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# The Coffee Baptist Vision

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## April 23, 2020

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 Vineyard Manager



### A Visit With Dr. John

We still are under the Governor's "shelter in place" order because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. So much of what the churches and the association does is "on hold" because we bring people together for worship, for teaching, and for fellowship.

So much of the work of our committees never came to fruition. We could not hold the meetings. There does not seem to be a projected date to resume normalcy.

Of course, much is being done even with all the restrictions. Many of the churches are live streaming their services, even if only the pastor and 2 or 3 others are present. Some are having drive in or drive up church. Some of my meetings with State Convention leaders and Association Directors are Zoom meetings.

John Gunter and the volunteers at Faith Community Church are making sure some vulnerable families have food. Other churches are doing some things to help as well. The Mobile Food Pantry is considered essential and gave away food.

We continue to minister to the sick and bereaved, even if we cannot gather to express our love.

Some of the churches still need assistance from the office. I was able to preach Easter Service for three churches. All were live streamed on Facebook. Some churches are without pastors and are feeling that need more than ever right now.

Lots of our people have a renewed interest in prayer. This is not simply because they are afraid, but because they know that their connection with God matters. They can ask God to comfort the bereaved, to heal the sick, and to strengthen the weak. They know that God can make a difference.

All our meetings are on hold and will continue to be until we hear a different word from the authorities.

We in the churches need to set the example for others concerning isolation, distancing, hand washing and caution. Doctors tell us the virus spreads quickly and easily.

For those of you who must do essential work, be careful. Please know that we appreciate what you do. Also know that we value you. We want you to be well and healthy.

We also need to consider our responsibility to others. We do not want to be the person who transmits the virus. Most get over it, but many do not. Let's be sure to protect the weak and elderly.

Let us be our best during this difficult time. Use the phone and social media to encourage and bless the people we know and love.

Please know we still care about you. If you need us, please do not hesitate to call.

May the Good Lord bless you during this trying time.

Our office is currently closed at this time. Our phone is forwarded to Emily's cell phone. If you need assistance, call 894-6411.



The new recreation room at the Vineyard is almost complete. Once completed it will be filled with ping pong tables, pool table, workout equipment and other games. Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped with the construction of this room. It will be completed in time for summer camps.

### Calendar of Events

#### May

7 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 AM  
 7 - Vineyard Meeting - 3:00 PM  
 8-9 - GA Camp at Vineyard  
 12 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 25 - Memorial Day - Office Closed

**CCBA Ministers' Meetings  
 will be cancelled until  
 further notice.**

**Boys Campout at the Vineyard  
 has been cancelled.**

**Enterprise Military  
 Support Group  
 meetings have been cancelled  
 until further notice.**

**Senior Adult Luncheon for April  
 has been cancelled.**

**Dr. David Allen's meeting with  
 pastors has been postponed.**



### IncrediCamp 2020

July 6 - 8

F.A.R.M

Finding a Relationship with the Master

Vineyard Christian Retreat Center

Registration forms can be found at  
[www.vineyardretreat.org](http://www.vineyardretreat.org)

### GA Camp

May 8 - 9



Vineyard Christian Retreat

Contact Debra Carnley at 565-3970  
for more info.

### Southwest Alabama Mission Trip

June 21-26

Please call our office if you would like to be a part of the mission trip or for more info.