

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH
SESSION**

of the

**VERNON FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

held with the

**MT. HARMONY
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
VERNON, ALABAMA**

2018 Minutes

OFFICERS FOR 2018
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

MODERATOR REV. DAVID I. CROWE
ASSISTANT MODERATOR REV. DEVIN HENRY
CLERK BRO. STEVE BUTLER
ASSISTANT CLERK SIS. SANDRA CARTER

The next session (Spring Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019. The location of the meeting will be at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Vernon, Alabama. Registration will start at 9:30 A.M. and service will begin at 10:00 A.M.

The annual meeting (Fall Meeting) of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the Fayette First Free Will Baptist Church, Fayette, Alabama. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. and service will begin at 9:00 A.M.

The annual Thanksgiving service will be at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Guin, Alabama. The meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 starting at 7:00 p.m.

OFFICERS FOR 2019

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COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Executive Committee 2018-2019

Tommie Robertson (Piney Grove)

Phil Wheeler (Mt. Harmony)

Sammy Merchant, Jr. (Sulligent)

Zadus Turner, Jr. (Vernon)

Leonard Corbett (Liberty)

Board of Christian Education (C.E.)

Debbie Yerby (Belk) - 2019

Rev. Matthew Paul (Sulligent) - 2020

Stephanie Butler (Liberty) - 2021

Tori Scott (Mt. Harmony) - 2022

Rev. Dan Turman (Springfield) 2023

Credentials Committee

Rev. Bill Smith (Fayette) - 2019

Rev. Arnold Sheets (Free Will Chapel) - 2020

Rev. Al Hamm (Victory) - 2021

David Fowler (Belk) - 2022

Mike Kimbrell (Fayette) 2023

Deceased Members Committee - 2018

Jennifer Crowe (Piney Grove)

Holly Hobbs (Mt. Harmony)

Theresa Taggart (Depriest Chapel)

Nominating Committee 2019

Rev. Lamar Cox (Belk)

Rev. Dan Turman (Springfield)

Leonard Corbett (Liberty)

Digest Committee - 2019

Gary Sorrells (Love Joy)

Donald Puckett (New Center Point)

Johnny Quinn (Cooper)

Trinity Youth Camp

Board of Directors

Rev. David I. Crowe (Piney Grove) - 2019

Edwin Collins (Vernon) - 2020

Rev. Adrian Nottonson (Fayette) - 2021

Children's Home Advisory Board Representative

Rev. Jonathan Miller (Piney Grove)

PROCEEDINGS
VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

The Spring Meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association met this year with the Beaverton Free Will Baptist Church, Beaverton, Alabama. Registration for delegates, ministers, deacons, and visitors began at 9:30 a.m. The worship session began at 10:00 a.m.

Two songs were sung by the congregation to open the meeting. The first was, "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" and the second was "He Lives." Both songs were led by Bro. Earl McNeal of the Beaverton Church. The pastor of the Beaverton Church, Bro. Howard McNeal, welcomed the Association to the Beaverton Church. The response was given by Association Moderator Bro. David I. Crowe. Prayer followed by the moderator.

A special music song was next given by Sis. Kelly McNeal of the Beaverton Church just prior to the Morning Devotion. The Morning Devotion was given by Bro. Howard McNeal. The Scripture reference was from Revelation 3:7-13. Following the Devotion the congregation was led in prayer by Bro. McNeal.

Bro. Ashley Culp gave a report on Trinity Camp for information. He stated that the lights in the dorms, dining hall, and gym have been changed out to LED lights to save energy.

A recess break was next taken before the morning service. A congregational song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" was sung to begin the worship service. Before the message an offering was received for the Association. The offertory prayer was given by Bro. Jonathan Miller of the Piney Grove Church. The message was given by Bro. Ashley Culp, Director of Trinity Camp. His text was taken from II Timothy 4:6-8. An invitation was given following the message.

The meeting adjourned following the message. All were invited to stay and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Beaverton Church and the Love Joy Church. The Association wishes to thank the Beaverton and Love Joy churches for hosting the Spring Meeting this year. Bro. Devin Henry, pastor of the Cooper Church, offered the blessing on the meal. There were 19 delegates, 13 ministers, 10 deacons, and 15 visitors who registered for the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS
VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

The fall meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association convened at the Mt. Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Vernon, Alabama. Registration of delegates, ministers, deacons, and visitors began at 8:30 a.m. Following registration the session began at 9:00 a.m. Moderator, Bro. David I. Crowe, welcomed everyone to the meeting. A congregational song, "He Set Me Free," was sung by the congregation being led by Frankie Beasley of the Mt. Harmony Church. Bro. Danny Thompson gave the response to the welcome.

