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The Messenger

Associational Prayer Requests

Please pray for these churches that are without a pastor. Also pray for their Pastor Search Committee:

Chandler Springs, Family Fellowship, Hepzibah, Jenifer, Westside and Winterboro

Churches with Interim Pastors:

Central-Rev. Trull Hill
Lincoln-Dr. Ben Chandler
Rocky Mount-Rev. John Vogel
Talladega Springs-Rev. Richard Bonds
Tallahatchie FBC-Rev. Darryl Wood

Lee Ann Ward, retired association financial secretary, as she battles cancer.

Rev. Billy Paul Williams, pastor of Fayetteville Baptist Church, was hit by a car as he was jogging and broke his leg. Pray for him as he recovers.

Bivocational Minister/Spouse Retreat

The State Board of Missions sponsors the Bivocational Minister/Spouse Retreat at Shocco Springs on February 9-10, 2018.

Dr. John Thweatt, pastor of Pell City First Baptist Church, will be the speaker for the ministers. Mrs. Barbara Eubanks, Christian humorist, speaker and author, will be the speaker for the wives. Keith and Amy Hibbs will be the worship leaders for the conference.

Make your reservations at www.shocco.org or call them at 1-800-280-1105.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:

- Jan 25-Bobby Crump, Refuge; Peggy Mann, Hepzibah; Robert Klotz, Talladega FBC
- Jan 26-Beverly Collins, Immanuel
- Jan 28-Steve Dean, Five Points
- Jan 29-Norma Matthews, Plainview; Scott Corbin, Hepzibah
- Jan 30-Rhonda Roberts, Childersburg FBC
- Jan 31-Pat Williams, Sylavon
- Feb 3-Ricky Milford, CRBA
- Feb 5-Roy Adams, Providence; Cobby Smith, County Line
- Feb 6-Juan Bowden, Tallahatchie FBC; Lori Owens, Ridgeview; Ken Robinson, Pleasant Grove
- Feb 7-Sandy Locke, CRBA

Coosa River Day

Every two years the Coosa River Baptist Association hosts an event we call "Coosa River Day." You are invited to come to our office and see what we are about. We will have many of the ministries that we are involved in on site, so you can ask questions, touch, and see what your association is doing. This event will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 2 until 5 P.M.

We will have snacks, food, etc. (it's a Baptist meeting after all). We will have our Block Party Trailer set up with the giant inflatables ready for the children to play and enjoy (that is

providing it doesn't rain). Our Shower Trailer will be open for you to see how it serves in times of a disaster.

We hope that you can carve out some time during this event to come by and fellowship with our ministry teams. If you are in contact with people who just don't understand what the Baptist Association



does, invite them to come by, ask questions, and see what we are about. If you have any questions about this event please contact Linda, Sandy, or myself at the office, 256-362-7173.

God Bless,
Brother Randy

Pioneer Missions Offering

The 2018 Pioneer Mission Offering will be received on January 28, 2018. This offering enables the Carpenters for Christ to assist churches with construction costs.

Please prayerfully consider what you, or your church, can give. Materials were mailed to each church in January. Offering envelopes are available at the association office for those who wish to pick them up.

Children's Day Camp

The Coosa River WMU is sponsoring a Children's Day Camp for Saturday, March 10, 2018. It will take place at Hepzibah Baptist Church. Kaley Stephens, camp director at WorldSong Missions Camp, will lead the activities with help from the WorldSong camp staff.

Children's leaders should watch your mail for a letter with the details.

Jail Ministry Training

Has the Lord called you to work with the inmates at the Talladega County Jail? You must complete a training course before you can minister at the jail.

The next training class will be held on Sunday, February 18 at the Coosa River offices at 2 P.M. Charles Rogers, our Jail Ministry Coordinator, will lead the class. There is no charge for the class. Just come and complete the required paperwork. Once you have been approved by the jail administrator you can help hold services with the inmates.

Mission Celebration

The Mission Celebration is a time for all churches to gather and hear reports of mission trips taken by our sister churches. Come to Bon Air on Monday, February 19 at 6:30 P.M. to hear what other churches are doing!

Bulletin Board

January 28

Pioneer Missions Offering will be collected.

January 30

Pastor Date Night at North Shelby Baptist Church at 6:30 P.M.

February 6

The Alabama Baptist 175th birthday party in Marion, Alabama

February 9-10

Bivocational Minister/Spouse Retreat at Shocco Springs

February 18

Jail Ministry Training at the association office at 2 PM

February 19

Missions Celebration at Bon Air

March 10

Children's Day Camp at Hepzibah

April 21

Coosa River Day. See the above article for details.

Publication Deadline

The Messenger is published on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Do you have an announcement or event that you would like to have covered in an upcoming edition of *The Messenger*? Contact Linda at the Coosa River office by the first or third Monday of each month. Phone: (256) 362-7173 Fax: (256) 268-8803 E-mail: lcotton@crba.org

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

February 6, 2018 for our 175th birthday celebration in Marion, Alabama

Ideal for church groups or anyone interested in Baptist history



For more information or to register

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