

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with the .

**FIRST
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FAYETTE, ALABAMA**

2011 Minutes

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

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The next session (Spring Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sulligent, Alabama on Saturday, March 17, 2012 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 Alabama on Saturday, October 20, 2012. 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 19, 2011

The Spring Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association convened on Saturday, March 19, 2011 with the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Beaverton, AL. Registration began at 9:30 AM with the meeting starting at 10:00AM. The delegates, ministers, deacons, and visitors were blessed with prelude music on the piano by Jennifer Crowe of the Piney Grove Church.

A congregational song led by Bro. David I. Crowe was next sung. The song was titled, "Higher Ground". Bro Crowe welcomed the Vernon Association to the Piney Grove Church for the meeting. Bro. Scott Montgomery, association moderator, welcomed all those present and gave some announcements concerning the association. Special music followed being sung by the two daughters of Bro. David I. Crowe and Jennifer Crowe.

The morning devotion was next given by Bro. Keith Spencer of the Taylor Springs Church. His scripture reading was taken from James 2:2. Prayer was by the speaker following the devotion.

A number of reports were given next for information. Bro. David I. Crowe gave an update report on Trinity Camp. He mentioned that three five-ton air conditioning units on the gymnasium needed to be replaced at a cost of \$10,000.00. Bro. Heath Webb, missionary to Boise, Idaho, spoke briefly on his new mission work. Bro. Danny Williams gave a report on the Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home and the International Missions department. Bro. Rick Cash presented a brief report on the Acts 1:8 program.

Following the reports and before the morning message, an offering was received. Next, a congregational song was led by Bro. David I. Crowe. The song was titled "When We All Get to Heaven". Prayer followed being led by Bro. Hank Hollis. A song of special music was sung by Bro. David I. and Jennifer Crowe. The song was titled, "Forever Settled". Bro. Danny Thompson of the Mt. Harmony Church preached the morning message. The message was from Genesis 22:1-2 and Genesis 3:1. Prayer was by Bro. Al Hamm of the Victory Church. Following the message, the congregation was invited to stay and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the Piney Grove Church. The blessing on the meal was by Bro. Heath Webb.

PROCEEDINGS
VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

The Vernon Free Will Baptist Association convened on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayette, Alabama. Registration began for delegates, ministers, deacons, and visitors at 8:30 AM. The meeting began at 9:00 AM. Bro. Scott Montgomery, pastor of the Fayette Church, presided over the meeting.

The opening congregational song was "The Eastern Gate led by the church song director, Adam Smith. Prayer followed by Rev. Rick Cash. Rev. Scott Montgomery welcomed the association to the Fayette Church. Following the welcome, two selections of special music were song by a group of members from the Fayette Church. They were Adam Smith, April Smith, Rev. Scott Montgomery, and Caleb Montgomery.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. Bill R. Smith of the Fayette Church. The scripture was taken from Acts 20:18-21. Rev. Smith spoke on the qualifications of servants.

After the morning devotion, the association was declared into business by Association Clerk Steve Butler. The roll call of delegates followed by the clerk. A motion to seat the delegates was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote. Recognition of visitors was next made by the moderator.

Following the seating of the delegates, reports of various committees was given. The Digest Committee Report was given by Bob Carter of the Sulligent Church.

The Executive Committee Report was next given by the clerk. The Executive Committee made recommendations on two items of business at this time. A recommendation on the morning devotion program broadcast on WJEC Radio was made to maintain the current time slot each morning (8:00 AM) and to encourage each church in the association to participate. The second business item concerned a dues increase from the State Association. It was recommended that Article Four - Finances; Section 1 be amended to show an increase in dues to \$300.00 per year for churches with over 100 members and \$200.00 per year for churches with 100 members or less. Both business items were approved by voice vote.