After the welcome, the Morning Devotion was next given by Bro. Dan Turman, pastor of the Springfield Church, Vernon, Alabama. His Scripture text was taken from Galatians 1:1-10. Following the devotion, the congregation was led in prayer by Bro. Turman.

The Association Clerk, Steve Butler, called the group into business session. This is the 138th session of the Vernon Association. The roll of delegates was read and the delegates were seated for business session.

The moderator recognized visitors from other churches, associations, and organizations. Leonard Corbett, representing Gideon's International thanked the Association for allowing the Gideons to minister in the churches. He stated that over \$11,000.00 was given by different Association churches last year.

Next, various committee reports were given. The Digest Committee Report was given by Gary Sorrells of the Love Joy Church. Following that report, Bro. Joe Beckon gave the Credentials Committee Report.

One item of new business was brought up for consideration by the delegates. This item had to do with changing the dues structure as it now exists. This requires a changed in the constitution and was tabled until after the break. Following prayer by the Moderator, all were dismissed to break. After the break, the item was removed from the table for consideration. After discussion the motion to accept the dues structure change was made. The motion passed by standing vote.

Reports for information were next given. The first report was from Trinity Camp by Director Ashley Culp. Bro. Danny Williams reported on the Children's Home, Acts 1:18, International Missions, and the State Meeting coming up in November at the Northport Church. Bro. Williams reminded each church to let him know if they would like to participate in the Missions

Conference this year. Also, he reminded each church that the National Association will meet in Birmingham in 2022. Each church is asked to contribute \$600 toward the National Association meeting expense.

Two more reports were next given. The report of the Deceased Members was given by Jennifer Crowe of the Piney Grove Church. Also the report of the Nominating Committee was given. All nominees were approved by voice vote. A motion was made to adjourn from business session. Motion carried.

After the business session concluded, the morning worship service began. A song was led by Frankie Beasley as the congregation sang. The song was titled "When We All Get to Heaven." The morning offering was next received with Jonathan Beasley leading the offertory prayer. Special music for the service was provided by the Mt. Harmony Church. The message was given by Bro. Mickey Crane, pastor of New Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Nauvoo, Alabama. His text was taken from Exodus 15:1. Following the message prayer was by the speaker.

All those present were invited to stay for lunch. The delicious meal was prepared by the ladies of Mt. Harmony Church. There were 32 delegates, 18 ministers, 13 deacons, and 17 visitors who registered for the meeting.

**GENERAL BOARD/
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The General Board of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association met on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Guin, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. David I. Crowe. Opening prayer was led by the Association Clerk, Steve Butler. A devotion was next given by the Moderator to begin the meeting. Handouts covering the agenda for the meeting and other information for those present was passed out.

Selection of speakers for the Fall Meeting were next discussed. Bro. Dan Turman of the Springfield Church was chosen to speak during the Morning Devotion. Bro. Mickey Crane, pastor of New Oak Grove Church, Nauvoo, Alabama was selected to preach during the Morning Worship Service. Bro. Jonathan Miller was appointed to the Children's Home Advisory Board.

There was discussion concerning a dues increase from the State Association. Further discussion was made related to future dues increases. A motion was made to change the wording in the Association Constitution to allow for future dues increases that might come from the State and National Associations. This motion carried by voice vote. Another motion was made to set the dues for the Vernon Association at \$20.00 per church. This motion also passed by voice vote. Both motions were made as recommendations to be considered at the next meeting of the Association which would be on October 28, 2018.

