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The Coffee Baptist Vision

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January 12, 2023

Rev. Leon Fortune
Moderator
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A MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

Another Christmas Season has been celebrated, but have you truly had a Christmas happen in your heart? No one has really experienced a Christmas until it happens in your heart, and you experience Christmas by receiving Christ as your Lord and Savior.

We sometimes, through human fallacy, get our priorities mixed up. Many of us make sure that our children are taught about Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, of whom both are fictional characters, and at the same time neglect to instruct our children thoroughly of the true meaning of Christmas, which is Jesus, our Lord and Savior. As we enter into a new year of our Lord, I pray that we get our priorities in order.

As a young child growing up, my siblings and I received only one gift each at Christmas. It was a special time of the year that we looked forward to with great anticipation. In today's culture, children receive anywhere from fifteen to fifty gifts at Christmas. Not to mention getting almost everything they want throughout the entire year. I feel that it is imperative that we parents and other adults try our best to make sure that everyone receives the only true gift that really matters, Jesus Christ.

2023 is to be a year that we share Jesus Christ as both Lord and Savior with passion and urgency! All Christians are aware that the return of our Lord to take His bride home is growing nearer and nearer. We must sow the riches of God's saving grace, without excuse. Sin is a terrible thing. Sin cripples, maims, and ultimately kills, but we are made alive in Jesus Christ. We are entering a new calendar year, and while the philosophy of this world may be changing, God's methods never change.

As Christians you and I are obligated to share Jesus with a lost and dying world. I'm glad that Jesus Christ gave me an opportunity to be saved. How precious as I look back upon that wonderful event over 46 years ago. Jesus is concerned about the welfare and eternal destiny of each and every one of us. We need to share that same concern with love and compassion this New Year. I pray that every Christian listens to God's guidance, and that we go forth in God's boldness to share the Gospel.

The prodigal got things right with the Father, the Samaritan woman found the Water of Life, and today one may come to a waiting Savior's loving arms, and experience a true Christmas as it happens in your heart! May we see more souls come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in 2023 than at any previous time in history.

Trusting Jesus, Rev. Leon Fortune



Our churches collected 1,143 cakes for the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. We would like to thank everyone who donated to this wonderful ministry in its 96th year.

CCBA Senior Adult Luncheon

January 31 at 11:00 AM

McLin's Restaurant in Daleville

Widow's Ministry Meeting

February 6 6:00 PM

Please call our office at 334-894-6411 to RSVP.

Calendar of Events

January

16 - MLK Day - Office Closed

31 - Senior Adult Luncheon at McLin's - 11 AM **February**

- 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

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.

Finding Joy in Jesus Women's Conference

Ino Baptist Church

Friday, January 27

Meal begins at 6:00 p.m. and conference begins at 7:00 p.m.

Special Speaker: Joy Earl

Contact Melissa McCall at 334-804-6751 for more information.

Deadline to register is January 18th.

Senior Adult Appreciation Day

Bethany Baptist Church

1805 Co Rd 533, New Brockton, AL 36351

January 15 at 10:00 AM

Guest Minister: Music Evangelist, Frank Jones

Everyone is invited and bring a friend!

For more information call (334) 488-0904.

Goodman Baptist Church is in search of a Bi-Vocational Youth Minister.

Contact Bro. Bruce Williams at 334-389-3621 for more info.