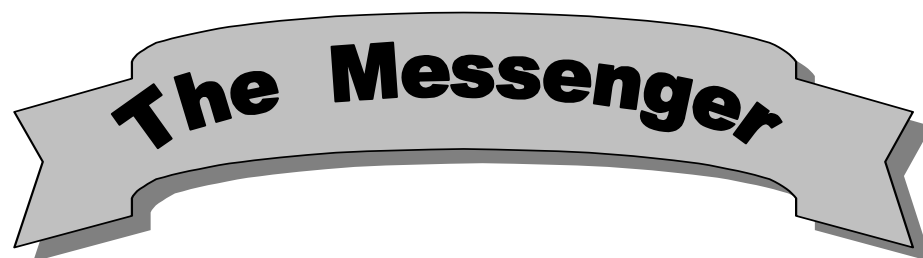


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July 26, 2018

## 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, Jenifer, Lincoln, and Refuge**

**Churches with Interim Pastors:**  
Central-Rev. Trull Hill  
Rocky Mount-Rev. John Vogel  
Winterboro-Rev. Milton Smith

**Rev. Brian Clifton**, pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church, as he recovers from a recent injury.

**Rev. Jeff Thomas**, pastor of Bon Air Baptist Church, as he recovers from recent surgery.

**Vacation Bible Schools** which will take place during July. Pray that lives will be touched and many will be saved.

I want you to look ahead with me to an important Date in October. The Coosa River Baptist Association Annual Meeting is Sunday, October 21, 2018 at Talladega First Baptist Church beginning at 4 PM. We changed our format last year and it seemed to be a tremendous success. We moved it from a business and report meeting to an evangelistic worship service with dynamic preaching and wonderful music and praise to our Lord.

We will have a short time to conduct business and we will

have our Ministry Fair set up with exhibits where you can ask questions and see ministries the Coosa River Association shares with our churches to reach

people for Christ. A lot of our business needs are handled through our Executive Committee meeting each

quarter, so this allows us to have more of a celebration of worship through preaching, music and testimony.

My request is that you put this on your calendar and move your Sunday night service on

October 21<sup>st</sup> to Talladega First Baptist Church for a joint worship service with all 68 of our churches coming together. Our attendance tripled last year, and it was such a wonderful blessing to see so many of our pastors during the invitation receiving those whom the Lord had led to come forward. We had one saved and many kneeling for prayer. Come be a part of what the Lord is doing in the Coosa River Baptist Association!

In His Service,  
Brother Randy

# VIP

## News from our Churches

**Sylavon:** Sylavon Baptist Church will have Homecoming on Sunday, August 5, 2018 beginning at 10 AM. Clear Vision will be the featured singers for the day. Lunch will be served following the service at 12 NOON. Singing will resume after lunch. Rev. Billy Williams is the pastor of Sylavon.  
**Village Street:** Village Street Baptist Church will have Homecoming on Sunday, August 12. Rev. Sam Walker is the pastor.



**To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:**  
**July 26-**Debra Thompson, Westside; Rob Hanrahan, Five Points  
**July 27-**Virginia Pettus, Pleasant Grove; Lori Owen, Sycamore; Jason Smith, Munford  
**July 29-**Jason Grissom, Eureka  
**Aug 2-**Michele McGaha, Childersburg FBC  
**Aug 4-**Kevin Jones, Stockdale; Sam Walker, Village Street  
**Aug 5-**Faye Whetstone, Eastaboga; Ken Roberts, Refuge; Nita Strickland, Winterboro  
**Aug 6-**Donna Garrett, Mignon; Dot Lewis, Plainview; Donna Carter, Fayetteville  
**Aug 7-**Joshua Piper, Odena  
**Aug 8-**Brandy Grissom, Eureka; Melissa Lewis, Sycamore

### VBS Reports

Vacation Bible School is here! Kids will be involved in missions, stories, crafts, and lots of fun. Once your school has concluded, directors remember to send your VBS report to the association office. No matter what material you use, we need a report. At print time, we have received reports from 16 churches. They report a total enrollment of 1,327 with 44 professions of faith! Praise the Lord!

Send your report to Linda at the association office, PO Box 516, Talladega, AL 35151. You may also email it to [lcotton@crba.org](mailto:lcotton@crba.org). We also need to know which churches *did not* have a VBS. Thanks for your help.

### Samford MTI Classes

Ministry Training Institute classes resume on Tuesday, August 21 at 6 P.M. Rev. Robert Klotz will teach Life and Ministry of Jesus beginning on August 21. Dr. Bill Pruitt will teach Biblical Interpretation beginning on Oct. 23. Each class is 8 weeks in length.

Register at [www.samford.edu/go/mti](http://www.samford.edu/go/mti). This is the preferred method to register. Tuition is \$50 per class and \$10 registration fee if you do not register online.

### Revival at Sylavon

Sylavon Baptist Church in Sylacauga will hold Revival Services on August 6-8, 2018 at 6 P.M. Rev. John Whetstone, Minister of Senior Adults at Eastaboga Baptist Church, will be the evangelist for these meetings.

### Clerk Conference

The annual Clerk Conference will be held on Thursday, August 9 at the association office. Our theme will be Flip Flops and Faith. We will offer two identical sessions, 12 NOON



and 6 PM.

We will share a meal, learn about the clerk duties, and distribute the Annual Church Profile. Call Linda at 256-362-7173 before August 2 to reserve your spot.

### ENHANCE Training

Coosa River WMU will host ENHANCE to help you hone your skills and talents for WMU leadership. The event will take place on Tuesday, August 14 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Talladega at 6:30 P.M.

Pat Ingram from Alabama WMU will lead all the adult sessions. Make you plans to attend.

### Homecoming

Village Street Baptist Church will have Homecoming on August 12, 2018 starting at ten-thirty a.m. Special quest singers will be the Clearvision Quartet. Singing will be followed with lunch in the fellowship hall.

We are located on 20 Central Ave. in Sylacauga, next to Avondale Trucking.

Pastor Sam Walker invites all family, friends and former members to come.

## Bulletin Board

### July 28

Oak Grove Baptist Church will take canned food to Copper Basin, Tennessee.

### July 27-28

EQUIP, training conference for Alabama WMU at Shocco Springs

### August 5

Homecoming at Sylavon Baptist Church

### August 9

Church Clerk Conference

### August 12

Homecoming at Village Street Baptist Church

### August 14

ENHANCE, WMU Church leadership training at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 6:30 P.M.

### August 21

Samford Ministry Training Institute classes begin at 6 P.M.

### 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)