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**February 25, 2021**

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**Steve Tipton**  
 Vineyard Manager

*A Visit With Dr. John*



A polar vortex riding the jet stream has caused a historic winter storm across the nation. In particular, Texas has some 3 million homes and businesses without power. This is now the fourth day that millions of these residents have been without heat or ready drinking water.

A friend who lives in Tyler, who retired from the highway department, was mobilized to help in the effort to restore power to Dallas on the first day the storm affected that area. Most of us can do little to help restore power. We can pray for the people in this dire situation. We can pray for the many people who have been mobilized to help restore power and water. There may be other ways we can help in the next few days. Some sites already are up for offerings. I'm sure you will be listening for ways to engage.

I'm thankful for Disaster Relief training coming up March 10-12. Right now, only about a dozen have signed up for several different kinds of training. The thing is, we have to have a certain amount of people registered for each sort of training in order to be able to justify the training. It does cost the State Board of Missions money to send trainers for these classes. If you have not signed up and have any inclination to do so, please follow these instructions, or call Emily at our office. Sign up at sbdr.org/events or call Tim Folds at 850-326-1252 for more information.

Some of our first priority teams will gather at the Church on Boll Weevil Circle early Saturday, February 20 to take down some trees at the front of their property. I appreciate these men and women keeping in practice and I thank them for giving aid to this church.

Steve Tipton has spent the last two weeks nursing a kidney stone. Thankfully, doctors finally did the procedure to take it out day before yesterday. Steve is doing much better and is recovering well.

People from the churches are sharing something of their enthusiasm about what they expect in the next few months regarding church services. Many anticipate life a little bit closer to normal since many of the seniors and frontline workers are receiving the vaccine. I pray that is the case. Along with our state health workers and emergency management personnel, I still urge us to use caution.

I know this has been a tough time for all the people in our churches. I think you have done extremely well balancing what we ought to do and what we can do. May the Lord give us wisdom in knowing what we need to do and may he give us patience and grace in the process!

**Executive Committee Meeting**

March 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Coffee Baptist Center

Please remember to follow social distancing and mask mandates.

**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

**Association Bible Drill**

March 21, 2021

Calvary Baptist Church

6:00 PM

Call 334-894-6216 for more info.



**Boys Adventure Camp**

May 21-22, 2021

Vineyard Christian Retreat Center

Call 334-762-2256 for more info or to register.

**GA Camp**

May 14-15, 2021

Vineyard Christian Retreat Center

Call 334-565-3970 for more info or to register.

**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.

Bethany Baptist Church, New Brockton, Alabama is seeking to fill its part-time staff position of Children's Director. Interested persons may send their resume' to Bethany Baptist Church, 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, Alabama 36351, call Pastor Greg Cotter at (334) 488-0904, or e-mail to [brogregc@aol.com](mailto:brogregc@aol.com).

**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.