

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with the

**FREE WILL CHAPEL
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SULLIGENT, ALABAMA**

2010 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 2010
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH SESSION

MODERATORREV. KEITH RHUDY
 ASSISTANT MODERATOR REV. SCOTT MONTGOMERY
 CLERK BRO. STEVE BUTLER
 ASSISTANT CLERKSIS. ELWANDA OAKES

The next session (Spring Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 14, 2011 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 Fayette on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. and the service beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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PROCEEDINGS
VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010

The Spring Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association convened on Saturday, March 20, 2010 with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. Registration for the meeting began at 9:30 A.M. with the meeting starting at 10:00 A.M.

Bro. Wayne Sorrells of the Liberty Church led the congregation with the song, "Send the Light." Bro. Mike Nabors, pastor of Liberty Church, welcomed the delegates of the Vernon Association to the church. Bro. Keith Rhudy, Moderator, welcomed those present for the meeting and thanked the Liberty Church for hosting the meeting. Prayer followed by Bro. Rhudy.

Bro. Rhudy introduced the devotion speaker, Bro. Jerry W. Barnes, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Church. A song of special music was next given by Bro. Wayne Sorrells, Sis. Janice Sorrells, Sis. Margaret Corbett, and Sis. Kay Dubose. The song was titled, "A Poor Rich Man." Bro. Barnes' text was taken from Isaiah 6:1-8. Following the devotion, the congregation was dismissed to a recess.

Following the recess, various reports of information were given. Bro. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director, reported on the Acts 1:8 Program. The Vernon Association contributed \$114,211.01 during the year of 2009. He announced that Roll Call Sunday would be on April 4, 2010. Bro. Rodney Yerby reported on the International Missions Program. The Vernon Association gave \$17,000 to International Missions last year.

A video was shown to the group about World Missions Outreach. The World Mission offering will be received on April 25, 2010. International Missions is facing difficult financial conditions according to Bro. Yerby. Bro. Danny Williams, Promotional Director for the Children's Home, reported that the Children's Home served 30 children last year and currently serves 17 children. The Vernon Association gave \$28,000 last year to the Children's Home from twelve churches. On April 17, 2010 a Homecoming and Benefit Singing will be given starting at 3:00 P.M.

Next, a congregational song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was sung by the congregation being led by Bro. Wayne Sorrells. Following the song, an offering was received to be given to the Children's Home. Bro. Joe Beckon of the Vernon Church led the offertory prayer.

Bro. Keith Rhudy, next introduced the speaker for the morning message, Bro. Mike Nabors.

Just before the morning message, a song of special music was given by Bro. Wayne Sorrells, Sis. Janice Sorrells, Sis. Margaret Corbett, and Sis. Kay Dubose. The song they sang was entitled, "It Won't Be Long Till I Shall See." They sang a second song titled "It's Me Again, Lord." The message followed by Bro. Mike Nabors. His text was taken from Jeremiah 6:9-16 with the title of the message being "Returning to the Old Paths." Invitation and prayer was by the speaker.

Following the message, a delicious lunch was served to the congregation by the Liberty Church. Just before the meal, Bro. James Walden offered the blessing on the food.

PROCEEDINGS FALL MEETING

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010

The annual or fall meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association convened on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Free Will Chapel Church. Registration for the meeting began at 8:30 A.M. with the meeting beginning at 9:00 A.M. The congregation was led in singing a hymn, "Victory Today Is Mine," led by Bro. Daniel Franks. Another song, "He Set Me Free," was sung by the group being led by Bro. Daniel Franks. Opening prayer was led by Bro. Randy Wright.

Following the song, Bro. Kelvin Price, pastor of the New Center Point Church, gave the morning devotion. He used Matthew 16:18 as his text. Prayer followed by the speaker.

After the devotion, Bro. Steve Butler, clerk of the Association, called the meeting to order. This was the 130th session of the Vernon Association. The Roll Call of delegates was next given by the clerk. A motion to seat the delegates was made by the clerk. The motion passed and the delegates were seated.

