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## THE GRAPEVINE

Greetings from your Vineyard,

Praise God! In spite of COVID-19 it appears we will end fiscal year 19-20 in the black (barely, but black nonetheless). That is a real miracle given how the virus has greatly hindered our usual operation. We have the grace of God to thank for our provisions.

Though the virus has been problematic, I would like to report that the Vineyard has a great support team. Our usual workday folks have still been coming to help (when we were able to have workdays), the Vineyard Committee has still been positive and supportive, and our prayer warriors are obviously still hard at it. The generous people who financially support us have been faithful as well which is why we are in the black at all. It makes a big difference here! Dr. Granger has been doing an excellent job of leading through all this mess and keeping the association going.

In case you didn't know, Dr. Granger has been with the association for 20 years now as Director Of Missions. We are very thankful for his leadership, especially during challenging times like these. Emily and Michele have been rock solid doing all they do to help the Vineyard in day-to-day operations. We are very thankful for all these great folks and many more for the way they support us throughout good times and bad.

We have been having groups and families come to the Vineyard throughout the spring and summer, just not nearly as many as usual. The groups that have come have all been much smaller than usual, and you can imagine how difficult it is to get kids and youth to socially distance. But, through it all, the Lord has been blessing. We know of 73 guests who received Christ while here and 115 who rededicated their lives to Him while here. We give God glory for working in the midst of difficult times.

I heard a preacher the other day say that he hopes we can soon be like Paul. I asked what he meant. He said he hoped we could soon get on the road to "De-Mask-Us." I think it is great that we can find some humor in all this. At the same time, we do need to diligently keep praying for those who have been ill and for those who have lost loved ones.

I would also like to report that I got to see our Disaster Relief Team hard at work and doing a great job. My family had gone to Orange Beach for vacation when Hurricane Sally hit. Needless to say, it put a damper on our happy little vacation. While there, I saw our men working to help get things back to normal for the folks hit hardest by that storm. One lady asked my wife who those men were and why were they there working for free. She was able to tell her that they do it in the name of the Lord. The people there seemed so very grateful for the extra hand. A big thank you to our Disaster Relief Team! Please pray for them as there is much to be done, and some of it can be very dangerous.

One final word of thanks for allowing me to be at your Vineyard and for supporting us the way you do. We are very thankful to you.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Steve



**CCBA 2020 Annual Meeting has been cancelled due to COVID-19.**

### 20 Years! Notice to all our Sister Churches in Coffee County!

Milestones come in many shapes, forms, and persons . . .ours comes in the person of Dr. John Granger. As Chairman of our Personnel Committee, along with the other members, ask each Church to recognize Dr. John's 20th Anniversary this coming October. If your Church can give a gift, mark it for Dr. John's Anniversary and mail to CCBA. I know that your church appreciates the Man, the Work, and the Love shone by this Godly servant so bless him on this milestone in his life and ministry! Cards or letters with kinds words for Dr. Granger can also be mailed to the association office. Blessings!

Dr. Sam E. Self

### 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.

Out 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



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

### County Line Baptist Church Country Fest

October 24 4:00-6:00 PM

Activities: Bluegrass music, antiques, hayrides, petting zoo, peanut boil and much more.

Free fun and free food for all ages!

CCBA Disaster Relief Team went to the Mobile area to help those affected by Hurricane Sally. Please continue to pray for those affected and the teams helping them recover. If you would like to donate to our Disaster Relief Team or volunteer, please call our office.