LISTING OF DELEGATES BY CHURCH 2018 MEETINGS

BEAVERTON - Mike Corley

BELK - Angie Hill, Jane Hindman, Genine Fowler, Amy Fowler, Savannah Kelly

COOPER - Zac Kelly

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - Mary Wise, Sheila Irvin, Donna Ling, Ruby Easter, Theresa Taggert

FAYETTE, FIRST - None listed on letter

FREE WILL CHAPEL - Tim Osberg, Rebecca Osberg

LIBERTY - Joyce Doherty, Janie Staggs, Joan Gilliland, Frances Butler, Stephanie Butler, Tony Davis

LOVE JOY - J. R. Coley, Becky Coley, Patsy Puckett

MT. HARMONY - Phil Wheeler, Kay Callahan

MT. PLEASANT - None listed on letter

MT. WILLING - None listed on letter

NEW CENTER POINT - Doug Puckett, Lena Puckett, Sheila Rasberry, Sarah Arnold, Ruth Vann

PINEY GROVE - Jennifer Crowe, Lucy Cox, Jackie Atkinson

SPRINGFIELD - Burma Jordan, Judy Merchant, Jimmy McDaniel

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

TAYLOR SPRINGS - None listed on letter

UNION CHAPEL - Dean Maddox, Cathy Taylor, Ruby Graham

VERNON FIRST - None listed on letter

VICTORY - None listed on letter

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS BY CHURCH**2018-2019**

BEAVERTON	Tommy Bridges 60349 Sipsey-Detroit Road Greenwood Springs, MS 38848 662-315-4901
BELK	None listed on letter
COOPER	Mike Kelly 150 Cooper Church Road Detroit, Alabama 35552 205-431-6372
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Jim Northington, P. O. Box 193 Gattman, Mississippi 38844 662-315-9274
FAYETTE	Adrian Nottonson 1408 13th St. NW Fayette, Alabama 35555 205-412-4550
FREE WILL CHAPEL	David Gunnels P. O. Box 145 Vernon, Alabama 35592 205-712-1388
LIBERTY	Leonard Corbett 91 Oakes Chapel Drive Vernon, Alabama 35592 205-695-9311
LOVE JOY	Guary Taylor 3778 Co. Rd. 10 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-495-6343
MT. HARMONY	Phil Wheeler 42373 Hwy. 17 Vernon, Alabama 35592 205-695-9870
MT. PLEASANT	None listed on letter
MT. WILLING	None listed on letter

NEW CENTER POINT	Wade Vann 187 Waterworks Rd. Sulligent, Alabama 35586 205-712-0611 205-712-8352
PINEY GROVE	Tommie Robertson 2212 Co. Hwy. 39 Guin, Alabama 35563 205-468-2575.
SPRINGFIELD	Jimmy McDaniel 645 Buck Run Road Vernon, Alabama 35592 205-695-9624
SULLIGENT	Sammy Merchant P. O. Box 776 Sulligent, Alabama 35586 No number listed
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Mitchell Puckett 58840 Hwy 17 Sulligent, AL 35586 205-698-9160
UNION CHAPEL	Dean Maddox 4330 Co. Rd., 38 W. Fayette, Alabama 35555 205-270-9370
VERNON	Zadus Turner, Jr. P. O. Box 417 Vernon, Alabama 35592 205-695-6250
VICTORY	None listed on letter

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

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

DECEASED MEMBERS/OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Deceased Members/Obituary Committee, wish to report that 26 members of our churches went to be with the Lord this past year. Their names are as follows and listed below.

Psalm 116:15 says "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." We would like to ask everyone to stand in a moment of silence to remember those who have gone on before us and the testimony they have left behind. We would like to request that Bro. Lamar Cox lead us in prayer as we celebrate the memory of those deceased.

This report is respectfully submitted by the committee.

Jennifer Crowe, Chair
Theresa Taggart
Holly Hobbs

BEAVERTON	None listed
BELK	I. J. Britnell Henry Morrison Iva Powell
COOPER	None listed
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	None listed
FAYETTE	Rev. M. H. Hollis Dot Smith
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Georgia Lee Hall Lia Alexander Margaret Davis Jimmy Lou Barnes
LIBERTY	Carlette Stripling
LOVE JOY	Willey Sorrells Thomas Northington
MT. HARMONY	Carolyn Price Faye Salter David Welch, Jr.
MT. PLEASANT	None listed
MT. WILLING	Audra Flynn

NEW CENTER POINT	None listed
PINEY GROVE	Glocus Porter Earline (Richie) Guin Violet Atkinson Desirae Guin Randy Bobo Jewel Reese Cindy Nichols
SPRINGFIELD	None listed
SULLIGENT	None listed
TAYLOR SPRINGS	None listed
UNION CHAPEL	None listed
VERNON	Lynn McDaniel
VICTORY	Frances Dodd Elizabeth Dilley