The report of the Digest Committee was given by the Chairman of the Committee, Bro. Bob Carter. The report was approved by voice vote.

A report of the Executive Committee was next given by the clerk. The report was approved by voice vote.

Committee assignments for the Deceased Members Committee and the Digest Committee, both for 2010 and 2010-2011, respectively, were made by the moderator. Those selected to serve on the Deceased Members Committee were Sis. Frances Butler, Chairman and Sis. Sue Yerby. Those

selected for the Digest Committee were Bro. Bob Carter, Chairman, Bro. Lamar Cox and Bro. Wade Vann.

Next, reports of information from various organizations were made. A report from the WNAC was given by Sis. Burma Jordan. Following that report, Bro. Keith Rhudy gave a report on Trinity Camp in the absence of Camp Director, Bro. Ashley Culp. Bro. Lamar Cox gave a report from the State Promotional Office in the absence of Bro. Rick Cash, Promotional Director. Updates on the Acts 1:8 Program were given as well as updates on current missions projects. Bro. John Reed gave a report on the Children's Home at Eldridge.

Following the reports of information, sites for upcoming meetings were selected. The Belk Church will host the Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. The Piney Grove Church will host the Spring Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2011. The Fayette Church will host the annual meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

Bro. Danny Thompson reminded those present about the upcoming Wet-Dry Vote in Sulligent and Vernon. He urged all present to pray that the referendums in each city would be defeated. Bro. Thompson led the group in prayer.

The Credentials Committee and the Christian Education Committee had no report to make to the body.

The report of the Deceased Members Committee was next given by Sis. Frances Butler. A report of the Nominations Committee was given by Bro. Troy Kelly. Bro. Kelly made a motion to accept the nominations of the committee. The motion carried by voice vote.

The moderator, Bro. Keith Rhudy, made committee appointments to the Nominations Committee, Executive Committee, Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, and the Board of Christian Education.

Next delegates to the State Association Meeting in Muscle Shoals were selected. Those chosen to serve were Sis. Elwanda Oakes, Sis. Sue Yerby, and Sis. Donna Yerby.

One item of new business was brought before the delegates. A clause to clarify dates for C.T.S. Competition was submitted to be added to the By-Laws for the Board of Christian Education. The clause will be added in the next edition of the Minutes under Section 4 (Meetings) of the By-Laws for the C.E. Board. Mention was made by the Moderator about the increased cost of the Radio Broadcast on WJEC 1065, Vernon. The Executive Committee will meet later and bring a recommendation to the next annual meeting.

A motion to adjourn from business session was made. The motion carried.

The morning worship service began with two choir selections sung by the choir of the Free Will Chapel Church. Bro. Daniel Franks led the choir in both selections.

Following the choir, the Stateline Harmonizers sang the selection, "He Pilots My Ship." After the song, Bro. Keith Rhudy preached the message for the morning service. His text was taken from Matthew 16:15, 16, 21. Prayer followed by the speaker. An offering was next received to be given to the Children's Home and Trinity Camp.

After the message, all were invited to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Free Will Chapel Church. Blessing on the meal was by Bro. James Walden.

There were 51 delegates, 21 ministers, 15 deacons, and 15 visitors who registered for the meeting.

LISTING OF DELEGATES BY CHURCH

BEAVERTON - Bro. Billy Sizemore, Sis. Nell L. Sizemore, Bro. Jason Guthrie, Bro. Alan Kirkpatrick.

BELK - Sis. Lucy Cox, Sis. Sue Yerby, Sis. Jane Hindman, Sis. Ann Reed, Sis. Jeanine Hollingsworth.

CHRISTIAN - No Report

COOPER - Bro. Zack Kelly, Bro. Timothy Lockhart, Sis. Tammy Henry

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sis. Mary Wise, Sis. Theresa Taggart, Sis. Sheila Irving.

FAYETTE, FIRST - Bro. Ricky Ary, Bro. Philip Locke, Bro. Grady Hayes, Bro. Doyle Simmons, Alt., Sis. Sara Simmons, Alt.

