00. This will apply to speakers in both the Spring Meeting and Fall Meeting of each year.

The committee meeting closed with prayer by the moderator, Bro. Keith Rhudy.

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, make the following report:

We recommend for moderator, Rev. Keith Rhudy; for assistant moderator we recommend Rev. Scott Montgomery; for clerk Bro. Steve Butler; for assistant clerk, Sis. Elwanda Oakes. On the Youth Camp Board of Directors we recommend Rev. Chris Wilhite. On the Board of Christian Education we recommend Rev. Luke Bozeman and Bro. Carl Humbers. On the Nominations Committee for next year we recommend Rev. Edward Puckett, Rev. Devin Henry, and Bro. Troy Kelly.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Troy Kelly
Bro. Devin Henry
Bro. Glen Cantrell

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Credentials Committee would like to submit the following report:

We recommend a letter of good standing be granted to bro. Chris Towe and that Rev. Mike Nabors be accepted into the Vernon Association pending a letter from the Liberty Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Mike Kimbrell

**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Financial Report
09-01-08 through 08-31-09**

Beginning Balance	\$1,983.19
(Includes funds of \$602.61 held for C. E. Board)	
Funds received from:	
Dues from churches	\$ 4,350.00
Spring Meeting Offering	268.00
Fall Meeting Offering	391.00
Thanksgiving Service Offering	365.61
Other	<u>75.00</u>
Total Funds Received	\$5,449.61
 Total Funds	 \$7,432.80
 EXPENSES	
Salaries for Officers	\$ 155.00
Ala. State Assoc. Dues	2,835.00
Check Fees	111.22
Postage	122.55
Printing	614.76
Trinity Camp	472.15
Children's Home	195.00
Honorariums to Speakers	\$175.00
International Missions	268.00
Total Expenses/Disbursements	- <u>4,667.53</u>
ENDING BALANCE	+ <u>\$ 2,765.27</u>

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CHURCHSTATISTICS

Church	Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers
Beaverton	0	0	67	40	21	-	1
Belk	8	5	158	?	-	?	2
Christian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cooper	5	0	126	65	-	-	1
Depriest Chapel	3	2	56	20	-	-	1
Fayette, First	2	1	212	90	-	-	3
Free Will Chapel	7	2	228	63	-	-	1
Liberty	2	3	214	50	56	20	2
Love Joy	1	1	67	40	-	8	1
Mt. Harmony	13	3	276	135	94	-	2
Mt. Pleasant	0	1	84	24	-	-	2
Mt. Willing	12	0	38	20	-	-	1
New Center Point	9	0	235	100	-	0	2
Piney Grove	9	2	170	?	-	-	3
Splunge	10	0	?	?	-	12	1
Springfield	5	4	?	60	-	12	1
Sulligent, First	4	1	203	110	-	15	1
Taylor Springs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Union Chapel	0	0	?	12	-	-	1
Vernon, First	3	1	107	113	69	5	2
Victory	5	0	90	90	-	-	1

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- Rev. Scott Montgomery, 2112 Shannon Circle, NW, Fayette, AL 35555
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BEAVERTON - Fred Barnes, Douglas Cantrell
 BELK - Raphael Yerby, Dalton Gilpin, Buddy House, David Fowler,
 Lewis Hindman
 CHRISTIAN -
 COOPER - Edward Finch, Burley Finch, Dwight Lamb, Mike Kelly
 DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Gene Wise
 FAYETTE, FIRST - Mike Kimbrell, Billy Hamm, Reedus Wheat, T. J.
 Johnson
 FREE WILL CHAPEL - Edsel Gideon, Daniel Franks, Billy Joe Turner
 LIBERTY - Wayne Dubose, Lamon Duckworth, Wayne Sorrells, Leonard
 Corbett, Tony Perkins, Steve Butler
 LOVE JOY - Guary Taylor, Clayton Barnes, Gary Sorrells, Scotty Tucker
 MT. HARMONY - Frankie Beasley, L. C. Steedley, Ricky Owens
 MT. PLEASANT - None listed
 MT. WILLING - None listed
 NEW CENTER POINT - Bobby Puckett, Kenny Ford, Jerry Hall,
 Jerry Rasbury, Wade Vann
 PINEY GROVE - Danny Atkinson, Tommie Robertson
 SPLUNGE - Clovis Blaylock

SPRINGFIELD - Tommie Rushing, Chris Jones, Dewayne Cantrell, Jimmy McDaniel

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, Rev. Darrell J. Burkett

NAMES OF DECEASED DEACONS

Brothers L. A. Crowder, S. Y. Shelton, J. H. Cole, Lee Mixon, J. S. Crossley, J. D. Shelnut, Earnest Robertson, D. L. Markham, J. L. McNease, Johnny Williams, Johnny Collins, Dewitt Williams, J. G. Adair, Cullen Collins, John D. Moore, Sr., R. D. Franks, Hoytt Chaffin, Dempsey Langley, S. L. Cash, C. V. Hollis, M. E. Hollis, Raymond Gray, Arnold Hester, H. E. McDonald, Henry Harrison, Henry Perkins, Roy Gilreath, Jack McDonald, Belton Nelson, Clarence Birmingham, Carlos Bradford, Charlie Elliott, Emmitt Shelnut, Junie Harper, Lloyd Turner, Johnny Pike, Jeff McDonald, Carlos Roberts, Redden Mixon, David Barton, Odis Robertson, Obie Haney, Arlie Roberts, Richard Mansell, Haley Wright, Earl McDonald, Aubrey Hall, J. M. Chaffin, Titus Barnes, Olen Wheeler, Erbie Robertson, Elzie Guin, Dewey Jordan Quinton Boyett, Charles Crosby, Gordie Rye, Kelly Easter, Coy Robertson, Emmitt Lee, Roy Ashby, Oveat Graham, Gordie Rye, Sam Glasgow, L. D. Hall, 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.