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September 24, 2020**Rev. Bryan Simoneaux**

Moderator

Rev. John Gunter

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**A Visit With Dr. John**

As I write this, our Disaster Relief Team will be deploying in the morning. They will leave bright and early to help the people in Baldwin County in the aftermath of Hurricane Sally. As it stands right now, they will work in and out of Gulf Shores.

I am so glad that we have people in our midst who are willing to spend the time in training, then be ready at a moment's notice to pack up and go to just about any place that has great need. Mike Dickerson heads our Disaster Relief Committee and Team. The ones going on this trip are as follows: Michael Dickerson, Jeffery Wood, Nathan Calhoun, Michael Phillips, Gerry Mauldin, Steve Tipton, Jerry Lonider, Jeremy Mack, Roger Woodham, and Emilie Woodham.

Please be praying for these workers and for the many people who were hurt so badly because of the storm.

Annual report

The committee responsible for the association Annual Meeting presented a proposal to the Executive Committee September 8, 2020, that we cancel this year's Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee approved. We will skip the 2020 Annual Meeting. They did it as a cautionary measure to protect the people who normally attend. COVID-19 still is a threat in our area.

Speaking of COVID-19, my son was diagnosed with it this morning. I have been around him a lot. So I am in voluntary quarantine until I develop symptoms or until the end of the month. Our church has 25 people on its prayer list with Coronavirus.

Back to thoughts about the Annual Meeting, I will try to give more of an update in the next newsletter or so. I did want you to know that because of your faithfulness to the association, this economic crisis because of the virus has not hurt the association tremendously yet. We came into this era of Coronavirus as strong economically as we have ever been.

I do imagine that in the months and years to come, we still will feel the impact of what we are experiencing now. With the problems in the economy in 2007, we did not experience immediate difficulty, but gifts from the churches dropped for four years and then picked up for three until we were back at the same level of gifts that we had been before the nation's problems.

I will try to make that clearer in the days ahead, but the association is still active, just not as active as we were in the pre-virus days.

May God bless you, your family, and your church! May bless you with good health and physical as well as spiritual strength!

CCBA Disaster Relief Team has been deployed to the Mobile Area to help those affected by Hurricane Sally. Please pray for safety for the team. If you would like to donate to our Disaster Relief Team or volunteer, please call our office.



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 shown by this Godly servant so bless him on this milestone in his life and ministry! Blessings! If you would like to send a letter or card with kind words for Dr. Granger, you can mail them to the association office.

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.

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

**Old Timey Day
Newbia Baptist Church**

September 27 at 11:00 AM
 Vineyard Christian Retreat Center

Morning service in the Chapel followed by lunch and fellowship at the pavilion.

Many will dress the part of Old Timey Day. You are welcome to dress the part but you do not have to.

Activities: horseshoes, corn hole, fishing, boating, swimming and much more.

**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!

**September Ministers' Meeting
has been cancelled.**