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sis. Judy Gideon, Sis. Tammy Rhudy, Sis. Dorothy Gideon, Bro. Johnny Quinn, Sis. Tina Quinn.

LIBERTY - Bro. James Brown, Sis. Joann Brown, Sis. Loree Christain, Sis. Jane Staggs, Sis. Frances Butler, Sis. Stephanie Butler, Sis. Donna Yerby, Sis. Sandra Nabors, Alt.

LOVE JOY - Bro. J. R. Coley, Sis. Patsy Puckett, Sis. Doris Tice, Sis. Shirley Berryhill

MT. HARMONY - Bro. Chris Willhite, Sis. Kay Callahan, Sis. Frances Welch, Sis. Helen Callahan.

MT. PLEASANT - Sis. Betty Elrod, Bro. Jimmy Cooper, Sis. Eva Cooper.

MT. WILLING - Sis. Carol Kivette.

NEW CENTER POINT - Bro. Troy Kelly, Bro. Tim Osbert, Sis. Rebecca Osberg, Sis. Stephanie Stafford.

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Bill Smith, Bro. Buddy Norris, Bro. James Easter, Bro. Ronnie Glasgow.

SPLUNGE - Sis. Linda Ford, Bro. Freddie Lindley, Sis. Edna Lindley.

SPRINGFIELD - Sis. Burma Jordan, Sis. Belva Pennington, Bro. Dick Walters,

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

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None listed on letter

UNION CHAPEL - Sis. Joyce Hardy, Sis. Juanita Fowler, Sis. Ruby Graham, Sis. Kathy Taylor.

VERNON FIRST - Sis. Lou Ella Knight, Sis. Elwanda Oakes, Sis. Peggy Sistrunk.

VICTORY - None listed on letter.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS BY CHURCH

BEAVERTON - None listed on letter

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

CHRISTIAN - No letter received

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

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Jim Northington; P. O. Box 193, Gattman, Mississippi 38844; 662-315-9274

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

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Wallace Harris; 1232 12th Street, NW, Vernon, Alabama 35592; 205-695-9423

LIBERTY - James Brown; 276 Red Top Lane, Vernon, Alabama 35592; 205-695-9461.

LOVE JOY - Guary Taylor, 2776 Sorghum Hollow Road; Guin, Alabama 35563; 205-495-6343

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

MT. PLEASANT - None

MT. WILLING - Bro. Donald Kivette; 11390 Co. Hwy. 42, Guin, Alabama 35563; 205-468-2657

NEW CENTER POINT - Wade Vann; 187 Waterworks Road, Sulligent, Alabama 35586; 205-698-9991

- PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson; 2212 Co. Hwy. 39, Guin, Alabama 35563;
205-468-2575.
- SPLUNGE - Wayne Northington, P. O. Box 182, Gattman, Mississippi 38848;
662-256-9946
- SPRINGFIELD - Dick Walters; 249 Spearman Drive, Vernon, Alabama 35592
205-695
- SULLIGENT FIRST - Bob Carter; 186 Pinehill Ave., N.W., Vernon, Alabama 35592;
205-695-9785
- TAYLOR SPRINGS - None listed on letter
- UNION CHAPEL - Dean Maddox; 4330 Co. Rd., 38 W., Fayette, Alabama 35555;
205-932-6414
- VERNON FIRST - Derrell Wheeler; 146 Wheeler Circle, Vernon, Alabama 35592
205-695-
- VICTORY - None listed on letter

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.

