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## The Coffee Baptist Vision

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**November 12, 2009**

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### A Note from Dr. John

When I came to work Monday morning, two people came in talking about embarrassing mistakes and miscommunications at their Sunday morning worship services. Such simple blunders sometime cause more than embarrassment. They may generate short and long term guilt.

Of course, if the guilt is because we were lazy and didn't prepare well, we can just repent, receive forgiveness, and move on.

Sometimes, though, speaking personally, when I am completely dedicated to a task and think I have done everything I needed to do and believe I have done it well, I find that I have inadvertently forgotten or overlooked an important element.

At this point, it is not just that there is embarrassment and other people think I'm stupid, I think it, too! More than that, guilt floods into my mind, accusing me of being less than I ought to be, since I could make such obvious, dumb, and costly mistakes. I think, "surely, if I had been doing my best, I would have done it right."

It is important for us to remember that mistakes and missteps are a part of human existence. We may fail when we try our best.

When I was 18, I had a job with a supervisor who tried to help us all understand this fact. When someone would mess up, he would say, "Look, everybody makes mistakes. The only one who doesn't is the person doing nothing and that's the biggest mistake of all."

It also is essential to remember that God's grace and His forgiveness will cover our stupidity as well as our selfishness or rebellion. God loves us in our dumb moments as He does when we seem brilliant.

People often talk about being closer to the Lord and better able to appreciate their walk with God after they turned from wrong and experienced God's forgiveness. Just so, we find that we can grow through our mistakes. If we learn from the mistake, that will be one thing we will not do the next time.

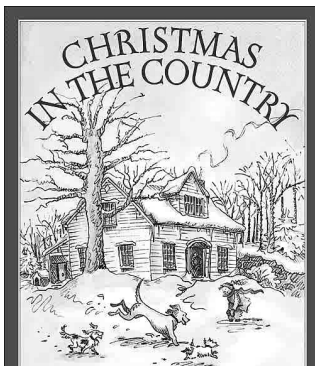
It seems to me that I have to tell myself these things far too often. I say them today because I know many of us are too hard on ourselves for non-willful mistakes.



### Operation Christmas Child November 16-22, 2009

*Our office will be a relay center this year for Samaritan's Purse. Please share with your church the need to prepare a shoebox filled with things a child would like to receive for Christmas. We have bulletin inserts, prayer guides, and labels with instructions at the CCBA office. Please come by and pick up what you need to be a part of this great way of giving. This ministry is sponsored by our WMU.*

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### Christmas Concert for The Alabama Baptist Children's Home

Please join us for a wonderful time  
**December 05, 2009**  
**at the Vineyard.**

The concert will feature the music of Cindi Lucas and a children's choir made up of young people from our area churches. Our young people will be singing traditional Christmas music and will be joining Cindi to sing during the performance. Many of our churches have been blessed by the music of Cindi Lucas over the past few years. The concert, sponsored by several of our area churches, will serve as a benefit for the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and the goal is to raise five thousand dollars. We need your support to accomplish this! Performances will be at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 each and can be purchased at area churches and the Coffee and Salem Troy Baptist Association offices. For ticket information call Kaye at 894-6411 or Averyt Walker at 566-1538.

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### RA Campout

**Boys 1-6 Grades**  
**November 13-14, 2009**  
**Call 762-2256 to register**



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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
**FROM ALL OF US TO**  
**ALL OF YOU!**



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### November

- 13-14—RA Campout at the Vineyard
- 15 - Dr. Granger—9 years as DOM
- 16-22—Samaritan's Purse
- 19 - Chaplains' Banquet CBC—6:30 p.m.
- 20 - TGIF - Hillcrest Baptist Church 7:00 p.m.
- 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

#### December

- 01- Prayer Meeting at Bethany—9:30 a.m.
- 03 -Vineyard Workday
- 04 - Minister/Spouse/Staff Banquet— Open Door
- 07 - Coffee Cakes for AL Baptist C.H.
- 07 - Samford classes end
- 18 - TGIF Single Adults TBA
- 24 - Christmas Eve—Office Closed
- 25 -Christmas Day—Office Closed

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**All Single Adults are invited to :**

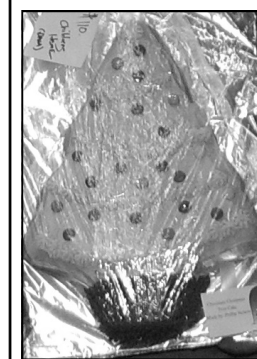
**An evening with John Yates**  
**Hillcrest Baptist Church**  
**500 Alberta Street**  
**Enterprise, AL**  
**Friday, November 20, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**FREE admission**

**Childcare provided If RSVP is received by November 13 to**

**HBCESingles@yahoo.com**

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### Coffee Cakes December 07

**Plan now to bake a cake for THE ALABAMA BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME**

**Have cakes at**

**Coffee Baptist Center by 11:00 a.m.**

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**December 4th at 6:00 –8:00 p.m.**

**All GAs from Coffee Baptist Churches**

are invited to the Alabama Baptist

Children's Home Live Nativity

For more information call:

Kim Mitchell at 894-1601

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**New Home Baptist Church Children's**

Dept. will present the movie

**"The Buttercream Gang"**

November 14 at 6:00 p.m.

No charge to see the movie.

Refreshments will be available for

**a donation.** Money received will go

toward the Christian Life Center.

Call Lester Rachel at 447-2303 for more info.