Rev. Wade Peoples gave the report of the Committee on Committees. A

report on the WNAC was given by Burma Jordan and a report on Trinity Camp by Camp Director Rev. Ashley Culp. Both were given as information. Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director, gave a report on the Promotional Office and the Acts 1:8 Program. Rev. Len Blanchard reported on the new mission work in Oxford, Alabama. A report on the Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by Rev. Lamar Cox. These reports also were given as information.

The delegates and congregation were next dismissed from the business session for recess with prayer by Rev. Danny Thompson.

Following the recess time, a report was given on the Deceased Members Committee. Committeeperson Burma Jordan gave the report. The song, "Precious Memories" was sung by the congregation in remembrance of those who went to be with the Lord during this past church year. Prayer followed being led by Edsel Gideon.

Locations for upcoming association meetings were selected with Thanksgiving Service this year being held at the First Free Will Church in Fayette; the Spring Meeting being held with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Sulligent; and the Fall Annual Meeting being held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fayette.

The Nominating Committee gave the report of nominations for association offices for the coming year. Rev. Scott Montgomery was nominated for moderator, Rev. Kelvin Price was nominated for assistant moderator, Bro. Seve Butler was nominated for clerk, and Sis. Elwanda Oakes was nominated for assistant clerk. All were elected to serve another term.

Mike McDaniel, member of the C.E. Board, announced that April 14, 2012 would be the date for district C.T.S. Competition and all would meet at the Mt. Harmony Church.

A motion to adjourn from business session was made by Mike McDaniel with a second from Raphael Yerby. The motion passed. Prayer followed by Rev. Joe Beckon of the Vernon Church.

Following the business session, the morning worship service began with a congregational song led by Adam Smith. Special music was given by the group from the Fayette Church. They were Adam Smith, April Smith, Rev. Scott Montgomery, and Caleb Montgomery. A second song was sung by Caleb Montgomery. The message followed being preached by Rev. Len Blanchard, missionary to Oxford, Alabama. His scripture selection was from Luke 19:12-27 and titled, "Life Is A Special Opportunity." Prayer followed

the message by the speaker. The morning offering was received with the funds dedicated to Trinity Camp and Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. Rev. Randy Wright dismissed the congregation with prayer. A delicious lunch followed being prepared by the ladies of the Fayette Church.

LISTING OF DELEGATES BY CHURCH 2011 MEETINGS

BEAVERTON - Sis. Brenda Dubose, Bro. Jason Guthrie, Sis. Jennifer Guthrie, Sis. Bonnie Bailey

BELK - Sis. Lucy Cox, Sis. Angie Hill, Sis. Amy Fowler, Sis. Genine Fowler, Sis. Jeannie Hollingsworth, Sis. Gail Belk, alternate, Sis. Debbie Yerby, alternate.

COOPER - Bro. Zack Kelly, Sis. Tammy Henry, Sis. Angie Kelly

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sis. Sheila Irvin, Sis. Libby Harris, Sis. Mary Wise

FAYETTE, FIRST - Bro. Brandon Sanford, Sis. Jennifer Sanford, Bro. Danny Jenkins, Sis. Melinda Jenkins, Bro. Doyle Simmons

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sis. Brenda Turner, Sis. Judy Gideon, Sis. Tammy Rhudy, Bro. Billy Joe Turner, Bro. W. G. Stanford, alternate

LIBERTY - Bro. James Brown, Sis. Joann Brown, Sis. Joyce Doherty, Sis. Stephanie Butler, Sis. Frances Butler, Sis. Loree Christain, Sis. Jane Staggs, Sis. Joan Gillihan, alternate

LOVE JOY - Bro. Marty Stockman, Sis. Patsy Puckett, Sis. Doris Tice, Sis. Lena Puckett

MT. HARMONY - None listed

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

MT. WILLING - Sis. Carol Kivette.

NEW CENTER POINT - Bro. Tim Osberg, Sis. Rebecca Osberg, Sis. Stephanie Stafford, Sis. Shelia Rasberry.