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| Beaverton | Fayette, First |
| Belk | Free Will Chapel |
| Christian | Liberty |
| Cooper | Love Joy |
| Depriest Chapel | Mt. Harmony |

COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**Committee on Committees****2010-2011**

Rev. Wade Peoples

Bro. Doug Puckett

Bro. Dan Cantrell

Executive Committee**2010-2011**

Bro. Phil Wheeler

Bro. Ed Finch

Bro. James Brown

Bro. Dick Walters

Rev. Bill R. Smith

Credentials Committee

Bro. Dalton Gilpin - 2011

Bro. Mike Kimbrell - 2012

Rev. Randy Wright - 2013

Rev. Lamar Cox - 2014

Rev. James Walden - 2015

Nominating Committee 2011

Bro. Troy Kelly

Rev. Mike Nabors

Bro. Philip Locke

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

Sis. Stephanie Butler - 2011

Bro. Mike McDaniel - 2012

Bro. Dale Ford - 2013

Rev. Luke Bozeman - 2014

Bro. Mike Kelly - 2015

Deceased Members**Committee - 2010**

Sis. Frances Butler

Sis. Sue Yerby

Digest Committee -2011

Bro. Bob Carter

Rev. Lamar Cox

Bro. Wade Vann

Trinity Youth Camp**Board of Directors**

Rev. Marcus Stephens - 2011

Rev. Chris Willhite - 2012

Rev. David I. Crowe - 2013

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Deceased Members Committee, would like to report, that 27 brothers and sisters in Christ went to be with the Lord this past year. 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 for everyone to stand and sing, "Where We'll Never Grow Old" being led by Bro. Randy Wright. This will be followed by prayer led by Bro. Scott Montgomery.

Respectively submitted,

Sis. Frances Butler

Sis. Sue Yerby

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

BEAVERTON - Walter Weeks, Carl Humbers

BELK - Sandra Burns, Ruth Gilpin

CHRISTIAN - None listed

COOPER - Kenneth Ray Jones

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Danny Gene Jones

FAYETTE FIRST - Florence Tate Henderson, James Austin Peoples

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Maggie Moore

LIBERTY - Walton Butler, Will Banks Dubose, Chester Yerby

LOVE JOY - None listed

MT. HARMONY - Edith Huguley, Annie Chaffin, Noble Christian

MT. PLEASANT - Glover Morton

MT. WILLING - Lucioun Flynn, J. E. Chaffin

NEW CENTER POINT - None listed

PINEY GROVE - None listed

SPLUNGE - None listed

SPRINGFIELD - Mike Head

SULLIGENT FIRST - None listed

TAYLOR SPRINGS - J. C. Young, Brooks Barnes, Douglas Hankins,
Wyman Bradford

UNION CHAPEL - None listed

VERNON FIRST - Zadus Turner, Sr., Edgar Turner

VICTORY - Jackie Johnson, George Burchfield

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONS
OCTOBER 6, 2010**

Greetings from the staff and children of the FWB Children's Home in Eldridge, AL. We are very thankful for your faithful prayers and support of this ministry. Without people like you and churches like yours, we could not fulfill the task God has given us.

1. Since 1947 we have cared for over 800 children. Over the past year the Home has ministered to 30 different kids. At the present time we have 20 children on campus. This means we have room for others, so please pray that God will put us in contact with those we can help. If you know someone in need, please refer them to us. We want to impact the lives of as many children as we can.
2. Giving thus far in 2010 is running ahead of last year's income by about \$14,500. We are very thankful for this, but ask you to pray for this final quarter. Well over 40% of our annual income is receipted in the last three months of the year. We definitely need these months to be strong ones.
3. The last week of July, a youth group from Oak Valley FWB Church in Geff, IL, came and worked on our campus as a missions project. The seven adults and 16 young people completed several projects such as painting and weather proofing. They did a great job ministering and interacting with our children. We anticipate other groups will do something similar in the future.
4. Our annual Harvest Drive is underway. Our latest newsletter detailed the items we need. Several churches and groups have already brought items. This is a great way to help our ministry. You can access the list on our website or give us a call and we'll send you a copy.
5. Two major events that are a significant part of our annual income will be held in the near future. The Friendship Stateline FWB Church, near Ardmore, AL, will host a benefit gospel singing on October 30. Then on the first Saturday in December, the 4th, the annual Eldridge Toy Run will be held. You can check our website for more information. Pray that these will be successful efforts.
6. The Board of Directors recently approved a new program. The "Bridge Program" is designed to help our high school graduates transition from adolescence to independent, adult living. Renovation of the Director's house is now underway to provide living quarters for Bridge students and relief house parents.

