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**A Visit With Dr. John**

This will be my last article in the newsletter as Coffee County Baptist Association DOM or Association Missionary. I feel I have been so blessed to have been able to serve the Lord with you in this position for 22 years! So many great friendships! Such uplifting work! Great blessings from the Lord!

Quite a few people have expressed their love and appreciation for me. I'm thankful for that. Linda Farris told the Executive Committee last week that the Association voted me in at the Annual Meeting and that she didn't think I should be able to leave until the Association voted me out. It is good to have people who want you to stay.

Of course, I still will be a participant in the association. As Pastor of Church on Boll Weevil Circle, I intend to be a part of the Pastors Conference and Executive Committee meetings. Also, until a new association missionary is named, I will help any of the churches who need me. I will continue to teach some in the Samford Extension program.

Also, last Tuesday, the Executive Committee, following job descriptions and past precedent, charged the Personnel Committee with the responsibility of being the Search Committee for a new DOM. This Committee is composed of the Chair, Dr. Sam Self, Sylvia Hughes, Kay Roper, Rev. Donnie Marler, and Rev. Bruce Williams. The Moderator is an Ex Officio member of this committee as well as all other committees. I'm sure they will do a good and conscientious job of searching out a new leader for our association. I know they would appreciate your prayers as well as your suggestions.

The rest of the association staff will be here to help you if you need anything. We could not ask for better workers than Michele Smith, who is our Financial Secretary. Emily is a wonderful Ministry Assistant. She knows a lot about the association's work and if she doesn't know what you need to know, she will find out. Steve will continue his outstanding work at the Vineyard and will be available to help you in many ways. The rest of the Vineyard staff will continue to make things work there. They are some dedicated people!

The summer children's camp, called Incredicamp finishes this afternoon. The Committee, chaired by Lester Rachel, does such a great job in planning and executing this camp. There are so many volunteers who help. The children who attend have lots of activities and learn a lot about the gospel. While I do not believe anyone should push or manipulate people to make decisions for Christ, I do believe we should teach our children and let the Holy Spirit work in their hearts. It is a fact that most people who become Christians do so by the time they're 12 years old. This camp has been one of the really outstanding things people look forward to during summer vacation. I'm thankful for all the people who make it happen.

The Oneida Kentucky mission trip begins the end of this month. Many of our churches do mission trips to various places in America and across the world. I'm thankful that the association has been able to offer local, state, national, and international trips. I appreciate Bro. Bruce leading this one for the past 10 or 12 years.

Once again, let me thank you for allowing me to serve with you all these years. Thank you for the faith you put in me. Thank you for the way you trusted my opinions and ideas throughout all this time. I mentioned to the Executive Committee last week that I did not think there had been a single time when I had asked the association to begin a new ministry or keep something that we were doing and they said no. That is amazing!

My life has been so enriched by the friendships with you. What a great thing to have friends in the Lord and partner with them in His work! May He continue to richly bless you!

**Calendar of Events****July**

28 - Ministers' Meeting - 8:00 AM

**August**

1 - Widows' Ministry Meeting - 6:00 PM

21 - Prayer Walk - 4:00 PM

25 - Ministers' Meeting - 11:00 AM

**September**

13 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM

**Ministers' Meeting**

July 28 at 8:00 AM

Breakfast at CCBA office

**Oneida, Kentucky Mission Trip**

July 31-August 5

Contact Bruce Williams at  
 334-389-3621 for details.

**Prayer Walk**

All schools in Coffee County

August 21 at 4:00 PM

**Samford Extension Class**

August 22 - October 10, 2022

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**Widows' Ministry Meeting**

August 1 at 6:00 PM

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Please pray for the  
**Military Support Group.**

No meetings in June/July.

Call Dr. John Granger  
 if you are in need.

**Senior Adult Singing  
with Frank Jones**

at Hillcrest Baptist Church  
 September 13

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 This is a free event!

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

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