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# The Messenger

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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, Jenifer, New Hope, Rocky Mount, Southside, Talladega Springs, Tallasahatchie FBC and Winterboro**

The family of **Rev. Dennis Elliott**, former pastor of Rocky Mount Baptist Church, who went to be with the Lord on June 30, 2017. Brother Dennis and his family served as a missionary to Thailand from 1962-1972.

**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.

**Rev. Chuck Kornegay**, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, is in rehab in Sylacauga following his recent surgery.

## News from our Churches

**Jenifer:** Rev. Garry Wyatt has resigned as pastor of Jenifer Baptist Church. Please pray for this church as they begin to search for a new pastor.

**Winterboro:** Rev. Tom Simic has resigned as pastor of Winterboro Baptist Church. Pray for this church as they begin to search for another pastor.



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

- July 13**-Duane Smith, County Line; Wilma Adams, Providence
- July 15**-Lisa Fornwalt, Russell Chapel
- July 16**-Michael King, Childersburg FBC
- July 19**-Kim Hazel; Southside; Clint Shaddix, Dry Valley; Valencia Jones, Sylacauga FBC
- July 20**-Heather Klotz, Talladega FBC
- July 22**-Rhonda Courson, Odena; Lesli Bussie, Munford
- July 23**-Sue Dobbs, Pleasant Grove; Roy Cordle, Refuge; Alice Thomas, Mountain View
- July 24**-Jamie Rollins, Munford; Ginny Johns, Central
- July 25**-Ernie Ward, Five Points; Sallie Morrison, Sylacauga FBC
- July 26**-Debra Thompson, Westside; Rob Hanrahan, Five Points

Tim Huie, a Licensed Professional Counselor here in Alabama, stated that depression is reaching epidemic proportions in the United States. He also said there is one group where almost no research exists and that group is pastors who experience depression while serving in ministry.

He served as a pastor for 32 years prior to entering the counseling field. He stated that during that time he himself experienced two episodes of clinical depression.

He is currently working on a Ph.D. in this area, and he needs our help. He is looking for SBC pastors who (either currently or in

the past) have experienced depression while serving in the ministry, and would be willing to share their experience with him. This would be strictly confidential and anonymous. This would take



approximately 30-45 minutes of your time, and would be done by phone.

For more details check out the Facebook group "Depressed Pastors in Alabama." You may

call Mr. Huie at 251-769-7509, or email him at [thuie.counselor@gmail.com](mailto:thuie.counselor@gmail.com). A fuller explanation will be given to you and you may ask questions if you wish.

The Coosa River Association is offering a Grief/Depression support group will meet the second Thursday night of each month beginning July 13 at 7 P.M. Richard Bonds is the leader for this group.

*This article was copied from the Tuskegee Lee Baptist Association e-newsletter and was written by Dr. Bill King, Director of Missions.*

### 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. The proposed budget for 2018 will be presented.

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.

### Bivocational Student Minister

Antioch Baptist Church in Oxford is searching for a bivocational student minister to oversee the students in grades 7-12. Send resumes to Antioch Baptist Church, Attn: Student Minister Search Committee, PO Box 3290, Oxford, AL 36203; or email to [staff2650@gmail.com](mailto:staff2650@gmail.com).

### 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.

### Clerk Conference

Mark your calendar for the 2017 Clerk Conference on August 10 at the Coosa River office. Two conferences will be held that day, 12 NOON and 6 PM, to accommodate your busy schedules.

Each conference will begin with a meal. We will have door prizes and the Annual Church Profiles will be distributed.

Mickey Crawford will be here from the State Board of Missions to guide us through ADX, the online reporting system. Call Linda at 256-362-7173 to reserve your place for the conference. You may also send an email to [lcotton@crba.org](mailto:lcotton@crba.org).

### Bivocational Minister Fellowship

Mark your calendars! A Bivocational Minister Fellowship has been scheduled for Friday, August 18 at the Coosa River office at 6:30 P.M. Watch your mail for more information coming soon.

## Bulletin Board

**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 18**

Bivocational Minister Fellowship at 6:30 P.M.

**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](mailto:lcotton@crba.org)