7. During the summer our children attended a week of camp at Trinity in Guin. They also attended a week at the Wilds in North Carolina as a result of scholarships provided by the Wilds. These are important spiritual times in the lives of our children. God certainly worked as 4 of our kids made salvation decisions! Praise the Lord! Three of them were recently baptized. Please pray for the children, and us, as we strove to make a spiritual difference in their lives.

You can learn more about us or contact us by way of our website, fwbhome.org Call us or come by for a visit. We encourage you to schedule Bro. Danny Williams for a service at your church. He can make a presentation about the Home's ministry as well as share from God's Word. We invite you through your prayers, gifts, and interest to be a partner with us in this ministry which is making a difference in the lives of children every day. Thanks for helping us "invest today in the heart of tomorrow."

Rev. Danny Williams

Children's Home Promotional Director

ALABAMA STATE PROMOTIONAL OFFICE REPORT

Greetings from your State Promotional Office. I want to thank the Vernon Association for your continued support of world evangelism. Alabama's September Acts receipts were \$62,130.02. YTD Acts receipts through September total \$443,009.10. This is \$34,682.73 more than we received in the first nine months of 2009. We are presently \$19,259.13 ahead of schedule to meet the 2010 Acts budget. Due to the success of the Acts 1:8 program we are still making a difference for the cause of Christ.

Mobile: Bay City FWB in Mobile is doing well. On May 23rd they had a new record high attendance of 118. They averaged 83 in attendance for worship during September and 60 on Wednesday night. The Alabama mission board is seeking the Lord's direction in starting another church in the near future. We are asking for Free Will Baptists to set aside the 15th of each month for a day of prayer and fasting for the ministries of Alabama Free Will Baptists. We are praying about and discussing starting a new work in the Oxford/Anniston area in 2011.

Russia: Here is part of a letter from one of our Russian church planters. *Dear brothers and sisters! I'd like to tell you the good news. A big project that you have consistently prayed about and supported, as well as us, has finally been realized! We had many attacks from the Devil to*

stop us from spreading the Gospel at the Camp this year and many commissions were sent to find various reasons to close the Camp. They even tried to take us to the city court, but God remained faithful and He got victory over all the Devil's actions. We had 4 sessions in which we had more than 300 kids. They didn't just have fun, that also learned more about Jesus Christ and, what is more important, 160 kids accepted Jesus as their Savior. There was so much effort from you and from us behind all of this and I want to thank all the brothers and sisters who took their part in this ministry. Thank you for fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to spread the Gospel to all the people. It's good to know that we all are able to spread the great things that He is doing in the world and it brings us even closer to each other. It's too bad that you were not able to come to visit us this year but we hope to see you next year."

Mexico: Our new partnership with Mexico is seeing some exciting things. Three Alabama Free Will Baptist pastors preached at their 50th National Association in July. Bro. Tim Baumgarten led a medical mission trip among the Nahuatl Indians in April. There were 44 salvation decisions made. In May Bro. Mark Riggs led a crew of 11 Alabama Free Will Baptists on a construction trip to Mexico City. Bro. Ricky Carroll is leading another construction trip October 18-27. The first pastors and workers conference is planned October 28-31. Pray for the safety of those ministering in Mexico. Anyone interested in being a part of future mission trips are asked to contact the Executive Office.

Uruguay: Our friend and missionary Jaimie Lancaster recently made an appeal for help. They are in the midst of a construction project in Melo, Uruguay and the funds had run out. This is a desperately needed building. The Melo church is situated literally in the middle of a triangle of darkness. Directly in front of the church is a spiritist center. On both ends of the block there are spiritist centers as well. Before the construction project the church met in a 10x12 room. High attendance has been about 80 adults and children. Record VBS attendance was 100 children on a day that was 100 degrees. Construction began in June and they have been able to get the foundation, walls, windows and half the roof paid for. They needed an extra \$20,000 to finish out of the project. Brother Jaimie reported "Here's a quote from Pastor Julio on the night that he presented the project to his church, 'This church will be built with funds from people we don't know and we appreciate them for that. This won't be the last church in Melo, we hope to start others, but the next church, we will build and pay for!' Julio has a vision for other churches

and is challenging his people to have that same vision.”