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Bill Smith, Bro. Bill Overton, Bro. Wayne Overton

SPLUNGE - None listed

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

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

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Sis. Martha Bradford, Sis. Kitty Bradford, Sis. Mary Cannon

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

VERNON FIRST - Sis. Lou Ella Knight, Sis. Elwanda Oakes, Bro. Mike McDaniel, Sis. Marsha McDaniel

VICTORY - None listed

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS BY CHURCH

BEAVERTON - Doug Cantrell; 144 Cox Street, Sulligent, Alabama 35586;
205-698-8487

BELK - Dale Bozeman; 4496 Co. Road 38, Fayette, Alabama 35555;
205-932-7273

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

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Gene Wise; P. O. Box 132, Gattman, Mississippi 38844;
662-640-8461

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

FREE WILL CHAPEL - David Gunnels; P. O. Box 145, Vernon, Alabama 35592;
205-712-1388

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

LOVEJOY - 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 listed

MT. WILLING - Bro. Donald Kivette; 11457 Co. Hwy. 42, Guin, Alabama 35563;
205-468-2206

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
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- SULLIGENT FIRST - Bob Carter; 186 Pinehill Ave., N.W., Vernon, Alabama 35592;
205-695-9785
- TAYLOR SPRINGS - None listed
- UNION CHAPEL - Dean Maddox; 4330 Co. Rd., 38 W., Fayette, Alabama 35555;
205-270-9370
- VERNON FIRST - Derrell Wheeler; 146 Wheeler Circle, Vernon, Alabama 35592
205-695-7844
- 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.

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| Mt. Pleasant | Springfield |
| Mt. Willing | Sulligent, First |
| New Center Point | Taylor Springs |
| Piney Grove | Union Chapel |
| Splunge | Vernon, First |
| | Victory |

COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| Committee on Committees 2011-2012 | Board of Christian Education (C.E.) |
| Rev. Wade Peoples | Bro. Mike McDaniel - 2012 |
| Bro. Doug Puckett | Bro. Dale Ford - 2013 |
| Bro. Zac Kelly | Rev. Chris Willhite - 2014 |
| Executive Committee 2011-2012 | Bro. Mike Kelly - 2015 |
| Bro. Phil Wheeler | Sis. Stephanie Butler - 2016 |
| Bro. Ed Finch | Deceased Members Committee - 2011 |
| Bro. James Brown | Sis. Sue Yerby |
| Bro. Dick Walters | Sis. Burma Jordan |
| Rev. Bill R. Smith | Sis. Brenda Turner |
| Credentials Committee | Digest Committee - 2012 |
| Bro. Mike Kimbrell - 2012 | Bro. Bob Carter |
| Rev. Randy Wright - 2013 | Rev. Mike Nabors |
| Rev. Lamar Cox - 2014 | Bro. Bily Joe Turner |
| Rev. James Walden - 2015 | Trinity Youth Camp Board of Directors |
| Bro. Reedus Wheat - 2016 | Rev. Chris Willhite - 2012 |
| Nominating Committee 2012 | Rev. David I. Crowe - 2013 |
| Bro. Troy Kelly | Rev. Stephen Cantrell - 2014 |
| Rev. Edsel Gideon | |
| Bro. Doyle Simmons | |

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Deceased Members Committee, would like to report, that 23 of our members went to be with the Lord this past church year.

I Samuel 20:3 says, "...but truly, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death." We encourage you to make that right step.

We would like for all to stand and sing, "Precious Memories," followed by prayer by Bro. Edsel Gideon.

