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A Visit With Dr. John

I would rather not report what I will be discussing today. But, as members of Coffee Baptist Association, there are key things you have a right to know and I have a responsibility to share. So, I will embrace that bit of Baptist wisdom from many days past, "to trust the Lord and tell the people!"

Dorcas Baptist Church voted to disassociate or break their partnership with the Southern Baptist Convention. Their withdrawal is from the national convention, the state convention, and the local association.

There was only one reason for their decision. They believe that the convention presently promotes the teachings of Calvinism or reformed theology. In particular, they object to such being taught at Southern Seminary and other Baptist schools. Their pastor, Bro. Dale Morgan, told me their move was not about personalities, but about remaining true to their theological heritage.

I talked to Bro. Dale about staying connected to Coffee County Baptist Association, since we do not promote those teachings. He said that neither he nor his congregation feel that our stance regarding this issue is strong enough.

Our Petitionary Letters Committee met to review the letter of withdrawal. You need to know that some of our sharpest and most seasoned pastors are on this committee: Bro. Robert Davis, Dr. Paul Kendrick, Bro. Cliff Quincey, and Bro. Randy Walker. They brought a motion to the Executive Committee to formally accept the letter, but with a strong word of how much we, as an association, appreciate the members of Dorcas Church.

They felt it wise, as well, to clarify the association's stance. 1) We have stated clearly the traditional theology of the vast majority of our people. 2) As an association, we gear our programs and work to reflect the same. 3) We recognize the priesthood of the believer, allowing each believer to interpret the scripture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. 4) We allow for the autonomy of the local church.

The Committee concluded with a prayer that Dorcas may be re-joined to us in the future and that God would bless the church. They also prayed that the Lord will lead and guide Coffee Baptist Association.

Calendar of Events

September

27 - Ministers' Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

October

1 - Widows' Ministry Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

4 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 a.m.

4 - Vineyard Meeting - 3:00 p.m.

11 - Men's Ministry Training - 7:00 p.m.

16 - CCBA Annual Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

23 - Senior Adult Luncheon - 11:00 a.m.

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CCBA Ministers' Meeting

September 27, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Coffee Baptist Center

Guest Speaker will be Rick Barnhart from Alabama State Board of Missions.

Men's Ministry Leadership Meeting

October 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee Baptist Center

Senior Adult Luncheon

October 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

Park Avenue Baptist Church has an opening for a part time Secretary. For more information, contact Paula Howell at 334-347-9269.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip
November 27 to December 3, 2018

You will need a serving heart, passport, and a willingness to prepare with the team. Knowing Spanish is not necessary. Trip cost will be around \$1475.00 depending on the price of the plane tickets. There will be another trip planned for July 2019. Contact John Gunter at 334-791-0842 if you are interested.



Coffee County Baptist Association recognized and honored Mrs. Mary John Walker for her service as Association Clerk. Dr. John Granger said "Mary John has endeared herself to the entire association through her faithful service and friendliness". She served as Clerk from 2007-2018.

4th Annual Community Country Fest

County Line Baptist Church

October 20 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Bluegrass music by The Jordan River Band, roping by Cowboy Steve, Tri-Communities fire truck, antique tractors, antique cars, hay ride, petting zoo, door prizes, peanut boil and much more.

For more information, contact 334-347-6082.

We have an individual who would like to donate an organ to a church in need of one. It is a Kimball 1700 organ. Please contact our office at 334-894-6411 if interested.

Vineyard Volunteer Supper

November 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Coffee Baptist Center

Boys Campout at Vineyard

November 2-3, 2018

Boys in grades 1-6.

Activities will include: blow darts, air rifles, sling shots, archery, knife throwing, campfire worship.

Widows' Ministry Painting Party

October 1, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

Coffee Baptist Center

Please bring finger foods and enjoy a fun night of painting.

CCBA Annual Meeting

October 16, 2018 - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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