Bro. Jaimie said “The construction project is generating interest in the community. Many people who have never gone to church in their lives are stopping by the site to see the progress and have promised to come to the dedication. Church members are excited about what is going on and using this to invite their neighbors as well.” Bro. Randy Wright and the Piney Grove FWB Church agreed to match whatever funds are raised up to \$10,000. PTL the need has been met “\$22,458 given so far by Alabama Free Will Baptists.”

Rev. Rick Cash

Promotional Director

VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The Vernon District Active for Christ met for the 32nd annual district meeting at the Springfield FWB church on March 4, 2010 with 25 ladies in attendance.

A skit was presented by the Springfield ladies and Ginger Peoples was the speaker. She spoke on “I’m making a difference”. She encouraged each one of us to make a difference. The theme for the year is “That You May Know” with the scripture being Ephesians 1:18-19, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.”

The State meeting was held at the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Pell City. Several of our ladies attended.

Some of the things that we do besides have a regular meeting each month in our local church are:

Support missionaries

Mission's offerings

Sponsor the birthday party at Generations of Vernon in August each year

Youth Camp and Children's home Harvest Drive

We all have a calling to do what God wants us to do...so ladies if you feel God is calling you to be a part of our District we would welcome you to join.

Respectfully submitted,

Burma Jordan/Secretary-Treasurer

Vernon District WAC

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Digest Committee wishes to make the following report:

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| Number of Churches reporting (15 Rural, 6 City/Town) | 21 |
| Pastors Full Time | 13 |
| Bi-vocational | 6 |
| Ordained Ministers | 27 |
| Licensed Ministers | 13 |
| Ordained Deacons | 59 |
| Sunday School/Enrollment | 20 / 1,492 enrolled |
| CTS/Enrollment | 5 / 231 |
| WNAC/Enrollment | 8 / 66 |
| Masters Men/Enrollment | 2 / 25 |
| Daycare | 1 |
| Kindergarten | 0 |
| Day School | 1 |
| Churches Having a Budget | 5 |
| Tithes (9 reporting) | \$720,699.22 |
| Churches Having a Parsonage | 8 |
| Property Value (7 reporting) | \$5,108,700.00 |
| Church Membership | 2,421 |
| Members Lost | 47 |
| Deceased | 27 |
| Members Added | 77 |
| Baptisms | 70 |

Respectfully submitted,
The Digest Committee
Robert Carter, Chairman
Rev. Lamar Cox
Bro. Doug Puckett

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Board of Christian Education
Financial Report
09-01-09 THROUGH 08-31-10

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| Beginning balance: | | \$602.61 |
| Funds Received: | | |
| Competition Fees | <u>\$1,060.00</u> | |
| Balance Total of Funds | | \$1,662.61 |
| Expenses/Disbursements | | |
| (Competition Fees) | <u>\$940.00</u> | |
| Ending Balance: | | <u>\$722.61</u> |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association met on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Bro. Scott Montgomery, assistant moderator, presided over the meeting in the absence of the moderator, Bro. Keith Rhudy. There were six committee members present for the meeting.

The business of the committee consisted of planning the Spring and Fall Association Meetings. Speakers for the Spring Meeting for March, 2010 selected were Bro. Jerry W. Barnes for the morning devotion with Bro. Chris Willhite as alternate. The speakers for the morning worship service were Bro. Mike Nabors with Bro. Danny Thompson as alternate. The Spring Meeting was to be held with the Liberty Church.

Speakers for the Fall Meeting were Bro. Kelvin Price for the morning devotion with Bro. Chris Willhite as alternate. The speakers for the morning worship service were Bro. Keith Rhudy with Bro. Devin Henry as alternate. The Fall Meeting was to be held with the Free Will Chapel Church.

