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The Coffee Baptist Vision

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January 26, 2023

Rev. Leon Fortune Moderator Rev. John Gunter Hispanic Missionary **Steve Tipton** Vineyard Manager

A MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

The guest speaker addressed the topic "Changed People Change People". A very informative sermon about how Christians lead other people to Christ, because someone led them to receive Christ. This a repeat cycle that must never be forgotten. Do you remember who led **YOU** to accept Christ? More than 46 years have passed since an elderly pastor shared the plan of salvation with me, but it is just as fresh on my mind as though it were yesterday. I had heard about Jesus from birth. Occasionally my whole family would go to revival meetings. We farmed with mules, and it was always at night when we got to go to church. But even though people were often saved at these meetings, I did not understand.

I continued to grow up in and around church, but never accepted Christ. After 6 years of Army life, and time in the Enlisted Reserves, I received an invitation to a church social on a Saturday night, where we played games and interacted with Christians (I was one of two non-Christians attending), but I had fun! The next morning I received a phone call from a lady who proceeded to beg me to join the choir, and I did. I didn't miss a service for 4 weeks. Then the pastor asked me to meet him after choir practice, shared with me very frankly that I was trying to live "good enough" to get saved, and I needed to do something about my salvation. The "do" part was to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ by faith. I did so the following Sunday, and my life was changed forever.

I asked in the beginning of this article did you remember who led you to the Lord. Now I ask who have **YOU** led to the Lord? When? How? The Philippian jailer asked, "What must I DO to be saved?" Paul and Silas answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." The jailer had to **DO** something, and that something was to believe on the Lord. He did and was saved. The little Jewish girl in II Kings 5, was in captivity and yet she shared Jesus with her captor. She wished she could get him to Jesus. This leads us to realize that God sometimes uses unlikely instruments.

She did what she could, but do WE? We must do all that is necessary to get others to Jesus Christ. What a glorious purpose God had in the capture and servitude of this young girl. God providentially overruled the selling of Joseph by his brothers, and turned evil doings into good to the glory of God the Father. The point is, Joseph did something. John Bunyan and Dwight L. Moody did something for God. The little captive Jewish girl did something by exercising her faith in God. To believe in God is one thing, but to tell someone else what they must do to be saved is another. True Christianity ought to be shared and therefore teach others what they must do to be saved.

We do not have to do anything to be eternally separated from God, but we must **DO** something to be saved for all eternity. We must actively and intentionally receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior to be saved, and we must tell others to **DO** the same. May it be so with you, in Jesus name.

> **Trusting Jesus** Rev. Leon Fortune

Samford Extension Class

Mondays at 5:00 PM January 23 - March 13

Coffee Baptist Association

Baptist Faith and Message by Hershel Hobbs

Professor: Dr. John Granger

Call our office for more information.

CCBA Senior Adult Luncheon

January 31 at 11:00 AM McLin's Restaurant in Daleville

Widow's Ministry Meeting

February 6 at 6:00 PM Please call our office to RSVP.

Calendar of Events

<u>January</u>

31 - Senior Adult Luncheon at McLin's - 11 AM Feb<u>ruary</u>

- 2 Vineyard Work Day 8:00am
- 2 Vineyard Committee Meeting 3:00pm
- 6 Widows' Ministry Meeting 6:00pm
- 8 Reaching Across Races Luncheon 11:00am
- 20 President's Day Office Closed

The Coffee Baptist Association is seeking a **Director of Missions.**

Resumes must be received by January 31, 2023.

Please send resumes to PO Box 127 New Brockton, AL 36351.

For more information please call (334)894-6411.

Revival

Church on Boll Weevil Circle 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, AL 36330

February 5-8 at 6:00 PM

Speaker: Rev. Dennis Singletary

5th Sunday Sing

Shiloh Baptist Church 218 County Road 407, Elba, AL 36323

January 29 at 4:30 PM

Food and Fellowship to follow!

Guest Singers: Glory Avenue and local talent

Contact Rev. Leon Fortune at 334-482-0802 for more information.

Enterprise Military Support Group

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Church on Boll Weevil Circle 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, AL 36330

Contact Dr. John Granger at 334-447-2252 for more information.

Goodman Baptist Church is in search of a Bi-Vocational Youth Minister. Contact Bro. Bruce Williams at 334-389-3621 for more info.