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A Visit With Dr. John

As I write this, it has been 26 days since I first started having COVID-19 symptoms. I was diagnosed with it a couple days later. My son John and I had it around the same time. For the first eight days or so, we seemed to be in about the same shape. Then he started improving and getting stronger. I seemed to be getting beyond the COVID symptoms except I began to get weaker.

I suppose my case was a mild one. I did not have to be hospitalized. Nor did I have to have a ventilator. My lungs seemed to be pretty clear. Still, after about eight days I became really weak. For nearly 2 weeks, it was difficult to even hold up my head. I don't believe that I have ever been more weak. And I am still far from being even close to 100% of normal. I am thankful for so many of you who prayed for me. And please don't stop that. I am thankful for the Lord helping me through this tough time.

Also, let me encourage you to take care that you do not contract the Coronavirus. I surely do not want it again. It is worth doing the distancing, handwashing, staying away from crowds, and wearing a mask to avoid the problem. All people who bear the responsibility of gathered people need to remember that their health may be in our hands regarding what we ask them to do. So, be responsible with your place of leadership.

Like many of our churches, so many activities of the association have been canceled or put on hold. We must understand that the essence of our work still can continue even during this time. We do not have to have large gatherings in order to worship. We do not have to have large gatherings in order to share the gospel. We can do this with simply another person or with two or three.

We have gotten used to having spectacular events to draw people to hear the gospel. It would not hurt us to remember that our personal testimony of faith in Christ and love for Him has tremendous importance. People can still come to know Christ during this time. In fact, we had a couple of young women to follow Christ in baptism just a little over a month ago. The key thing though, is that we determine to intentionally share our faith. God will bless that.

There are quite a few things that continue to go on in the association in spite of the great changes we have in our society. Let me say how much I appreciate all the people who continue to do needful work. We still can be proud of the people who lead us in so many different ways.

CCBA Disaster Relief Team went to the Mobile area to help those affected by Hurricane Sally. In dealing with some of the big trees, they discovered a real need for a bucket truck. If you would like to send a donation to help Disaster Relief acquire this, please mail checks marked for Disaster Relief to PO Box 127, New Brockton, AL 36351.

Our state leaders have bought these kinds of trucks that were used by Alabama Power. Our team leader has identified the truck we want to buy. We want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to give to meet this need if they desire.

The goal is about \$60,000. The time to give is anytime between now and November 16. We request that you mention this need in church and receive an offering. It will be fine if you simply announce the need and let people send in their offerings individually. Of course, letting the church give in a way to pool their offerings would be much better.

Mike Dickerson, Chair of the Disaster Relief Committee, will be glad to speak to your group about Disaster Relief work or about this need. All you have to do is to call our office and we will be glad to share his number with those of you who want to secure him to speak. The team does some outstanding work. It is an inspiration to know of what they are doing.

Request for Church History

A lot of years have passed since we all submitted information about our Church History. We did that for years 1998 thru 2002. We are past due in gathering the events that took place in Coffee Baptist Association for years 2003 thru 2020. Churches have experienced staff changes, built buildings, celebrated Homecomings, Anniversaries, had Revivals and the list goes on and on. We need to remember these and other important events that took place during this time. We start with selecting a Church Historian and a Committee who will work with the Historian. It is a lot of information to gather....17 years....but it can be done. It's important that the church and the Association have a record to preserve for future generations to know what happened in our churches.

Our target date for submitting this information is Jan 2021. If you should need help, try to find your church copy of the Association's History of Churches 1998 - 2003. This will give some ideas what to write about. We have these books available for free at our office. We also have 1981-1998 history books available. You can also call the Association Office or Louie Reynolds at 334-406-3095 for help in getting started.

Bro. Louie Reynolds, Chair
 History Committee



November 16-23, 2020

Operation Christmas Child drop off will not be at CCBA office. It will be at Ino Baptist Church this year.

- Monday, Nov 16
8:00-10:00am and 12:00-2:00pm
- Tuesday, Nov 17
8:00-10:00am
- Wednesday, Nov 18
8:00-10:00am
- Thursday, Nov 19
8:00-10:00am and 12:00-2:00pm
- Friday, Nov 20
8:00-10:00am
- Saturday, Nov 21
10:00am-Noon
- Sunday, Nov 22
2:00-4:00pm
- Monday, Nov 23
7:00-9:00pm

TRUNK-OR-TREAT
NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
 Candy & Treats Saturday October 31st
 Peanut Boiling 5:30 p.m.
 3819 County Road 330
 Elba, AL 36323
 Prize for Best Costume
 Adult & Child
 Judging at 6:30 p.m.
ALL ARE INVITED!!

Bon Fire!!
 DEVOTIONAL

Coffee Cakes
December 7, 2020

This year please send boxed cake mixes and icing instead of baked cakes.

We will not gather for World Day of Prayer but we encourage everyone to pray for people around the world.

20 Years! Notice to all our Sister Churches in Coffee County!
 Our Personnel Committee, along with the other members, ask each Church to recognize Dr. John's 20th Anniversary during October 2020. If your Church can give a gift, mark it for Dr. John's Anniversary and mail to CCBA. Cards or letters with kind words for Dr. Granger can also be mailed to the association office. **Please mail in gifts and cards by November 2nd.**