Respectively submitted,
Burma Jordan
Brenda Turner
Sue Yerby

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

BEAVERTON - None listed

BELK - Todd Wilson, Grace Waldrop, David Connell, Ralph Watkins

COOPER - None listed

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Ruby Ling Gault

FAYETTE FIRST - None listed

FREE WILL CHAPEL - None listed

LIBERTY - Edward Billingsley, Ruby Gray Brock, Augie Bea Bishop

LOVE JOY - None listed

MT. HARMONY - L. C. Graham, Dave Prosser, Clauzell Crawford

MT. PLEASANT - None listed

MT. WILLING - Ron Baumgarten, Stella Reese

NEW CENTER POINT - Onay Beard, Magaline Clifton, Troy Tate,
Mittie Tate

PINEY GROVE - Boyce Fuller

SPLUNGE - None listed

SPRINGFIELD - Clora Gilmore

SULLIGENT FIRST - None listed

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None listed

UNION CHAPEL - None listed

VERNON FIRST - Paul Shelnut, Rosalyn (Smith) Perkins

VICTORY - Frances Reynolds, Annie Mae Brown

**ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONS
OCTOBER 12, 2011**

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. At our last evaluation by DHR, our license was renewed and our capacity increased to 40. At the present time we have 17 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. We are very thankful for faithful supporters in these difficult economic times. As of the end of September giving is up over last year by about \$1,500. Historically, the last three months of the year are our largest income months. Please pray that they will be good giving months this year.
3. Mission Teams were on our campus this summer. Groups from Cavanaugh FWB in Fort Smith, AR, New Hope FWB in Dover, FL, Good springs FWB in Joelton, TN, and Hazel Dell FWB in Sesser, IL, all brought supplies and manpower to do building and landscaping projects. They were a real blessing to the ministry here. The Cavanaugh group has returned this month to bring bedroom furniture and to paint several bedrooms.
4. The Children's Home board met on our campus on September 30th and October 1st. They received the auditor's report, directors' reports, and approved the 2012 budget.
5. Our kids attended two weeks of camp this summer – Trinity and the Wilds. They had a great time enjoying the activities and several made spiritual decisions including one teen girl who was saved. Another one of our girls has been saved and was baptized Labor Day weekend.
6. Dustin, a high school senior, went to Panama as a summer missionary with E-Team. He enjoyed the experience very much. This was his second summer to participate in this program.
7. Linda Berry, our social worker for about 29 years, has retired. Mandy Mitchell has been employed to fill the position. She comes to us with six years of child welfare experience. Mandy's husband, Chris, serves as Pastor of the First FWB Church in Amory, MS.

8. Pray with us as we search for someone to fill a house parents' position. Bro. Phil Kimbrought and his wife, Mildred, who have been serving in that capacity, have returned to the pastorate. If God impresses on you the possibility of working in this ministry in any capacity, please let us know.
9. Our annual Harvest Drive is currently underway and the 9th Annual Eldridge Toy Run will be Saturday, december 3rd. You are invited to participate in this special events.

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 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

VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

We have three (3) auxiliaries in our District at the present time with a total of 23 members on roll.

Our 33rd annual district meeting was held at Vernon First Free Baptist Church on March 3, 2011. Cathy Corley and her husband Mike were our speakers. We gave them a love offering of \$150.00. We had a total of 25 present.

We support several missionaries on a monthly basis and others as we have funds to do so. We support several othe projects in our churches and the Children's Home and Trinity Camp. We support the Jimmy & Janie Aldridge scholarship fund.

Several of our ladies attended the State meeting in April.

I would like to commend this group of ladies for the work they have done this year and look forward to working together for a god year this coming up.

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 (14 Rural, 4 City/Town)	18
Pastors Full Time	15
Bi-vocational	3
Ordained Ministers	27
Licensed Ministers	16
Ordained Deacons	52
Sunday School/Enrollment	1,029 enrolled
CTS/Enrollment	2 / 112
WNAC/Enrollment	6 / 64
Masters Men/Enrollment	2 / 25
Daycare	1
Kindergarten	0
Day School	1
Churches Having a Budget	6
Tithes (18 reporting)	\$1,550,739
Churches Having a Parsonage	8
Property Value (7 reporting)	\$5,445,764.00
Church Membership	2,265
Members Lost	49
Deceased	22
Members Added	102
Baptisms	48

Respectfully submitted,
The Digest Committee
Bob Carter, Chairman

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Board of Christian Education
Financial Report
09-01-10 THROUGH 08-31-11

