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A MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

Please allow me to digress from my normal style of writing, but there are two subjects that certainly are vitally worth sharing, across the state and certainly for Coffee County Baptist. On April 23, 2023 a reception was held at the Coffee County Baptist Associational building in the Dr. John Granger Conference Center in honor of Mr. Steve Tipton, manager of The Vineyard located in Coffee County. We had a great turnout of support with more than 80 persons attending. Several people also gave testimonials. There is not enough space for this article to adequately share all that has been accomplished through this servant of God, and his workers.

It should be noted that Brother Steve Tipton has just completed a 20 year span of service to God at this institution. A milestone worth mentioning in any area of service to the Lord. While I cannot begin to share everything that was accomplished during this 20 year period, please allow me to share a few things. 20 consecutive years. Wow! Plus the fact that The Vineyard grew tremendously in size through land acquisitions, and many buildings erected.

But the most important facts are the positive influences on people that are still being felt today. I find it amazing that almost **71,000** souls have been to The Vineyard during these two decades. It is also wonderful to know that out of this ministry that there are 1,700 **known** salvations, and it is feasible to believe that the influence of these souls have led others to Christ, plus the certainty that there are others saved through The Vineyard that we do not know about. There were also 3,596 known rededications to the Lord. In addition to the aforementioned facts, it is amazing that there have been 248 calls to full time ministry. Congratulations for all of the work done in service of the Lord! Thank God, and thank you Steve Tipton.

I would be remiss to not thank and acknowledge the many, many workers who have worked right beside Steve. And a special thanks to God for giving Steve a special wife and family who have been so supportive and also working in their own ministries. Way to go Steve and family!! And congratulations once again.

The second subject is that Coffee County Baptist Association has called Rev. Judson Waldrop as Director of Missions. He is originally from Shelby County, Alabama. He has a B.A. degree in Theology from Baptist College of Florida, attended Mid-America Baptist Seminary, Luther Rice Seminary, and Samford University. He and his wife Donna have been married 39 years, have three children and six grandchildren. We invite everyone to come by the association office to meet Brother Judson. We also seek prayer and other support for our Director of Missions. Welcome to Coffee County Baptist Association, Brother Jud.

Proverbs 3:5-6 teaches us to trust in the Lord with all our heart, lean not on our own understanding, acknowledge God in all our ways, and He will direct our paths. We can never go wrong obeying God. May it always be so with each of us.

Trusting Jesus, Rev. Leon Fortune

CCBA Missions Development Committee would like to help host VBS or Backyard Kids Club for churches this summer.

Please call our office if your church needs help hosting or if your church would like to help

CCBA Ministers Meeting

May 25 at 11:00 am

Hooks BBQ in Enterprise

Calendar of Events

May

12-13 - GA Camp at the Vineyard

16 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

29 - Memorial Day - Office Closed

<u>June</u>

1 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 am

1 - Vineyard Committee Meeting

CCBA Executive Committee Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting will be May 16 at 7:00 PM.

Call our office with your VBS dates.

Visit our website at ccbacenter.com to see VBS dates.

IncrediCamp

Build Your Life Hebrews 3:4

July 17-19

\$120 per child if registered by June 15. \$135 after June 15, 2023. Find us on Facebook at: Incredicamp@Vineyard Christian Retreat

Call the Vineyard at 334-762-2256 for more info.

GA Camp at the Vineyard

May 12-13, 2023

Call Debra Carnley at 565-3970 for registration information.

Widows' Ministry Meeting

June 12 at 6:00 pm Coffee Baptist Association

Homecoming Church on Boll Weevil Circle

2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, AL 36330

June 4, 2023 9:30 AM with lunch to follow

Bethany Baptist Church in New Brockton is seeking someone to fill a role in their youth department.

Please contact or email resumes to Corbin Griffin. (334) 379-1014 corbin.griffin10@yahoo.com