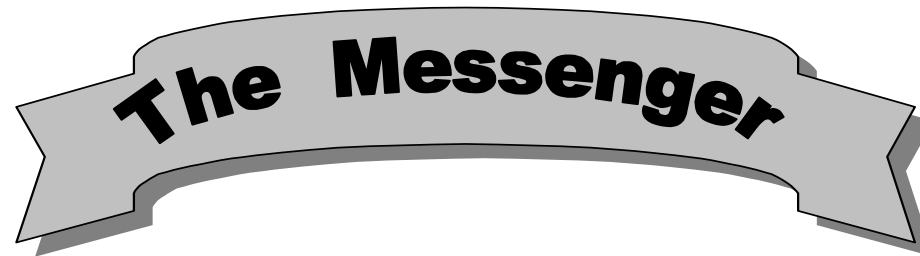


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Associational Prayer Requests

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

Lincoln, New Hope, Plainview, Rocky Mount, Southside, Talladega Springs and Tallasahatchie FBC

Rev. Jeff Duncan and his wife, Lori. She has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Brother Jeff is the former pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church and currently pastors Calvary Baptist Church in Oxford.

Rev. Donnie Thompson's wife, Debra, as she fights cancer. Brother Donnie is the assistant pastor at Westside Baptist Church.

The Truckers Chapel Ministry. Work is going on at the site and workers have been trained. Pray for the truckers that will be ministered to at the chapel.

News from our Churches

Lincoln: Rev. Bill Goodwin has resigned as pastor of Lincoln Baptist Church. Pray for this church as they begin to seek another pastor.

Marble City: Marble City Baptist Church has called Rev. Mac McCaleb to be their pastor. He will begin his ministry on July 2, 2017.

Tallasahatchie FBC: Rev. Craig Hamm has resigned effective June 25, 2017.



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

June 23-Dorris Stone, Marble City; Jeff Wood, Central

June 24-Connie Washington, Westside

June 25-Sylvia Freeman, CrossPointe; Emily Clifton, Oak Grove

June 26-Randy Barry, Pleasant Grove

June 27-Robyn Ousley, Marble City

June 28-Cindy Currie, Dry Valley

June 30-Harold Webster, Pleasant Grove

July 2-Anneliese Varnado, Odena

July 4-Tom Haywood, Providence

July 5-Harold Catchings, Odena

July 7-Sammuel Culver, Brecon FBC

July 8-Bethany Paris, Hepzibah

July 10-Melany Hanrahan, Five Points

July 12-David Ferguson, Talladega Creek; Skip Parvin, Childersburg FBC

July 13-Duane Smith, County Line; Wilma Adams, Providence

Please Pray for Pastor-less Churches

Summer is here and I hope you are enjoying each day. Maybe you can get away for a few days with your family. Just don't take a vacation from God. You might use your vacation as a time to visit other churches and see how they worship. Vacation Bible School is going on in a lot of churches are busy presenting Jesus to the children. Please let the association office know your VBS stats just as soon as possible.



We have several churches that have recently come open with their pastor leaving. The Coosa River Association is ready to assist these churches in any way that we can. Just give us a call. We can help train your Pastor Search Committee, help you find an interim, or find week to week pulpit supply. We are blessed to have several men who have retired in our association

who are willing to do supply work.

I ask all our churches to be in prayer for your sister churches that are searching for a new pastor. Continue to pray for our churches as they seek to find God's man to be their under-shepherd. We all need to be in prayer that souls will be saved and our churches will be full of disciples going out to reach others for Christ.

I Love You,
Brother Randy

Jail Ministry Training

Do you feel led to work in the county jail? The sheriff requires that you attend a training session here at the association office.

The next Jail Ministry Training class will be held this coming Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Coosa River Association office at 2 P.M. There is no cost for this class. All you need to do is come and fill out the paperwork. Call Charles Rogers at 256-245-5812 for more information on this class.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, July 20 for its regularly scheduled meeting. This committee is composed of the pastors of the churches, the elected officers of the association, and an elected lay representative of each church.

Each ministry team of the association will present reports from their team. The finances for the second quarter will be discussed.

Each member of the committee should mark their calendars and plan to be present for this important meeting.

Professional Ministry Assistant Training

This training, originally scheduled for late May, has been rescheduled for August 23-25. Jane Barrett, Church Administrator for Mt. Hebron West Baptist Church in Elmore, will be our instructor. Letters were sent out in late May. Call Linda at the association office, 256-362-7173, to make your reservations for this important training.

Grief and Depression Support Group

Have you recently lost a loved one or close friend? Do you suffer from feelings of depression?

A support group is being formed to discuss matters of grief and depression in the Coosa River Association. The first meeting will take place on Thursday, July 13 at the Coosa River offices at 7 P.M. This group will be led by Richard Bonds. He is a supply preacher in our area.

Snacks for Camp of Champions

We received some late additions to our snacks. Oak Grove FBC brought some snacks by just before they were taken to camp. Five Points also brought snacks for camp. We received more than 2,483 drinks and 8,196 snack items for a total of **10,679 snacks** this year. Thank you again for your generosity to the children cared for by the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries.

Danny and Linda Cotton
Children's Home Ambassadors

Bivocational Music Minister

Talladega FBC is seeking a Bivocational Minister of Music. Please send resumes to fbcpublications@bellsouth.net.

Prayer Requests continued:

Rev. Chuck Kornegay, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, had heart surgery on June 13, 2017. Please pray as he recovers from this surgery.

Bulletin Board

June 25

Jail Ministry training at 2 PM at the Coosa River Association office

July 4

Coosa River office will be closed for Independence Day

July 13

Grief and Depression Support Group, at the Coosa River office at 7 PM

July 20

Executive Committee Meeting at 6 P.M.

July 21-22

Equip- Alabama WMU Leadership training at Shocco Springs

August 5

Prayerwalk for Public Schools

August 10

Church Clerk Conference, 12 PM and 6 PM, at the Coosa River office

August 23-25

Professional Ministry Assistant Certification, call Linda 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