

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with the

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

2012 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 2012
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

MODERATOR REV. SCOTT MONTGOMERY
ASSISTANT MODERATORREV. KELVIN PRICE
CLERK BRO. STEVE BUTLER
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The next session (Spring Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the New Center Point Free Will Baptist Church of Greenwood Springs, Mississippi on Saturday, March 16, 2013. Registration will start at 9:30 A.M. and service beginning at 10:00 A.M.

The annual meeting (Fall Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held with the Belk Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 19, 2013. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. and service beginning at 9:00 A.M.

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PROCEEDINGS
VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

The Spring Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association convened on Saturday, March 19, 2011 with the Sulligent First Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting started with a congregational song, "When We All Get To Heaven," led by the song leader of the Sulligent Church. Bro. Stephen Cantrell, pastor of the Sulligent Church, welcomed the Vernon Association to the Sulligent Church. Prayer followed by Bro. Cantrell. Bro. Scott Montgomery, Moderator, also welcomed those present to the meeting. After the welcome, a song of special music was offered by the choir of the Sulligent Church. The title of the song was "Through It All." Another selection, "Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary," was sung by the choir.

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Stephen Cantrell. His scripture reading was from II Chronicles 6:40-42; 7:1-3; and 7:16. The message title was "A Haven For The Holy." Bro. Cantrell led a prayer following the message. Bro. Scott Montgomery invited anyone present to stand and give a word of testimony.

A call was made for any reports for information by the moderator. Bro. Mike McDaniel, member of the Christian Education Board of the Association announced the upcoming C.T.S. Competition. The District Competition will be Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Mt. Harmony Church. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. All judges and proctors have been selected to help judge the competition. Alabama State C.T.S. Competition will be Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the Mt. Harmony Church

Bro. Danny Williams gave a brief report from the State Promotional Office in the absence of Bro. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director. The Acts 1:8 program had raised more than \$102,000 last year. The Vernon Association contributed the largest of the funds raised. Bro. Williams mentioned that Roll Call Sunday this year will be on Sunday, April 8, 2012. A report by Bro. Williams was made for the Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. The home cared for 27 children last year. The home has the capacity to care for 40 children. Bro. Williams asked the Association to pray that additional children will be referred to the home. It was reported that the home finished financially in the black in 2011.

After the reports a short break was announced. Prayer before the break

was by Bro. Wade Peoples of the Springfield Church. Following the break, Bro. Rodney Yerby, representing the International Missions Board, gave a report on International Missions. A short video on International Missions was shown. The World Mission Offering will be Sunday, April 24, 2012. Bro. Stephen Cantrell, in the absence of Camp Director, Bro. Ashly Culp, gave a report on Trinity Camp. A large amount of repairs and painting had been done at the camp during the off-season.

Before the morning message, Sis Alicia Clark of the Sulligent Church sang a special song entitled "He's Been Faithful To Me. " Bro. Al Hamm, pastor of the Victory Church, gave the morning message. His text was from Ruth 1:16-18. The subject of the message was perseverance. An altar call followed, with many coming forward to pray. Prayer was led by Bro. James Walden. Following the message, an offering was received to be given to Bro. Stephen Cantrell, pastor of the Sulligent Church. Bro. Kelvin Price of the Beaverton Church gave the offertory prayer. The congregation was dismissed and invited to stay and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Sulligent Church. The blessing of the meal was made by Bro. John Reed, of the Belk Church.

There were 15 ministers, 26 delegates, 8 deacons, and 11 visitors present for the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS
VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

The Fall Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association began with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the Fayette First Free Will Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama. At 9:00 a.m. the assembly of ministers, delegates, deacons, and visitors sang a congregational song, "He Is Lord," being led by Bro. Elmer Watkins of the Fayette Church. Following the song, a prayer was led by Bro. Raphael Yerby of the Belk Church.

The welcome was given by Moderator Bro. Scott Montgomery. Requests for prayer were made from the congregation with prayer following by Bro. Stephen Cantrell of the Sulligent Church. Bro. Caleb Montgomery next sang a song of special music before the morning devotion.

