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# The Coffee Baptist Vision

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## July 22, 2021

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### A Visit With Dr. John



This year is the 20th anniversary for Faith Community Church, a mission we support together through the association. It was begun through the joint efforts of Bro. and Mrs. Arthur Emfinger and Coffee Baptist Association. This week, TV stations in Dothan and in Panama City, Florida carried a newsstory about the work going on there.

The news story praised the work of volunteers who carry-on a monthly medical clinic, food and clothes giveaways, fellowships, etc. They probably knew nothing about the tutoring and English as a second language that Brenda Hemp and other helpers have provided there for many years. They didn't know much about the great service Nadieya Smith has given to these people. They actually didn't know much about John Gunter and the outstanding leadership he provides. They didn't know about the pastoral care provided there. Nor did they seem to know that the volunteers share the gospel with the people who come so that they can know Christ and have eternal life. They didn't know about the WMU of so many churches providing snacks every week. They did know enough to understand that the work going on there is remarkable and noteworthy.

We know that the essence of this work has been going on for 20 years! We know that lives have been changed through the ministry there! We know that people from our churches who serve there have blessed the lives of children and adults through their self-giving service. We know that strangers to our area have found friendship and acceptance in the volunteers who represent the Lord and CCBA.

Happy 20th anniversary, Faith Community Church!

This year also marks another anniversary. Coffee County Baptist Association purchased the Vineyard in 1991. This year marks the 30th anniversary!

Most people could never have envisioned what a great asset the Vineyard would be to our churches and to the association which connects them. Just a year ago, from the tallies of the church letters, camps and programs at the Vineyard generated more professions of faith in Christ than all of our churches put together! I'm sure the same thing can be said about the numbers for rededication of life and of those who surrendered to full-time Christian service! WOW!

Thanks to all who have made the Vineyard so successful in the Lord's work. Thanks to Steve, Brad, all the regular workers, summer missionaries, the volunteers...! Thanks to all who have prayed for, given money to, or actually extended physical help to accomplish objectives there.

The summer mission trip to Southwest Alabama was a good one. I appreciate all the young people and the adults who led in missions, worship, ministry, and fun activities. One young junior high student had such a good time, he asked his family if he could go on all the rest of the mission trips the association was sponsoring this year. Of course, that was a little much. They did encourage him but didn't promise a lot. He did get to help with the local mission project this week, along with other young folk. They were more of a help than you can imagine!

Brad Boykin did an excellent job leading the trip to Mobile. The team was prepared and ready to do VBS and ministry. They did a good job, had a good time, and were able to see the fruits of their labor with one or two accepting Christ as Savior.

Bro. Eddie Brunson will retire next month. He and Georgetown Baptist Church have been outstanding partners with us for 20 years. It appears that the new pastor and the church people will want to continue the partnership that we have had.

Mrs. Peggy Stroud connected a couple of places in the county for volunteers to do VBS or Backyard Bible Club. We wound up doing only the one in enterprise. Emily Boykin led this work. The team was inlisted and ready. They impacted quite a few children. Praise the Lord for these leaders and for all the volunteers!

Over 30 people gathered at the office this week to have a light meal and talk about Incredicamp. Bro. Lester Rachel has led the Children's Committee for many years. I'm thankful for all the members and for the many volunteers who have already signed up and others who will be on the job as the camp takes place.

People have been asking me when the Widows Ministry meetings will begin again. Melonee has indicated that we will have one in August.

I have sat in with the Youth Committee as they have generated ideas and plans for coming youth events. They are excited and I'm positive your youth will be blessed by taking part in the things they plan.

Samford Extension will start back at the end of August. The first eight weeks will be an evangelism study. I believe it will be helpful to most of our church members. I don't expect most to come, but if you're interested in becoming a better witness for Christ, it would be a good investment of your time.

**Don't forget to fill out a VBS report! Call our office to get a copy of the report.**

**Samford Extension Evangelism**  
 August 2021

**Senior Adult Fall Jubilee Trip**  
 September 27-30, 2021  
 Call our office for more info.

### Calendar of Events

**July**  
 22 - Ministers' Meeting - 11:30 AM  
**August**  
 14 - Church Security Training at the Vineyard  
 22 - Prayer Walk - 4:00 PM  
 26 - Ministers' Meeting

### Ministers' Meeting

Pastor Straight Talk  
 July 22, 2021 at **11:30 AM**  
 Po Folks, Enterprise



We would like to thank everyone who helped make the Backyard Kids Club at the Enterprise Housing Authority a success! Thanks to Calvary Baptist Church, Church on Boll Weevil Circle, and New Home Baptist Church for providing vans and drivers to help with transportation.

### Prayer Walk

August 22, 2021 at 4:00 PM  
 This is for all schools in Coffee County.

### Church Security Training

When: August 14, 2021 at 8:00 AM  
 Where: Vineyard Christian Retreat  
 Cost: \$200 per person

My Last Resort will hold church security training at the Vineyard. All proceeds from the training will be donated to the Vineyard. Many churches pay for their security team to receive training.

Call 334-762-2256 for more information.

### Represent Youth Gathering

**August 28, 2021 3:00-5:00 PM**  
 New Brockton Farm Center  
 More info and flyers coming soon!  
 Call our office for more info.

### Lee Street Baptist Church Seeking a temporary/fill-in pianist

For more info or to apply contact the church office at (334) 347-4981.

### First Baptist Church Elba has around 100 Baptist Hymnals

that are free to a church in need.  
 Copyright date is 1991.  
 Contact the church office at 334-897-2246.