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

The Digest Committee wishes to make the following report:

Number of Churches reporting	19
Churches Rural	15
Churches (City/Town)	4
 Pastors Full Time	12
Bi-vocational	5
 Ordained Ministers	21
Licensed Ministers	11
Ordained Deacons	50
 Sunday School/Enrollment	628
CTS/Enrollment	53
WNAC/Enrollment	19
Masters Men/Enrollment	40
Churches with:	
Daycare	2
Kindergarten	1
Day School	2
 Churches Having a Budget	4
Tithes and Offerings (8 churches reporting)	\$646,645.58
 Churches Having a Parsonage	5
Property Value	\$2,706,600.00
 Membership	1893
Members Added	62
Members Lost (death, transfer, etc.)	58
Members Deceased	26
Total Baptisms	36

Respectfully submitted,
The Digest Committee
Bro. Gary Sorrells, Chairman
Bro. Donald Puckett
Bro. Johnny Quinn

VERNON ASSOCIATION
Board of Christian Education
Budget

Projected Income:		
Fees Received from Competition Entries		\$3,000.00
	Total Income	\$3,000.00
Projected Expenses		
Printing (Letters, Envelopes, Judges Sheets, Schedules x \$.03)	\$	4.00
Mailing Expenses (postage)	\$	10.00
Award Certificates	\$	30.00
Fees to State CE Board		\$2,800.00
	Total Expenses	\$2,844.00
	Total	\$ 156.00

State CE Board will ONLY receive fees for entries that win at district and move on to State

VERNON FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Board of Christian Education
Financial Report
09-01-17 through 08-31-18

Beginning Balance:	\$341.59
Funds Received:	.00
	Total Funds
	\$341.59
Expenses/Disbursements	
Expenses	.00
Ending Balance	\$341.59

**VERNON FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019**

PROJECTED INCOME:

Church Fees Collected	\$4,000.00
Offerings	\$ 750.00
Christian Education Board	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 250.00</u>

ESTIMATED REVENUE**\$6,500.00****PROJECTED EXPENSES**

Alabama State Association Dues	\$3,600.00
Postage/Office Supplies	\$ 250.00
Printing Supplies	\$ 600.00
Honorariums/Salaries	\$ 300.00
State Christian Education Board	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 200.00</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES**\$6,450.00****ESTIMATED ENDING BALANCE****\$ 50.00**

**VERNON ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FINANCIAL REPORT**

09-01-17 through 08-31-18

BEGINNING BALANCE:**\$1418.09**

Funds Received:		
Dues From Churches	\$3,950.00	
Spring Offering	151.00	
Fall Meeting Offering	161.00	\$4,262.00

TOTAL FUNDS:**\$5,680.09****EXPENSES:**

Salaries for Officers	\$ 200.00	
Alabama State Association Dues	\$3,515.00	
North American Ministries	\$ 500.00	
Postage	\$ 234.51	
Printing/Supplies	\$ 551.15	
Bank Charges	\$ 36.00	<u>\$5,036.66</u>

ENDING BALANCE**\$ 643.43**

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

Rev. Howard McNeal

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Rev. Barry Kelly

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Rev. Arnold Sheets,

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Rev. Kevin Sudduth,

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Rev. Edward Puckett

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Rev. Danny Thompson

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Rev. Willard Pless

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Rev. Donald Kivette

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Rev. David I. Crowe

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Rev. Dan Turman

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Rev. Matthew Paul

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Rev. Edwin Brewer

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Rev. Jim Martin

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Rev. Bill R. Smith

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Rev. James Walden

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Rev. Mike Corley
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Rev. Lamar Cox
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Sulligent, AL 35586

Bro. J. C. Crawford
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Bro. Andy Yerby
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Belk, AL 35545

Bro. Adam Taggart
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Vernon, AL 35592

Bro. Jonathan Miller
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Bro. Luke Blaylock
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Bro. Ben Hobbs
221 4th St. NW
Vernon, AL 35592