Beginning balance:		\$722.61
Funds Received:		
Competition Fees	<u>\$1,875.00</u>	
		<u>1,875.00</u>
Total Funds		\$2,597.61
Expenses/Disbursements		
(Competition Fees)	\$1875.00	
Randal House Publications	<u>12.32</u>	<u>1,887.32</u>
Ending Balance:		<u>\$710.29</u>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the Vernon Association met twice during the year. The first meeting was on February 7, 2011 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayette. Six committee members were present for the meeting. Association Moderator, Bro. Scott Montgomery presided over the meeting. The meeting began with prayer by committee member Bro. James Brown and scripture reading by Bro. Scott Montgomery.

Speakers for both the Spring and Fall meetings were discussed. Those selected to speak at the Spring Meeting at Piney Grove Church were Bro. Randy Wright as the main speaker and Bro. Danny Thompson as alternate speaker. For the morning devotion the speaker selected was Bro. Keith Spencer of the Taylor Springs Church and the alternate speaker selected was Bro. James Walden of the Mt. Harmony Church

Fall meeting speakers selected were Bro. Len Blanchard, missionary to Oxford, Alabama as the main speaker and Bro. Al Hamm as alternate

speaker. The morning devotion speaker selected was Bro. Bill Smith of the Fayette Church and alternate speaker being Bro. John Reed of The Belk Church.

Also discussed during the meeting was the increased cost of the Morning Devotion program on WJEC Radio. A suggestion was made for the Committee to meet with the personnel of the radio station and express the concerns we have about the program. The meeting was adjourned following prayer by Bro. Kelvin Price.

The second meeting of the Executive Committee conveyed on September 26, 2011 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayette. Bro. Scott Montgomery presided with eight committee members present. Opening prayer was by Bro. Kelvin Price.

The main item of business discussed concerned the Morning Devotion program. Bro. Scott Montgomery reported to the Committee the results of a survey concerning the program that was sent out to all the churches in the Association. From the discussion a recommendation was made that would be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Another subject discussed concerned an upcoming increase in association dues to the State Association. The committee made a recommendation that would be presented at the Annual Meeting. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bro. Bill Smith.

The following items were brought to the Annual Meeting from the Executive Committee for consideration.

Item 1:

At the Vernon Association annual meeting on October 16, 2010, concern regarding the increased cost of the Free Will Baptist Devotional radio program was mentioned with some discussion. The executive committee was to meet and report back at the next annual meeting.

The executive committee met in the spring and discussed the matter and made the decision to hand out a questionnaire to all the churches at the spring associational meeting for the purpose of gathering information to better understand the concerns of our churches regarding the matter. The questionnaire provided information such as current and past cost, current participation along with comments, and concerns from pastors and churches. We then met with the owner of the radio station, Glen Crawford, and the program director, Curt Smith, to discuss our questions and concerns.

The following questions and concerns were asked and answered as follows:

Q: How and why was the time changed from 9:00 AM to 8:00 AM?

A: It was moved due to the "Party Line" program number of advertisers increasing and causing it to run over into our FWB Devotionals time slot. They felt moving it to the 8:00 AM slot as lead-in program would be a better or a more listened to time slot for us. They asked a few of our preachers how they felt but did not communicate officially with the association.

Q: Why did the price increase so much?

A: First, there had not been a rate increase in a long time and we were paying way below the current rates. Second, there are less churches participating than in the past, this also raised the cost some as well. No matter how many churches participate, the cost will be \$60 per month to each church, according to Curt Smith, program director.

C: The music style mixture: Southern Gospel/Country Gospel/Contemporary Gospel – we have a preference for traditional Southern gospel.

A: They are trying to reach a younger audience. The afternoon contemporary gospel slot is paid for mostly by the Full Gospel Church and a few others.