The morning devotion was delivered by Bro. Charles Fowler of the Union

Chapel Church. His text was taken from Mark 4:35. He spoke of different types of storms and temptations that come upon the Christian believer. Prayer was by the speaker.

Following the devotion, the meeting was officially called to order by the clerk, Bro. Steve Butler. This was the one-hundred-thirty-second session of the Vernon Association. The clerk next read aloud the roll of delegates by church. A motion, second, and voice vote was made to seat the delegates for the meeting. The motion carried and the delegates were seated to transact any business to be considered during the meeting. Recognition of visitors was made by the moderator.

Following the seating of the delegates, various committee reports and reports for information were given. The report of the Digest Committee by Bro. Bob Carter of the Sulligent Church was given. A motion, second, and voice vote was made to accept the report and dismiss the committee. The clerk next gave the Executive Committee report. With a motion, second, and voice vote, the report was approved. The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Bro. Wade Peoples of the Springfield Church. The report was approved following a motion, second, and voice vote.

Following the committee reports, reports of information were made. Bro. Ashley Culp gave a report on Trinity Camp. Bro. Rick Cash, Alabama State Promotional Director, gave a report on the State Office. He reported on the Acts 1:8 Program and the different missionaries supported by the program. Bro. Lamar Cox gave a report on the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama. A report on the Home Missions Department was given by Bro. Randy Wright.

A recess was next declared with all invited to have refreshments in the fellowship hall. After the recess break, a congregational song was sung being led by Bro. Elmer Watkins. The song was titled "The Haven Of Rest." Next, a report of the Christian Education Board was made by Bro. Chris Wilhitte of the Mt. Harmony Church. A motion, second, and voice vote was made to accept the report. A report of the Credentials Committee was made. Bro. Eric Keeton, new pastor of New Center Point Church, was accepted into the Vernon Association pending a letter of good standing from the Northeast Mississippi Association. Bro. Matthew Paul, new pastor of the Taylor Springs Church, is to be ordained and then accepted into the Vernon Association. A motion, second, and voice vote carried to ordain Bro. Paul.

The Deceased Members Committee Report was given by Sis. Ruth Vann of the New Center point Church. Following a motion, second, and voice vote, the report was approved. The congregation was asked to stand and

sing "Precious Memories" in memory of those who have gone to be with the Lord this past church year. The song was led by Bro. Elmer Watkins. Bro. Troy Kelly gave the report of the Nominating Committee.

Following the committee reports, the morning offering was received. The proceeds from the offering will be given equally to the Children's Home and Trinity Camp. Just before the offering, Bro. Stephen Cantrell of the Sulligent Church, gave a word of thanks and appreciation for the offering received last year on his family's behalf. Bro. Randy Wright of the Piney Grove Church gave the offertory prayer.

Before the morning message, Sis. Jennifer Sanford of the Fayette Church, sang a song of special music. The morning message was given by Bro. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director. His text was from John 4:4-42. The title of his sermon was "Making and Multiplying True Worshipers." Following the message, prayer was made by the speaker.

Following the message we were invited to stay and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the Fayette Church. The blessing on the meal was offered by Bro. Lamar Cox of the Belk Church.

There were 22 ministers, 37 delegates, 14 deacons, and 15 visitors present for the meeting.

LISTING OF DELEGATES BY CHURCH 2012 MEETINGS

BEAVERTON - Sis. Brenda Dubose, Bro. Bill Sizemore, Sis. Nell Sizemore

BELK - Sis. Jane Hindman, Sis. Angie Hill, Sis. Amy Fowler, Sis. Genine Fowler, Sis. Debbie Yerby, Sis. Reba Jenkins, alternate; Sis. Susan Morrison, alternate

COOPER - Bro. Zack Kelly, Sis. Tammy Henry, Bro. Nathaniel Holcomb

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Sis. Mary Wise, Sis. Sheila Irvin, Sis. Ruby Easter, Sis. Teresa Taggart