LIST OF DEACONS BY CHURCH

BEAVERTON	Fred Barnes	Bobby Dykes
BELK	Lewis Hindman Edward (Buddy) House	David Fowler Dr. Fred Yerby
COOPER	Edward Finch Mike Kelly	Dwight Lamb Bobbie Hayes
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Gene Wise	
FAYETTE	Mike Kimbrell	T. J. Johnson
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Johnny Quinn Daniel Franks	Edsel Gideon
LIBERTY	Wayne Dubose Leonard Corbett Matt Gallop	Wayne Sorrells Tony Perkins Steve Butler
LOVEJOY	Guary Taylor Scotty Tucker	Gary Sorrells Clayton Barnes
MT. HARMONY	Frankie Beasley Rick Owens	L. C. Steedley
MT. PLEASANT	None listed	
MT. WILLING	None listed	
NEW CENTER POINT	Bobby Puckett Jerry Rasberry Keith Blair	Kenny Ford Wade Vann Donald Puckett
PINEY GROVE	Tommie Robertson	Danny Atkinson
SPRINGFIELD	Tommie Rushing Chris Jones	Jimmy McDaniel
SULLIGENT FIRST	Jessie Barnes, Jr. Willard Lovelady Richard Jagers	Sammy Merchant, Jr. Ken Kerr
TAYLOR SPRINGS	None listed	
UNION CHAPEL	Benny Hardy	Calvin Jones
VERNON	Zadus Turner, Jr. Demus Shelnut	Mike Freeman Aaron Black
VICTORY	Jim Harrell	Ron Musgrove

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	3	0	55	No report	-	-	1
Belk	6	3	158	70	8	12	2
Cooper	0	0	124	No report		-	1
Depriest Chapel	1	0	40	-	-	-	2
Fayette, First	7	2	No report	No report	-	-	3
Free Will Chapel	9	4	No report	69	-	-	1
Liberty	6	1	219	78	45	-	1
Love Joy	1	2	80	40	-	7	1
Mt. Harmony	2	3	299	94	-	-	3
Mt. Pleasant	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mt. Willing	0	1	24	-	-	-	1
New Center Point	0	0	214		-	-	1
Piney Grove	4	7	172	No report	-	-	2
Springfield	5	0	No report	No report	-	-	1
Sulligent, First	11	0	238	120	-	-	1
Taylor Springs	1	0	31	27	-	-	-
Union Chapel	0	0	24	10	-	-	1
Vernon, First	6	1	136	No report	-	-	1
Victory	0	2	101	80	-	-	1
Totals	62	26	1917	638	53	19	22

CHURCH	PASTOR'S NAME	PASTOR'S ADDRESS	PASTOR'S TELEPHONE EMAIL ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Howard McNeal	P. O. Box 8 Eldridge, AL 35554	205-557-0333
BELK	Barry Kelly	1326 Columbus St. W Fayette, AL 35555	256-349-4999
COOPER	Devin Henry	150 Cooper Church Road Detroit, AL 35552	205-921-2128
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Don Taggart	P. O. Box 132 Vernon, AL 35592	205-712-6158
FAYETTE, FIRST	Adrian Nottonson	1408 13th Street NW Fayette, AL 35555	205-412-4550
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Arnold Sheets	5187 Buck Jackson Rd. Sulligent, AL 35586	256-460-2540
LIBERTY	Kevin Sudduth	291 Crossville Loop Vernon, AL 35592	205-712-2945
LOVE JOY	Edward Puckett	61811 Hwy. 17 Sulligent, AL 35586	205-698-0336
MT. HARMONY	Danny Thompson	5270 Cody Rd. Kennedy, AL 35574	205-712-2223
MT. PLEASANT	Willard Pless	4281 Hwy 18 Vernon, AL 35592	205-695-9267
MT. WILLING	No pastor at present		
NEW CENTER POINT	No pastor at present		
PINEY GROVE	David I. Crowe	2527 State Hwy 253 Guin, AL 35563	205-412-5448
SPRINGFIELD	Dan Turman	P.O. Box 207 Vernon, AL 35592	205-861-5075
SULLIGENT, FIRST	Matthew Paul	5201 Hwy 278 Sulligent, AL 35586	205-698-8177 (H)
TAYLOR SPRINGS	No pastor at present		
UNION CHAPEL	Jim Martin	3411 Hwy 96 Fayette, AL 35555	295-442-7040
VERNON, FIRST	Joe Beckon	221 6th Street NE Vernon, AL 35592	205-695-9842
VICTORY	Al Hamm	806 Belmont Dr. Columbus, MS 39702	662-549-0035