C: Beer commercials during football games

A: The Alabama football games are a live feed and if the radio employee steps away from the controls, such as to go to the restroom and a beer commercial comes on, it will play. Alabama does not send a detailed listing of what commercial will be playing next to warn the radio station as to when beer commercials are going to be played so they can stop them before they air. With Auburn games, they send a detailed listing so they know when a beer commercial is going to play and they can replace it.

C: On the Air Comments and Language not fitting to Christian Radio during High School football games (Example: Gambling)

A: They were not aware of any such comments.

C: Loss of Air Time due to storms and various power outages: Time paid for by churches. Could they air at a later time?

A: Yes.

C: For loss of tapes or messages, dead air, and comments made about not receiving tapes or messages from preachers.

A: Doing better now. Preachers must have tapes or recordings to the

radio station by Friday at 3:00 PM in order for it to air on the Monday morning program. Recordings need to be delivered to the radio station by 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday, in order to be played on the following morning's program. Pastors are welcome to speak live from the studio.

Item 2:

We, the Executive Committee recommend the following:

1. Maintain current time slot
2. Encourage church participation
 - a. By listening
 - b. By being in the devotional lineup
 - c. By praying for the radio station
 - d. By communicating your comments and concerns regularly to WJEC
 - e. By ministering to the radio station personnel

Item 3:

We, the Executive Committee make the following motion:

To Amend: Article Four - Finances; Section I

Which Reads: 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 dollars (\$150.00) in dues per eyar.

To Read: All churches of the association with 100 members or more shall send the sum of three hundred dollar (\$300.00) in dues per year, and all churches of the association with less than 100 membes shall send the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in dues per year.

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, make the following report:

We recommend for moderator, Rev. Scot Montgomery; for assistant moderator, Rev. Kelvin Price; for clerk, Bro. Steve Butler; for assistant clerk, Sis. Elwanda Oakes. On the Trinity Camp Board, we nominate Rev. Stephen Cantrell to replace Rev. Markus Stephens whose term expires in 2014. On the Board of Christian Education, we nominate and recommend Sis. Stephanie Butler and Rev. Chris Willhite.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Troy Kelly
Bro. Edsel Gideon
Bro. Doyle Simmons

VERNONFREEWILLBAPTISTASSOCIATION

Financial Report

09-01-10 through 08-31-11

Beginning Balance \$2,868.24

Funds received from:

Dues from churches	\$ 4,000.00
Spring Meeting Offering	213.00
Fall Meeting Offering	300.00
Thanksgiving Service Offering	402.00

Total Funds Received \$4,9915.00

Total Funds \$7,7783.24

EXPENSES

Salaries for Officers	\$ 200.00
Ala. State Assoc. Dues	2,700.00
Postage	188.61
Printing	629.64
Trinity Camp	256.50
Children's Home	658.50

Total Expenses/Disbursements - 4,783.25

ENDING BALANCE + \$ 2,999.99

CHURCHSTATISTICS

Church	Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers
Beaverton	2	0	60	25	-	-	1
Belk	6	4	161	97	-	10	2
Cooper	0	0	144	?	-	-	1
Depriest Chapel	3	1	53	20	-	-	1
Fayette, First	7	0	217	90	-	-	4
Free Will Chapel	5	0	235	56	-	-	1
Liberty	0	3	212	50	50	20	2
Love Joy	12	0	61	-	-	8	1
Mt. Harmony	30	3	298	160	-	-	3
Mt. Pleasant	2	0	70	12	-	-	1
Mt. Willing	6	2	45	17	-	-	1
New Center Point	13	4	244	70	-	-	2
Piney Grove	17	1	203	165	-	-	3
Splunge	4	0	?	35	-	15	1
Springfield	0	1	?	55	-	6	1
Sulligent, First	4	0	207	120	-	15	1
Taylor Springs	2	4	?	24	-	-	1
Union Chapel	0	0	50	13	-	-	2
Vernon, First	7	2	110	130	62	5	2
Victory	3	2	98	90	-	-	1
Totals	123	23	2,288	1,229	112	79	32

