

**John Granger, Th.D.**  
 Director of Missions  
**Kaye Clark**  
 Public Relations Coordinator

*The Coffee Baptist Vision*  
 Coffee Baptist Association, 603 E. McKinnon Street, P.O. Box 127 New Brockton, AL 36351  
 (334) 894-6411/5166 Email: info@ccbacenter.com/ Web: www.ccbacenter.com  
**April 23, 2015**

**Dr. Danny Wiggins**  
 Moderator  
**Rev. John Gunter**  
 Hispanic Missionary  
**Steve Tipton**  
 Vineyard Manager



A Visit with Dr. John.....

There is a special opportunity open to us as an association. Neighbors next to the Vineyard are selling their property and moving. The Vineyard Committee and the Budget Committee brought a combined unanimous motion to the Executive Committee to purchase this property. The Executive Committee approved the motion in a special called meeting.

There are several reasons the Vineyard Committee felt we needed the property. Let me name a couple.

The neighbor's property has a field of higher ground than ours. This is important because our Campers On Missions friends have told us that if we had enough hook ups for an RV park, we could probably have Campers On Missions people to help us with work at the Vineyard year round. We tried to get this done on our more wetland type property last year, but could not because the ground was too wet. This high field would be an excellent spot for that RV park. The committee believes we could get enough free labor in just two or three years to justify the purchase of the property.

Another reason concerns the house on the property. It is a 2000 or so square foot log house in good condition. We have known for a long time that we need other workers at the Vineyard. Ken and Levita occupy the assistant manager's house. This house would provide immediate space for another worker if Steve were able to find one. The salary scale for Vineyard workers is on the low side. A nice place does a lot to make the package more attractive. Too, it enables a worker to be present, or at least nearby, when the workload demands.

I have voiced a word of caution all through this process that I did not want us to be in a high range of debt. When we dedicate Snead Lodge on May 31st, we will probably owe about \$180,000 on that building. The new property was appraised at \$165,000. It would be nice to wait a couple years before we acquire this new property! The trouble with that is: the opportunity is now and is likely not to be available then. So, those who are elected by us to deal with these matters feel that we should act now.

Also, it was their suggestion that we could do this and not build any indebtedness, if we, our churches, would make a generous offering now and in the next few weeks toward the purchase price. They believe this is something the people of our churches will want to do because of the successful work being done at the Vineyard. It has become one of our most productive tools for evangelism.

It should go without saying that no person or church should feel coerced about the special offering. At the same time, it is a challenge for us to underwrite a work we know the Lord is using for His glory. Brother Kurt Pierce, Chairman of the Vineyard Committee, figured that if each church would give according to their Sunday School enrollment, we could completely pay for this new acquisition for less than \$20 a person!

I am grateful for these people who are working on our behalf and I would like to encourage you as an individual, and your church as a whole, to take part in this special offering. If you would like for Brother Kurt or another worker to address your church about this matter, all you have to do is give me a call. We will be happy to help your church members see the value of this effort.

Please join with me in prayer about this offering and about God continuing to bless the work of The Vineyard!



**Boys Grades 1-6 Campout**  
**April 24 & 25**  
 at The Vineyard

If you have not registered by now, please call the Vineyard at 762-2256 and let Steve know how many boys you plan to bring.

**GA Camp**  
**Girls Grades 1-6**  
**May 15-16**  
**Plan now to bring your girls to camp!**

**Mt. Gilead Baptist Church**  
**Homecoming**  
**April 26, 2015**

**Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship at 11:00 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Larry Grimm**  
 Lunch will be served following worship  
 For more info. Call Phyllis at 494-2278

**Ladies Power Lunch**  
**First Baptist Enterprise**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**April 30, 2015**  
**12 noon til 1:00 p.m.**

**Debi DoBoer** from Birmingham will be sharing on "**First Priority Club**". It is a very successful in the Birmingham area as well as 32 states!! First Priority is a Christian Club for our local schools. It is student led with parent and teacher leadership. First Priority is in over 300 schools in Alabama and had 900 salvations last year alone. We are thrilled to bring this to our area in hopes of getting some interest in our schools. Debi will give us an overview of what it is and how to implement it in our schools. Open to all the ladies in the Wiregrass Please join us on April 30th from 12:00 to 1:00 at FBC Enterprise Fellowship Hall. RSVP for catered lunch and child care by April 27th calling Michele Drew at 393-LOVE (5683).

*Calendar of Events*

**April**

- 23 - Ministers' Meeting - 10 a.m.
- 24-25 - RA Campout
- 25 - State Wide Bible Drill - Taylor Rd. Montgomery (Registration 12:30 p.m. / Begins at 1:00 p.m.)
- 28 - Bivocational Ministers' Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 28 - Senior Adult Lunch—Lee Street - 11:00 a.m.

**May**

- 05 - VBS Clinic - Hillcrest- 6:30 pm
- 07 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
- 07 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 a.m.
- 10 - MOTHERS' DAY
- 12- Executive Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- 15-16 - GA Camp at The Vineyard
- 18-25 - ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS WEEK
- 25 - MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed
- 28 - Ministers' Meeting—10:00 a.m.

**VBS Clinic**  
**Hillcrest**  
**May 05, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**This clinic is for Directors, Pastors, and ALL workers in your Vacation Bible School.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Children's Camp at The Vineyard**  
**Grades 1 - 6**  
**July 6 - 8**

**Youth Camp at The Vineyard**  
**Grades 7 - 12**  
**July 19 - 22**

**There is a PRICE BREAK for early registration - YOUTH CAMP ONLY**

Please encourage your children, youth and their leaders to plan on attending these events. The earlier they register, the more likely they will be able to participate.

Youth leaders can still be involved in the planning and preparation for the camp. Call Dr. John at 894-6411 to volunteer.

Forms for registration can be downloaded at [www.vineyardretreat.org](http://www.vineyardretreat.org)

**Ministers' Meeting**  
**April 23, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Coffee Baptist Center  
 Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Williams  
 Alabama Baptist Children's Home

**Bi-Vocation Ministers' Meeting**  
**April 28, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
 Coffee Baptist Center