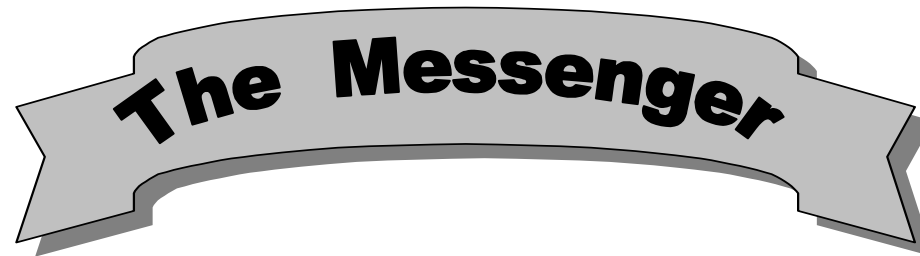


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August 24, 2017

Associational Prayer Requests

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

Central, Family Fellowship, Lincoln, Patton Chapel, Rocky Mount, Talladega Springs, and Winterboro

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Jennifer-Rev. Garry Wyatt
Tallasahatchie FBC-Rev. Darryl Wood

Rev. Brian Clifton's wife, April, is at home recovering from surgery on August 4. Brother Brian is the pastor of Mountain View in Childersburg.

Rev. Jeff Adams, former pastor of Cartersville, as he recovers at home following surgery.

The **Truckers Chapel** ministry as it begins to hold services in Lincoln.

Dr. George Ricker and his family following the death of his wife, Iva Nelle Ricker, on July 9, 2017. Dr. Ricker served at the Executive Director of Shocco Springs for many years.

News from our Churches

Southside: Southside Baptist Church has called Rev. Craig Little to be their pastor. We welcome Brother Craig and his family to the Coosa River Association family!

Talladega Creek: Talladega Creek will hold their 75th Homecoming on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Rev. Wes Johnson is the pastor.

Tallasahatchie FBC: Tallasahatchie FBC has called Rev. Darryl Wood to be their interim pastor.



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

Aug 24-Joel Jones, Sylacauga FBC

Aug 25-Mike Johnson, Mt. Sharon

Aug 26-Connie Humphrey, Talladega Creek

Sept 1-Kathryn Butler, Mt. Sharon

Sept 2-Craig Spurlin, Providence

Sept 6-Blake Matson, New Hope

Sept 7-Charlene Buttram, Oak Grove FBC

Sept 9-Brian Clifton, Mountain View; Wanda Lawrence, Village Street

Sept 10-Max Buttram, Oak Grove FBC

Sept 11-Amber Jones, Stockdale

Sept 13-Tammy Hickman, Calvary; Karen Patrick, Sylacauga FBC

School is back in full swing. So, I guess summer is gone, all but the heat. Allow me to jump ahead about 2 months to our Coosa River Association Annual Meeting. We are stepping out to try something new. Traditionally we have met on Thursdays but it seems our attendance is falling off. We try to make this as a time when all our churches can come together for fellowship, worship, and to conduct a little business. Here is where the change comes in, we are asking you to move your Sunday night service on



Coosa River Fall Events

October 22nd to Sylacauga First Baptist Church.

We will be having 2 preachers with music and a time to worship and serve our Lord. Our business will still be conducted but we are giving this a smaller time slot, but will take what we need. Our reports will be printed in the booklet you are given.

We hope you come out and enjoy this powerful and worshipful meeting. I am excited about this plan and hope you want to come and be a part of what your Coosa River Association is doing.

On Sunday, September 10 from 2 until 4 PM our Truckers Chapel will have an Open House. We hope you can drop in and see what all this talk for 8 months has been about. It is located at exit 165 on I-20 in Lincoln at the Embry Cross Roads exit. It is a part of the Embry Truck Stop located on the south side of the interstate. We will have refreshments and a smile waiting on you. You will meet Brother Harold Griffitt, our director and chaplain. We look forward to you coming and visiting your I-20 Truck Stop Chapel.

Serving our Lord,
Brother Randy

Anniversary and Homecoming

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will celebrate their 75th Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Rev. Edward Pickett, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church in Wellington, Alabama, is the guest speaker for the occasion.

The morning service will begin at 11 AM. The Hopewell Male Chorus will be the singers for the day. Lunch will be served at 12 NOON. All friends, family and former members are invited to attend. Rev. Randy Roberson is the pastor of Mt. Vernon.

Women on Mission Meeting

The Coosa River Women on Mission meeting will take place at Childersburg First Baptist Church on Monday, September 11 beginning at 6:30 PM. Our speaker for the evening will be Hope Stephens, camping director at WorldSong for Alabama WMU. She will tell us about this important ministry and how we can help in the coming years.

So gather your women and come hear this exciting report.

184th Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend the *historic* 184th Annual Meeting on October 22 at Sylacauga First Baptist Church. It will be historic because this is the first time in over one hundred years that the meeting has taken place on a Sunday! The organizers are planning the program so watch for the details to come soon.

Vacation Bible School

At press time, we had received reports from **16 churches** reporting a total enrollment of **795!** They have reported **24 salvations** this summer! Praise the Lord! Thank you to those who worked and served in their churches. Your efforts were very fruitful this summer

We also need to know if your church did not have a VBS.

Truckers Chapel Grand Opening

The Truckers Chapel is now complete and having services with the truckers who travel I-20 through Lincoln. You are invited to come and see the facility on Sunday, September 10 from 2 until 4 PM.

Come and meet the leaders on the ministry and enjoy some refreshments.

Craft, Baked Goods & Yard Sale

Stockdale Baptist Church will have a Craft, Baked Goods and Yard Sale on Saturday, September 9 from 8 AM until 12 NOON. The church is located at 3673 Stockdale Road in Munford. All proceeds will benefit the Women on Mission. Rev. Kevin Jones is the pastor.

Annual Church Profiles

Any clerks who did attend the Clerk Conference should come and pick up their ACP by the end of August. They are due to be returned to the office by September 26.

Bulletin Board

September 4

Coosa River offices will be closed for Labor Day.

September 9

Craft, baked goods, and yard sale at Stockdale Baptist Church, 8 AM

September 10

Grand Opening for Truckers Chapel

September 10-17

Week of Prayer for the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

September 11

Associational Women on Mission meeting at Childersburg FBC at 6:30 PM

September 26

Annual Church Profiles are due back to the association office.

October 22

Coosa River Association 184th Annual Meeting at Sylacauga FBC

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