CHURCH	PASTOR'S NAME & ADDRESS	PASTOR'S HOME PHONE/CELL PHONE/EMAIL
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MT. PLEASANT - None listed

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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

VICTORY - Jimmy Harrell, Ron Musgrove

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2011 NYC Competition in Charlotte, N.C. winners were as follows:
(Please note winners from the Vernon Association)

Bible Memorization:	3 rd place	1 st grade	Callie Beth Mayberry	Russellville
	1 st place	10 th grade	Michael Cox	Forestdale
Group Bible Memorization:	1 st place	7 th grade	Russellville Jr. Duet	Russellville
	1 st place	8 th grade	Russellville Jr. Trio	Russellville
Bible Sword Drill:	1 st place	4 th grade	Olivia Yerby	Belk
	1 st place	6 th grade	Andy Yerby	Belk
	3 rd place	6 th grade	Joshua Cox	Forestdale
Bible Millionaire:	3 rd place-tie	Mt. Harmony		
Bible Tic Tac Toe:	1 st place	Northport		
Bible Bowl:	1 st place	Red Bay		
Truthquest:	3 rd place	7 th -9 th grade	Meghanne Helms	Forestdale
	1 st place	10 th -12 th gr	Caleb Patton	Sulphur Springs
Vocal Solo:	3 rd place	1 st -3 rd grade	Karson Camp	Sulphur Springs
	2 nd place	7 th -9 th grade	Daniel Hunter	Northport
Vocal Duet:	3 rd place	1 st -3 rd grade	Mt. Harmony Duet	Mt. Harmony
Vocal Trio:	1 st place	1 st -3 rd grade	Sulphur Springs Trio	Sulphur Springs
	3 rd place	7 th -9 th grade	Elevate	Northport
Quartets:	1 st place	4 th -6 th grade	Mt. Harmony Quartet	Mt. Harmony
	3 rd place	7 th -9 th grade	One Accord	Russellville
	1 st place	10 th -12 th gr	Elevate Quartet	Northport
Ensembles:	3 rd place	1 st -3 rd grade	Mt. Harmony Choir	Mt. Harmony
	2 nd place	4 th -6 th grade	Sulphur Sp Jr. Girls	Sulphursprings
	3 rd place	4 th -6 th grade	Crystal River	Russellville
Choirs:	2 nd place	4 th -6 th grade	Sulphur Sp Jr Choir	Sulphur Springs
	2 nd place	10 th -12 th gr	Elevate	Sulphur Springs
Inst Solo – Keyboard	2 nd place	10 th -12 th gr	Joseph Summerlin	Sulphur Springs
Keyboard Ensemble:	1 st place	4 th -6 th grade	Belk Buddies	Belk
Inst Solo – Woodwind:	3 rd place	4 th -6 th grade	Kelsey McAdams	Mt. Harmony
Inst Solo – Brass:	2 nd place	10 th -12 th gr	Alva Pope	Northport
Inst Solo – Pl Strings	1 st place	10 th -12 th gr	Tyler Cagle	New Oak
Grove				
Inst Solo – Percussion:	1 st place	1 st -3 rd grade	Jacob Summerlin	Sulphur Springs
	1 st place	4 th -6 th grade	Andy Yerby	Belk

