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A Visit With Dr. John



As I write this, I am pondering the reports I just heard from the rest of the counties in our district. The Association Missionaries from Southeast Alabama all talked a little bit about what was going on in their associations. Some are trying out some innovative new programs. Some are seeking ways to make their association relevant.

I could not help but think how blessed we are in Coffee County. Of course, we always need to improve. We need to start new things. We need to enlarge our vision.

With that said, we are blessed to have an association that encourages our churches to come together for all sorts of needful things that churches do or ought to do. Much of the work we do once was innovative. Now it is valuable routine.

You may wonder what I mean by that. Here are a few examples. We just started having children's camp about 20 years ago. Now it is super successful. It draws large numbers of children. Great numbers of adults volunteer to work. And many children come to Christ as Savior and Lord. Many more have the gospel seed implanted in their hearts and others are discipled.

Another example has to do with mission trips. Quite a few of our churches could never sponsor one of these by themselves. When leaders of the churches come together in the association and plan a trip that churches can do together, it's a great thing. We train volunteers to share the gospel. We get to know one another better. We fulfill the great commission by sharing the gospel with people in other places: Southwest Alabama, Kentucky, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Costa Rica,...

Another example has to do with our Pastors' Conferences. You would have to look far and wide to find someone who is more committed to serving pastors than our Pastors' Conference president. Bruce tries to plan the conference programs so that pastors can learn about things that come up in pastoral life. These programs help men to be better preachers, better pastors, and more aware of our world. The meetings usually have a fair amount of time designated for fellowship and getting to know one another.

Actually, we have more than three dozen committees that deal with different aspects of church and association life. Some of the meetings are heavy on fellowship, like the senior adult meetings. Others are heavy on training, like the deacon training every year. Others highlight missions and evangelism. Some take care of needful business and administrative concerns.

My point, as I started writing, is that we are blessed to have such an association of churches in Coffee County. The association is not just a name. It is the extended arm of the churches. It is the servant of the churches. It is very much engaged in doing ministry and evangelism. It is an aid to us in so many ways, from spending time with our church family at the Vineyard, to learning how to be a better church clerk.

We live in a day when many are decrying the work of the church and of the association. They wring their hands, thinking God is through with both. The fact is, God has great things in store for the church that will be faithful to Him. He has great things in store for the association that takes seriously the Great Commission and the commitment to foster fellowship and mutual work.

Sometimes I feel that the association may be better off with a leader other than I, but I am convinced of the worth and value of Coffee Baptist Association. The churches who compose this organization and the volunteers who man its committees and who support its events contribute much to God's Kingdom work.

Far from crying about our association, we have lots of reasons to rejoice and be glad. Praise the Lord for what He's already given us! May we be good stewards of what we have! God grant that we will leave it better than we found it! I'm positive that will happen through His grace and our faithfulness.

May His richest blessings be yours!

A WorldSong Travel Team is coming to you!

Date: July 7, 2021

Time: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Ino Baptist Church

Cost: \$25 per child

For children completing grades 1-6
 To register call 334-565-3970.

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.

Call 334-762-2256 for more information.



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"F.A.R.M."

July 19-21, 2021

Vineyard Christian Retreat Center

\$110 per child if registered by May 31. \$120 after May 31, 2021.

Find us on Facebook at:
 Incredicamp @Vineyard Christian Retreat

Registration forms can be found at
www.vineyardretreat.org.

Contact: Bro. Lester Rachel at 447-2303 or
 call our office at 334-894-6411.

Ministers' Meeting Fellowship

June 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Coffee Baptist Center

Local Missions

If you would like to take part in local **Backyard Bible Clubs or VBS**, please call our office at (334)894-6411. **Sign up today!**

Southwest Alabama Mission Trip

June 27-July 3.

We will teach VBS at Cedar Creek Baptist Church each morning. Fun activities will be planned for each afternoon. We need volunteers to help cook and volunteers to help with VBS. Cost of the trip is \$20. Call our office at (334) 894-6411 if you are interested.

VBS Dates

Visit ccbacenter.com/vbs for more info.

Basin Baptist Church - June 13-18
 Bethany Baptist Church - June 6-10
 Calvary Baptist Church - June 6-10
 Church on Boll Weevil Circle - July 25-28
 County Line Baptist Church - June 12
 Damascus Baptist Church - June 6-9
 First Baptist Church Enterprise - June 7-9
 Goodman Baptist Church - June 28-30
 Hillcrest Baptist Church - June 7-11
 Ino Baptist Church - June 6-10
 Lee Street Baptist Church - July 12-18
 Macedonia Baptist Church - June 20-24
 Newbia Baptist Church - July 15-17
 New Home Baptist Church - June 13-18
 Victoria Baptist Church - July 17
 Zion Chapel Baptist Church - June 6-10