

John Granger, Th.D.

Director of Missions
Emily Boykin
 Ministry Assistant
Michele Smith
 Treasurer

The Coffee Baptist Vision

Coffee Baptist Association, 603 E. McKinnon Street, P.O. Box 127 New Brockton, AL 36351
 (334) 894-6411/5166 Email: info@ccbacenter.com/ Web: www.ccbacenter.com

February 11, 2021**Rev. Bryan Simoneaux**

Moderator

Rev. John Gunter

Hispanic Missionary

Steve Tipton

Vineyard Manager

A Visit With Dr. John

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.” Mark 9:36- 38

Let me talk about a few emphases from this passage of scripture. The first thing of note is that Jesus saw a world of need. He saw the multitude as people who fainted and we’re scattered abroad. A better translation of these two words could be “as if the people were ripped and flayed,” as sheep who had no shepherd to guard them against the mountain lions and wolves.

We must note that there were many spiritual Shepherds in Palestine during the time of Christ. Jesus is remembered in the gospels as having had arguments with lots of them about putting burdens upon the people rather than helping them to have a right relationship with God and a good life.

Verse 36 says that Jesus was moved with compassion on them. That phrase translates one single word in the Greek text. It sometimes is translated as “having bowels of compassion.” The verb expresses the physical condition of the upper visceral area when a person sees a loved one who had a terrible accident or has a frightening or near death experience. At times, folk say, “my stomach turned over!” The words indicate that Jesus had that close, loving feeling for them as if they were all close loved ones. He was touched by them and the needs in their lives. I believe that the Lord loves people like that now. God so loved the world...!

Sometimes people talk about the *agape* love of God as simply a matter of the will, having nothing to do with feeling. Truly Jesus loved people and worked for their good whether they deserved it or not. This passage indicates to us that he is emotionally involved in trying to help us connect with God and have a better life.

He lived his life during his ministry helping people with their needs. He healed the sick. He raised dead people back to their grieving families! He taught them of God’s love and the forgiveness they could have through repentance and faith in Him!

Jesus also urged His followers to pray for workers in the harvest. The harvest of people has to do with ministry and evangelism. Jesus is looking for people who are willing to join hands with God in His great ministry in this world. He desires people to join with Him in ministering to the many needs of people. He desires people to help the world know that God loves them and that forgiveness is possible through the merit of Jesus Christ!

Thank the Lord we still can be involved in this even in the midst of a pandemic or any other crisis the world will ever have! May we be more like Christ, feeling the needs of people around us, and acting as God’s emissaries to alleviate needs and bring the gospel!

Request for Church History

You surely will want your church represented in this history. A lot of years have passed since we all submitted information about our Church History. We did that for years 1998 thru 2002. We are past due in gathering the events that took place in Coffee Baptist Association for years 2003 thru 2020. The deadline just passed. There still is a little time while these are being edited. If you should need help, try to find your church copy of the Association's History of Churches 1998 - 2003. This will give some ideas what to write about. We have these books available for free at our office. We also have 1981-1998 history books available. You also can call the Association Office or Louie Reynolds at 334-406-3095 for help in getting started.

Bro. Louie Reynolds
 Chair, History Committee

Park Avenue Baptist Church has a position open for a secretary. 16 hours per week. Work schedule is flexible. Call 334-347-9269 for more information.

Counseling Offered

Our office offers counseling through the Alabama Baptist Children’s Home. Alisha Lewis has been counseling in our office for over 20 years. You can contact Alisha at 334-677-7856.

**You are Cordially Invited
 to a Come and Go Reception
 Honoring Stanley and Sharon Walker**

for their years of faithfulness to

New Brockton, Alabama,

Coffee County Schools,

and First Baptist Church

Sunday, February 21, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 PM

First Baptist Church New Brockton, AL

105 E. McKinnon Street

Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed;
 Masks are requested

Disaster Relief Training

Some of you may not be aware that a person who participates with the Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief effort must have training before he can deploy. The training taking place in March is for our entire district. So, let me encourage you to sign up and get involved. It seems like we have to respond to some sort of disaster every year.



Dates: March 12-13, 2021

Location: Vineyard Christian
 Retreat Center, Ariton, AL

Sign up at sbdr.org/events

Training offered: Chainsaw, Mudout/Cleanup,
 Shower*, Feeding*, Administration*

*Tentative

For more information call Tim Folds at 850-326-1252.