CHURCH	CLERK	ADDRESS	CLERK'S TELEPHONE EMAIL ADDRESS
BEAVERTON	Kelly Wilcher	744-Stsnford Rd. Beaverton, AL 35544	205-412-7231
BELK	Helen Webster	1489 Harmony Rd. Kennedy, AL 35574	205-596-4050
COOPER	Becky Nichols	4746 County Highway 26 Detroit, AL 35552	205-431-6115
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	Gene Wise	P. O. Box 132 Gattman, MS 38844	662-640-8461
FAYETTE	Jennifer Sanford	4863 Hwy 18 E Fayette, AL 35555	205-270-6855
FREE WILL CHAPEL	Lenora Hopper	1522 County Lake Road Sulligent, AL 35586	205-695-1897
LIBERTY	Steve Butler	100 Bethabara Cutoff Fayette, AL 35555	205-932-8496
LOVE JOY	Linda Barnes	610 Markham Rd. Guin, AL 35563	205-698-8619
MT. HARMONY	David Harrison	P. O. Box 532 Vernon, AL 35592	205-695-7101
MT. PLEASANT	Willard Pless	4281 Hwy. 18 Vernon, AL 35592	205-695-9267
MT. WILLING	Carl McDonald	1663 Guin Road Guin, AL 35563	205-468-2965
NEW CENTER POINT	Ruth Vann	187 Water Works Road Sulligent, AL 35586	205-698-9991
PINEY GROVE	Jackie Atkinson	6809 County Rd. 36 Guin, AL 35563	205-487-0333
SPRINGFIELD	Peggy Wright	91 J Drive Vernon, AL 35592	205-695-6213
SULLIGENT, FIRST	Christy Merchant	P. O. Box 776 Sulligent, AL 35586	205-712-9045
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Melissa Weeks	775 Co. Hwy 61 Guin, AL 35563	205-412-7390
UNION CHAPEL	Dean Maddox	4330 Co. Rd. 38 W Fayette, AL 35555	205-270-9370
VERNON, FIRST	Amanda Freeman	P. O. Box 543 Vernon, AL 35592	205-695-3903
VICTORY	Johnnie M. Newman	85 Weathers Road Columbus, MS 39702	

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, Rev. Randy Wright, Rev. Albert Staggs, Rev. Fred Graham, Rev. M. H. (Hank) Hollis

NAMES OF DECEASED DEACONS

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

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We Credentials Committee offer the following items for information:

Item 1 – We have accepted, as ministers in good standing, based on letters of good standing from their previous associations, the following men:

1. Jim Martin, Pastor of Union Chapel FWBC
2. Edwin Brewer, Pastor of Taylor Springs, FWBC
3. Ben Hobbs, Youth Pastor of Mt. Harmony FWBC

Item 3 – For information only: We encourage all churches whose pastor has not been officially received into the Association as a minister in good standing to please submit that request to our clerk so that they can be recognized as such. And churches, please let the Credentials Committee know if there is a change in status of a pastor in your church so that we can better serve the Association in the way that we handle matters in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Joe Beckon, Chairman

TRINITY CAMP REPORT
ASHLEY CULP, DIRECTOR
INFORMATION FOR

CELEBRATING SUMMER OF 2018

Summer of 2018 proved to be a great year for us at Trinity Camp. Lifetime commitments, memories & friendships were made throughout the summer months. The camp was in operation for nine consecutive weeks, and we are already booking camps for 2019. Our staff members did a great job serving the Lord, and using their talents for His glory! Staff members were:

- Macy Webb, Piney Grove FWB Church
- Josh Cox, Forestdale FWB Church
- Emma Culp, Mt. Olive FWB Church
- Caleb Griffey, From Emmett, Michigan

Salvation Decisions	30
Called To Preach	4
Commitment to Missions	3
Rededication & Personal Decisions	Countless

A Note From The Director

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as the Director of Trinity Camp. In my opinion, I have the greatest job on earth. It has been a great honor for me to have a part in this ministry. This week I began preparing for my 19th season, and I couldn't be more excited. God has richly blessed Trinity Camp through the years, and each year I look back and realize just how blessed we are. At the age of 12, I began attending summer camp, and I have not missed a year in thirty-two years. God uses camp ministry, and through it many life changing commitments are made in the lives of young people. Thank you for your prayers, labor, and financial support that promote this great Ministry. To God be the glory!