FAYETTE, FIRST - Bro. Brandon Sanford, Sis. Jennifer Sanford, Bro. Jackie Kelley

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Sis. Tammy Rhudy, Sis. Judy Gideon, Sis. Brenda Turner, Bro. Wallace Harris, Sis. Pat Harris, alternate

LIBERTY - Sis. Frances Butler, Sis. Stephanie Butler, Sis. Janie Staggs, Sis. Sandra Nabors, Sis. Joyce Doherty, Sis. Joan Gilliland

LOVE JOY - Sis. Patsy Puckett, Sis. Lena Puckett, Bro. J. R. Coley.

MT. HARMONY - None listed

MT. PLEASANT - None listed

MT. WILLING - Bro. Timmy Osberg, Sis. Rebecca Osberg

NEW CENTER POINT - Bro. Troy Kelly, Sis. Stephanie Stafford, Sis Ruth Vann

PINEY GROVE - Bro. Buddy Norris, Sis. Wynell Norris, Sis. Jackie Atkinson, Sis. Carole Barnes, Bro. Ray Easterwood

SPLUNGE - Sis. Linda Ford, Sis. Delores Northington

SPRINGFIELD - Sis. Burma Jordan

SULLIGENT FIRST - Bro. Bob Carter, Sis. Sandra Carter, Sis Viola Lowe, Sis. Grace Turman, 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 - None listed

VICTORY - None listed

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

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- SPRINGFIELD - None listed
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- VICTORY - None listed

The following churches will need to elect a new board member to serve
a two (2) year term on the General Board of the Vernon Association and send
them to the next annual session of the association.

Beaverton	Free Will Chapel
Belk	Liberty
Cooper	Love Joy
Depriest Chapel	Mt. Harmony
Fayette	Mt. Pleasant

COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee on Committees 2012-2013

- Rev. Wade Peoples
- Bro. Zac Kelly
- Bro. Brandon Sanford

Executive Committee 2012-2013

- Bro. Phil Wheeler
- Bro. Dale Bozeman
- Bro. James Brown
- Bro. Derrell Wheeler
- Rev. Bill R. Smith

Credentials Committee

- Rev. Randy Wright - 2013
- Rev. Lamar Cox - 2014
- Rev. James Walden - 2015
- Bro. Reedus Wheat - 2016
- Bro. David Fowler - 2017

Nominating Committee 2013

- Rev. Donald Kivette
- Bro. Edsel Gideon
- Bro. Doyle Simmons

Board of Christian Education (C.E.)

Bro. Dale Ford - 2013
 Rev. Chris Willhite - 2014
 Bro. Mike Kelly - 2015
 Sis. Stephanie Butler - 2016
 Rev. Michael Nabors - 2017

Deceased Members Committee - 2011

Sis. Ruth Vann
 Sis. Patsy Puckett
 Sis. Theresa Taggart

Digest Committee - 2013

Bro. Bob Carter
 Rev. Michael Nabors
 Bro. James Brown

Trinity Youth Camp**Board of Directors**

Rev. David I. Crowe - 2013
 Rev. Stephen Cantrell - 2014
 Bro. Lewis Hindman - 2015

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Deceased Members Committee, would like to report that 26 of our members went to be with our Lord this past year. I Thessalonians 4:17 says "That we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

We prayerfully submit the following names in loving memory.

Respectively submitted,

Sis. Ruth Vann

Sis. Theresa Taggart

Sis. Patsy Puckett

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

BEAVERTON - Roger Atkins, Judge Cantrell

BELK - Bill Webster, Harold Jones, Margaret Belk

COOPER - Jackie Clark

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - None listed

FAYETTE FIRST - Eva Hamm, Era Aldridge, Don Warren, Garland Wright

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Annette Taylor, Ricky Otts, W. G. Stanford

LIBERTY - Judy Rector

LOVE JOY - Jamie Tuck

MT. HARMONY - Leo Brock, Patricia Prosser, Cleo Brown, Randy Randolph

MT. PLEASANT - None listed
MT. WILLING - None listed
NEW CENTER POINT - None listed
PINEY GROVE - Faye Guin, Richard Beasley
SPLUNGE - None listed
SPRINGFIELD - Sheri Brewer
SULLIGENT FIRST - None listed
TAYLOR SPRINGS - Hershell Sorrells
UNION CHAPEL - Evelyn Turner
VERNON FIRST - Jimmie Nell Cribbs
VICTORY - Harold Dean McDill

VERNON DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The Vernon District WAC consists of three local auxiliaries with 20 members on roll.