There was no other business discussed and we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bill Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, make the following report:

We recommend for moderator , Rev. Scott Montgomery; for assistant moderator, Rev. Kelvin Price; for clerk, Bro. Steve Butler; for assistant clerk, Sis. Elwanda Oakes. On the Trinity Camp Board, we recommend Rev. David I. Crowe. On the Board of Christian Education we recommend Bro. Mike Kelly.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Troy Kelly
Bro. Devin Henry
Rev. Edward Puckett

VERNONFREEWILLBAPTISTASSOCIATION

Financial Report

09-01-09 through 08-31-10

Beginning Balance \$2,765.27
(Includes funds of \$722.61 held for C. E. Board)

Funds received from:

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| Dues from churches | \$ 4,100.00 |
| Spring Meeting Offering | 156.00 |
| Fall Meeting Offering | 287.00 |
| Thanksgiving Service Offering | 400.59 |

Total Funds Received \$4,943.59

Total Funds \$7,708.86

EXPENSES

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| Salaries for Officers | \$ 200.00 |
| Ala. State Assoc. Dues | 2,835.00 |
| Bank Fees | 48.47 |
| Postage | 154.80 |
| Printing | 614.76 |
| Trinity Camp | 343.79 |
| Children's Home | 343.80 |
| Honorariums to Speakers | 300.00 |

Total Expenses/Disbursements - 4,840.62

ENDING BALANCE + \$ 2,868.24

| CHURCH | PASTOR'S NAME & ADDRESS | PASTOR'S HOME PHONE/CELL PHONE/EMAIL |
|----------------------|---|--|
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| BELK | Lamar Cox P. O. Box 31 Belk, AL 35545 | HP: 205-932-3144 CP: 205-270-8970 E-Mail: lcox@WATVC.com |
| CHRISTIAN | | HP: CP: E-Mail |
| COOPER | Devin Henry 150 Cooper Church Road Detroit, AL 35552 | HP: 205-921-2128 CP: 205-412-6355 E-Mail: |
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| Church | Members Received | Members Deceased | Total Members | Number In Sunday School | Number In C.T.S. | Number In Ladies Aux. | Ordained Ministers |
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| Beaverton | 0 | 2 | 62 | 38 | 20 | - | 1 |
| Belk | 4 | 2 | 158 | 80 | - | 12 | 2 |
| Christian | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cooper | 3 | 1 | 143 | ? | - | - | 1 |
| Depriest Chapel | 3 | 1 | 53 | 25 | - | - | 1 |
| Fayette, First | 3 | 2 | 210 | 90 | - | - | 4 |
| Free Will Chapel | 3 | 1 | 230 | 63 | - | - | 1 |
| Liberty | 4 | 3 | 215 | 50 | 50 | 20 | 2 |
| Love Joy | 5 | 0 | 72 | 40 | - | 8 | 1 |
| Mt. Harmony | 9 | 3 | 280 | 140 | 81 | - | 2 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 0 | 1 | 75 | 12 | - | - | 0 |
| Mt. Willing | 5 | 2 | 41 | ? | - | - | 1 |
| New Center Point | 5 | 0 | 238 | 100 | - | ? | 3 |
| Piney Grove | 2 | 0 | 189 | 150 | - | - | 2 |
| Splunge | 8 | 0 | ? | ? | - | ? | 1 |
| Springfield | 4 | 1 | ? | ? | - | 6 | 1 |
| Sulligent, First | 2 | 0 | 203 | 110 | - | 15 | 0 |
| Taylor Springs | 2 | 4 | ? | 30 | - | - | 1 |
| Union Chapel | 2 | 0 | 50 | 12 | - | - | 2 |
| Vernon, First | 2 | 2 | 105 | 112 | 80 | 5 | 2 |
| Victory | 9 | 2 | 97 | 90 | - | - | 1 |
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Bro. Nathan Peoples, 45003, Hwy. 17; Vernon, AL 35592

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

CHRISTIAN -

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

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Gene Wise

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

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Daniel Franks, Edsel Gideon, Billy Jo Turner