Planning for Summer of 2019

Junior Week 1	June 3-7, 2-19	Bro. Ryan Taylor
Junior Week 2	June 17-21, 2019	Bro. Ben Campbell
Teen Week 1	June 24-28	Bro. Tim York
Teen Week 2	July 8-12	Bro. Jacob Frady

Renovations & Plans For 2019

We have lots of plans for this off season, and we need your help! It is our goal to have both dorm bathrooms renovated before we welcome our 2019 campers. This is a big project for us, and we are anxious to get started. We are calling this project Dollars for Dorms. If your church has not received their packet – see Bro. Ashley today. These renovations will include windows, painting, flooring, and several other improvements. Partner with us in keeping this Ministry looking great for our youth!

ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICE

To the Vernon Association,

I send my greetings and prayers to the pastors and people who comprise the churches of your association. Trust God is working in your midst and that you experience a year of growth in 2018.

Allow me to mention a few things as updates of our state ministries:

1. Our Children's Home is doing well. There are presently 26 children in residence. The Toy Run and Benefit Ride in December set amazing, new records: number of motorcycles (800+), number of people present (2000), and total contributions (\$109,400). Pray for our house parents requesting strength and wisdom. Pray for our children asking the Lord to speak into their lives. An Open House and Dedication will be held for the renovated Thorogood House on July 14.
2. We have two state missions projects. Bro. Jerry Smith and Dalton Molloy are leading the revitalization effort at Eastside FWB Church in Dothan. Attendance is growing and there is a good spirit in the services. Four have made salvation decisions since January. Bro. Joel Franks and B. J. Eaton have moved to Athens, AL to plant a FWB church in the Huntsville metropolitan area. They are focusing on meeting people and building a launch team. They recently had a home Bible study with four couples present. They have located a building to lease. They hope to begin having introductory services in late April or early May.
3. The annual Mid-South Bible Conference will be April 25-27 at the Hamilton FWB Church. Our guest speakers will be Gene Williams and Christian Powell. Both of these men pastor in eastern North Carolina and are well known for their solid and passionate preaching of God's Word. Special music will be presented by Redeemed and Jacob Robertson. See the Digest for more information.
4. This past year's Acts 1:18 giving totaled \$521,000. It was short of our goal, but very close to the previous year. Thank you for the \$107,905 which was donated by 13 of your Association's churches (\$13,000 more than 2016). You helped ministries from Alabama to Russia.

To express it in other terms the Vernon Association funded Acts 1:18 for 69 days in 2017!

THANK YOU!

For the first two months of 2018 your association's giving to Acts 1:18 is down by about \$5,000. Please do not allow that trend to continue. Work together and make 2018 a bigger and better year.

5. Please remember the following events:

April 14	Ministry Excellence Training, Carolwood FWB
April 25-27	Mid-South Bible Conference at Hamilton FWB
April 28	AWAC, Sulphur Springs FWB
April 29	International Missions WMO (World Missions Offering)
May 5	Youth Competition at Red Bay FWB

I would appreciate your prayers as I serve in this role. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Committed to the Cause.

Danny Williams
Director
State Executive Office

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING MEETING SITES FOR THE SPRING, FALL, AND THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Following the 2013 annual Vernon Association Thanksgiving Service, the following plan will be implemented for hosting Associational meetings in the future that include the Spring, Fall, and annual Thanksgiving service.

1. Churches will be chosen based on the alphabetical listing in the minutes of the Association.

2. Each church has the privilege to accept, defer, or decline hosting a meeting of the Vernon Association.

3. The Association Clerk will contact the pastor or an official representative of the church before the end of December each year to confirm whether or not a church wishes to host a meeting.

4. Any church may request at any time an opportunity to host an Associational meeting. This request should be noted on the annual letter to the Association.

5. The host church of a meeting has the option to provide refreshments or a meal at the Annual Thanksgiving Service.

6. Churches are asked to provide a lunch for the Spring and Fall meetings of the Association.

7. The host church for the Spring and Fall meetings are asked to provide a Minister of Music and Special Music for the service. The church should contact the moderator if this is not possible.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful to one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**

Each member church shall remit annually to the clerk of the Vernon Association, in total, the representation fees for the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists, and the Vernon Association of Free Will Baptists in the amounts approved by each of the associations.