We support several missionaries on a monthly basis and others as we have funds.

The 34th annual district meeting was held at Springfield FWB Church on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. Our theme is "Body Builders" Romans 12:4-5 Ms Christina Hopper was the speaker. Christina is a member of Sulphur Springs FWB Church, a student at MUW, and a writer for the youth programs for WNAC.

We miss our Vice President Elwanda Oakes this year as she has health problems. We ask that you pray for Elwanda and our WAC as we are few in number but strive to do what the Lord would have us to do in our respective places.

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 (Rural - 15, Urban - 4)	19
Pastors Full Time	12
Bi-vocational	7
Ordained Ministers	30
Licensed Ministers	13
Ordained Deacons	56
Sunday School/Enrollment	1,223 enrolled
CTS/Enrollment	127
WNAC/Enrollment	101
Masters Men/Enrollment	35
Daycare	1
Kindergarten	1
Day School	1
Churches With a Budget	4
Total Tithes/Offerings (8 churches reporting)	\$645,287.84
Churches Having a Parsonage	8
Property Value (8 churches reporting)	\$7,414,864.00
Church Membership	2,456
Members Lost (death, transfer, etc.)	72
Deceased	26
Members Added	123
Total Baptisms	106

Respectfully submitted,
The Digest Committee
Robert Carter, Chairman

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Board of Christian Education

Financial Report

09-01-11 THROUGH 08-31-12

Beginning balance:		\$710.29
Funds Received:		
Competition Fees	<u>\$2,420.00</u>	
		<u>2,420.00</u>
Total Funds		\$3,130.29
Expenses/Disbursements		
Competition Fees to Alabama		
State C.E. Board)	\$2170.00	
Randal House Publications	86.99	
Smith's Christian Supply	14.16	
Competition Awards	261.82	
Print Supplies	86.10	
Total Expenses/Disbursements		<u>\$2,619.07</u>
Ending Balance:		<u>\$511.20</u>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association met on Monday evening, March 12, 2012 at the Fayette First Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Scott Montgomery, moderator for the Vernon Association presided over the meeting. There were six board members present for the meeting. The meeting began with Bro. Montgomery reading a few verses of Scripture from the Book of Psalms. Opening prayer was by Bro. Billy R. Smith.

The first item of business concerned selecting speakers for the Spring and Fall association meetings. For the Spring Meeting, Bro. Stephen Cantrell of the Sulligent Church was selected as speaker for the morning devotion and Bro. David I. Crowe of the Piney Grove Church as alternate. For the morning message, Bro. Al Hamm of the Victory Church was selected with Bro. Dale

Ford of the Splunge Church as alternate speaker. Speakers for the fall meeting were Bro. Charles Fowler of the Union Chapel Church for the morning devotion and Bro. Chris Wilhite for the Mt. Harmony Church as alternate. For the morning message, Bro. Rick Cash of the Fayette Church and Bro. David I. Crowe of the Piney Grove Church as alternate.

It was agreed to by the committee to give the offering for the Spring meeting to Bro. Stephen Cantrell of the Sulligent Church to help cover his family's loss during a house fire. Also discussed at the meeting were issues related to the funding of the International Missions Program, the annual missions conference and the salaries of some executive personnel in the denomination. Ways to better report and explain missions-giving was also discussed. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Bro. Steve Butler, Clerk.