Illust Story Telling:	1 st place	7 th -9 th grade	Austin Barnard	Dothan
Individual Drama:	1 st place	1 st -3 rd grade	Thomas Willhite	Mt. Harmony
Dramatic Duo:	2 nd place	10 th -12 th gr	Lando & Ferg	Northport
Painting:	3 rd place	4 th -6 th grade	Olivia Yerby	Belk
	2 nd place	7 th -9 th grade	Lacie Rowe	New Oak Grove
Drawing:	1 st place	4 th -6 th grade	Jake Hudgins	Mt. Harmony
Computer Graphics:	1 st place	4 th -6 th grade	Gabe Knight	Belk
	2 nd place	10 th -12 th gr	Ethan Ellis	Belk
Single Photo:	2 nd place	4 th -6 th grade	Dylan House	Belk
Photo Essay:	2 nd place	4 th -6 th grade	Gabe Knight	Belk
	2 nd place	7 th -9 th grade	Courtney Manasco	New Oak Grove
Sculpted Clay:	2 nd place	1 st -3 rd grade	Marlee Yerby	Belk
	1 st place	7 th -9 th grade	Jason Ellis	Belk
Pre-molded Clay:	1 st place	4 th -6 th grade	Gabe Knight	Belk
Conceptual Art:	2 nd place	10 th -12 th gr	Ethan Ellis	Belk
Creative Writing: Article	2 nd place	10 th -12 th gr	Alva Pope	Northport
Personal Exp Essay:	3 rd place	7 th -9 th grade	Aubrey Pope	Northport
Interview:	1 st place	4 th -6 th grade	Gabe Knight	Belk
Devotion:	1 st place	4 th -6 th grade	Dylan House	Belk

The Sulphur Springs FWB Church Junion Youth Group was awarded the National Youth Group of the Year. Congratulations to Rachel Ayers, Kody Madden, and Joseph Summerlin for being selected to the 2011 YET Team.

(Supplied by Rick Taylor) For pictures go to www.alfwb.com

2012 RADIO BROADCAST SCHEDULE
VERNON ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MORNING DEVOTIONAL

JANUARY

January 2 - 6	Splunge
January 9 - 13	Liberty
January 16-20	Mt. Harmony
January 23-27	Depriest Chapel
January 30-Feb. 3	Piney Grove

FEBRUARY

February 6-10	Springfield
February 13-17	1 st FWB Sulligent
February 20-24	1 st FWB Vernon
February 27 - Mar. 2	Victory

MARCH

March 5-9	Belk
March 12-16	Splunge
March 19-23	Liberty
March 26-30	Mt. Harmony

APRIL

April 2-6	Depriest Chapel
April 9-13	Piney Grove
April 16-20	Springfield
April 23-27	1 st FWB Sulligent
April 30-May 4	1 st FWB Vernon

MAY

May 7-11	Victory
May 14-18	Belk
May 21-25	Splunge
May 28 - June 1	Liberty

JUNE

June 4-8	Mt. Harmony
June 11-15	Depriest Chapel
June 18-22	Piney Grove
June 25-29	Springfield

JULY

July 2-6	1 st FWB Sulligent
July 9-13	1 st FWB Vernon
July 16-20	Victory
July 23-27	Belk
July 30-Aug 3	Splunge

AUGUST

August 6-10	Liberty
August 13-17	Mt. Harmony
August 20-24	Depriest Chapel
August 27-31	Piney Grove

SEPTEMBER

September 3-7	Springfield
September 10-14	1 st FWB Sulligent
September 17-21	1 st FWB Vernon
September 24-28	Victory

OCTOBER

October 1-5	Belk
October 8-12	Splunge
October 15-19	Liberty
October 22-26	Mt. Harmony
October 29 - Nov. 2	Depriest Chapel

NOVEMBER

November 5-9	Piney Grove
November 12-16	Springfield
November 19-23	1 st FWB Sulligent
November 26-30	1 st FWB Vernon

DECEMBER

December 3-7	Victory
December 10-14	Belk
December 17-21	Splunge
December 24-28	Liberty
December 31-Jan 4	Mt. Harmony

FIFTH SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM

January 29, 2012	Springfield
April 29, 2012	1 st FWB Vernon
July 29, 2012	Liberty
September 30, 2012	Splunge
December 30, 2012	Mt. Harmony

All tapes and/or CDs must be delivered to the radio station no later than 3:00 PM on Friday for the tape and/or CD to be aired on Monday morning.

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 (\$300.00) in dues per year, and all churches of the association with less than 100 members shall send the sum of one hundred fifty (\$200.00) 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-LAWSFOR THEBOARD 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, Deceased Members, 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.