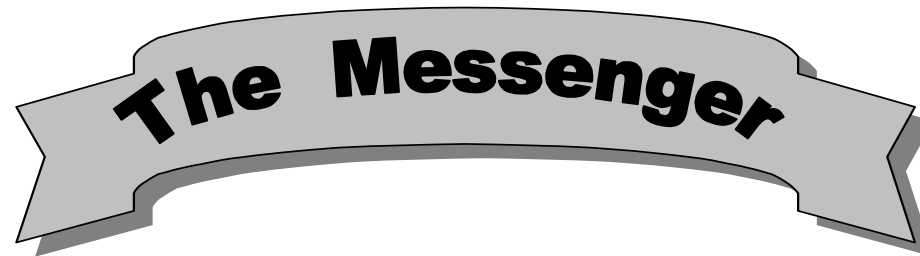


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March 22, 2018

Associational Prayer Requests

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

Brecon FBC, Chandler Springs, Family Fellowship, Hepzibah, Jenifer, Trinity, and Winterboro

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Central-Rev. Trull Hill
Lincoln-Dr. Ben Chandler
Rocky Mount-Rev. John Vogel
Talladega Springs-Rev. Richard Bonds

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

The family of **Rev. Steve Dean**, Minister of Music at Five Points Baptist Church, who passed away on March 6, 2018 Pray for his family during this difficult season.

Vacation Bible School Clinic

We have just completed our Vacation Bible School clinics, we held one in Sylacauga and one in Talladega. A very special “Thank you” to Tommy Strickland and our VBS Leadership team. I realize that you have many options for literature and programs that you can use to conduct your VBS. I do believe LifeWay presents good solid material. But as long as you use a Biblically based and doctrinally sound material I know you will plant the Word of God in your children, youth, and adults. My whole point is that you use this opportunity to reach your children. There is not a more successful way to reach our younger generation than through some kind of Bible School effort. Put your best



workers in this effort. Budget generously for your children. Psalm 129:3 states “Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” Proverbs 22:6 states “Train up a child in the way that he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Invest your time, your best space, your money, and most of all your LOVE so we can see our children follow Jesus their ONLY hope! If you need help having a Bible School contact the association office and we will help you in any way we can. I just want to encourage our churches to place a priority on introducing their children to Jesus.

Please be aware that if you order your VBS materials through

the LifeWay store in Oxford your association will receive a 15% commission that we can put into a ministry here in the Coosa River Association. Your materials can be delivered here at the associational office, or you can pick it up at the store in Oxford.

If you are looking for a mission project for your VBS offering, we can always use it in our wheelchair ramp ministry, or even our Truckers Chapel ministry. We would be glad to come to your VBS and share about these ministries in your association. Let’s keep on loving our children and see our Lord bless them!

Game On!
Brother Randy

News from our Churches

Westside: Westside Baptist Church has called Rev. Joel Davis to be their pastor. He and his wife, Emily, formerly served at Refuge Baptist Church in Lincoln. He comes from First Baptist Church of Moody where he served as Minister of Youth.

Prayer Update

IT’s WORKING! Tissue around the tumor is better and the lymph nodes are much better. Thank you for your prayers—but don’t stop. God is so good and I give him all the glory.

Lee Ann Ward



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Mar 22-Crystal Pomeroy, Hepzibah
Mar 23-Howard Fornwalt, Russell Chapel
Mar 25-Pam Geiger, Tallasahatchie FBC
Mar 26-Linda Robinson, Pleasant Grove
Mar 30-Stephen Collins, Immanuel
Apr 2-Kim Dulaney, Refuge; Tripp Dickson, Sylacauga FBC
Apr 5-Cricket Mullins, Stemley
Apr 6-Debbie Morgan, Blue Eye; Sarah Piper, Odena; Virginia Bonds, Talladega Springs
Apr 8-David Mitchell, Oak Grove FBC
Apr 10-Todd Dean, Oak Grove FBC
Apr 11-Don Harville, Winterboro

Help Need: Church Secretary

Lincoln Baptist Church is seeking a part/full time secretary. The position will start at 16 to 20 hours per week transitioning up to full-time as budget/needs allow. Applicants must agree with the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000 edition.

For more information, or to apply, please contact Jennie Jones at jennie@drawing-girl.com or by phone at 205-296-4357. Dr. Ben Chandler is the interim pastor at Lincoln.

Secretary Luncheon

All church secretaries are invited to attend the annual Secretary Luncheon on Thursday, April 26 beginning at 11:30 AM.

We will be using Isaiah 40:31 as our theme this year as we learn to soar on wings like eagles. Mary Alice Hagan, Brother Randy’s wife, will be here to give our devotional on our scripture theme.

Plans are being finalized for our lunch and door prizes.

Coosa River Day

Once every two years the ministry teams of the association host a day of fun and information. We want to make sure that the churches know how the association can help them do ministry.

Saturday, May 5 is the date for you to come to the association office and learn more about what we do. We will be here from 2-5 PM.

Bivocational Minister Fellowship

All bivocational ministers serving Coosa River Association churches are invited to attend a time of fellowship on Friday, March 23 at the association office at 6:30 P.M.

Kevin Dobbs and Josh Taylor will sing for us as they lead in worship. Dr. Sid Nichols will be our speaker for the evening.

We will enjoy a meal together. The association will provide chicken fingers and drinks. Please bring either a side item or a dessert. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow night!

Revival at Sylavon

Sylavon Baptist Church will hold revival services on March 26, 27, and 28, 2018. Services will start at 6 PM each night. Rev. Russell Gooden will be the evangelist. Everyone is invited to come to these special services.

Rev. Billy Williams is the pastor of Sylavon.

Good Friday Worship Service at the Ritz

You are invited to a Good Friday Worship Service at the Ritz Theatre on the square in Talladega on Friday, March 30 at 6:30 P.M.

There will also have a combined choir singing at the event. Any one who is interested in the choir or the service should call Southside Baptist Church for more information at 256-362-7390.

Bulletin Board

March 23

Bivocational meeting at the Coosa River Association office. Watch your mail for the details.

March 26-28

Revival at Sylavon Baptist Church with Rev. Russell Gooden, evangelist

April 19

Executive Committee meeting at the association office at 6 PM

April 26

Secretary Luncheon at the Coosa River office at 11:30 AM

May 5

Coosa River Day from 2-5 P.M. at the association office. Come and see what the association can do for your church.

May 19

Come to the Ritz Theatre in Talladega for an evening with Shellem Cline at 6 PM

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