On Tuesday, September 4, 2012, the committee met a second time with six members of the committee present. Bro. Scott Montgomery, Moderator, presided over the meeting. Plans for the annual meeting in October were discussed. Guidelines to help the various committees make their reports at the meeting were made. Discussion about possible replacements for association positions and committee assignments were talked about. A concern was made about the lack of interest by churches in hosting the Thanksgiving Service, the Spring Meeting, and the Annual Meeting. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, wish to make the following report:

We recommend for moderator, Rev. Danny Thompson; for Assistant Moderator we recommend Rev. Stephen Cantrell. We also recommend for clerk, Bro. Steve Butler and for Assistant Clerk, we recommend Sis. Sandra Carter. On the Trinity Camp Board of Directors, we recommend Bro. Lewis Hindman replace Rev. Chris Willhite and on the Board of Christian Education that Rev. Michael Nabors replace Bro. Mike McDaniel

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Troy Kelly

Bro. Edsel Gideon

Bro. Doyle Simmons

VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Financial Report

09-01-11 through 08-31-12

Beginning Balance	\$2,999.99
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Funds received:

Dues from churches	\$ 4,050.00
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Spring Meeting Offering	235.00
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Fall Meeting Offering	399.00
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Thanksgiving Service Offering	436.00
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Total Funds Received	\$5,120.00
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Total Funds	\$8,119.99
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EXPENSES

Salaries for Officers	\$ 270.00
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Ala. State Assoc. Dues	3,800.00
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Postage	141.84
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Printing	659.32
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Honorariums paid to speakers	300.00
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Trinity Camp	917.50
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Rev. Stephen Cantrell	235.00
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Children's Home	417.50
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Promotional Office Building Fund	500.00
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Total Expenses/Disbursements	- 7,246.16
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ENDING BALANCE	+ \$ 873.83
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CHURCH STATISTICS

Church	Members Received	Members Deceased	Total Members	Number In Sunday School	Number In C.T.S.	Number In Ladies Aux.	Ordained Ministers
Beaverton	31	2	41	25	20	-	1
Belk	4	3	160	65	-	10	2
Cooper	0	1	143	?	-	-	1
Depriest Chapel	2	0	54	20	-	-	1
Fayette, First	6	4	216	90	-	-	4
Free Will Chapel	4	3	236	50	-	-	1
Liberty	16	1	227	65	45	20	2
Love Joy	1	1	61	29	-	8	1
Mt. Harmony	7	4	299	150	?	-	2
Mt. Pleasant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mt. Willing	8	0	53	19	-	-	1
New Center Point	2	0	219	65	-	20	2
Piney Grove	6	3	202	167	-	-	3
Splunge	3	0	47	30	-	13	1
Springfield	11	1	?	60	-	10	1
Sulligent, First	5	0	212	120	-	5	2
Taylor Springs	0	1	?	28	-	-	1
Union Chapel	0	1	40	14	-	-	2
Vernon, First	16	1	120	136	62	5	1
Victory	1	1	96	90	-	-	1
Totals	123	27	2,426	1,223	127	91	30