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

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

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

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MT. WILLING - None listed on letter

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 Lee Barnes, Jr., Luke Spruiell, Frank Mixon,

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Steve Spencer

UNION CHAPEL - Benny Hardy, Calvin Jones

VERNON FIRST - Derrell Wheeler, Zadus Turner, Jr., Mike Freeman,
Edwin Collins, Aaron Black, Demus Shelnut, Paul Shelnut

VICTORY - Jimmy Harrell, Ron Musgrove

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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, Rev. Malone Cobb, Rev.
C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Lloyd George, Rev. James C. Newell, Rev. Darrell J. Burkett

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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, Coy Johnson, Paul Jordan, P.
E. Maddox, Albert Christian, Edgar Stanford Cooper, Pascal Yerby, James Maddox,
Willie Gene Perkins, Eris Wilson, Edgar Turner

2011 RADIO BROADCAST SCHEDULE
VERNON ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

JANUARY

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| January 3 - 7 | Liberty |
| January 10 - 14 | Mt. Harmony |
| January 17 - 21 | New Center Point |
| January 24 - 28 | Piney Grove |
| January 31 - Feb 4 | Springfield |

FEBRUARY

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| February 7 - 11 | 1 st Sulligent |
| February 14 - 18 | 1 st Vernon |
| February 21 - 25 | Victory |
| February 28 - Mar. 4 | Belk |

MARCH

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| March 7 - 11 | Depriest Chapel |
| March 14 - 18 | Free Will Chapel |
| March 21 - 25 | Liberty |
| March 28 - April 1 | Mt. Harmony |

APRIL

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| April 4 - 8 | New Center Point |
| April 11 - 15 | Piney Grove |
| April 18 - 22 | Springfield |
| April 25 - 29 | 1 st Sulligent |

MAY

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| May 2 - 6 | 1 st Vernon |
| May 9 - 13 | Victory |
| May 16 - 20 | Belk |
| May 23 - 27 | Depriest Chapel |
| May 30 - June 3 | Free Will Chapel |

JUNE

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| June 6 - 10 | Liberty |
| June 13 - 17 | Mt. Harmony |
| June 20 - 24 | New Center Point |
| June 27 - July 1 | Piney Grove |

JULY

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| July 4 - 8 | Springfield |
| July 11 - 15 | 1 st Sulligent |
| July 18 - 22 | 1 st Vernon |
| July 25 - 29 | Victory |

AUGUST

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| August 1 - 5 | Belk |
| August 8 - 12 | Depriest Chapel |
| August 15 - 19 | Free Will Chapel |
| August 22 - 26 | Liberty |
| August 29 - Sept. 2 | Mt. Harmony |

SEPTEMBER

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| September 5 - 9 | New Center Point |
| September 12 - 16 | Piney Grove |
| September 19 - 23 | Springfield |
| September 26 - 30 | 1 st Sulligent |

OCTOBER

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| October 3 - 7 | 1 st Vernon |
| October 10 - 14 | Victory |
| October 17 - 21 | Belk |
| October 24 - 28 | Depriest Chapel |
| October 31 - Nov. 4 | Free Will Chapel |

NOVEMBER

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| November 7 - 11 | Liberty |
| November 14 - 18 | Mt. Harmony |
| November 21 - 25 | New Center Point |
| November 28 - Dec. 2 | Piney Grove |

DECEMBER

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| December 5 - 9 | Springfield |
| December 12 - 16 | 1 st Sulligent |
| December 19 - 23 | 1 st Vernon |
| December 26 - 30 | Victory |

FIFTH SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM

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| January 30, 2011 | New Center Point |
| May 29, 2011 | 1 st Vernon |
| July 31, 2011 | Springfield |
| October 30, 2011 | Liberty |

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. Be it resolved that the District CTS competition be held each year on the second Saturday of April. Be it further resolved that the competition not be conducted on Easter weekend. Finally, be it resolved that each church in the association receive a letter from the C. E. Board four weeks prior to the meeting with all pertinent information, forms, etc.

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.