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A Visit With Dr. John

Boy, what an unusual time! One of our pastors, who has been preaching for 55 years, told me yesterday, "I've never seen anything like this!" I'm pretty sure you could say the same thing.

Our churches' response to the Corona Virus threat is varied. Many have suspended all services. Some have modified them greatly. Some are continuing pretty much as usual. Since each church is autonomous, neither I nor any other denominational worker is able to dictate what you do.

James Brown, EMA Director for Coffee County, worked to help our pastors understand the real problem and the best suggested solutions. We are thankful for his help, and that of other leaders in our state and across the nation who help us cut through the fog of misinformation.

I'm sure that in the next few weeks, we will see a lot of innovation as pastors and churches strive to build their fellowship and share the gospel. This may be one good thing that comes from this trying time.

I do think that it is good for us to seek to cooperate with civic leaders who have the public good in mind. It also may simply be the smart thing to do. The older President Bush used to say we ought to be "prudent."

Besides cooperating, let us, as Christians, use this time to pray. Let us pray for people who contract the virus. Let us pray that the amount of people who do contract it may be minimal. Let us pray for all the people involved in helping us to make the best response. Let us pray for health workers. In fact, let us pray for all people who serve us and put themselves at risk in our behalf.

Please remember to pray for the people of your church. Isolating ourselves causes problems like depression. Use this time to reach out by phone or text to encourage and bless others.

Ask the Lord to use this time to turn the hearts and minds of the general population to Him. If ever there was a time that people need to turn to the Lord, it is now. An old gospel song is titled, "People Need the Lord."

Finally, all of us may tend to be a bit on edge and even angry about all that is going on. We can expect cancellations of things we like to do or programs we need. We can anticipate being frustrated. Please remember how important it is that we be patient and loving. Your candle can shine brightly during this difficult time.

Calendar of Events

April

- 2 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 AM
- 16 - WMU Banquet - Ino BC - 6:30 PM
- 21 - VBS Training - Bethany BC - 6:30 PM
- 24-25 - Boys Campout at the Vineyard
- 26 - Cooperative Program Sunday
- 28 - Senior Adult Luncheon - 11:00 AM
- 30- May 3 - Iron Works Boot Camp

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.**

WMU Banquet

April 16 at 6:30 PM

Ino Baptist Church

Guest speaker: Jennifer Rash
 The Alabama Baptist

Special Music: Cricket Branch

Dr. David Allen will be meeting with
 pastors May 4 at 10:00 AM.
 Coffee Baptist Center

Senior Adult Luncheon

April 28 at 11:00 AM

Bethany Baptist Church

\$10/ person

GA Camp

May 8 - 9



Vineyard Christian Retreat

Contact Debra Carnley at 565-3970 for
 more info.



VBS Training

April 21st 6:30 - 8:00 PM
 Bethany Baptist Church

We will be offering classes that are
 not Lifeway specific.

Call our office at 894-6411
 for more info.

Classes offered: Music, Grades 1-4,
 Grades 5-6, Youth, Kindergarten,
 Preschool, Crafts, Adults, Sharing the
 Gospel with Older Children and Youth,
 Pastors, How to Teach Children,
 Backyard Bible Club, Missions,
 Directors/Pastors

Association Bible Drill has been postponed

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.

Enterprise Military Support Group will be postponed until at least April.

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



Boys Campout at the Vineyard

April 24-25

Activities include: Buddy Burners,
 hatchet throwing, archery, air rifles, fire
 building.

Cost: \$25 - dorms and \$15 - tents

Call the Vineyard at 762-2256 to register.

Grace Place Church is in search of a Worship Leader
 for the contemporary worship service. If you are
 interested please contact the church office at
 334-347-5214 for the full position description.



Thanks to everyone who took part in our Missions Emphasis March 7-8. We have heard very positive things from our churches that had missionary speakers.