Any member church in the Vernon Association will not be allowed representation at the Alabama State Association meeting if it has not paid its dues and therefore will not be listed in the National Association Directory.

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 - Committees

- A. The moderator shall appoint all Committees required for the Annual Meeting of the Association
- B. All committees are to consist of from three (3) to five (5) members.

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.
- P. No minister, whether licensed or ordained, of any church in the Vernon Association shall officiate or otherwise participate in any same-sex union or wedding ceremony.

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 the proposed amendment be presented in writing to the body and shall lie on the table after having been introduced to the body before the morning break in session and shall be removed from the table after the morning break in session for consideration by the body present.

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. 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; I 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; I Tim. 5:10; Luke 22:49.

14. **Tithing.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." I. Cor. 16:2.

15. **The Lord's Day.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities and for personal communion with God. Deut. 5:12-14; Heb. 4:4.

16. **Resurrection, Judgement, and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but righteous into eternal life." St. John 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10; I. Cor. 15:23.

BY-LAWS FOR THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1. **NAME:** The name of this Board shall be "Christian Board of Education of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association".

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

3. **MEMBERS:** The Board shall have five (5) members, with the senior member in point of service being replaced each year. Members shall consist of two (2) laymen, but no more than three (3) laymen, or two (2) ordained ministers but no more than three (3) ordained ministers.

4. **MEETINGS:** The Board shall meet at the Spring Association Meeting of the Vernon Association to plan the district CTS competition in April and any pending youth activities. Be it resolved that the District CTS competition be held each year on the second Saturday of April. Be it further resolved that the competition not be conducted on Easter weekend. Finally, be it resolved that each church in the

association receive a letter from the C. E. Board four weeks prior to the meeting with all pertinent information, forms, etc.

5. **OFFICERS:** The board shall have as officers a chairman and secretary, both elected by the board. The chairman shall preside over all meetings and shall see that all jobs are carried out properly. The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the annual meeting and shall be responsible for all correspondence for the board and preside over the annual meeting in the absence of the chairman.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR VERNON ASSOCIATION

1. New Moderator takes over.
2. Devotion.
3. Call for Digest Committee report and roll call of delegates.
4. Seating of Delegates.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appointment of Committee on Committees.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us.
8. Committees as follows: Credential, Digest, 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.

APPLICATION FOR MINISTERS

GENERAL

Briefly tell of your conversion and give reasons for your assurance of salvation.

How long have you been a Free Will Baptist?

Why do you want to be ordained?

Give a short account of your call to preach.

Do you meet the qualifications of I Timothy 3:1-7?

Do you have a family? _____ Number of children _____

Have you or your wife ever been divorced?

What is the extent of your education? Elementary grades _____

High School _____ College _____ Other _____

What is your attitude toward intoxicating beverages, tobacco, drugs, or worldly amusements?

DOCTRINE

Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible Word of God and that it is the only rule of faith and practice?

What do you believe about evolution and the Genesis account of Creation?

What is the gospel?

What is salvation?

How would you proceed to explain the way of salvation to a lost soul?

Explain your views on baptism.

What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?

Should feet washing be observed? Explain.

What do you believe about apostasy and the perseverance of the believer?

What is the church?

Who is eligible for membership?

How should the church discipline a member?

How should the work of the church be financed?

What are the duties of a minister?

What is the mission of the church in the light of Matt. 28:19, 20?

GIVE YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE FOLLOWING DOCTRINES.

God

Deity of Christ

The Virgin Birth of Christ

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Repentance

Faith

Justification

Regeneration

Atonement

Sanctification

Final Judgement

Heaven

Hell

Satan

Second Coming

Resurrection

DENOMINATION

Who is a Free Will Baptist?

What is meant by the term "free moral agent"?

Have you read the Treatise completely and do you subscribe to the doctrines and practices that are outlined in it?

Is there anything in the treatise that you do not believe or would not teach?

If you ever changed your views on any of these doctrines what would you do?

What are the grounds for relinquishing your ordination credentials?

What is the relationship of the local church to the denomination?

Give three character and three credit references.

Do you solemnly pledge to earnestly content for the faith once delivered to the saints and to faithfully uphold the Free Will Baptist doctrines outlined in the Treatise?

2019

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