LIST OF DEACONS

BEAVERTON - Fred Barnes

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

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

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Gene Wise

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

FREEWILL CHAPEL - Daniel Franks, Edsel Gideon, Billy Jo Turner

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

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

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

MT. PLEASANT - None listed

MT. WILLING - None listed

NEW CENTER POINT - Bobby Puckett, Kenny Ford, Jerry Rasberry, Wade Vann

PINEY GROVE - Tommie Robertson, Danny Atkinson

SPLUNGE - Clovis Blaylock

SPRINGFIELD - Tommie Rushing, Chris Jones, Jimmy McDaniel

SULLIGENT - Jesse Barnes, Jr., Luke Spruiell, Frank Mixon

TAYLOR SPRINGS - Steve Spencer

UNION CHAPEL - Benny Hardy, Calvin Jones

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

VICTORY - Jimmy Harrell, Ron Musgrove

NAMES OF DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. J. W. Springfield, Rev. W. B. Taylor, Rev. W. R. Turman, Rev. Tom Butler, Rev. J. R. Roberson, Rev. M. D. McGee, Rev. J. R. Baker, Rev. W. D. Crawley, Rev. A. J. Brown, Rev. S. M. Perkins, Rev. T. G. Harrison, Rev. D. G. W. Hollis, Rev. J. W. Porter, Rev. T. M. Lollar, Rev. C. A. Chaffin, Rev. J. A. Isbell, Rev. G. B. Taylor, Rev. J. A. Tate, Rev. E. A. Palmer, Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Rev. T. J. Adair, Rev. J. Barnes, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Rev. B. J. Tittle, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. E. W. Graves, Rev. S. F. Lee, Rev. W. H. Clearman, Rev. Roy Barnes, Rev. Frank Collins, Rev. William D. Glasgow, Rev. James Doherty, Rev. T. C. Barnes, Rev. Delmus Miller, Rev. Malone Cobb, Rev. C. C. Berryhill, Rev. Lloyd George, Rev. James C. Newell, Rev. Darrell J. Burkett.

NAMES OF DECEASED DEACONS

Brothers L. A. Crowder, S. Y. Shelton, J. H. Cole, Lee Mixon, J. S. Crossley, J. D. Shelnut, Earnest Robertson, D. L. Mrkham, J. L. McNease, Joghunny Williams, Johnny Collins, Dewitt Williams, J. G. Adair, Cullen Collins, John D. Moore, Sr., R. D. Franks, Hoytt Chaffin, Dempsey Langley, S. L. Cash, C. V. Hollis, M. E. Hollis, Raymond Gray, Arnold Hester, H. E. McDonald, Henry Harrison, Henry Perkins, Roy Gilreath, Jack McDonald, Belton Nelson, Clarence Birmingham, Carlos Bradford, Charlie Elliott, Emmitt Shelnut, Junie Harper, Lloyd Turner, Johnny O 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, 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, Paul Shelnut, Lamon Duckworth

**2013 RADIO BROADCAST SCHEDULE
VERNON ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MORNING DEVOTIONAL**

JANUARY

Dec. 31-January 4	Mt. Harmony
January 7 - 11	Liberty
January 14-18	Depriest Chapel
January 21-25	Piney Grove
January 28-Feb. 1	Springfield

FEBRUARY

February 4-8	1 st FWB Sulligent
February 11-15	1 st FWB Vernon
February 18-22	Victory
February 25- Mar 1	Belk

MARCH

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

APRIL

April 1-5	Springfield
April 8-12	1 st FWB Sulligent
April 15-19	1 st FWB Vernon
April 22-26	Victory
April 29-May 3	Belk

MAY

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

JUNE

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

JULY

July 1-5	Belk
July 8-12	Mt. Harmony
July 15-19	Liberty
July 22-26	Depriest Chapel
July 30-Aug 2	Piney Grove

AUGUST

August 5-9	Springfield
August 12-16	1 st FWB Sulligent
August 19-23	1 st FWB Vernon
August 26-30	Victory

SEPTEMBER

September 2-6	Belk
September 9-13	Mt. Harmony
September 16-20	Liberty
September 23-27	Depriest Chapel
September 30-Oct 4	Piney Grove

OCTOBER

October 7-11	Springfield
October 14-18	1 st FWB Sulligent
October 21-25	1 st FWB Vernon
October 28 - Nov. 1	Victory

NOVEMBER

November 4-8	Belk
November 11-15	Mt. Harmony
November 18-22	Liberty
November 25-29	Depriest Chapel

DECEMBER

December 2-6	Piney Grove
December 9-13	Springfield
December 16-20	1 st FWB Sulligent
December 23-27	1 st FWB Vernon
December 30-Jan 3	Victory

FIFTH SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM

March 31, 2013	Springfield
June 31, 2013	1 st FWB Vernon
July 28, 2013	Liberty
September 29, 2013	Depriest Chapel
December 29, 2013	Mt. Harmony

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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 three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in dues per year, and all churches of the association with less than 100 members shall send the sum of two hundred (\$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

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. 1 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 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, 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.