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**A Visit With Dr. John**

A good friend died yesterday. Bro. Robert Strickland went to be with the Lord. I rejoice about that! The problem is : he is not here anymore!  
 Through the grief that attends losing a family member or close friend, I was reminded of how important friends and partners are in our life and work.

We saw things along the same lines. Our beliefs were similar about life, God, salvation, the Christian life, and our responsibilities as Christians and church members.

Robert was a faithful pastor. He served several churches. He did a good job at the small ones and the large ones.

When he first started his ministry, he led my sister, then a young adult, to trust Christ as Savior and Lord. They were about the same age. Until she died, no other pastor ever quite measured up, in her estimation, to Bro. Robert.

For me, it was a joy to be around Robert. He always could make me laugh. It wasn't that he told joke after joke. He could just see humor in almost anything. He had a knack for taking a commonplace thing and making it funny. He also could do the same with incidents of bad behavior.

Robert was an encourager. He always built me up, always urged me to go further. I always knew he was "in my corner."

We were friends.

We were partners in the Lord's work.

I appreciated him and what he did.

Believe me, I will miss him! I am glad he knew how I felt about him.

My point here is that we need to appreciate and celebrate friends and work partners. They make life richer, fuller, better. They also make the work easier and help us accomplish more.

I thank God for you. We are "laborers together with God!"

**Calendar of Events**

**May**

22- Minister's Meeting - 10 a.m.  
 26 - Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED  
 27 - Bi-Vocation Ministers Meeting

**June**

05 - Vineyard Work Day- 8 :00 a.m.  
 05 - Vineyard Meeting - 3:00 p.m.  
 10 - 11 - Southern Baptist Convention  
 15 - Baptist Men's Day  
 15 - **Father's Day**  
 26 - Golf Outing for Ministers & Staff  
 21-28 - SW AL Mission Trip  
 23-25 - State Boys Camp Grades 4-12  
 26-28 -Lad/Dad/or Mom Camp Grades 1-6  
 29 - Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sun.  
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**CCBA Ministers' Meeting**  
 CBC Office in New Brockton  
 May 22 at 10:00 a.m.  
 Come hear **Dr. Dale Huff**  
 Speak on Church Discipline  
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**Bi-Vocation Ministers'**  
 will meet on  
 May 27th at 6:30 pm  
 at Coffee Baptist Center.  
 This will be the last meeting  
 until September.  
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**Ladies Power Lunch**  
**First Baptist Enterprise**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**12 Noon**

**Jill Tomlinson** will share her story of being a victim of child abuse and the biblical truth that brought her to freedom.  
 Reservations for the \$6 catered lunch and free childcare must be made with Michelle at 393-5683 by Monday, May 26.

**Mark Your Calendar**



Southwest AL Mission Trip - June 21-28  
 Children's Camp at The Vineyard - July 07-09  
 Youth Camp at The Vineyard - July 20-23  
 RA Camp - June 23-25 for Grades 4-12  
 Lad, Dad, or Mom Camp - June 26-28 for Grades 1-6

**Vacation Bible School Dates in our Churches**

First Baptist Enterprise Ino	Sunday, June 1-4 7 p.m. / Monday—Thursday, June 2-5 8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon
County Line	June 1, 5:00 p.m. until 8 p.m./ June 2-5, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Damascus	June 1-6, 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Calvary	June 8-10, 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Church on the Circle	June 8 - 12, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
New Hope	June 8 - 10, 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
First Baptist Elba	June 8 - 12, 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
First Baptist Kinston	June 9 - 13, 5:30 until 8:15 p.m.
Lee Street	June 9 - 13, 5:30 until 8:30 p.m.
New Home	June 9 - 13, 5:45 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.
Westside	June 14, Kick Off at 4:00 p.m./ June 15-20, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
First Baptist New Brockton	June 16 - 20, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Hillcrest	June 14 at 11:00 am. Pre-register and kick off, June 16 - 20, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Hebron	June 16-20, 8:55 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.
Westview	Sunday, June 22, 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m./ June 23-26, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Basin	June 22-27, 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Dorcas	June 22-27, 5:50 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Goodman	July 7-11, 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Cool Springs	July 13-18, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant	July 14-18, 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
	July 20 - 24, 5:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The information listed is how it was given to us. If your VBS is after June 12, we can still get your information in the next newsletter. We can run it in the newspapers and on the radio NOW ..so call Kaye today with the date **and time**.



For God so loved the WORLD that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
 John 3:16